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Let your light shine in front of people so that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in the heavens.

- Matthew 5:16 (DLNT)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am excited by this year's stewardship theme, "Shining Our Light." Taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, this theme speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith.

Individually, each of us is called to let God's light shine through our lives – our work, our friendships, our service, our giving. We are called to be light bearers in all we do. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, Grace seeks to shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community. Our lives together can be a radiant example of God's love made real.

At Grace, I am often filled with gratitude by the many ways we keep our light shining brightly. Whether by participating in our worship, welcoming people into our church, ministering with our children and youth, volunteering with Martha's Pantry, Laundry Love, and the Community Breakfast, or representing Grace in programs around Greater New Bedford, we bring the light we have out into the world, for all to see, for the glory of our generous God and the building of the kingdom.

During this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge for the coming year. Please do so. This directly supports all that we do. I am also grateful for the many other gifts which come in so many ways from virtually every member of this church.

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

Faithfully,
The Rev. Christopher Morck