

St. Aidan's, Olathe, Kansas  
11-12 Stewardship Letter #1

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Dear Name and Name,

No doubt, someone has given you a bag of *Friendship Bread* dough. This is the dough that starts out as a small ball, but continually grows, so one has to separate it multiple times and pass it on to others. When the dough is ready, it is baked into delicious bread. From one small lump of dough, numerous loaves of bread are baked and many fed.

In a way, our response to God's call as the congregation of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church is like *Friendship Bread*. We offer God a small lump of dough through our stewardship of one another, the church itself, and the community around us. This small lump of dough grows, is divided, and passed on in love. Ultimately, it is baked and the hearts, minds, and souls of countless people are nourished. Our stewardship does not give the crumbs from our table, but provides a full loaf of bread, that is - a place at our table.

The ingredients for St. Aidan's *Friendship Bread* dough are our financial resources, creativity, and energy. The resulting loaves of bread are our multitude of ministries including feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, visiting the elderly, serving at the altar, and care for the church. We literally "feed" thousands of people in any given year.

We will celebrate our ministries on October 23, following the 10 a.m. service with refreshments and information about our work. We invite you to join us that day and indicate how you and your family will help steward all that we do. There are ministry opportunities for adults and children alike.

Thank you for your stewardship of our congregation and those for whom we are saving a place at our table.

Sincerely,

Stewardship Committee Names