

Stewardship Message Given by Fred Shindle
October 17, 2005, 8 & 9:30 a.m. Services
Grace Church in Haddonfield

Good Morning! My name is Fred Shindle. I am a member of Grace Church and spokesperson of the Stewardship Committee for this year.

Soon you will receive a pledge packet which includes a letter from the Stewardship Committee asking for your support. We have decided to show you this morning how much your support means to our church community by demonstrating where we would be without it.

- I. You may have noticed that you had to wade through leaves to get in the door this morning – that is because without your help this property could very well be just another parking lot for the borough. 10 cents of every dollar we get goes to keep our buildings standing and in good repair, and our grounds mowed in summer and cleared in winter. ...Thank You for your support!

- II. You may have noticed that it's rather dark in here and you can't hear me very well. That's what it would be like in here every Sunday if we couldn't pay the electric bill. 3 cents of every dollar we get goes to pay for the electricity for our lighting and sound.....Thank You for your support!
 - *Stan please turn on the lights.*

- III.** You may have noticed that it's rather chilly in here. In the old days you would have planned for that and worn heavier clothes. Today we count on being warm or cool when we come to services or other activities in our buildings. Did you know that 9 cents of every dollar goes to pay for heating and air conditioning? Thank You for your support!
 - *Al please turn on the thermostat.*

- IV. I apologize if your pews were a little messy when you came in this morning. No one tidied up and no one cleaned. Imagine what it would look like if we had no Sexton, no cleaning service and no budget for cleaning supplies. 12 cents of every dollar goes to pay the salary and benefits of our sexton and the services and supplies for cleaning. ...Thank You for your support

- V. You'll notice that it will not be easy to follow the service because there are no bulletins. Without your support there would be no money to pay for the expenses for our office. This also means there

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are no members of the congregation scheduled to help with the service: no Ushers, no Lay Readers, no Acolytes, no Altar Guild, no Flower Guild and no Chalice Bearers. Without an office to set and send out schedules, no one knows when it's their turn to serve. 26 cents of every dollar goes to keep our office open and running..... Thank You for your support!

- *Stan will you call the in Ushers to hand out bulletins and (8 am – ‘|Chalice Bearers’ / 9:30 only – ‘Acolytes’) to light the candles?*
- *Al will you call the Altar Guild and Flower Guild? (At the 9:30 service the Chalice Bearers remain in their pews until the start of the Eucharist. Readers do not need to be identified.)*
- *(Note the Chalice Bearers light the candles at the 8 am service; the Acolytes do it at the 9:30 am service)*

VI. Here at Grace Church our Worship enriched is by the music of our magnificent organ and choir. 6 cents of every dollar goes to pay for this music. For the salary of our organist, the maintenance of our organ and pianos and the expenses of our choirs....Thank You for your support!

- *At the 9:30 Service:*
 - *Al, please ask the organist to come in.*
 - *Bill plays a fanfare and the Choir comes in and sits in the Choir area*

VII. Later on in the service the children and their teachers will go out to their Church school classes. Without money for the DRE's salary, curriculum and supplies there would be no Church school or any form of education. 5 cents of every dollar we receive goes to support our education programs at Grace Church.....Thank You for your support!

VIII. Without your support we would only be able to provide a Morning Prayer service. There would be no Communion Services, no Funeral Services, no Baptisms, no Weddings, and no Confirmations because there would be no Priests. 28 cents of every dollar goes to support the salary, benefits and expenses of our Rector and Priests.....Thank You for your support!

- *Stan, please ask Fr. Pat to come to the Altar area.*

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The theme for this years stewardship drive is All For One!. *All for One* isn't just a catchy slogan; it's our community-wide commitment to doing God's will. We have many different programs and ministry groups here at Grace Church, all working to keep this community vital and growing.

When you pledge your support to Grace Church, via your pledge card and your volunteer form, you are pledging your support to every one of the following groups.

Acolytes
Altar Guild
Arts at Grace
Choirs
Confirmation Class
Christian Education Committee
Church Staff
Daughters of the King
EYC
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Flower Guild
Grace Kids
Graces Aces
Habitat for Humanity
Lay Readers
Memorial Committee
Project Interaction
Property Committee
St. Anne's Guild
St. Paul's Food Basket
Stewardship Committee
Sunday School
Ushers
Vestry
Worship Committee

We thank you for that.

IX. *Fr Pat, will you please take over the remainder of this service.*