

Sharing our gifts with grace and love.

WHAT SHALL WE BRING?

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND OCT 11-12

ANNUAL GIVING 2025

Greetings!

2025 has been a wonderful year here at St. Timothy's. We have seen growth in our faith, strengthening of our relationships with one another and our community, and improvement in our building and grounds. We have much to celebrate and be proud of as we look back on this past year, and we have much to be excited for as we look ahead.

Our theme for the stewardship campaign this year is Sharing Our Gifts with Grace and Love. As we reflect on the work that has taken place in our church over the past year, I can see so many examples of the gifts that our staff and parishioners bring to St. Timothy's. Our faith and relationship with God have benefited from the gifts of our clergy and dedicated staff in their preaching, formation lessons, and spiritual guidance. Our relationships with one another and with our community at large have been strengthened in the past year through our many vibrant outreach ministries, lively fellowship events, and increased focus on welcoming newcomers. Finally, our building and grounds have seen tremendous improvement in the past year due to the hard work of our Jr. Warden, Steve Crann, our Long-Range Property Planning Team, and the generosity of our congregation in fully funding the capital campaign.

As we look forward to a new year at St. Timothy's, we ask ourselves, What Shall We Bring? What can each of us do to continue our mission of being Christ's hands, feet and voice in this world? How can your unique gifts of time, talent and treasure be a part of continuing our mission? The Finance Team and Vestry have worked to create a budget for the upcoming year, and a goal has been set to increase pledges by 2%. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us reach this goal with your financial commitment.

I feel extraordinarily grateful at this moment in time for St. Timothy's. In a time when the world can be painful and divisive, we continue to focus on being Christ's hands, feet and voice in this world. I am thankful for the joy and love I see in this place and am excited to see what the future holds.

Blessings,

Maggie McGill
Sr. Warden

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2025 Accomplishments

- We hired Kelli Ruth as our Children's and Youth Minister which has allowed us to grow our programs for our youth, including an exciting update to our youth room, which is underway.
- We met our Capital Campaign pledge goal of \$400,000.
- We began using nametags in weekly worship, allowing us to better welcome our newcomers and visitors.
- Twenty-four newcomers gathered for our Newcomers Dinner last October or our Newcomers Coffee in March.
- We participated in Capital City Pride for the first time, both by manning a booth and marching in the parade.
- Repaved our parking lot and made the handicapped spots safer and more accessible.
- All parts for HVAC system have arrived and been paid for and will be installed this fall.
- Successful second annual block party in which we gathered with our neighbors, YJI friends, HeadStart families, and Covenant parishioners.
- Launched Power Hour ministry, providing a space for people to engage in advocacy through phone calls and letter writing to elected officials, allowing us to be Christ's hands, feet and voice in the world.
- Created an Outreach Grant that will be awarded to a new or existing ministry.
- Made a number of repairs and improvements to the property and grounds including: roof leaks above the office and upper sanctuary windows repaired, new secure mailbox, painting of soffit and fascia around the church, and Red Doors repainted.
- The Faith and Grace Garden provided over 35,000 pounds of produce to area food pantries to feed our neighbors, a new record for the Garden.
- Continued to grow our 3rd Thursday social gathering in order to facilitate friendship and fellowship.

Please submit your pledge by October 12 by placing your pledge card in the offering plate at one of our services, mailing your card to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 24th St., West Des Moines, IA 50266, or pledging online at sttimothyiowa.org/stewardship/.





ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2026	2025
OPERATING FUND	DRAFT BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET
INCOME		
Loose Plate	\$4,000	\$4,000
Non Pledge Contributions	\$20,000	\$15,000
Pledges	\$416,950	\$408,774
Holidays (Easter, Christmas)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Other (Flowers, Candles, VBS, Rentals)	\$15,070	\$15,020
Interest	\$5,000	\$8,000
Designated Funds Transfer	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$463,520	\$453,294
EXPENSE		
Diocesan Pledge	\$67,000	\$62,500
Community/Pastoral Ministries	\$4,800	\$3,600
Christian Formation	\$3,158	\$2,958
Music	\$3,050	\$3,050
Liturgy	\$5,900	\$5,800
Parish Life	\$5,400	\$4,700
Personnel	\$248,943	\$241,161
Office	\$17,452	\$17,452
Communications	\$2,607	\$2,607
Property	\$105,210	\$109,466
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$463,520	\$453,294

2026 BUDGET KEY DRIVERS

- Non Pledge income increase reflects current experience
- Pledge Income +2% of 2025 budget
- Interest Income decreased due to cash flow projections (spending capital campaign funds)
- Diocesan pledge increased 7%. We are meeting approx. 97% of ask
- Community/Pastoral Ministries: Rector and Decon discretionary funds increased
- Personnel: increase in staff salaries and health insurance
- Property: lower Deferred Maintenance due to successful Capital Campaign

