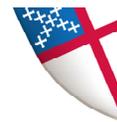


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Sharing what God has given, with glad and generous hearts"



"All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

1 Chronicles 29:14

Thank you for considering the best way to make your tax deductible gift to St. Stephen's. Your gift will allow St. Stephen's to continue our long and historic mission and ministry in Culpeper and beyond. You can be sure that your gift will be put to good use as we witness to God's love in concrete ways. The Scripture tells us that God loves a cheerful giver—please know that your clergy and vestry do, too! Know how grateful we are as you give of your resources. If you have any questions or concerns at all about your gift, I would be more than happy to talk with you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Benson E. Shelton, "Fr. Ben"
Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

CHARITABLE GIVING AT ST. STEPHEN'S

- AN ANNUAL PLEDGE, which supports St. Stephen's operations and mission work.
- GIFTS OF SECURITIES, or Real & Personal Property.
- SPECIAL GIFTS, such as building improvement projects.
- CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND, an invested fund overseen by the Trustees of St. Stephen's.

Planned Giving term used in the fundraising world of gifts—gifts of cash or assets—that are planned for ultimate distribution after our death.

While most of us generally "plan" our regular weekly tithes, "planned giving" refers to gifts we plan to make to our church upon death, or even during our lifetimes if we are financially able to part with all or a portion of certain assets. There are tax advantages associated with planned giving as well, which can be considerable for large estates.

Almost any kind of gift you might leave to a family member or heir in a Will can also be given to your church after your death. These might be in the form of cash, stock or mutual funds, life insurance, retirement funds, IRAs and annuities, trusts of various kinds—the gifts might also be real estate, vehicles, collectibles or other property.

PLANNED GIVING AT ST. STEPHEN'S

OUTRIGHT BEQUEST is the most common form of planned giving. Parishioner makes St. Stephen's a direct beneficiary in his or her Will.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS allows an individual to transfer assets to a newly created irrevocable trust.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY is a contract where cash or securities are transferred to a charitable organization in exchange for a promise to pay an annuity for the remainder of their lives.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION is one of the easiest forms of planned giving. St. Stephen's is named the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan, etc. that passes automatically upon death.

**If you have further questions or would like assistance making your gift to St. Stephen's,
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