

I PRAY THAT CHRIST MAY
DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS
THROUGH FAITH, AS YOU
ARE BEING GROUNDED AND

ROOTED in **LOVE**


EPHESIANS 3:17



CHRIST DWELLS IN OUR HEARTS

Welcome to the “Rooted in Love” pledge drive for the year 2024 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. In the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul says, **“I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love”** (3:17). These stirring words capture the vision of how we are living into God’s mission at our special place on Pearl Street. God is rooting us deeper and deeper into the love that both brings us together and sends us out to serve. As we sink our roots deeper into this Beloved Community, we join together each year to fund God’s mission at St. Mark’s.

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NEW FACES, SAME MISSION

Over one hundred individuals and families pledge their financial resources as we plan for a 2024 budget of over \$360,000. **Last year, we increased our financial capacity to an astounding degree**, and with lots of new faces in the church this year, we can match this total again so that we can fully fund God's mission at St. Mark's. This year, in recognition of the large bubble of children who are rapidly aging at our parish, we added the position of minister for children and youth, and we hope to be able to fully fund it in the budget next year.



PLEDGE TOTALS: 2014-2023

2014: \$228,000

2015: \$256,000

2016: \$254,000

2017: \$285,000

2018: \$323,000

2019: \$326,000

2020: \$304,000

2021: \$302,000

2022: \$316,000

2023: \$361,000*



DEEPER ROOTS

As our roots grow deeper into the soil of this special community, **our collective generosity increases**. As you can see in the graph to the left, over the last ten years, we have seen a steady increase in total pledge amount, with a slight dip during the pandemic years. In order to fully fund God's mission here at St. Mark's in 2024, we have a goal to meet or beat 2023's record pledge amount. Please join us in meeting this goal!

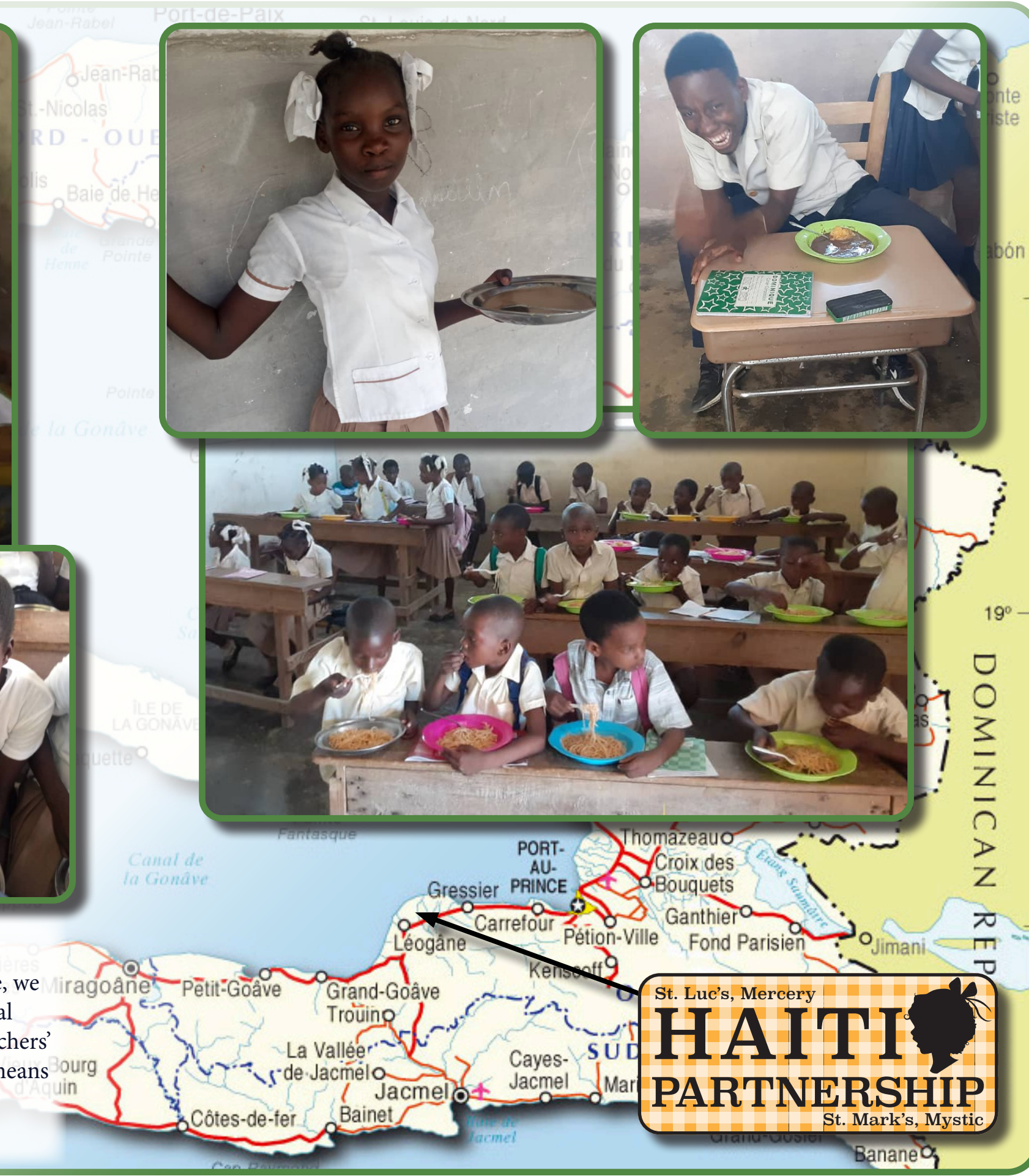
*2014-2022 numbers are actual pledge amounts received. 2023 is based on estimated pledge amount.





CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP!

2023 marks fifteen years of partnership with St. Luc's School in Haiti. Over that time, we have rooted more deeply our relationship with this wonderful school through mutual prayer and long-distance Christian fellowship, along with infrastructure projects, teachers' salaries, and the wildly successful lunch program. The longevity of our partnership means that **two full cycles of Haitian children** have gone through the school from Pre-K through 6th (and more recently 7th) grade.



St. Luc's, Mercy

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St. Mark's, Mystic



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A JOYFUL AND FAITHFUL OFFERING

Thank you so much for rooting yourselves into this community, helping the branches of God's love to spread far and wide. **Thank you also for considering your financial pledge to God's mission at St. Mark's.** In this packet you will find a full-page pledge card with several options for discerning your pledge for 2024, along with an envelope to mail the card back by the end of October. Please take the pledge card with you in your prayer to God and make your pledge a joyful and faithful offering back to God. We invite you to join so many others in financially supporting God's mission at St. Mark's, where Christ dwells in our hearts as we remain rooted in the love of God.

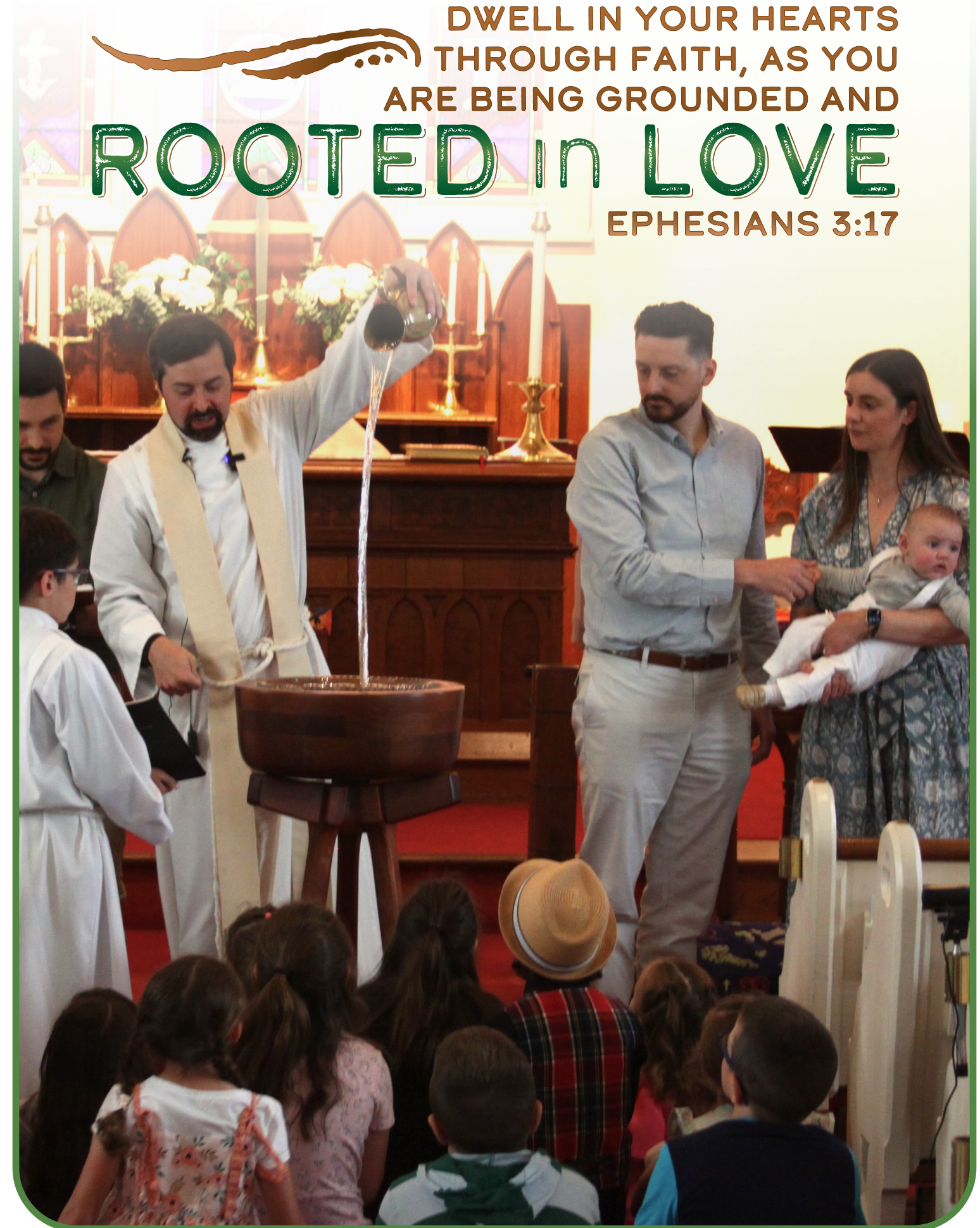


Join us on Sunday, October 29th for our annual
STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
and Meal-packing Event with the United Way!



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