

January 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Column

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there anything worthy of praise, think about these things:."
Philippians 4:6-8

Dear Friends,

With the beginning of the New Year, comes the promise of new beginnings and awareness of the realities of change over time. Change itself is a neutral phenomenon, it is a characteristic of the nature of the universe and of our lives. Some changes we may urgently desire while other changes may introduce challenges whether we are ready for them or not. There is no wrong way to feel about change, whether we rejoice or grieve.

Change is something we need to integrate into our lives and identity with the support of community, friends and family as well as professional mental/emotional support when needed. Healthy adaptive responses to challenges grow our resilience as individuals and as communities. No matter how old we are, learning to regulate our internal responses is a lifelong process towards emotional and spiritual maturity, a daily practice of authenticity and personal responsibility for naming and owning the needs of our personal growth.

St. Paul continuously called upon the members of the fledgling Christian communities to change their hearts and minds from being risk adverse to taking courageous actions that challenged the cultural norms of their times, moving away from social beliefs that marginalized and stratified people towards developing inclusive communities with shared responsibilities and equal membership. Individuals were encouraged to share what they had with the larger community and to humbly receive what they needed from others. The vulnerability that Christ modelled was balanced with his willingness to leverage his social privilege by using his voice to highlight injustices and advocate for those whom his own society eschewed. These lessons and encouragements are as vitally needed in our reality today as they were for first century Christians.

For Paul, even as he sat in prison awaiting his own execution, he exhorted Christians to live with hope, to give thanks always, and to support one another in living out Christ's call to loving service and trust in God. The people well knew how dark the times were that they experienced under Roman occupation, so they were not hiding from or ignoring their lived experiences; rather, they chose to focus on the light in the midst of darkness – the light of God's love for all people, the light of Christ's commitment and God's promises to the marginalized, the light of compassion and healing to be found in forgiveness and reconciliation; the light of peace that is made real whenever people reach across divides and grow in mutual understanding. The Gospel message of letting go of social power and privilege has not usually been received with quiet acquiescence over the centuries, yet Paul is very clear that love is at the heart of Christ's message and that love as expressed on the level of community looks like justice- for the poor, for the foreigner, for the sick, for all people regardless of gender, social class or nationality.

I believe that 2026 will continue to present global and national situations that many will find to be very challenging. As we enter into the New Year, I pray that we will listen to the wisdom of Paul to seek whatever is true, honorable and just, praising excellence and boldly proclaiming all that is worthy as we focus on the power of love and the promise of hope to transform our world.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Rachel+
The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector

Deacon's Column

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was so good to see so many of you at the beautiful services held at Trinity. It was also great to see the many people who came & who I haven't seen in a long time.

I want to take this time to give a shout out to the many people who made the season special & who selfishly gave of their time and talents. Since I schedule the Eucharistic Ministers & acolytes, I'd like to especially thank them. You are always quick to respond to my requests & you give so much of yourselves. I appreciate your support and it certainly makes my job much easier.

Many of you pulled double duty during this season doing multiple services. Additionally you showed up an hour before the services for a run through. I know how taxing this can be on your time and all that you did is recognized and appreciated. Having a liturgy that flows well adds to the beauty of the service. This was witnessed by the many individuals who attended & who took the time to comment.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and may you find renewal in new beginnings. May our Lord bless all of you with the many blessings you so richly deserve.

In His Service,

Deacon Pat

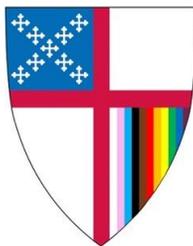


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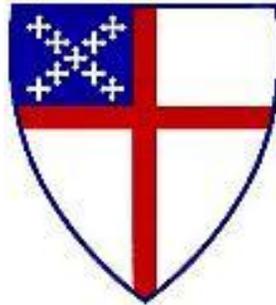
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Events for

January 2026:

Sunday, January 4, 2026:

Epiphany services at 8 & 10 AM

De-greening the Church at noon

Thursday, January 8, 2026: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1 PM

Sunday, January 11, 2026:

Baptism of Christ services at 8 & 10 AM

Altar Guild meeting at Noon

Tuesday, January 13, 2026: Everett Chorale Executive Team from 7 to 9 PM

Wednesday, January 14, 2026: L&A Zoom meeting at 7 PM

Thursday, January 15, 2026:

Endowment Committee meeting at 2 PM at UBS

Business Group Zoom meeting at 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 18, 2026:

Epiphany 2 services at 8 & 10 AM

Vestry at Noon

Thursday, January 22, 2026: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1 PM

Sunday, January 25, 2026:

One service at 10 AM, followed by the Annual Meeting

Senior Warden's Report

Happy New Year!

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our various ministries. I know this time of year can be quite busy, and I hope you understand how much we value your involvement!

