

*We are so grateful* for the tithes and offerings to our operating budget. These feed and water our day-to-day operations, defraying the costs of such things as outreach, programs, staffing and utilities. However, there is so little left to build for the future.

## ***Our Endowment Fund***

will enable health and growth through:

- *necessary* **Capital Expenditures**
- *the seeding of* **New Ministries**
- *increased* **Outreach Gifts.**

It looks beyond today by building and maintaining Financial Trusts through which benefactors can provide for longer-term financial security and development for the ministry of St. Patrick's. In this way, the Society sows the seeds to increase the Kingdom of God at St. Patrick's in perpetuity.

A Board of Trustees, separate from the Vestry and current operations, applies strict legal and fiduciary procedures to endeavor to maintain the value of all gifts, while distributing income earned.

## ***Mission Statement***

The Mission of St. Patrick's Endowment Fund is: To provide parishioners with the opportunity to create a legacy by giving St. Patrick's church an enhanced financial capacity for long term ministry.

## ***The Society of Sowers***

is the patron group of St. Patrick's Endowment Fund. Each Sower envisions a future at St. Patrick's where ministries continue to bear fruit and funds enable the next generation to carry on God's work. To this end, he or she is willing to commit financial resources to seed St. Patrick's future.

If sowing seeds for the future of St. Patrick's ministries strikes a chord with you, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining the Society of Sowers. There is no minimum seed investment. Give as you are led and appropriate to your circumstances.

Some ways you can become a member are:

- Let us know that you have included St. Patrick's Endowment Fund in your estate plans
- Contribute assets directly
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities

Please contact the office or one of the trustees of the board (listed on the enclosure) for more information on becoming a member of the Society.

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Following Christ as we welcome, nurture, love and feed all God's children.

# ***Society of Sowers***

## ***Foundational Patrons Of the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund***



"...some sow seeds, some water them, and God gives the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6

## Why Sow Seeds?

St. Patrick's mission is to *follow Christ as we welcome, nurture, love and feed all God's children.*

And God's generosity has always more than matched our generosity to this mission...God's seed scattered by the faithful has not returned empty.



*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty. Isaiah 55:10-11*

*"God is producing a harvest at St. Patrick's."*

*...Through worship, preaching and transformation around the holy table.*

*...Through Malachi's Storehouse, where all are welcome, all are valued and all are fed.*

*...Through the care of Stephen Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors.*

*...Through generous welcome and hospitality to all.*

*...Through our joyous and exuberant youth, as they grow with us into the full stature of Christ before our eyes.*

*...Through Shine A Light and Peachford as we take the good news of Christ outside these walls.*

*...Through seeking God in inspired teaching, centering prayer, dreams and art.*

*...What ways do you see God producing a harvest?*

*"We are Stewards of God's generosity"*



We are stewards of God's generosity, tending, harvesting and enjoying the fruit of seeds that others have sown, many of whom are now beloved memories. Their generosity began over fifty years ago with the planting of St. Patrick's as a seed parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and continued through the building of our beautiful nave and the elimination of our mortgage debt.



*The genesis of the Endowment Fund was a bequest by John Williams, a longstanding member of our flock. John's generous gift enabled the inspiration for our direction forward.*