

Stewardship Testimonials, Sunday, October 31, 2016

Alden Summerville, 9:00 a.m.

Hi I'm Alden Summerville and I've been going to Christ Church for my entire life. I was baptized here as a baby, I attended Sunday school, I'm an acolyte and lector reader, I went on the pilgrimage to England this summer, and I also volunteer for the Salvation Army gate patrol with other Christ Church parishioners. So as you can see, church has been a huge part of my childhood and upbringing and has really shaped me as a young man. All the Sunday school classes taught me numerous lessons that I would apply to my everyday actions, and definitely, being a lector reader enhanced my public speaking abilities and really helped with overcoming the slight fear I had as a child of speaking in front of people. And most of all the pilgrimage was an amazing experience that I would encourage all the youth to go on, and that wouldn't have been possible without all the help from our parish. It was so much fun and I really enjoyed all the places we visited and took so many great memories and lessons home from the trip. I love every aspect of this church, but I especially value the community and kindness of all the people associated with Christ Church. I feel like I know everyone here and have made so many great relationships by going here for my entire life. And despite going to an Episcopal school that has chapel around 3 times a week and has various religious courses offered, I still find Christ Church to be my religious home. Overall, Christ Church has impacted my life in so many positive ways and I couldn't have asked for a better community. As you consider your stewardship pledge, please take into account all the kids that would benefit from the same opportunities I had. Thank you.

Jane Matz, Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

Good Morning, my husband, Tim, and I joined Christ Church when we moved from the suburbs to O Street, 15 years ago. We attend the 11:15 a.m. service so we can hear the full choir with all the fabulous music. We love the music, the traditional services, the flowers, the adult education, being part of the outreach, finding so many friends and such a feeling of community. We, also, like being part of the continuous history of the Christian Church. When I went to college, I decided I would find out the purpose of life, and then, I thought, I would be all set. So I majored in religion and philosophy. It was a very enlightening education, but, as you know, at the end of four years I wasn't any closer to those answers, probably further from the answers, than I was at the beginning of college. However, in this quest, coming to Christ Church continues to help me pursue of these answers. Tim and I are so happy to financially support Christ Church, I hope you are, too.

Christine Emery, 11:15 a.m.

My name is Christine Emery and I am a fairly new parishioner of eight years. I have lived in Georgetown for 10 years - the longest span of time I ever have lived in the same house. That is not a complaint, just a fact. And a reason that wherever I am, I am home. Home is safe and nurturing. I can be happy, sad, quiet, or noisy; I can celebrate, mourn; be social, or alone. There is only one other place where I find it

safe to be all the different facets of me, and that is here at Christ Church. Here, all of us, together or alone, experience these emotions safely. Christ Church is special - I am not the first to say this. More specifically, the church and the chapel provide the splendor - we make it special. We at Christ Church are rich. We have carefully selected clergy, dedicated to Christ and to each of our individual journeys with Christ. We have a beautiful historic physical space. We have a renowned choir. We have parishioners who carry out God's work throughout our community. We are proud of all of this and none of this happens by luck. We all have a role to play in the splendor and special nature of Christ Church. During this month of October, in particular, we are called upon to reflect on our contribution to the splendor and mission of Christ Church. I know that our treasures of time and money are finite and there are moments in life when we have more of one than the other. When I first joined Christ Church, I had more time and chose to serve on the Altar Guild, where I continue to serve. And every year, at this time, I reflect and make a decision on a financial commitment. Please take the time to reflect and decide on what treasures you will gift to our Christ Church.