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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Every year at this time the Vestry asks us to give you an update on how our finances are faring for the fiscal year. So far, we have not suffered any unexpected major expenses and so still anticipate that we are going to finish the year within our \$391,365.00 budget.

We also hope that our income will be a similar amount and that we will not run a deficit. In 2017, we received \$237,810.00 from families and friends. This year our goal is \$240,000.00, a slight increase over last year. Help from you and your fellow parishioners will definitely make the difference.

You already know what makes St. Christopher's special. The history, the physical church, the service, the congregation, the programs, the support of many local, national and international worthy causes, and most especially, Mother Ann makes it special.

However, this requires financial support. Each of us knows what we can afford; and your intended giving of stock, checks, and cash are gratefully received right up to December and will be counted towards your tax-deductible gift.

We are pleased to enclose your semiannual statement. On an overall basis, the amount we have received from everyone is running slightly behind that received last year, but we remain optimistic that that will change as we approach year end.

We are always interested in what inspires you and how you want us to utilize your financial gifts. You can help us in our budgeting and planning process by sharing your thoughts with us by returning the enclosed survey to the Parish Office by September 9th, Rally Sunday. Additional copies of the survey are available in the Narthex.

As always, we thank you for your generosity for it is a vital necessity. Most importantly, we are thankful that you are a part of the St Christopher by-the-River family, and as such, help make this one of God's very special places.

Your Stewardship Committee,

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