

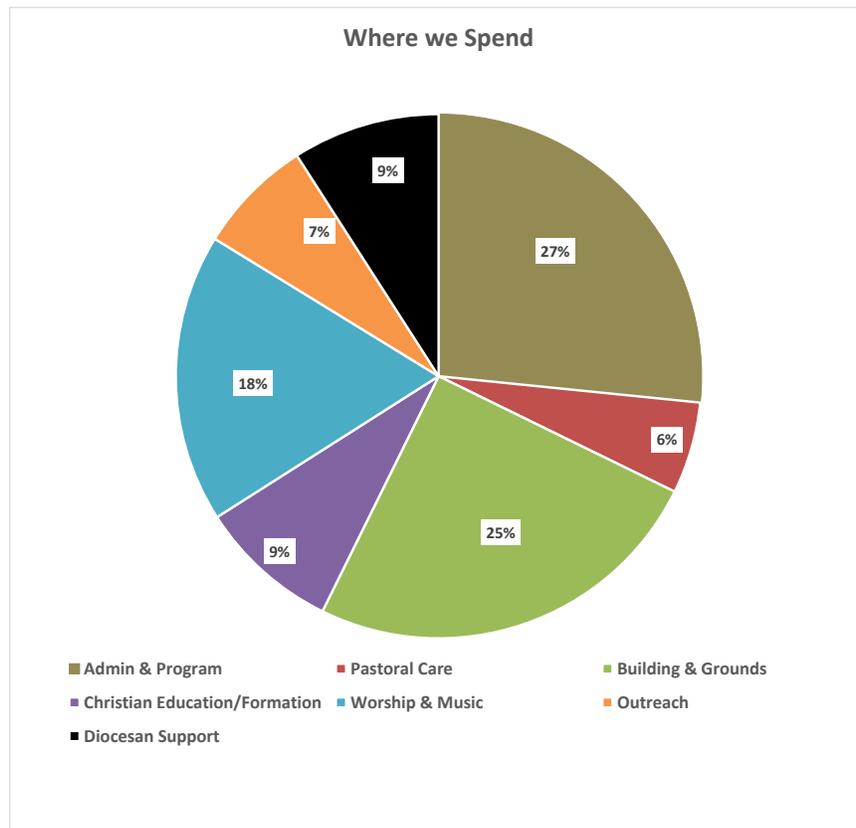
October 8, 2018

Dear fellow parishioners:

The rector describes the spirit of giving as a response to God’s grace in our lives – the fundamental Christian idea that all we have truly comes from God. This description characterizes giving in its fullest sense – our time, energy, and presence as well as our financial gifts. We give what we can because it all comes from God, and we provide those resources to extend God’s grace in the world around us: These are powerful thoughts as we begin to consider our plans for 2019 and the financial resources we need to fulfill them.

At St. John’s, we use the financial gifts of our current and past parishioners to invest prudently in the advancement of our mission to grow our parish and perform good works, thereby extending God’s grace. The clergy, staff and lay leadership collaboratively participate in a culture of fiscal oversight and controls, honoring the gifts of the current parish expressed in pledges and other offerings, as well as the gifts of current and past parishioners expressed in our endowment.

The chart below shows our \$892,000 2018 budget by program or operational area:



As you can see, the three largest components of our budget are buildings and grounds, parish administration, and worship and music. Taken together with our annual diocesan contribution, these components represent about 78 percent of total expenses, meaning that the fixed costs required to keep the church running compose the majority of where we currently allocate resources. The remaining 22 percent of our budget supports pastoral care, outreach and education, and the programs and services that extend beyond our walls and touch people beyond Sunday worship.

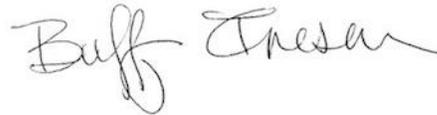
To fulfill our mission and increase our impact on both our parish and the surrounding community, we aspire to expand the programs and services that extend God's grace, building bridges to our community and the broader world. Gifts from our parishioners are the indispensable fuel to accomplish this goal. We have attached some additional information about our resources, which we hope will inspire you to give generously to this year's stewardship appeal.

On behalf of the Vestry, we thank you for reading this letter, thinking about its message, and considering how you can participate meaningfully in this year's appeal, to nurture and grow our parish today and for future generations.

Yours in Christ,



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