

# Celebrating God's Goodness Pledge Drive 2017



*St. David's volunteers young and old pack bag lunches for clients at Crossroads of Michigan, an important part of St. David's outreach.*

## **2017 Pledge Campaign Goals:**

- 1) Pray About Your Pledge and Consider Raising it 10%***
- 2) Fill Out a Pledge Card***
- 3) Turn in Pledges by Sunday, November 27***

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Southfield, Michigan

# Celebrating God's Goodness

St. David's is touching lives.

Your membership in our beloved faith community is reaching people no one else is. Why give to St. David's?

Here are just a few of our accomplishments in 2016:

- Exceeded our \$300,000 capital campaign by raising \$390,000 in pledges
- Continued fundraising in the diocese and local foundations
- Raised \$50,000 for the South Oakland Shelter through our End Homelessness Now 5k/10k race
- New organist/choirmaster George Cullinan
- Ashes to Go increase of 50% (150 people served)
- Girls Friendly Society formed
- Fr. Chris is now in his 10th year at St. David's
- The Chocolate Affair Fundraiser
- The Abundant Table—homeless cooking project

This is not including all of the other amazing work done by our many parish organizations, as outlined in the pages that follow.

This year's goals are simple:

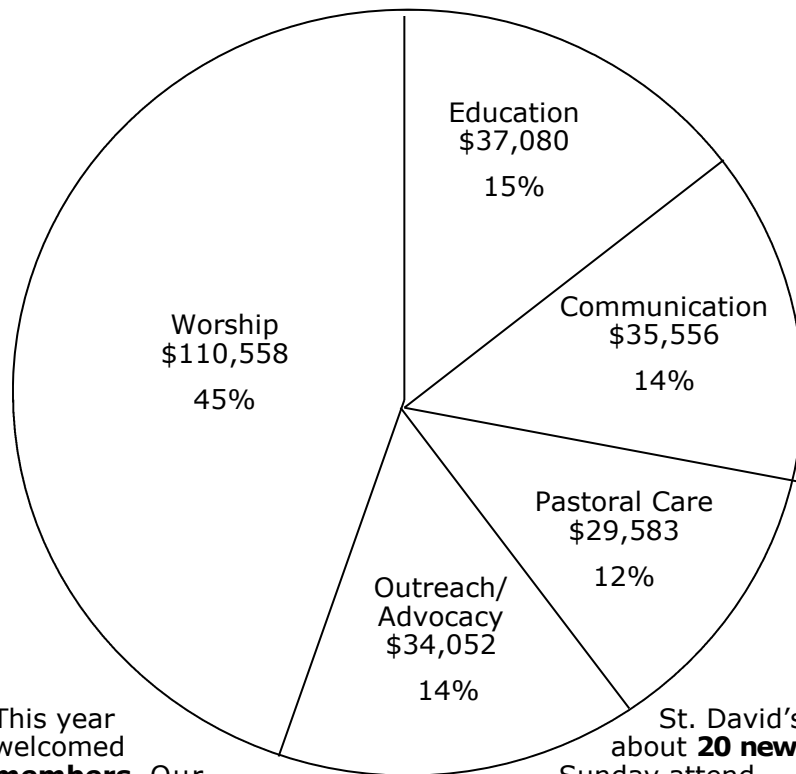
- Pray About Your Pledge and consider raising it by 10%
- Fill Out a Pledge Card
- Turn your pledge cards in by Sunday, November 27

It is your presence and participation that makes this happen. And we want you to join us on this wonderful journey!

# Funding the Vision...

## Where our resources go...

A previous Archbishop of Canterbury once said that the church is the only institution that exists for those who are not its members. Thus, we spend a lot of our resources equipping ourselves to help those around us.



This year welcomed **members**. Our Sunday attendance is around 150—which is up around 40% from just 8 years ago. We are so thankful for the vision God has given us for a healthy, vibrant, caring parish that helps our community - let's work together to change even more lives.