Your dedication and compassionate leadership inspires me to consider whether you might be interested in exploring a new opportunity and joining the Vestry.

The Vestry, as part of the church's leadership team, is currently seeking new members as some are transitioning off

We envision our Vestry as a model of effective spiritual leadership with Pastor Rachel, the clergy, and the lay staff.

If you're passionate about helping shape the church's future, collaborating with the clergy and staff, and managing church resources and property, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you!

Michelle Wheeler, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign pledging shows a commitment to Trinity and that our Vision and Mission statements are alive in this community.

With this year's 2026 budget nearing finalization, we have 98 pledges totaling around \$299,200 to prepare the budget. The numbers are about the same as they were at the beginning of January 2025. With this income and after projecting expenses, there is a deficit of **\$139,664.00.**

Those of you who pledge using Vanco autopay please contact the office or renew your pledge card for the 2026 year. This way we will not be guessing that you are continuing and that the amount you pledge is correct.

Anyone who has not turned in their pledge please do so. After spending time in prayerful reflection some may not be able to pledge. Your time, talents, and support are needed to properly run the church and its missions and ministries. Please drop a pledge card in the offertory collection plate or contact the office letting us know your decision. All pledge dollar values are kept confidential. You are a valued member of our parish community and we would like to hear from you.

The budget is for the congregation to consider and embrace as its own, not the Vestry's budget or the Rector's budget. The Vestry is your representation and voice on overseeing the efficient use of resources. When you have ideas and thoughts voice them to the Vestry members. Ideas that have provided significant savings include changing our copier and internet vendors. The Vestry meets monthly to discuss the finances and operations of our church and community.

The budget is flexible, which reflects the revenue sources and uses of resources in order to accomplish the ministry and mission of the congregation.

We are called in this moment to reflect on the cycle of abundance that was manifested in the Creation. Because of his boundless love, God sent his own son to show us how to live a Godly, generous, fruitful, joyous, life. The Way of Love is the blueprint of how to steward this abundance. As we share our gifts through the Eucharist and through our service to the world, we participate in the ongoing cycle of abundance and generosity.

The new year is upon us. It is time to rethink or renew our faith in God by living the life we are meant to without want or fear. To live generously in a world, not as a series of transactions or duties, but rather as choices and opportunities that impact ourselves and the community.

With and through Jesus Christ this New Year,
Jarman Minar –

Endowment Funds Report

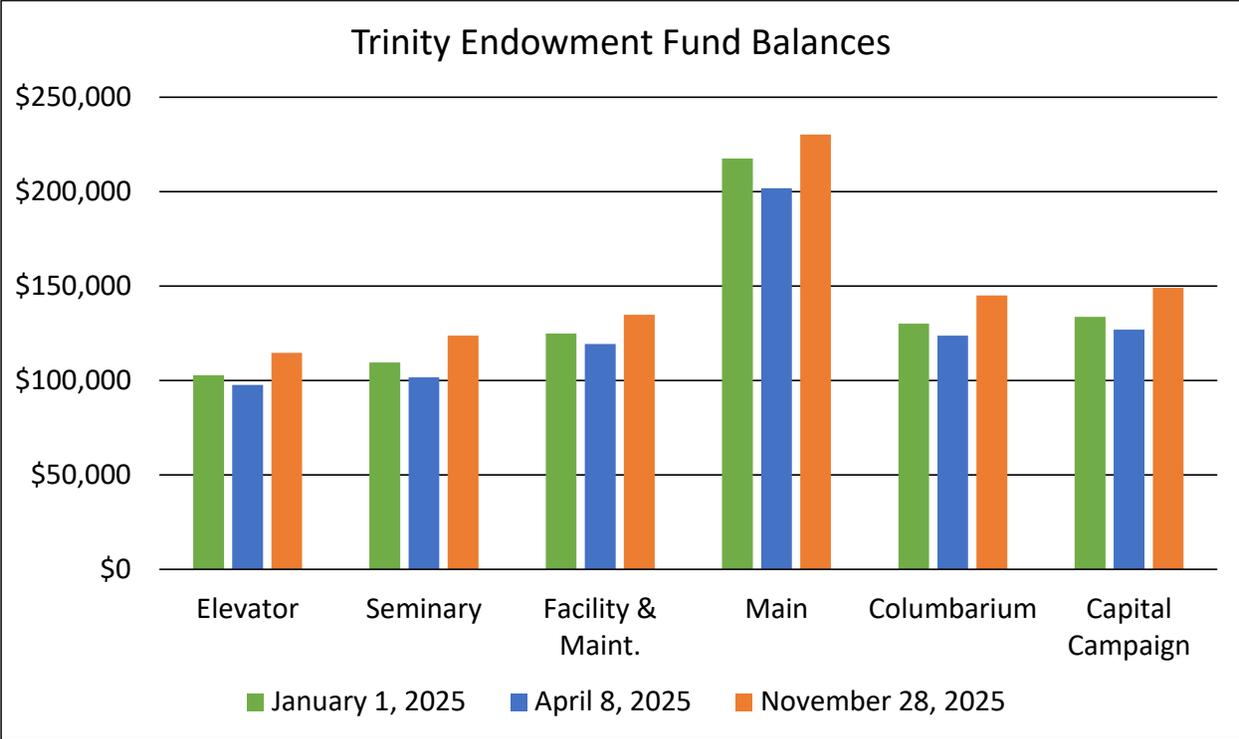
The total balance of the Trinity endowment funds on November 28, 2025 was \$897,478, up from \$818,494 on January 1, 2025 and up from \$771,282 on April 8, 2025, the low point in 2025. The total balance in the endowment funds as of November 28, 2025 is 9.6% higher than on January 1, 2025. The total return on the endowment fund portfolio, prior to withdrawals by the church and payment of investment fees, was approximately 10.9% so far in 2025. As a comparison, the S&P 500 Index had increased 16.3% this year through November 28, 2025.

