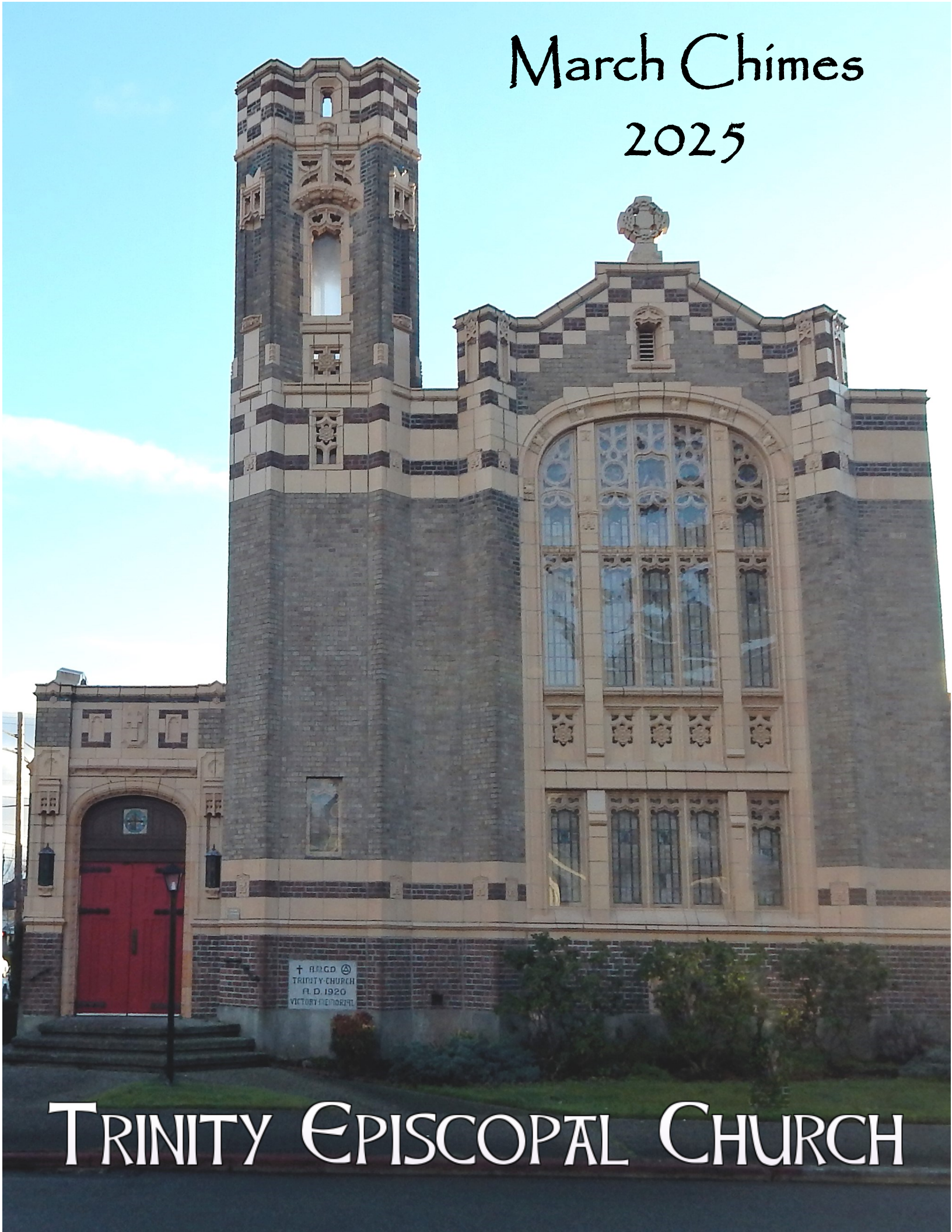


March Chimes 2025



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rector's Column

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
Isaiah 43:19*

Dear Friends,

I hope this month's column can provide an update on the planned renovations at Trinity which include replacing our current boiler system with a modern heating/cooling system as well as improvements to Rogers Hall and existing bathrooms. .

