



We are 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. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, *Saint Mark's* 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.

At Saint Mark's, we are often blown away by the various ways members of our church keep their light shining brightly. Some of us make sure the snacks at the coffee hour are delicious and abundant. Others participate in our worship either by singing in the choir or assisting in the service. Still others prepare the worship space with flowers or altar vestments. Many of us also represent the church in our participation of various community service programs around Columbus and Central Ohio.

While during this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge for the coming year, we are also grateful for the many gifts of time, food, and skills from virtually every member of this church.

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

Faithfully,

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