

May 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Malachi 3:10

Dear Friends,

With Trinity's diocesan renovation loan approved and bids from contractors coming in, we will soon begin our much-anticipated renovations in the parish hall which includes the first-phase installation of an HVAC (heating/cooling) system. Per the expectations of the Diocesan Finance Committee, we will soon launch a capital campaign to repay the Diocesan loan. During our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we received early commitments totaling \$258,200 towards the diocesan five-year repayment plan of the Diocesan loan. With these early promises in mind, we need to raise the remaining \$66,800 during the loan repayment campaign which will be formally launched at the beginning of June. Our early adopters have given Trinity an enormous lead that ultimately contributed to the Diocesan Finance Committee's approval of our loan. Anyone interested to serve on the Diocesan Loan Repayment Capital Campaign should please contact Senior Warden [Michelle Wheeler](#).

Two main fundraisers that are essential aspects of our 2026 annual operating budget include: 1) a Trinity Together matching contributions fundraiser and 2) our community dinner auction. Over the past two years, the Trinity Together fundraiser has been sponsored by generous donors who have provided the initial contribution(s) towards generating matching donations from others. All it takes is one or two initial donors to launch the effort. For example, in the originating year, an anonymous donor provided 20K in investment funds for the congregation to match. The second year, a different anonymous donor provided \$10K in investment funds in order to launch the Trinity Together matching fund invitation. I am hoping that one or two folks may have the means and feel inclined to sponsor the Trinity Together matching fund invitation this year. If you are interested to sponsor the 2026 Trinity Together matching fund invitation, please contact me directly to preserve anonymity ([Pastor Rachel+](#)).

Our dinner auction fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026. Feedback from last year's event has been very helpful and influential, leading to streamlining (and hopefully less intensive labor) in planning and implementing the event this year. For example, this year's event will focus on a range of items/experiences for the live auction, without a silent auction on the side. There may also be price breaks for couples who buy additional tickets to bring another couple of friends! There are SO MANY ways to contribute to the dinner auction that there really is something for everyone to do, including: donating high quality items and experiences for the auction, serving on a team within the planning team (for decorations, ticket sales, set up/take down, meal preparation, coordinating and/or serving the wine bar, planning & preparing hors d'oeuvres, registration and payments, and more).

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The dinner auction is a very important fundraiser for Trinity and hope everyone can participate in some way. Anyone interested in participating in the planning are encouraged to contact the dinner auction event coordinator [Zanae Rodrigo](#).

Trinity is a living organism, and every cell (member/contributor/staff person/lay leader) and organ (ministry/committee/team) is vital to sustaining and supporting our communal life and presence to the world beyond our doors. We will always need one another and what God has gifted to us, which is the true nature of the diverse nomadic village that first gathered around Jesus and that First Century Christians strove to emulate - giving to one another generously and receiving with humble gratitude. Our interdependence is a gift from God, and with deep thanks, I raise my hands to Creator in thanksgiving for you all.

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



Cellular landscape cross-section through a eukaryotic cell, by Evan Ingersoll & Gael McGill

Associate's Report

There are times that happen throughout the year when we need to be reminded of what is important in life and what can be set aside. Now don't go thinking this is a doom and gloom Chimes article. No, this is just a moment when my self-reflections are being shared and maybe you can identify with them, or not. We motor along day by day, our minds becoming more anesthetized to what is going on around us globally, nationally, and in our communities. We begin to take for granted those things which at one time would be shocking to us, and now, meh – whatever. We tell ourselves, "This too shall pass". But does that make it right? No, it does not.

"These are the times that try men's souls" is the opening line of Thomas Paine's *The American Crisis*, written to inspire perseverance during the darkest days of the American Revolution. I believe that THESE ARE times that try our souls. We see actions and activities and words from faux leaders in our country and around the world that would diminish and harm peoples and this is not right. These are dark times and dark times need light to diminish the darkness.

Jesus came into this world to be the light in the darkness. Make no mistake – Jesus was political when he stood up against the evil that infected his world. We can do no less, for we are now his hands and feet in this world. We are his mouth in the world, speaking of love and hope and truth in the descending darkness. What we are fighting is the relentless assault of decency and truth and honesty that has to be the basis for all of our actions – in our daily lives.

We must not become anesthetized to the abnormal, the abhorrent, and the hate speech we hear on the news. Blatant lies, half-truths, and alternative facts must be addressed and refuted. Our Christian faith impels us to do no less. We can gather and retain strength because our cause is just, righteous, and grounded in the love Jesus taught and instilled in each and everyone of us. Be not afraid to stand up for what you believe and for what you have been taught. Love and hope and charity for all – and the greatest of these is love.

In Christ's Name,

Fr Allen

Deacons's Article

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and were able to participate in most of our Holy Week Services. I want to take this opportunity to especially thank our Eucharistic Ministers who put in endless hours supporting our liturgies. Many of you pulled double duty during that time & for that you should be proud and we all should be grateful as the liturgies were beautiful thanks to all of you.