A brief overview of the history of the renovations planning could be helpful here.

The Trinity Vestry of 2016 engaged in a vision and mission process that included parish surveys. This process identified needed changes in our physical plant in order to align parish priorities to better serve the public, stimulate new community partnerships, and emphasize a culture of welcome and hospitality. The Vestry entered into a contract with Driftmier architects, who conducted their own parish survey in 2017 that focused on detailing the desired physical attributes in order to inform the redesign of existing spaces and community discussions continued at Trinity throughout the year. In the fall of 2018, the Diocesan Architectural Committee approved Driftmier's design, and we prepared to launch a capital campaign to support the work. Unfortunately, a week after the plan was approved, Everett experienced a once in a century catastrophic flood that affected our entire lower level of classrooms and offices, resulting in a pause in our capital campaign and renovation plans that lasted for a year. Once the restorations of the lower level were completed in the fall of 2019, we made plans to launch the capital campaign for the spring of 2020. Sadly, once again all efforts were thwarted by the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. However, in the following year of 2021, Trinity undertook the Refresh, Renew and Rejoice Capital Campaign to encourage contributions for the purpose of funding the implementation of a variety of the proposed renovations.

The Capital Campaign was completed in January 2022, and the Trinity Vestry approved a revised plan that the concept of replacing the church's boiler system with a ventilation and air-conditioning system (HVAC). This request necessitated several months of evaluation by engineers and a redesign of Trinity's electrical system along with permit applications. The Vestry approved the redesign proposal in April of 2023. The permit application was submitted to the City of Everett on January 26, 2024, and the City of Everett approved the permit in March of 2024.

Once the final bids were submitted for the work, however, the Vestry recognized that funds collected during the capital campaign were insufficient to cover the expenses of the project which was then subsequently downsized and sorted into phases of development, with the first phase including: 1) Creating a separate heating/cooling system for Rogers Hall/kitchen, 2) Updating Rogers Hall for greater energy efficiency and enhancing its use as community space, and 3) Renovating the two principle bathrooms in the entry level hallway.

Even including endowment funds dedicated for improvement efforts, we may not have all the funds needed for the proposed first phase. Not all the capital campaign pledges have been fulfilled, and the no or low interest loans once provided by the diocese were phased out several years ago, so any loans we would consider would be at current bank rates. The Vestry expects to have new bids soon and will keep all of us apprised. We would all like to realize the hopes that began eight years ago, and may the Holy Spirit continue to keep the embers burning and bring our plans to life.

*In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Rachel+*





Schedule of Services

Sundays

8:00 AM

**Spoken Rite 1-Eucharist Service
In Person and Live Streamed**

10:00 AM

**Spoken Rite II-Eucharist Service
In Person and Live Streamed**

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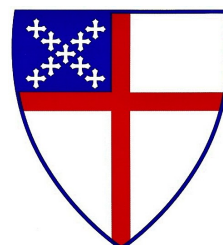
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March 2025:

Saturday, March 1, 2025: Prayer Shawl Ministry at 10 AM

Sunday, March 2, 2025:

 Last Sunday after Epiphany at 8 & 10 AM

 Mardi Gras Sunday with Brunch after the 10 AM service

Wednesday, March 5, 2025:

 Services at Noon & 7 PM with Nursery Care provided for both

 Ashes To Go in the Church Office between 10 AM and 4 PM

Sunday, March 9, 2025:

 Lent I at 8 & 10 AM

 Altar Guild meeting at Noon in Guild Room

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: Toddler Circle in Nursery from 10 to 10:30 AM

Thursday, March 13, 2025: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Lent II at 8 & 10 AM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025:

 Toddler Circle in Nursery from 10 to 10:30 AM

 Everett Fire Department workshop on Fire Safety by Zoom at 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 23, 2025:

 Lent III at 8 & 10 AM

 Training in use of AED by Betsey Mullen after 10 AM service

 Evensong at St. Phillip's, Marysville at 5 PM (rehearsal at 3:30 PM)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025: Toddler Circle in Nursery from 10 to 10:30 AM

Thursday, March 27, 2025: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday, March 29, 2025: Altar Guild Retreat from 10 to 3 PM in Guild Room

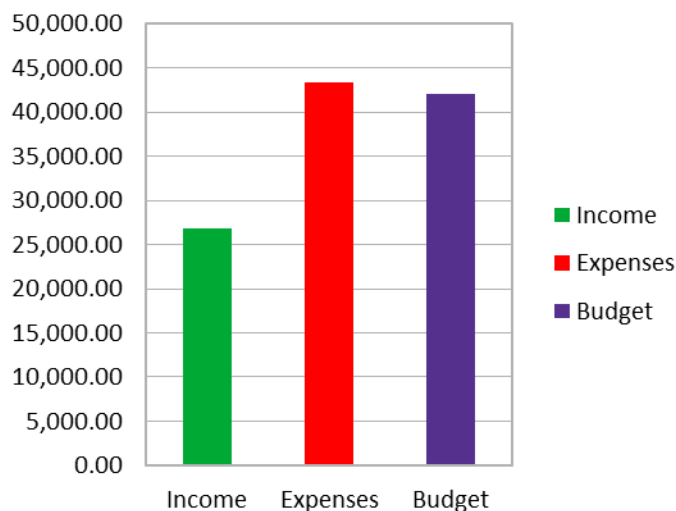
Sunday, March 30, 2025:

 Lent IV at 8 & 10 AM

 Vestry meeting at noon

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

TREASURER'S REPORT



The graph is for the month of January. The left green bar is income, the red middle bar is expenses, and the right bar is the monthly budget.

The income does not include \$8000 of the Trinity Together that was used in January. This money together with the January 1st checking account balance of \$9400, all bills were paid on time.

The Trinity financial year is starting out as expected. What traditionally happens at Trinity the first months of the year is

reflected in the graph. There are many changes in the budget from last year and it will take time to see their effects. I believe the quarterly reports will be better than the same period last year.

“James 2: 14-17 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. “

The mission of The Episcopal Church, as stated in the Book of Common Prayer’s catechism, is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” In step with that mission, we follow Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, with each other, and with the earth. Living and sharing a Jesus shaped life.

Peace be with you,
Jarman Minar - Treasurer

EXPLANATION OF GIVING STATEMENTS

Information on your 2024 Giving Statements

By now you have received your 2024 Annual Pledge Giving Statement and your 2022-2024 Capital Campaign Giving Statement for Trinity Episcopal Church. If you have not received them, please call the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 so we can get them to you.

2022-2024 Capital Campaign Giving Statements:

Although the 3 years allotted for the Capital Campaign, “Refresh, Renew, Rejoice,” have ended, many people have not completed their pledges. The 3-year Capital Campaign Giving Statements have been distributed so that everyone who pledged can see the comparison between what was pledged and what has been given.

In addition, Capital Campaign Giving Statements will be distributed to those who have not fulfilled their pledges during the first week of March, in hope that the pledges may be completed during the remainder of 2025.

We will continue to accept Capital Campaign donations through the end of 2025 to allow time for pledgers to catch up.

If you have any questions about your Capital Campaign Giving Statement, please call or email the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 or administrator@trinityeverett.org for help.

2024 Annual Pledge Giving Statements:

Everyone who has donated funds to Trinity Episcopal Church during 2024 has received a Giving Statement, whether the household was a planned Pledge or an occasional Contribution.

The 2024 Giving Statement you received shows all of your donations to Trinity Episcopal Church during 2024, including donations to the Capital Campaign. This is so that you will have all of your donations for your taxes on one document.