In 2025, as of November 28, \$14,650 has been withdrawn from the endowment funds for use by the church, \$11,230 from the Main Endowment Fund and \$3,420 from the Facilities & Maintenance Fund. Additional withdrawals from the Facilities & Maintenance Fund and the Columbarium Fund were made in December, however, the amounts of these withdrawals have not been reported yet. Approximately 5% of the Main Endowment Fund balance is contributed to Trinity's operating fund each year, on a quarterly basis, and up to \$9,000 can be withdrawn annually from the Facilities & Maintenance Fund for facility maintenance and improvement expenses. Further, the Columbarium Fund can contribute approximately 5% of its balance annually to certain improvement projects at the church.

Within the Main Endowment account are three smaller endowment funds: the Cruikshank Candle Fund, the Chris Barton Scholarship Fund and the Evelyn Smith Landscape Fund. The total amount in these three small endowment funds is approximately \$22,000.

As of November 28, 2025, there was \$148,965 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, \$252,956 was held in the Capital Campaign checking account as of November 30, 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 (36%), other investments (21%) and cash (2%) 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, 2025, April 8, 2025 and November 28, 2025 are shown in the following chart:



The Endowment Committee will hold its next quarterly meeting on January 15, 2026.

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

Music Ministry Report

Sing to the LORD a new song, sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

The above passage from Psalm 96, proclaimed on Christmas eve, is a good reminder to keep a positive outlook, focus on sharing Christ's light and love as we start a new year.

Thanks to all who helped on the Christmas Eve Family Service!

As our Christian Education program rebuilds and re-engages, the annual pageant reminds us of the youthful life in our community, and the potential for including them. **Kudos to Rachael Olsen**, who coordinated this year's pageant, in spite of her and her son's extended illness. It was especially joyful this year with the inclusion of some children and youth who have joined our parish family in recent months. Orin Knight's solo cello, and Jack Peters' drumming (and a great group of young choristers) was an excellent reminder that we "play our best for him."

A hearty thank you to the members of the **Trinity Parish Adult Choir** and parishioner musicians, and *for all who supported* our **Dec. 13 concert** and **Christmas Eve Eucharist**, for a truly beautiful religious and musical experience. Kudos also, to former Bell Choir director Heidi Napolitano, who jumped in to assist at the last minute with our rebuilding bell choir. We are indeed fortunate to have such a level of talent –young and old-- and especially generosity in our parish. God bless you all!

JOIN THE CHOIR?

This season of Epiphany is usually a building time for the music ministry, where we get an early start on Lent/Easter, try new things, and welcome new members. It's a little slower pace before we ramp up for Lent and Easter. Not sure you are capable? Let's meet and decide! (It's also a great way to introduce people to the church; do you have coworkers or neighbors with decent voices?)

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR:

Our "Silver Bells" group of mostly retirees meets Wednesdays, 11:00am, sometimes with lunch following. We may add an additional time (maybe after church some weeks?) to include those work/school schedules. If ringing with joy for the church, learning a new and very enjoyable skill, building friendships, and having something to really look forward to each week sounds appealing, please check us out!

David Spring, Music Director

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Altar Guild Report



Merry Christmas! The busyness of readying for advent, greening the church, and preparing for Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day services to celebrate the birth of Jesus was joyful.

More sedately, but also joyfully, we celebrated the birth of Jesus again with our traditional Lessons and Carols service on Sunday the 28th. We now look forward to the final days of Christmas, the day of Epiphany on January 6th, and remember the wisemen while reflecting on the manifestation of Jesus to all people.

