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***What does it take to grow a tree?***

Tree rings show that some years

When sun and light, water and nutrients are abundant,

Trees grow quickly.

But in other years when there is drought

When nutrients are locked in the soil and when light is dim

Trees grow more slowly.

***What does it take to grow a Church?***

When resources are abundant,

When members give prayer and time and love

Churches can grow quickly.

But in other years when resources are slim,

Churches grow more slowly….or not at all…or decline and fade.

***What do you want for St. Mark’s in 2017?***

***Your Rector and Vestry hope y****ou will want*

to **continue the growth** in our Sunday School, our membership, our programs,

our outreach and pastoral care;

**support** vital, deeply spiritual worship, a well-kept campus;

**keep** our buildings ready for use by the church and community;

 **provide** a staff to **answer** your calls, **prepare** schedules and materials for worship,

 **track** of our finances, and **lead** our music ministry;

and **sustain** a full-time Rector, providing pastoral coverage 24/7/365, and spiritual leadership.

***YOU provide the resources***

Which make it possible to support a Church growing in love, in service, in prayer, in outreach,

A Church that matures in Christ, bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit;

a branch of the Jesus Movement;

 a Church that is takes care of the flock entrusted to us by God.

Your gift, your pledge, your commitment of time and ability,

Can help our Church Grow and Flourish

Like a Tree of Life!