If you have any questions about your 2024 Giving Statement, please call or email the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 or administrator@trinityeverett.org for help.

Dianne McCormack,
Financial Secretary



What do toe-tapping Dixieland music, great southern inspired food, and the Feast of the Transfiguration have in common? Trinity's "little taste of New Orleans" annual tradition on the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday! Thanks to John Heberling for rounding up another motley crew of musicians (some friends, some "family") to help us praise God with our bodies, our souls, and elevated spirits. And of course, no Mardi Gras is complete without a traditional southern feast prepared with love by the dynamic duo of Rhonda and Richard McGee.

The time of Lent is upon us— Ash Wednesday is March 5! There is an incredible wealth of musical possibilities for Lent, as well as the celebration of Easter; indeed, some of the most beautiful church music ever written was written to tell the story of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection - and what that series of events more than 2,000 years ago means to us today, especially with the political and social unrest in our country. Thanks to some special donors, we will have a professional string group at both Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

If you have not experienced the evening Triduum services of Holy Week, why not try this year? Yes, we all know how the story goes, but like wonderful family stories and traditions, it's important to retell and reimagine. When Easter comes, it's more real, poignant, and the hope feels real/

Our choir will round out the season with music from Handel's MESSIAH on Easter Sunday, once again with our organist/maestro friend David di Fiore traveling from Eastern Europe, and a chamber orchestra including strings, trumpets, and timpani.

EVENSONG - March 23, Sunday (this month at St. Phillip's in Marysville; next month at Trinity). For the next two months, we are moving to the 4th Sunday of each month.

How can Evensong enrich my Lenten experience? Evensong is often a choral, grand Anglican tradition. This version is simple, open to all, and meditative. We seek singers, readers, folks who just want to reflect and pray. Preparation (rehearsal) is 3:30pm, and the brief service begins at 5:00pm. Come join us!

BELL CHOIR—We would really like to add bells to our Holy Week experience, especially Easter Sunday! We will try having rehearsals after church on Sundays 12:00-1:00pm starting March 9 the first Sunday of Lent if we get enough curious participants willing to try. The ability to read music helps, but really, the ability to count to 4, and basic physical dexterity is the only true requirement. If you are curious, please talk to me!

With hope for a wonderfully enriching, hope-filled Lent,

David Spring, Music Director

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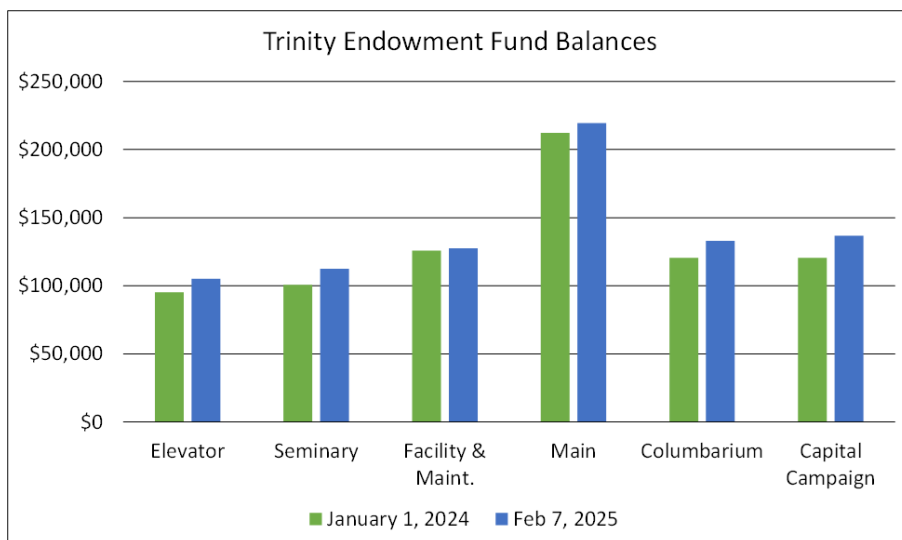
ENDOWMENT FUND

