



Dear Friends in Christ,

For almost 300 years, the people of St. George's have been "Growing into Christ and Reaching out in Love." Our current worship space is the third building on our site and our community has been blessed by this beautiful and historic building since 1849. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and commit to caring for and improving that which has been entrusted to us.

The growth and energy of our community of faith is a gift from God. In order to support and sustain our life of worship, outreach, education, and spiritual formation, music, congregational care, fellowship, and evangelism, we very much need to implement our plans for Nave renovation and McGuire Hall expansion. Our children need it, our youth need it, our adults need it, and our community needs it.

The vision ahead is clear. I invite your generous help in helping us to achieve it.

Joyfully,

JAMES C. DANNALS

Rector

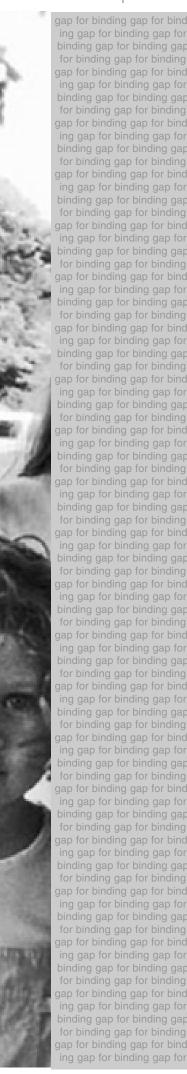
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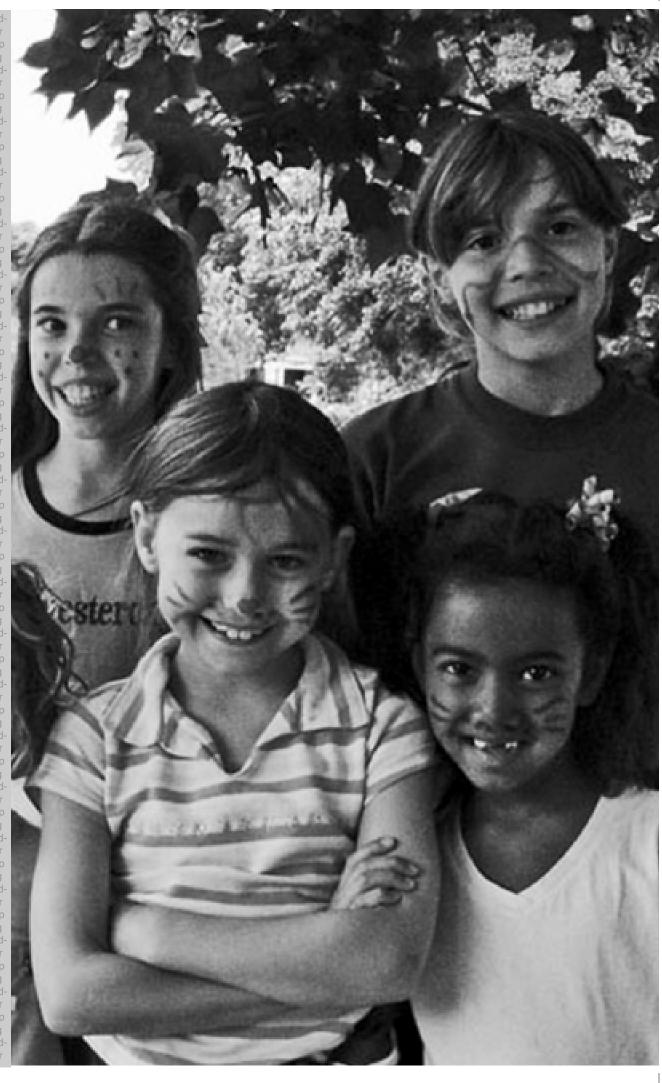
for three centuries, St. George's Episcopal Church has been a vital place of ministry, transforming the lives of generations of Christians.

