



*"No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.  
Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let  
your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."  
Matthew 5: 15-16*

Thank you for your faithful support and steadfast love of Grace Episcopal Church. We hope we can count on you to participate in our 2024 stewardship campaign through a generous pledge of financial support.

Our campaign theme, "Letting Our Light Shine," truly captures the essence of everything we do at Grace Episcopal Church. Embracing our core values of Inclusion, Service, Discovery, and Gratitude, our comprehensive ministry programs have long been a beacon of God's love in a broken world.

This is an exciting time for Grace. We are joyfully welcoming our new rector. We are blessed by a highly skilled and dedicated professional staff. And we have a generous and devoted congregation whose volunteer efforts and fervent prayers have opened new possibilities as we begin our next faith chapter.

**To sustain our progress, we have a substantial financial need this coming year. We estimate the cost of our parish operations in 2024 will be \$740,000. And while this is a relatively modest increase over the current year's budget, we will need to achieve a 28% increase in pledging to adequately fund our faith community in the coming year since we do not anticipate receiving another substantial one-time matching gift as we did in our last stewardship campaign.**

In anticipation of this campaign, our Vestry unanimously reiterated its statement on stewardship:

*Acknowledging that everything we have are gifts from a loving God, we each commit in faith to express that love tangibly by making Grace Church a priority through our generous financial gifts and volunteer efforts. We make this commitment in faith and hope every member of Grace Church will join us.*

Every gift is deeply appreciated and the decision on what to pledge to Grace is an entirely personal and individual matter. To assist in your decision, the enclosed brochure includes a profile of our current pledging, and the enclosed pledge card includes an illustration of pledging based on a proportion of annual income. Another way to make your decision would be to consider increasing your current pledge by 28% so that we can fully cover our operating expenses.

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in making Grace a top priority in your lives through a generous pledge to help Grace continue to Let Our Light Shine on our collective good works in 2024.

In gratitude,

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*Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs*