Saint David's Episcopal Church

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"And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes." Luke 16:9

Dear friends,

Jesus' words above are from one of his strangest parables. It's about a dishonest manager who squanders his master's money. When the manager's deceit is found out, he cancels some of the debts owed to his master, so that the former debtors will welcome him in when he is dismissed. The most astounding thing is that all this dishonest behavior is actually commended by Jesus himself!

The message we are to take from this (as I mentioned in my sermon on Sept. 21, which you can watch on our YouTube channel) is that *Jesus calls us to use what we have to build community*. That goes for our abilities, our time, and of course, our money. Like the manager, we have been given resources to care for that are not ours, and the highest use of these resources is to love one another by investing in relationships.

That, in a nutshell, is the Church. We are a community of people who are investing in each other and in our relationship with God. That is why this season, the Stewardship committee and I invite you to join us in our fall campaign *Strengthening Our Spiritual Home: We Can, with God's Help.* By making a financial pledge to support the mission and ministry of your spiritual home in 2026, you are making an investment in St. David's, building a network of relationships that inspires, sustains, and empowers us.

Your pledge supports everything that St. David's does: from quiet moments of prayer in our sanctuary, to inspiring music and sermons that carry us through the week, to challenging and exciting Christian formation for all ages, to meaningful

138 York Street Kennebunk, ME 04043 (207) 985-3073 www.stdavidskennebunk.org outreach that makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors. More than ever, we need a strong community of faith that remind us of Gospel truths in challenging times.

We are setting a goal of \$300,000 in pledged income for 2026 to allow us to continue to grow our programming for children and adults, to reach out more intentionally to our neighbors in need, and above all, to proclaim to the world that the love of God in Jesus knows no bounds!

Enclosed with this letter, you'll find a pledge card for you to let us know about your intent to support St. David's in the coming year, along with some materials detailing our Stewardship team's efforts this fall to gather your input and support. I hope you'll join us in strengthening your spiritual home at St. David's, by the grace of God! I am

Yours in Christ,

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