

Youth and Children's 2020 Pledge Form

I am thankful for the many blessing that God has given me and for God's presence in my life. Because I am thankful and in order to grow in my faith, I will do the following three things this year:

Prayer:

Action #1:

Action #2

Name

Possible Ideas

Prayers

1. Learn the Lord's Prayer by heart
2. Lead saying grace at family dinner ____ times in a week
3. Pray each night before I go to bed
4. Each morning, say 3 things for which I am thankful
5. Other ideas?

Actions

1. Join a ministry at church (Chorister, acolytes, lectors, etc.)
2. Attend Sunday School/Youth Group at least ____ times during a month
3. Invite ____ friends to Sunday church or church activities during the year
4. Give a portion of my allowance or money I make working each month. If so, how much/what percent?
5. Read the Bible/Bible stories – ____ days a week, *or* ____ books of the Bible during the year
6. Donate money, food, or other items to the Northmen Den/Harbor Hut
7. Other ideas?

October 6, 2019

Dear Parents,

On the reverse side of this letter is the *2020 Children's Pledge Form*. It is designed to be a tool to help you talk with your child about:

- stewardship, giving thanks to God in an age appropriate way
- setting goals that will help them grow in their faith.

The process starts with us identifying those things in our life for which we are thankful. Then we think about ways to express our gratitude to God and use our gifts to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

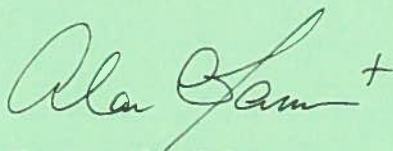
Regardless of whether we are baptized as a baby, child, or adult, we don't start out as fully developed Christians. We need to learn and grow in our understanding of our faith and as disciples. This is a life-long process that does not happen all at once, but rather, throughout our life we grow step-by-step.

At the bottom of the form are some possible ideas that your child might commit to doing in order to develop a habit of praying and acting in ways that nurture their faith. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but simply a starting place to give you some ideas.

Remember the goal is for this to be fun, encouraging, and personally meaningful. The right thing to do is whatever makes sense for your child given their age, gifts, and interests.

Please bring this form with you to church on Oct 27 (Commitment Sunday) so that both you and your child can place your pledge forms on the altar at the same time.

Faithfully yours,



The Rev. Alan C. James
Interim Rector