The total balance of the Trinity endowment funds on February 7, 2025 was \$834,399, up from \$818,494 on January 1, 2025 and up from \$775,067 on January 1, 2024. The total balance in the endowment funds as of February 7, 2025 is 1.9% higher than on January 1, 2025 and 7.7% higher than on January 1, 2024. The total return on the endowment fund portfolio, prior to withdrawals by the church and payment of investment fees, was 2.1% so far in 2025.

During 2024, \$23,751 was withdrawn from the endowment funds for use by the church. About \$11,626 or 49% of this amount was withdrawn from the Main Endowment Fund, \$10,855 or 46% was withdrawn from the Facilities & Maintenance Fund and \$1,270 or 5% was withdrawn from the Seminary Fund. Approximately 5% of the Main Endowment Fund balance is contributed to Trinity's operating fund each year and up to \$9,000 can be withdrawn annually from the Facilities & Maintenance Fund for facility maintenance and improvement expenses. According to the Endowment Committee Bylaws, certain amounts can be withdrawn annually from the endowment funds for various purposes.

As of February 7, 2025, there was \$136,707 in the Capital Campaign Endowment Fund. This is only a portion of the total funds retained from the recent capital campaign. In addition to the amount in the Capital Campaign Endowment Fund, \$258,278 was held in the Capital Campaign checking account as of February 7, 2025.

The amounts in the endowment funds are invested with UBS Financial Services, Inc., and our UBS financial advisor is in Everett. A combination of equities (41%), fixed income (38%), other investments (18%) and cash (3%) make up the investments for our funds. The overall investment strategy is considered "Moderate" risk by UBS. The total balances in the endowment funds on January 1, 2024 (note, not January 1, 2025) and February 7, 2025 are shown in the following chart:



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The Endowment Committee held its most recent quarterly meeting with the UBS financial advisor on January 16, 2025. The next meeting will be on April 3rd at 1:00 PM to review the status of the endowment funds and determine if any changes should be made in the investment strategy.

At its February meeting, the vestry approved two new members, Betsey Mullen and Allan Elenbaas, to three-year terms on the Endowment Committee. These new members will be replacing Don Stapleton and Kevin Mack who both served two consecutive three-year terms on the committee. Thanks to both Don and Kevin for their six years of service. Also, Evie Beard has indicated her retirement from participation as a long-term advisor to the Endowment Committee. Thank you, Evie, for all the wisdom and history provided to the committee over the years.

If you would like more information or if you would like to make direct contributions to any of the endowment funds, contact any of the members of the Endowment Committee: John Heberling (Chair), Betts Bell (Recording Secretary), Linda Gabourel, Betsey Mullen and Allan Elenbaas. Lorraine Dietel (Vestry representative), Jarman Minar (Trinity Treasurer) and Pastor Rachel (Rector) are non-voting members of the Endowment Committee.

John Heberling, Chair



RENOVATION TEAM REPORT

At their February meeting, Trinity’s Vestry approved moving forward with the plan to renovate Rogers Hall and the narthex bathrooms. As soon as the cost of the newly revised scope of work is known, we will publicize the total cost and compare it to the amount which has already been raised through our Capital Campaign.

If you have been waiting to pay your Capital Campaign pledge until work actually starts, the time has come. Please clearly mark payments to the Capital Campaign so your donations go where you intend.

If you have questions about what you have pledged and what you have paid, please call the church office at 425-252-4129.



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all the palms you brought back to the church. I will be burning them for Ash Wednesday as you know. It is one of the unique jobs we have on Altar Guild. I do enjoy doing it. It reminds me of camping in the summer.

