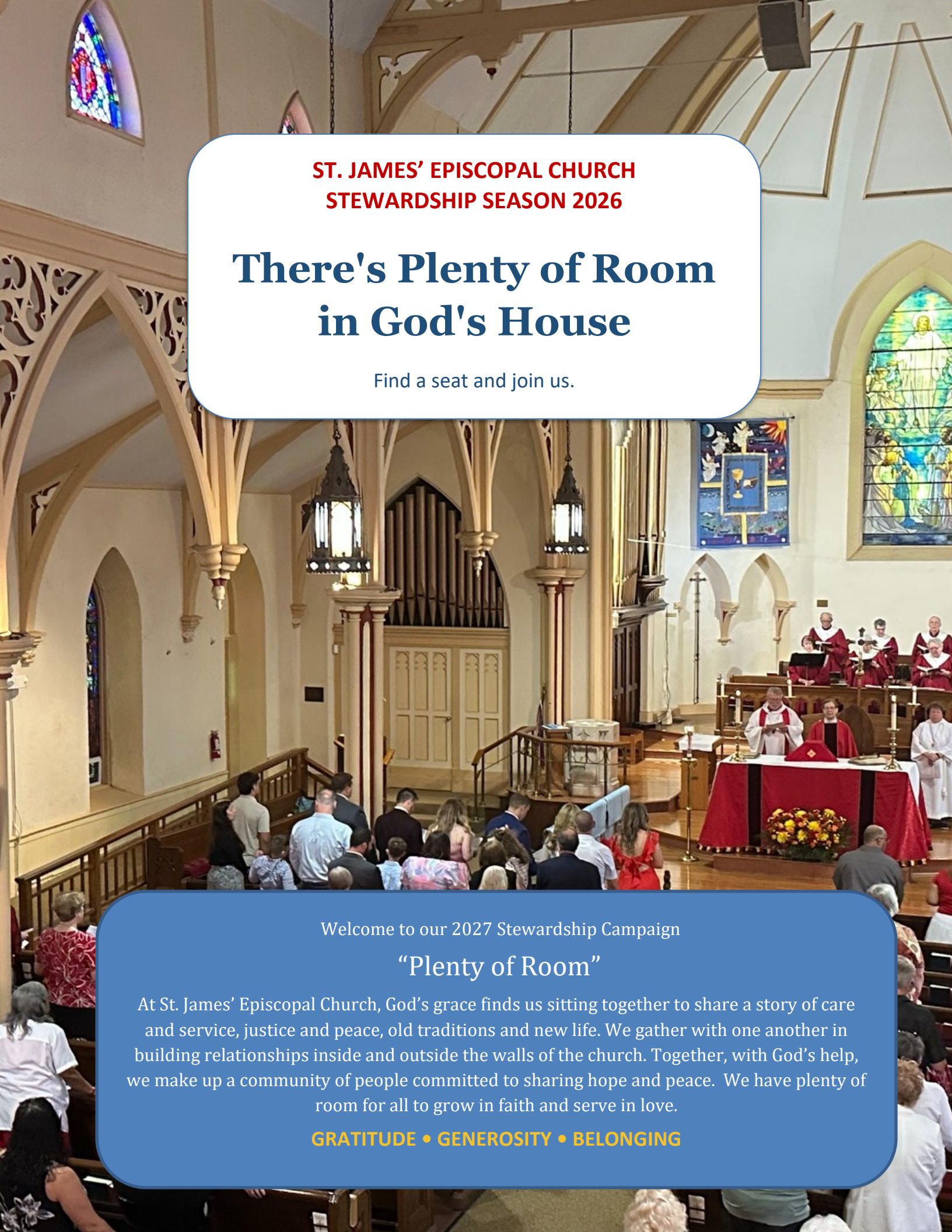

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2026

There's Plenty of Room in God's House

Find a seat and join us.

Welcome to our 2027 Stewardship Campaign

"Plenty of Room"

At St. James' Episcopal Church, God's grace finds us sitting together to share a story of care and service, justice and peace, old traditions and new life. We gather with one another in building relationships inside and outside the walls of the church. Together, with God's help, we make up a community of people committed to sharing hope and peace. We have plenty of room for all to grow in faith and serve in love.

GRATITUDE • GENEROSITY • BELONGING

PLENTY OF ROOM

In God's house there is always room for more.

In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more healing, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is room for more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity.

Plenty of Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us.

