

Campaign "Moment" Speech

Pay attention. I am about to say something that you have never heard before in this church. Ready?

I am going to tell you that you should NOT give money to God.

Yep, you should not.

After all, we say that everything comes from God in the first place, so why would God need money?

God doesn't have a mortgage, or kids in college, or need a new car.

So God doesn't need our money. God doesn't want our MONEY. God doesn't even have a bank account.

What God does want is our partnership to do God's work right here on earth. Ministry, outreach, worship, baptisms, and marriages and funerals and visiting the sick and praying for us all. Christian education. Help for those less fortunate than we are. Doing these things is our part of our partnership with God and each one of them cost money. God can give us inspiration, and skills, and determination. But we have to provide the money.

So when you think about your support of St. Swithens for next year - your pledge - don't think about it as money for God. Think about it for all it can do for us, our families, our neighbors. Think about all it can do for God's work here on earth. Surely we can partner with God to tell the good news, take care of children, visit the elderly, heal the sick, house the homeless and feed the hungry.

That's what our pledged money does. God's work. God expects us to be as generous with our part as God is generous with us. Join in this holy partnership by pledging to support our doing God's work here.