Throughout our history, we've never been afraid to adapt to serve the needs of the day. Our parishioners have worshiped in three different churches on the same site. Numerous buildings were added and many restorations enhanced our worship, education, and office spaces.

The time has come to renew St. George's for a future of expanded ministry—a future that welcomes new members and allows our many ministries to thrive well into this new century.

The Renewing for Ministry campaign will preserve, expand, renovate, and transform our historic and aging facilities comprehensively. Please consider a generous gift.







RENEWING the Nave

Our beautiful church interior requires plaster repair and painting. The pews will be repaired and painted. A fire suppressant sprinkler system will be installed. The electrical wiring, sound system, and lighting will be significantly upgraded. Finally, our aging floor will be reinforced and leveled. *Project cost: \$1,134,000*.

RENEWING the Chancel

To enhance participation in our liturgy, the chancel will be reconfigured. The altar will be brought forward, closer to the people, creating a direct line of sight between the celebrant and every person in the pews. The pulpit and lectern will move back in line with the altar, creating space for a three-sided communion rail on the same level as the pews. Worshippers with physical limitations will no longer have to climb steps, and the current congestion during communion will be eliminated.

This new arrangement will create much-needed additional space in front of the pews for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals—activities currently conducted in the very confined area between the pews and steps. The font, the lectern, the paschal candle, and the altar—all symbols of our Christian life—will be more visible to the entire congregation. Through these changes, all will be able to more fully participate in worship. *Project cost: \$152,000*.



m renewing the Sacristy

The current Sacristy is too small to accommodate the altar guild, flower guild, ushers and priests as they prepare for Sunday services. Our plans will move the reredos forward to where the current altar rail is located, enabling a greatly enlarged Sacristy to be built behind it. This will provide additional storage space for the groups using the Sacristy and will also create a small quiet area for our priests to have a few moments of meditation before leading the service. *Project cost: \$55,000*

w RENEWING McGuire Hall

Our growing congregation requires more classroom and meeting space. On Sunday mornings and throughout the week, all of our gathering spaces are occupied. When McGuire Hall was constructed in the 1950s, the ability to add a third floor was built into the design. We will now complete that vision and add the third floor.

The new space will be at the Nave level and accessed where we currently return from communion. It will provide two handicap accessible bathrooms directly off the Nave, a large music/meeting room, and additional storage. This will free up the current choir room to be renovated for much needed classroom and nursery space. *Project cost: \$675,000*