I have done it a couple of times and it gets easier. The process goes like this: the box with the supplies is taken out to the back parking lot. It contains a baking pan, a charcoal chimney, mesh flour sifter, big spoon, lighter. The palms are put in the charcoal chimney and lit. Hopefully it's a sunny day and they take off. That's the fun, watching them and keeping them burning. I wish I could put a picture in my article. The flames are so beautiful.

As I write this, I am remembering one time the Everett Fire Department was at a stop a block away and I could see that they were watching me. I guess the "call" they were on was pretty slow. So, after a bit, three of them walked over to me and started asking me questions about it. I wonder what they thought I was burning before they asked.

The Altar hangings are changed to purple. The meaning of the purple is Penitence and Self-examination. Ash Wednesday service invites us to observe a holy Lent "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word".

I wish you the best in your Lenten practices.

Blessings,

Kathy Crosby, Altar Guild Director



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is made up of a group of crafters that knit or crochet shawls in three variations, hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers and most recently for the Assistance League of Everett and we also make the small pocket prayer shawls.

Our meetings are on the first Saturday of the month and last for about an hour. We have patterns and lots of donated yarn. If you would like to learn to knit or to crochet, we can help you with that. Bring size 8 knitting needles for hats or pocket prayer shawls, size 11 or 13 for shawls. If you prefer to crochet, bring a J or K size hook. Our next meeting is March 1 at 10 am in the Guild Room. We welcome all comers!

Barb Linvog, chairperson

Leadership Team

Vestry

Eileen Bernat (class of 2025)
Bill Walker (class of 2025)
Richard McGee (class of 2025)
Joe Rochon (class of 2025)

Kathy Crosby (class of 2026)
Lorraine Dietel (class of 2026)
Debi Schmidt (class of 2026)
Michelle Wheeler (class of 2026) - SENIOR WARDEN

Michael Hensley (class of 2027) - JUNIOR WARDEN
Matthew Jones (class of 2027)
Tom Munyon (class of 2027)
Rachael Olsen (class of 2027)

Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates 2025

Diocesan Convention 2025: Diocesan Convention will be held on Zoom only on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Convention Delegates

Jerry Carson (class of 2025)
Carolyn Carson (class of 2025)
Joe Rochon (class of 2026)
David Spring (class of 2026)

Convention Alternates

John Heberling (class of 2025)
Betsey Mullen (class of 2025)
Troy Andrews (class of 2026)
Linda Gabourel (class of 2026)

Endowment Committee Members

John Heberling, Chair (2023-2025)
Betts Bell (2023-2025)
Linda Gabourel (2024-2026)
Betsey Mullen (2025-2027)
Allan Elenbaas (2025-2027)



March Birthdays:

Yuan-Po Tu	3/2
Sally Galt	3/4
Edith Carroll	3/11
Megan Hammond	3/12
Judy Aiton	3/14
Rachel Taber-Hamilton	3/15
Christy Boyett	3/17
Bob Crosby	3/17
Dustin Cenatiempo	3/18
Isabeau Prettyman	3/18
Corinne Greene	3/19
Mary Mentele	3/19
Travis Phelps	3/20
Jan Kyle	3/21
Ann Myers	3/21
Allen Hicks	3/24
Derrick Olsen	3/25
Ron Schumacher	3/27
James Nason	3/29
Karen Cunningham	3/30

March Anniversaries:

Don & Rosemary Stapleton	3/4 (64 years)
Stephanie & Grant Weed	3/17 (7 years)

OUR CORE VALUES

(Vestry Retreat 2016)





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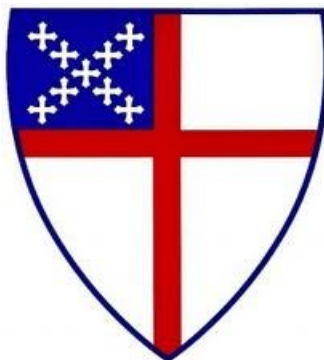
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