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Home communion is available for those who are unable to

attend Sunday worship service. Contact Jeanne Koppel at 503-520-0240 to arrange for an appointed time.

Parish email: If you have email for the first time or have recently changed your email address, please notify the office so we can update your contact information.

Vicar's Corner

Leaves are beginning to fall. The days are shorter now, so raking has to wait until the weekend. My husband has worked hard to get ready for winter, our shed is filled to the brim with wood he split and stacked on days that seemed too hot to even think about needing a fire. We are already talking about the holidays, wondering if the children will be in town, or traveling. Wondering which of my siblings will fix the traditional dinners for our family, knowing that I (not so) secretly want to do Thanksgiving....and Christmas.

Thinking about and planning for the future is part of being a family. Satisfaction can be found in embracing the work and traditions the seasons bring.

And so it is with our Parish family. October means many things. Sunday School in full swing, our Catechumenate classes are underway. Thoughts of Advent and the Outreach Fundraiser Fair have inspired creativity and the production of gifts to donate.

October also brings into focus our Stewardship work, some of the most important work in the life of our parish. The results of our Stewardship campaign will determine how next year unfolds. In a few weeks, you will be invited to make a "pledge" of money to the church. It is from these pledges that the budget for next year is created. The timing is important, as the budget needs to be ready to be presented at the annual meeting after the first of the year.

It is important to realize that the church relies solely on the generosity of the people in the pews. Pledge money funds our programs - worship, outreach, music and youth, to name a few; it pays for the heat, lights and upkeep of this beautiful building and grounds; and it provides payroll for those of us who make our living working for you.

The tradition of giving at St. Gabriel's has been strong, a sure sign of dedication and love for this community. Now is the time to start thinking and praying about how you will respond when that pledge card comes your way. Our future depends on it.

Blessings!

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The Mission of St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church is to share the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and to help each other on our spiritual journey with God.