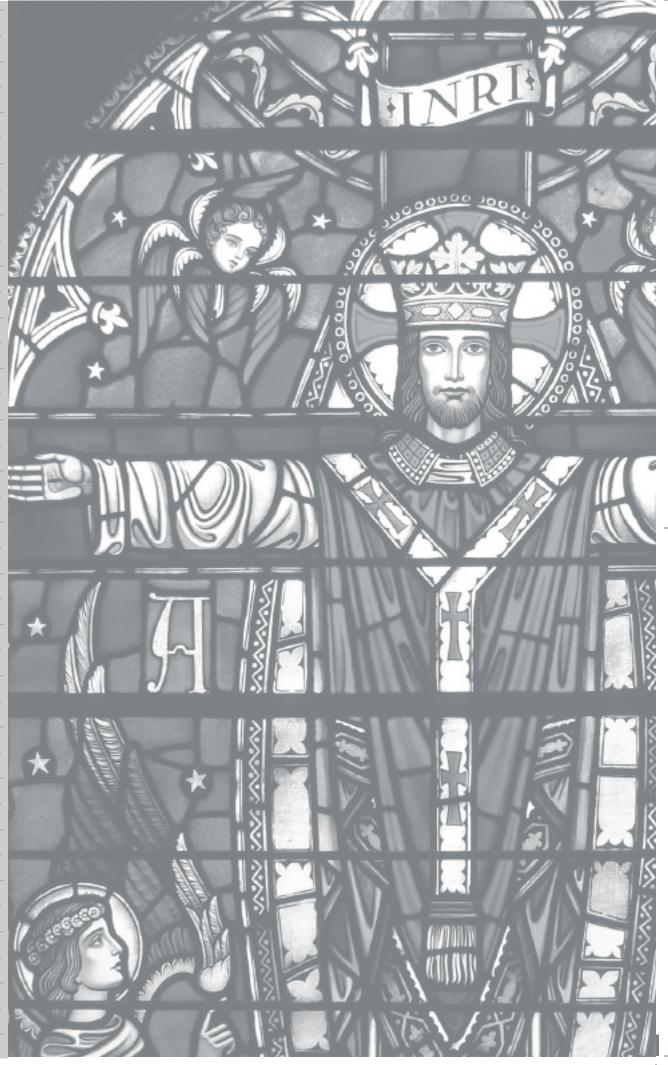
RENEWING *the Gallery*

The Gallery floor is becoming unsafe and must be rebuilt. While the flooring is removed we will install the fire suppressant system, improve the under-gallery lighting, and renew the wiring. We will also extend the elevator to the gallery level to provide handicap accessibility. Having the organ pipes inside the tower will allow us to place both the organ and choir in the West Gallery. New gallery seating will be installed for both the choir and congregation. Finally, we will be able to reconfigure space for our Hand Bell Choir to function more efficiently as they enhance our worship. *Project cost: \$280,000*

RENEWING the Organ

Our organ has reached the point where much of it is not useable and is beyond cost-effective repair. It has been cobbled together since 1876 with additions of consoles and pipes from other organs. In order to accomplish the reconfiguration of the chancel, the main console must be moved. To provide a code-required additional fire exit, the pipes in the North Gallery must also be removed. Our organ consultant advises that the most cost effective use of our resources would be to buy a new organ rather than reassemble and repair the existing pieces. A new, smaller organ will produce better sound and allow us to install it entirely in the West Gallery. The pipes will be housed within the bell tower. *Project cost: \$879,000*

Although a part of our current plans, the organ project will be the last phase to be completed. We will be making a commitment now with an organ builder; however, inasmuch as it takes a couple of years to build an organ, we will not have to outlay most of the organ's cost at present. Therefore we will be conducting a separate campaign for the balance of the organ funding and debt reduction in roughly three year's time.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The projects described in this brochure are interconnected. It is therefore most cost-efficient to complete them in a single construction phase. However, our feasibility study tells us that the full sum likely cannot be raised at one time.

Therefore, some funds must be prudently borrowed to allow work to proceed. This campaign will pay for all finance charges, so no money will come from the operating budget to pay for the campaign. A subsequent campaign will complete payment for the organ and eliminate any remaining principle for campaign projects.

The more you give, the less we borrow—and the lower our finance costs. Please prayerfully consider a generous, sacrificial pledge to this campaign.



The following table shows the size and number of gifts necessary to reach our challenge goal of \$2 million.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Total	Monthly (Over 3 yrs.)
\$300,000	1	\$300,000	\$8,333
\$150,000	1	\$450,000	\$4,167
\$100,000	2	\$650,000	\$2,778
\$75,000	3	\$875,000	\$2,083
\$50,000	5	\$1,125,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	11	\$1,400,000	\$694
\$10,000	23	\$1,630,000	\$278
\$5,000	35	\$1,805,000	\$139
\$3,000	46	\$1,943,000	\$83
\$1,000	56	\$1,999,000	\$28
\$500 or Less	Many	Goal Achieved	Variable

In addition to your campaign pledge, you might also wish to consider a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will, gift of appreciated property, or charitable trust. For more information on planned giving, please contact the church office.

No matter how you decide to help: Thank you.

Everliving God,

hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and witness. Open our minds and hearts to give for the renovation and expansion of our facilities. Renew us in your Spirit that, more and more, we may know Jesus Christ to be our foundation and cornerstone. AMEN.