The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responsibilities to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity.

There's Plenty of Room in God's House at St. James'.

We're so glad you're here!

MORE LOVE • MORE CONNECTION • MORE PEACE
MORE CREATIVITY • MORE WAYS TO SHARE
MORE STORIES TO TELL

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

at the table.

At God's table, grace is offered freely. Here, all are welcome.

Worship is at the heart of our life together. We gather around the Word and Sacrament, bringing our prayers, our joys, and our needs. Here, we remember that belonging is a gift for all.

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

Our worship together is enhanced by our choir and special services throughout the year. Baptisms, Renewal of Vows, Pride Services, Healing, and the newly added Evening Prayer service are just a few.

$2,900 of our weekly pledge funds our worship life together

THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL AGES TO

Grow in faith together.

More ideas. More stories. More listening.

We make room for one another when we gather, listen, learn, laugh, ask hard questions, and discover where God may be leading us next.

Through your generous gifts of *Time, Talent, and Treasure*, the clergy and lay leaders are able to offer vibrant Godly Play Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Forums, Bible & book studies. Stewardship is also the gift of presence: showing up, sharing wisdom, building relationships, and helping create a community where every voice is honored and respected.

$2,250 of our weekly pledge funds our Christian Education together

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

There is room for your story at St. James'.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

in mission to others.

ARC Peace Camp at St. James'

Blessing of Bears for Danbury Hospital patients

Generosity becomes action:

In a world needing more love, connection, peace, and creativity, your generosity helps us turn compassion into action, enabling us to host the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, provide homemade bears to patients at Danbury Hospital, and partner with The Road to Home at Amos House, Daily Bread, Dorothy Day Meals, Wooster School, CT State Community College Naugatuck Valley, the Association of Religious Communities (ARC), National AIDS Memorial Quilt, and Laundry Love.

$910 of our weekly pledge is used for outreach to our neighbors, and collective regional ministries of our diocese.

National AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at St. James'

PLENTY OF ROOM MEANS

room to belong, learn, serve, and grow.

From fellowship around a meal to formation across generations, from welcoming a newcomer to blessing a child, our shared life is built through countless acts of generosity.

Mother's Day Breakfast

$375 of our weekly pledge funds our community life together

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

Parish Life Walk

Everyone's gift matters. Every person has something to offer.

Every act of welcome makes the table a little wider.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOUR GIFTS.

How will you share your gifts with us?

PRAY	Ask where God is inviting you to grow in generosity.
PARTICIPATE	Offer your time, presence, creativity, skills, and care.
PLEDGE	Make a thoughtful financial commitment that helps sustain and grow God's mission through St. James' ministries. Any amount that you can give matters!
INVITE	Find a seat for someone else. There is plenty of room.

What's New at St. James'?

Evening Prayer, bimonthly (July) New host of the CT Worker Center: support for domestic workers (July) A new lay Justice Coordinator to guide us into action (September) The Nursery reopens for babies and toddlers (October)	Children's Choir with Miss Joanne (October) Youth Group (October) New host of a women's COSA support group (October) Proposed new host of a community Cold Weather Shelter (December-March)

Investing in the Future of God's Mission at St. James'

A church budget is more than a list of income and expenses—it is a statement of what we value and the ministry we are committed to making possible. The budget below represents the resources needed to sustain and grow our worship, care for one another, serve our wider community, and nurture the future of St. James' where all are welcome.

To meet the needs of the coming year, we are seeking a 6% increase in pledged giving. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you can give, and how your generosity can help us continue to be a beacon of hope in our community.

Our 2027 Preliminary Budget

(in thousands)

Income		2026	2027
Pledge	70%	$ 275.0	$ 294.3
Rentals	16%	$ 61.2	$ 61.2
Endowment	10%	$ 40.0	$ 40.0
Christmas/Easter	2%	$ 9.5	$ 9.5
Plate	1%	$ 5.0	$ 5.3
Other	1%	$ 3.5	$ 3.6
		$ 394.2	$ 413.8

Expenses		2026	2027
Sacramental Life	40%	$ 156.9	$ 169.5
Adult Spirituality	19%	$ 75.2	$ 79.0
Community Outreach	16%	$ 62.8	$ 66.0
Children & Families	9%	$ 36.3	$ 38.1
Pastoral Care	8%	$ 30.6	$ 32.1
Community Life	7%	$ 26.0	$ 27.3
		$ 387.9	$ 412.1

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