St. David's about **20 new**

*(Pie chart numbers are approximate)*

# Worship

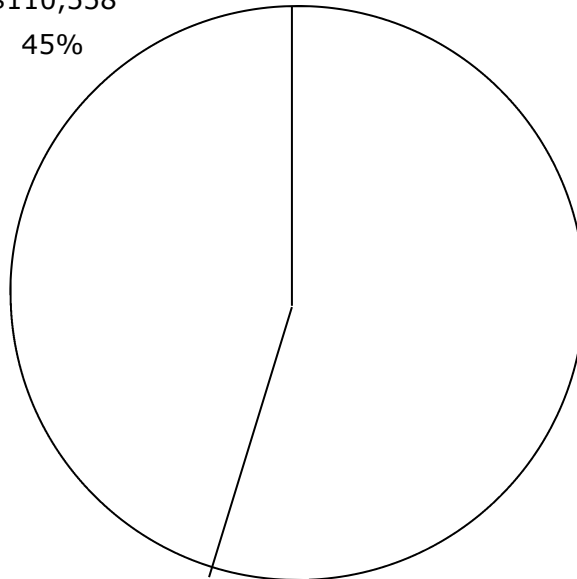
It's encouraging to see that our biggest line item at St. David's is worship. We Episcopalians traditionally value our communal gatherings as, first and foremost, opportunities to say thanks and worship, as the Psalmist says, "in the beauty of holiness."

*Jesus said, "Worship the Father in spirit and in truth" - John 4:23*

Included in Worship are:

Our gifted music leaders, including Music Director George Cullinan, Acolytes, Sunday Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, Tuesdays at 8:00 am, Altar Guild, special concerts, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Celebration of Holy Days, Church Maintenance & Utilities, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Nursery Attendants, Organ Upkeep, Clergy, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Greeters, Guest Musicians, blessings at private homes.

Worship  
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45%

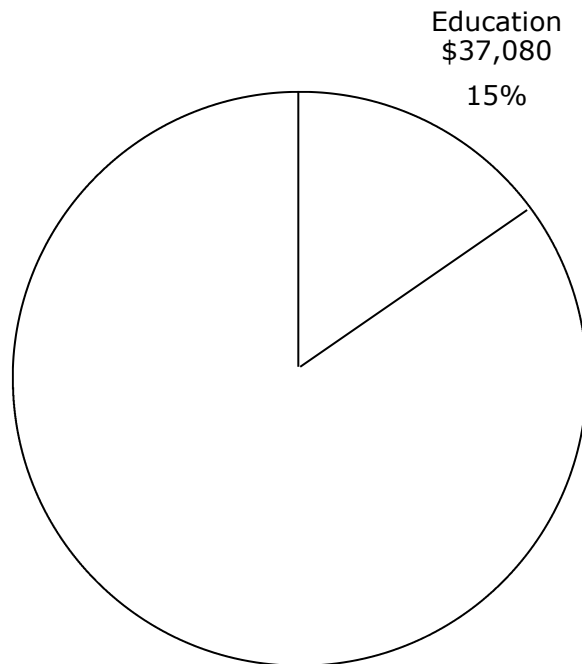


# Formation

Education has always been a high priority at St. David's. This portion of our budget goes to equipping saints of all ages for the work we are called to do.

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15.*

Godly Play, Living the Good News, Journey to Adulthood, Christian Service Brigade, Girls Friendly Society, Weekly Bible Studies, 9 am Sunday Study Group, Adult Sunday Forums, Inquirers' Classes, Lenten Classes, Vacation Bible School, Seasonal Devotionals, St. David's Bookstore, Epiphany worship, St. David's Online Academy, Intergenerational Prayer Partners.



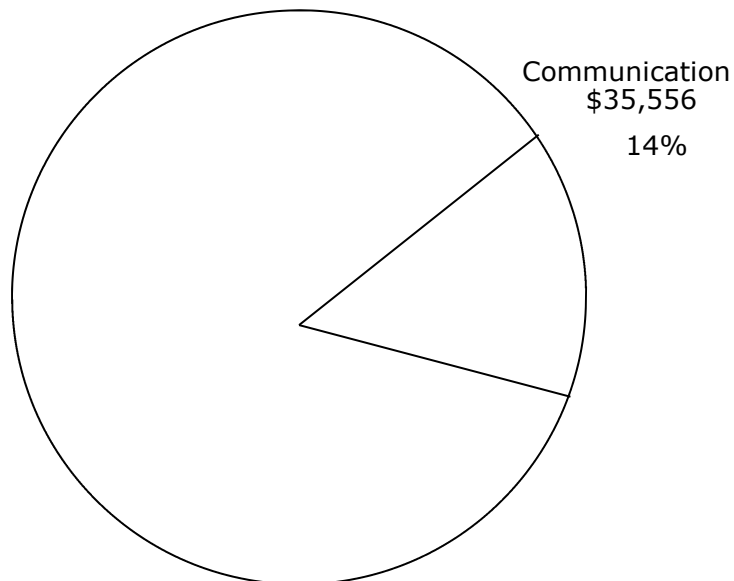
# Communication

As with any close family, St. David's places keeping in touch in high priority. Communication, in myriad ways, helps us share one another's burdens and joys. Knowing what activities and opportunities are available at St. David's is crucial for a busy family.

