



Stewardship Testimonial - Gregg Kneple

Hello,

My name is Gregg Knepley, and I am a member of the Stewardship Committee.

One of my favorite books is “Start with the Why” by Simon Sinek. In the book, Sinek postulates that we are most effective when we can enunciate our purpose and the reason we exist and behave as we do.

I want to explain my “Why” to you today. Why Jean and I are members of CGS and why we support it with our time, our talents, and our funds.

Of course, our faith is the bedrock of our "Why", but beyond that and certainly built on that, in a world where we can often feel powerless, Good Shepherd offers us all the opportunity to make a real difference in this world and in the lives of so many people. As we work with Casa, Habitat for Humanity, One Wake or Shepherd’s Table, as we lift our voices in song in our wonderful music program, as we care for each other through our Pastoral Care program, as we guide and inspire our children and ourselves through our formation courses, even as we party together in our fellowship activities, we bring real hope and change to the community and world.

The past three years have been difficult for all of us. But, the Stewardship Committee has set an aggressive target of \$825,000 for next year. This would provide for the much-needed expansion of some part-time positions into full-time staff benefiting our children and youth ministries, outreach, administration, and facilities.

As we move toward Commitment Sunday this week, I challenge you to reflect on your “Why?”. Why do you belong to Good Shepherd? Why do you support its ministries? Then consider your financial commitment for the coming year. How can you make a difference?

Matthew 10:8 “Give as freely as you have received”

Thank you.