Edith Grandy stewardship testimony, Oct. 18, 2026.

Here is my history with the church

I have been a member for 43 years. My husband's family – the Grandys and Seldens – have been here since time immemorial. I think they came with the other Noah and on the Ark.

I was married in the Selden Chapel. My son Wiley was baptized here. My grandson, Wiley was baptized here. My husband was buried from this church – and is the columbarium.

I have served on the Vestry as has Wiley. I was also the parish administrator for a year.

Born a Roman Catholic, I wasn't sure about becoming an Episcopalian. We sampled services at several churches, but when we walked through the door at Christ and St. Lukes, we were met by Win Lewis and Jim Sell and I knew I had found a home.

The first Christmas play that my son Wiley was in had only 6 children. Sundays were lucky to have 50 in attendance.

And now look at us – and stewardship has played a very important part in the growth of this parish.

This church means a great deal to me. I have gladly given my time, talents and treasure.

To me, giving is an act of worship – it is not simply paying a bill at church. It is an opportunity to Honor God with a willing and grateful heart.

God is not asking us to give out of guilt, fear or pressure. We do not have to give to prove our worth to God. We do not have to give beyond our means to demonstrate our faith. We can begin with what we have and grow in

generosity as we are able. Time, talents and well as treasure are meaningful expressions of stewardship.

Stewardship helps me to recognize that my blessings are not something to take for granted; that I am willing to share what I have with others; and that I can serve something greater than myself.

Stewardship is not only a duty or obligation. It is a pleasure.