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ - I Corinthians 12:12*

Included in Communication are:

*Reflections* online and printed newsletter, Parish website and computers, Weekly E-News, St. David's Facebook Group, *The Record* Diocesan magazine, Flyers, Weekly E-News emails, Letters, Annual Report, Other information regarding church programs and events, Newcomer Packets, Brochures, Certificates for special events, Telephone, Printing and copying, Postage, Office expenses.

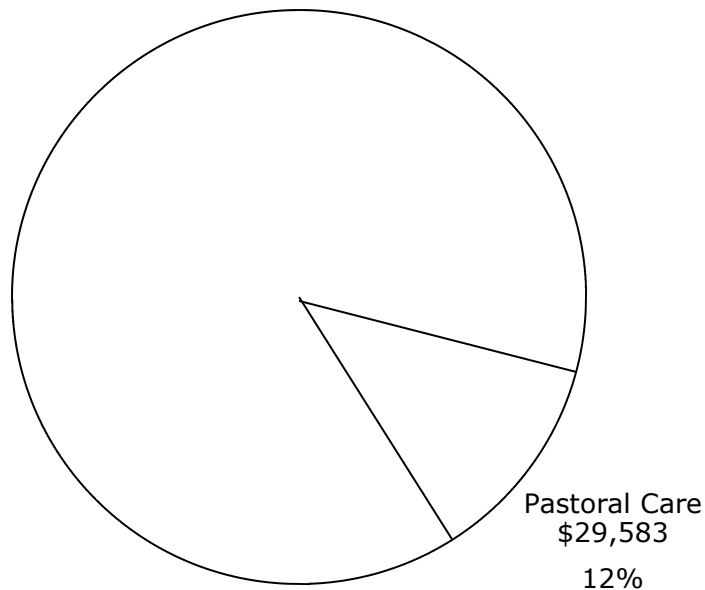


# Pastoral Care

Caring for one another has always been a primary concern at St. David's. When we care for others we are imitating God's care for us. In fact, most visitation and pastoral care takes place on a personal level, and therefore, donated resources are not reflected on our books. St. David's does an amazing job caring for one another.

*"Come to me, all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." -  
Matthew 11:28*

Hospital visits, Counseling, Greeters, Nursing Home Visitation, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Clergy Visits, Birthday and Anniversary Cards, Pastoral Care Cards, Daughters of the King, Young Adults Group, Flowers, Baptism and Confirmation Preparation, Telephone Calling Tree, Funeral Services, Social Activities, Coffee Hour.

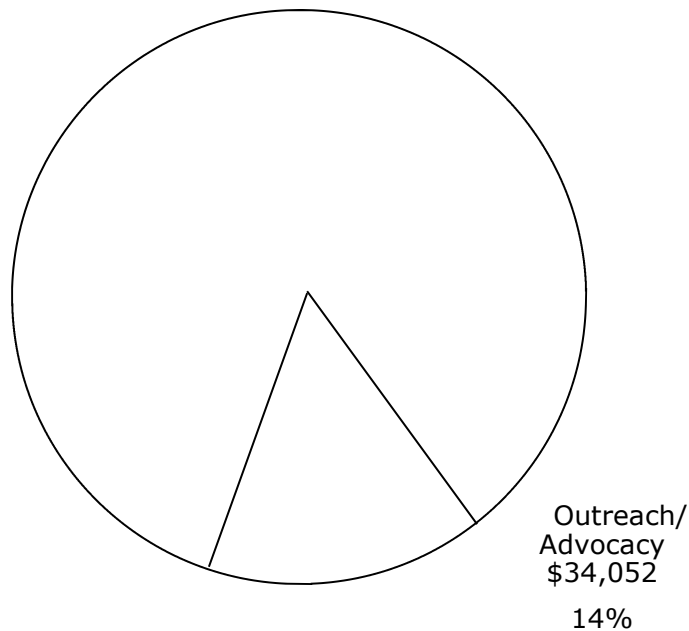


# Outreach and Advocacy

St. David's has traditionally allocated a large percentage of its resources toward outreach. Many other donated resources come in the form of time and talent, and financial contributions that never make it onto the parish books.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart... it is the Lord Christ you are serving." - Colossians 3:23-24*

