



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I'm excited by this year's stewardship theme, "**Shining Our Light.**" That theme, taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith. **Individually**, each of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, our friendships, our service and our giving. **As a faith community**, Christ Church must shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care and ministry to the wider community. How we use our time, talents, and treasure determines how brightly we are shining our light.

I am often blown away by the various ways our Christ Church members keep their light shining brightly – from coordinating community outreach programs, to volunteering their time to help others in need, to making sure the snacks at the coffee hour are delicious and abundant, to assisting in worship, singing in the choir, and preparing the worship space.

During this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge along with a commitment of our time and talents for the coming year, proportional to the abundant blessings bestowed upon us by God. On **Sunday, November 10th**, Father Tom will invite us to bring forward our completed pledge cards as a sign of our shared commitment to our church community. Pledge packets will be mailed out the week of November 4th and a link to submit your pledge card online will be available at the time on the church's website. You will also hear personal stewardship testimonials from fellow parishioners on the Sundays leading up to November 10th.

I hope you'll join me as we work together to shine our light in church, in our community and through our lives.

Faithfully,

Deanna Najork, Stewardship Chair