



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, Franklin Park
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STEWARDSHIP FOR
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Dear Fellow Brendanites and Friends of St. Brendan's,

Jesus told his followers, "**Love one another as I have loved you,**" and at St. Brendan's we work to apply his "new commandment" in everything we do. It animates our friendly welcome to newcomers. It motivates our care for parishioners facing health challenges or personal crises. And it is evident in the joy we take in one another's company—not just on Sunday mornings but at daily Morning Prayer, in Bible study groups, during Men's Breakfasts, on Brendan's Boots hiking trips, and on special occasions like Shrove Tuesday and the Cookie Walk. Most of us have visited churches that were devout but distant, polite but impersonal. Not so St. Brendan's!

But is this enough? At every Eucharist we attend, the celebrant reminds us of Paul's urgent injunction: "**Walk in love** as Christ loved us and gave himself for us." Just think how often in the Gospels we read of Jesus on the move: leaving one village, entering another, crossing a lake, climbing a mountain. His ministry of love was in a literal sense "muscular." We too should always look for ways to invest energy and enthusiasm in the love we show to others.

At St. Brendan's, accordingly, we **share in love**, giving one tenth of our monthly income to those in need locally, regionally and globally. We **weed and water in love**, sending produce from our garden to a local food bank. We **learn in love** about the divisions that afflict our society. We **act in love** by teaching English to immigrants and supporting those who protest injustice. We **collect in love**, donating supplies to families in our region and in Haiti. Above all, we **worship in love** by planning services thoughtfully and participating in them wholeheartedly.

Being active in so many ways demands much of a young parish with no endowment to fall back on—and Brendanites are quick to volunteer both their time and their skills. But our active ministries also require resources. Each November, therefore, we ask you to reflect on what St. Brendan's means to you. **We ask you to review your giving in support of our work and to submit a pledge for 2022.**

When you pledge online or mail in a completed a pledge card, you are giving the church your best estimate of how much you plan to contribute in the coming year. Our parish administrator is the only person who will see your individual pledge, but she will inform the Vestry of the total amount pledged by the parish so that the Vestry can wisely and confidently budget for anticipated expenditures.

We are enclosing with this letter simple instructions about how to pledge online as well as a hardcopy pledge card that you can seal in an envelope and mail to the church office. It is important for us to receive pledges as soon as possible but absolutely by Sunday, December 5. This will allow the Vestry to work on the 2022 Budget knowing what revenues we can expect. Throughout this Stewardship season, you will be able to see the progress we make by tracking the growing number of footsteps taken along the pathway on the graphic in the Narthex.

Pledging is not the only way to give to St. Brendan's, of course. Please know that all contributions, regardless of their size and when you are able to make them, are gratefully accepted and equally crucial to the health of our parish and its mission. All that matters in the final analysis is that we give what we can so that we and our fellow Brendanites can **walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.**

How to Make an Online Pledge

1. **Either** click this link: <https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/4466822>
Or navigate to the Stewardship page on our website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/stewardship>
and click the bright green “Pledge Online” button:



2. A new tab will open that looks like this:

The screenshot shows a pledge form with a teal background. At the top is a circular logo of a ship. Below it is a large '\$0' placeholder. The text 'Pledge to 2021 Stewardship' is centered. Under 'FREQUENCY:', there are four buttons: 'Every week', 'Every month', '1st & 15th monthly', and 'One time'. Below these are fields for 'START: mm / dd / yy' and 'END: mm / dd / yy'. A 'MEMO:' field is labeled '(Optional)'. A radio button is next to the text 'I'd like to setup my pledge for auto payment'. At the bottom is a green button labeled 'ADD CONTACT INFO'. A red arrow points from a text box to the '2021' in the title. The text box contains: 'The appropriate year will be indicated here'.

3. Fill out this pledge screen as follows:
 - ✓ On the top line, type in the amount of the individual payment(s) you plan to make.
 - ✓ Select whether those payments will be made on a weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, or one-time basis.
 - ✓ Enter the appropriate date range. This is usually 1/1/20XX through 12/31/20XX.

The form will automatically calculate the total amount of your pledge. The example below shows a \$200 monthly pledge for the full 2021 calendar year, which comes to \$2,400 total.

You can also add an optional note under MEMO if needed. Your contact information will be added on the next screen.

This shows a \$200/month pledge starting 01/01/21 and ending 12/31/21

4. Decide how you would prefer to make your payments when the time comes. You have three options:
 - a. **Mail or bring checks to church** on the appropriate dates. We can provide envelopes.
 - b. **Set up automatic payment through your bank.** This is an easy way to automate your pledge payment and **involves no fees being charged** either to you or to St. Brendan's! Call or email Katie Cervone (at StBrendansKatie@gmail.com or 412-364-5974) for additional instructions based on your bank.
 - c. **Set up automatic payment through Tithe.ly.** For this option, simply click on the button "I'd like to setup my pledge for auto payment" at the bottom of the pledge page and you will be taken to an additional screen. **We respectfully draw your attention to the fact that Tithe.ly charges St. Brendan's a modest fee for each donation (2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction). We therefore ask that when you are completing the auto-pay directions on the next screen, you consider selecting the option "I'd like to cover the processing fees". In that way, St. Brendan's will benefit from the full value of your pledge.**
5. Once you have filled in all required fields on this first screen, the message bar at the bottom of the screen will turn white and you can click anywhere on that bar to go to the next screen. If you elected to make automatic payments through Tithe.ly, the next screen will ask for the usual payment information. You can then click on the message bar at the bottom of the screen to move on the contact information screen.

6. On the contact information screen, fill out your contact information in the usual way.

Add your contact information so we can track your pledge giving

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE / PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL / ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ United States

ADD CONTACT INFO

Once you have entered your contact information, the bar at the bottom of the screen will again turn white and the text will indicate the amount you are pledging:

PLEDGE \$200.00 MONTHLY

If the amount shown is correct, click anywhere on the bar to submit your pledge.

You will next see a pop-up window asking you to re-confirm your pledge. Click the green “Confirm” button to confirm or the red “Change My Pledge” button to make any changes.

7. After you submit your pledge, you’ll get an email from “St. Brendan's Episcopal Church” via <support@tithe.ly> with the details of your pledge. Included in this email, there will be a link that allows you to cancel your pledge if that becomes necessary.

We'll send you a reminder to fulfill your pledge on the appropriate dates. To cancel this pledge, click here: [Cancel Pledge](#)

If you encounter any difficulties at all, please do not hesitate to contact Katie Cervone (StBrendansKatie@gmail.com) for advice. Katie can also supply you with a paper Pledge Card if you prefer.