Haiti Outreach Mission, CROPWALK, Crossroads Soup Kitchen, Detroit Rescue Mission Outreach, United Thank Offering, Holiday Baskets, Staff participation in professional and community groups, Diocesan Pledge supports local, national and international ministries, diocesan donations supports community agencies, Episcopal Relief and Development, Welcome Inn Warming Shelter, Open Hands Food Pantry, South Oakland Shelter Host Church, McGregor Missionary, Youth Mission Trips, St. Anne's Mead Sunday, Community Garden, AA & Al-Anon, Southfield Noontimers, Parents of Murdered Children, Lift Up Southfield! Interfaith advocacy, Vandenberg Elementary School.





# Where We're Going in 2017...

## **Funding the Vision**

Our first goal is to follow the Holy Spirit's call. We believe the Lord is calling us to minister to the growing needs around us. We are called to extend gracious hospitality, offer inspirational worship, and reach out to our community as Jesus would.

## **Capital Needs**

Our amazingly gifted Capital Campaign and Renovation leadership team spent 2016 gathering support for our project. This will continue into the Spring of 2017. At that point we will appoint a building committee to work with our architect. They will be given a year to detail plans, author RFPs and assist the vestry in signing contracts. We are hoping to begin construction in the Spring of 2018. How wonderful this will be for God's guests!



## **Even More Outreach: End Homelessness now 5k/10k**

With the success of our 3rd annual race on August 7, we are poised to do even more to bring an end to homelessness in our area. Last year's race raised nearly \$50,000 for the South Oakland Shelter, and our planning team has set an ambitious goal to improve on that number.

We were named SOS' 'Partner of the Year' in 2014 and are looking to do even more to address this pressing issue in 2017.

## **Community Building**

In 2017 we will see more kids, and more options for kids to get involved in the music ministry of the congregation. Our music department is working to help our young voices not only 'sing a new song' but to play one too, using a variety of different instruments.



## Giving at St. David's

Here's a look at how we do as a household:

For 2016, 85 families/individuals pledged a total of \$208,444 to the annual fund at St. David's.

The average gift was approximately \$2.452 per family/individual, per year.

Here's an approximate breakdown:

<u>Range</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$10-15,000	1	\$14,000
\$6-10,000	7	\$50,784
\$3-6,000	19	\$75,594
\$2-3,000	8	\$18,370
\$1,500-2,000	12	\$19,816
\$1,000-1,500	13	\$15,332
\$500-1,500	20	\$12,988
\$300-500	4	\$1,320
Less than \$300	1	\$260



*First day of Sunday School 2016!*

## How Much Should I Give?

This chart can help you decide how much to pledge for 2017. We encourage you to commit a pledge that is both responsible for your financial situation and audacious for your spiritual growth.

YEARLY INCOME	3%	5%	7%	TITHE
\$15,000	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500
\$25,000	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,750	\$2,500
\$30,000	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$4,200	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,900	\$7,000
\$80,000	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$5,600	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$6,300	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000

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## An Invitation from Our Rector



I began 2016 as a "tither+" with 11% of my salary going to St. David's. By God's grace, that is increasing in 2017 to 12%.

I tell you this because I love this parish and everyone in it—and this is my way of saying thanks. You are immensely important to me and help me in ways you will never know. It is a joy to serve you!

Fr. Chris, James, and Cate

## Parish Schedule

### Worship

**Sundays** Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM  
Study Hour 9:00 AM  
Choral Eucharist 10:00 AM

**Tuesdays** Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM  
in Arlain Taylor Chapel  
Bible Study 9:15 AM—10:30 AM

### Sunday Education

#### All Year

Nursery (infant-age 3) 7:45 AM-12:15 PM  
Godly Play (ages 4-6) 10:00 AM-10:45 AM  
Coffee Hour 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

#### September–July

Church School (ages 4-10) 10:00 AM-10:45 AM  
Junior and Senior High 10:00 AM-10:45 AM  
and at other times  
Sundays at Nine Study 9:00 AM-9:45 AM  
Adult Forum/Coffee Hour 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

#### Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

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Friends of St. David's Episcopal Church Southfield, MI  
[www.stdavidssf.org](http://www.stdavidssf.org)

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