

TITHE

Tithe in Hebrew literally means a tenth. Biblically, Deuteronomy 14 describes the tithe as representing the "first fruits" of the harvest, as representative of how all that we receive in this life comes from God's gifts to us. The tithe is used to support the operations, staffing and ministries of the church. The Vestry uses the amount tithed to the church in setting its annual budget.

For 2022, we budgeted based on expected tithes of \$118,450.00. 85% of the church's income is from tithes. It is by far the most important way we raise funds for the operation of the church.

BUILDING FUND

Maintaining our church building is a worthy and sometimes costly enterprise. Your donation to the building fund will make a lasting contribution to preserving our building and our historic church home. Roofs, air conditioners, plumbing, kitchen equipment- these things require upkeep, maintenance and replacement.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund go directly to people in our community who are in need. This can include food, utilities, or rental assistance. During the search process, donations to the fund will accumulate until a new Rector takes office.

SACKS FOR SATURDAY

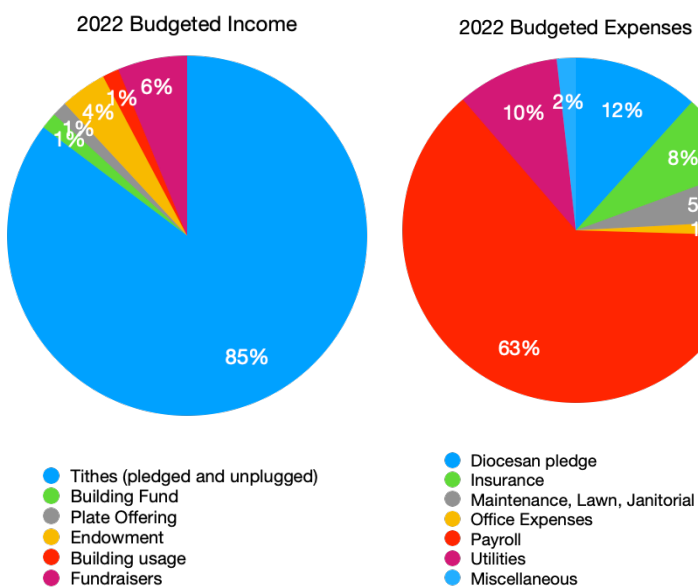
Each week we provide meals that needy students at Ruskin Elementary can take home with them on Friday so they won't go hungry over the weekend. Please support this ministry by either making a offering designated "Sacks for Saturday" or by purchasing food from the list of recommended items available in the Parish Hall. The group meets at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall.

It costs \$200.00 per week for 25 weeks during the school year to fund this ministry. This does not include the cost of the holiday meals and gifts that we provide during Christmas.

ALTAR GUILD

A volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers.

Fresh altar flower arrangements cost around \$54 each week.



2023 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

For 2023, we have established a Capital Campaign project to renovate the second floor music room. That room is presently used by a 12 Step Group that meets there nightly. They contribute \$100 monthly for rent of the space. The flooring is worn out and coming up in pieces, the walls and ceiling need a fresh coat of paint, and the lighting fixtures have been damaged from roof leaks. This campaign aims to raise the funds to renovate this room so that it will be a more welcoming space for the group that uses it.

The estimated cost to renovate the music room is \$7,500.00.