

## WHAT IS THE BRIDGE BUILDERS SOCIETY?

Those of us who worship, connect, grow, and live out our faith with St. Stephen's today have greatly benefited from the planned contributions of those who preceded us. Our church would be quite different without these generous gifts.

St. Stephen's established The Bridge Builders Society to recognize and thank those who have acknowledged a commitment to our church's future either with an endowed gift during their lifetime or through their estate planning.

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followed after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

Portion of poem "The Bridge Builder"  
by Will Allen Dromgoole

## THE MISSION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

*To welcome all people into  
a joyous community of  
Christian faith where  
Scripture, Tradition, and  
Reason are honored.*



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*Bridge Builders  
Society*

## LEAVE A LEGACY

**AN INVITATION TO  
PLANNED GIVING WITH  
ST. STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**





## HOW DO I MAKE A PLANNED GIFT TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

You may make a planned gift in many ways. Common examples include naming St. Stephen's Church as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or life income gift.

You may also receive lifetime tax benefits from options such as allocating IRA contributions, or creating a charitable remainder trust (CRT), charitable lead trust (CLT), or charitable gift annuity.

St. Stephen's is here to help you as you work with your financial, legal, and tax advisors to make the best choices for you.



## WHERE DOES MY GIFT GO?

St. Stephen's Church will invest all bequests and endowed gifts into its institutional funds, referred to as The St. Stephen's Fund. The income generated from this fund is dedicated to enhancing the life of our parish and community by supporting the development, funding, and improvement of our ministries.

Planned giving is a thoughtful way to play an important part in the long term success and growth of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to help assure that its mission will continue to grow for generations to come.



## HOW DO I JOIN THE BRIDGE BUILDERS SOCIETY?

All that is required to join the Bridge Builders Society is to let us know that you have included the church in your estate plan or an endowed gift.

To get started, contact our Bridge Builders Committee to express your interest and they will guide you through the process.

## CONTACT US



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Scan to complete a quick interest form and we'll be in touch!