Per the liturgical calendar the start of the season and observance of the day of Epiphany is Sunday January 4th. We will see that the wisemen have made their way to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. Once more this Christmas season we will see the beauty of the sanctuary in its Christmas garb of greens, candles, flowers, banners, and altar hangings and hear and contemplate the words and actions of Jesus from scripture.

On Sunday, January 4th please stay after the 10 AM service to assist the Altar Guild with “de-greening” the church. Thanks for your help.

Submitted by Julia Vander Vegt

Prayer Shawl Ministry Report



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had their last meeting Saturday, December 6, with 6 members attending. One topic of discussion was decreasing the frequency of our meetings or even eliminating monthly meetings since there are usually only a few members at any given meeting. It was decided to have quarterly meetings this year. They will be on the first Saturday of March and June, the second Saturday of September (due to Labor Day) and the first Saturday of December.

This year 25 shawls and 146 hats were made. 83 hats were sent to the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers in Seattle, 22 went to the North Middle School Feeding Program for their Christmas project and the remainder of the hats went to the Everett Assistance League for the children that they sponsor.

Marie Bond created 40 knit stuffed animals for Hospice and another 8 went to residents of Washington Oakes Assisted Living. There will be no meeting in January. Shawls or hats made between meetings may be brought to the church office during regular office hours or given to me on Sundays after the 10 am service. Our first meeting of the year will be March 7.

Barbara Linvog, chairperson

Notes from the Kitchen:

Dear Trinity family,

We want to thank you for the wonderful way you have come through for us these past weeks and months by bringing donations of food for the Sunday morning coffee hours. Your generosity has made our gatherings special and provided an ample variety of treats for our family to celebrate and enjoy our time of fellowship together. Many of you bring food and volunteer in our kitchen on a regular basis and some of our donations come from people who do not attend the coffee hour. We could not do this work without you. Thank you SO MUCH!

As you may know, Richard and I are going to be away for the first quarter of the New Year and we know you will continue to show up with treats to support our gatherings. We thank you in advance for these gifts. What we need to ask of you now is that some of you consider serving one of the Sundays we are away, to help in the kitchen by setting out the food donations, making coffee, and clearing away the dishes. Sunday afternoon January 4, 2026 after the 10:00 service we will train you in everything you need to know to do the job and we would greatly appreciate this!

If you are interested in signing up to help in the kitchen for a weekend here are the dates that we need help:

- January 8
- February 8 and February 22
- March 8 and March 22

The Calendar and sign up list can be found in the Narthex. Perhaps you would like to sign up as a GROUP. [Vestry, Choir, family group, Alter Guild, Ushers/Greeters, Bell choir, ???]. Be sure to check with your group before signing them up;0)

Thank you,
Rhonda and Richard McGee

REMINDER: List of popular treats to donate:

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| Mixed nuts | Boiled or deviled eggs |
| Cookies | Bags of chips |
| Donuts | Rice Krispie treats or other bars |
| Sweet breads | Cheese and crackers |
| Meat and cheese trays | Cakes |
| Fresh fruit | Cup cakes |
| Veggie trays | |

2026 Valentine's Day Tea

Save the Date!

Saturday - February 14

12 Noon to 2:00 pm

Tea, Luncheon & Fashion Show



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rogers Hall, 2301 Hoyt, Everett

Valentine's Day 2026

Featuring 100 years of Wedding Gowns!

Contact: Ardie McLean 206-200-2560

ardiemclean@outlook.com

Volunteers and models needed.

The tickets will be on sale on Sunday, January 11 after the 10am service.
Ardie will be in the Narthex every Sunday thereafter, until all the tickets are sold.

Tickets are a true bargain at only \$25 per person!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

January Birthdays:

Linda Bond	1/2
Dan Bauer	1/2
Don Olin	1/5
Betts Bell	1/7
Em Malmevik	1/7
Khrystal Fryberg	1/13
Henry Cenatiempo	1/13 (17)
Kirsten Zenie	1/15
Vickie Simpson	1/17
Mike Mansfield	1/19
Karis Snight	1/20 (13)
Mary Lund	1/21
Grant Weed	1/22
Lorelette Knowles	1/24
Jordyn Nason	1/24 (12)
Donna Pflomm	1/25
Nick Fuchs	1/26
Caroline Bayles	1/27 (17)
Kathy Crosby	1/31
Alan Oslin	1/31



January Anniversaries:

Brian & Michelle Wheeler	1/10 (28 years)
Julie Amdal & Pat Grodt	1/19 (13 years)
Linda Gabourel & Yuan-Po Tu	1/19 (35 years)
Blake & Kathryn Prettyman	1/25 (23 years)
Bob & Kathy Crosby	1/30 (38 years)

Leadership Team

Vestry

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

- Vacant Position (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)

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)



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