



# St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

*Our mission to live as Christ's Heart and Hands in the World*

## A Special Welcome Letter from St. Francis in the Valley

Dear Parish Family,

...and how you can continue to help these wonders in the years to come that includes keeping community in the time of Corona Virus. It all starts with gifts God has given us during our entire lives and how we have used those gifts to further God's work in the world.

Here is a prayer for the right use of God's gifts:

*Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 1990, p. 827)*

The second page of the brochure lists the opportunities for Ministry and Enrichment at St. Francis. It shows what ministries and projects are supported as well as activities that can enrich each of us with God's help.

Photographs on the third page show the extra steps St. Francis has taken to continue to keep God in our lives. A couple of these are the distribution of "drive by ashes" on Ash Wednesday to parishioners and community members, and during the pandemic, the distribution of consecrated wafers for those to take during their worship of streamed services on home computers and telephones. It demonstrates, also, that although pews at St. Francis have been empty for most of the year, and all have had to make adjustments, clergy and parishioners can still smile behind the masks they wear to stay safe and care for others.

The fourth page is a reminder of the contents of this brochure: 1. The purposes of confidential estimated giving (pledges) as part of stewardship, and 2. The 2020 Ministry Area Budget showing where parishioners' past contributions have gone. The six ministry areas at St. Francis are: Pastoral Care, Communications, Outreach, Education, Fellowship, and Worship.

In closing, the Church thanks you for your generous support over the years, both through your ongoing, planned giving as well as your generous plate offerings. Parishioners are encouraged to submit an estimate of their planned giving for budget year 2021 using the form provided with this brochure or available on the St. Francis website or in the Church office. These estimates help the Church's Finance Committee and Vestry prepare a sound budgetary plan for the next year. For those who have not yet participated in the estimated giving process, one can be reminded of a comment used in the north woods of Minnesota: "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time to plant a tree is today!"

Questions about estimated giving can be directed to the St. Francis Office (520-625-1370) or Stewardship Committee chair, Wayne North, or its members, Jerry McAllister, Kristi Menix, Orjiakor Isiogu, Erik Ringkjob, Cheryl Tardy-Albin, and Neal Hursh.



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# Opportunities for Ministry and Enrichment at St. Francis

## Outreach

Food Bank  
Crossroads Mission  
Primavera/Casa Paloma Women's Shelter  
Casa Community Services  
Youth On Their Own  
The Animal League of Green Valley  
Valley Assistance Services  
Salvation Army Stars Program  
Episcopal Relief and Development  
Tour of Homes  
Imago Dei Middle School Partnership  
Newcomer Welcoming Ministry  
Boutique Staff  
Refugee and Border Ministry Group  
Cruzando Fronteras Border Ministry  
Kino Border Initiative

## Pastoral Care

Stephen Ministry  
Daughters of the King  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Lay Visitors  
Memorial Receptions  
Prayer Chain  
Care Teams  
Sunday Flower Delivery  
Grief Counseling

## Worship Ministries

Altar Guild  
Usher  
Greeter  
Acolyte  
Crucifer  
Chalice Bearer  
Lector/Prayers of the People  
Parish Choir  
Sound Technician

## Worship Experiences

Sunday & Wednesday Eucharist  
Morning Prayer (Weekly)  
Evensong (Quarterly)  
Centering Prayer (Weekly)  
Blessing of Animals (October)  
Stations of the Cross (Lent)  
Labyrinth (Anytime)

## Education

Adult Education Planning  
Lent Speaker Program  
Seekers Discussion Group  
Bible Study  
Theme-based Study  
Librarian

## Social Activities

Social Activities Team  
Turkey Squad (Thanksgiving Dinner)  
Men's Group  
Women's Group  
Women's Social  
Solo Journeymen

## Service Ministries

Vestry  
Stewardship  
Budget and Finance  
Personnel  
Building & Grounds  
Memorial Garden Planning  
Publicity/Marketing  
Memorials & Gifts  
Trust/Endowment

## Media/Office Ministries

Bulletins/Newsletters Assemblers  
IT and Office Equipment Technician  
Website Management  
Tellers/Auditors  
Office Volunteer/Receptionist



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# ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## 2021 Giving Campaign

### What is an “Estimate of Giving”?

Parishioners of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church are asked to make their giving intentions known to the Vestry by November 15. This is so the Vestry can plan the budget for 2021. The Estimate of Giving form may be obtained from the St. Francis office or downloaded from the St. Francis website at <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/>. An estimate of giving is a statement of the financial support that you plan to give to St. Francis in the Valley for calendar year 2021. An estimate of giving is made following prayerful and thoughtful deliberation. Your estimate of giving is confidential. Should you want to adjust your estimate of giving at any time during the year, please contact the financial officer, Deborah Harby, in the St. Francis in the Valley financial office at [deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org) or at (520) 625-1370.

Your generosity provides funding for the St. Francis in the Valley clergy, staff, maintenance of buildings and grounds, and the operation of the many St. Francis in the Valley ministries that benefit the St. Francis in the Valley parish family, the Santa Cruz Valley community, and the world at large. The Ministry Budget breakdown chart below shows how your gifts (pledges) to St. Francis were allocated between ministry areas in 2020.

### 2020 MINISTRY AREA BUDGET TOTAL \$636,522

EACH LINE OF THE BUDGET IS ALLOCATED AMONG THE 6 MINISTRY AREAS