Many of you on the eucharistic ministry team have said that being an EM is special to you and so you didn't mind the extra duty along with additional practices. I would have to agree with you but I know how exhausted I was that week and I suspect you were too. I also believe in the old Haitian proverb; Men anpil, chay pa lou or many hands make light work.

Trinity is blessed to have eight individuals serving in this ministry and of course we are always looking to welcome more. I've heard from some of you that you would like to serve but you don't want to get "all dressed up" also known as vested. If that's the case, we have a place for you too! We have Eucharistic Ministers who do vest and assist at the altar and we have others who prefer to come forward from the pew to serve the sacrament of wine. If either of these are of interest to you, please let me know and we'll get you trained up.

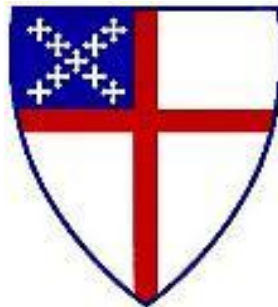
Some of you have noticed that a lot of what our eucharistic ministers are doing are things that acolytes do and that is indeed true. I would love to have either youth, adults or families who are interested in serving the altar & who would like to be a part of the liturgical party of Sundays join our team as well. Learning how to be an acolyte & being in on the inner workings around the altar is an awesome experience! If you have any interest at all in exploring either being an acolyte or an EM please feel free to reach out to me even if all you want to do is talk & think about it, that's okay. Discernment takes time. As you take this time to discern and prayerfully consider what it is God is calling you to, may He grant you every grace to answer His call with love & courage & lasting dedication to His will.

In His Service,

Deacon Pat

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Senior Warden

Hi!

As co-chairs of the Trinity dinner auction Zanae Rodrigo and I are thrilled to invite you to join us on Saturday, September 26, 2026. We are forming teams for procurement, decorating, kitchen support, set-up clean-up, and more. If you feel led to participate, we would be grateful.

We are also gathering meaningful items and experiences for the live auction - gift baskets, travel opportunities, event tickets, cooking classes, sunset cruises, landscaping services, golf days, paint and sip events and anything else that inspires generosity.

Our prayer is to raise at least 20,000 for the 2026 budget and with God's help even more so we can begin reducing the \$115,000 deficit. Trinity continues to be blessed by your willingness to give from the heart.

Everyone who is willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work. Exodus 35:31

With all my love,

Michelle Wheeler
Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Welcome to May!

The next Buildings and Grounds work day is: Saturday, May 23rd. I will be there from about 9am-2pm, but feel free to drop in any time. Planned tasks (which can change) include:

- * Anything outside that looks like it needs improvement
- * More work "behind the partition" in the parish hall -- possibly some removal, a planned re-arrangement (already in progress), etc.
- * Some repairs (that list is constantly changing)
- * I want to start cleaning re-organizing the various storage closets (which will include labelling things, and documenting what we have). We can then sell, donate, dispose of things we don't need

Current general status of our buildings:

- * As most of you know, the work in the "old entry way / bell tower" turned out to be much more extensive than originally expected. Our church is a beautiful but old building, and the original job to finish the repairs and re-plastering after the water damage a few years ago

led to the discovery of mold, rotting wood, and other hazards. We have been blessed with an amazing contractor who has been able to correctly identify the problems, and do the repair work, but it does take time and some unplanned expenses. Happily we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel -- I mean, hallway!

* The same contractor was ALSO able to identify the sources of a number of the annual water leaks, and re-seal them for us! We can't guarantee the various roofs and transitions are all perfect, but we do know quite a few persistent ones have been fixed!

* While working on the second bathroom off the Narthex, we found some more damage resulting from the leaks. Work is in progress to fix it, and then complete the refreshing of that one. Final decorating of the first one should be done soon, also (mostly, putting back some of the really nice artwork that was there before). Yay!

Roger's Hall

* You will hear more about this in other reports, but we are steadily moving toward the major remodel! Some of the work being done behind the partition is in preparation of that. Since that project started before I first visited Trinity, most of you have been more patient/anxious than I can really appreciate. Thank you!

IMPORTANT: if you notice things that need improving/fixing/replacing, the BEST way to help is to let our administrators know (in writing). This will help avoid them being forgotten, and I will work on communicating

That's all I have for now; please keep in touch!

Michael Hensley, Jr. Warden

Events for May 2026:



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Altar Guild meeting at Noon

Saturday, May 9, 2026: Staff Retreat from 10 to 3 PM

Sunday, May 10, 2026:

Sixth Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Mother's Day

Thursday, May 14, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday, May 16, 2026: Funeral for Jerry Carson at 11 AM

Sunday, May 17, 2026:

Seventh Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Vestry meeting at 12:30 PM

Sunday, May 24, 2026: Pentecost Sunday at 8 & 10 AM

Monday, May 25, 2026: Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 26, 2026: Office closed for Holiday

Thursday, May 28, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

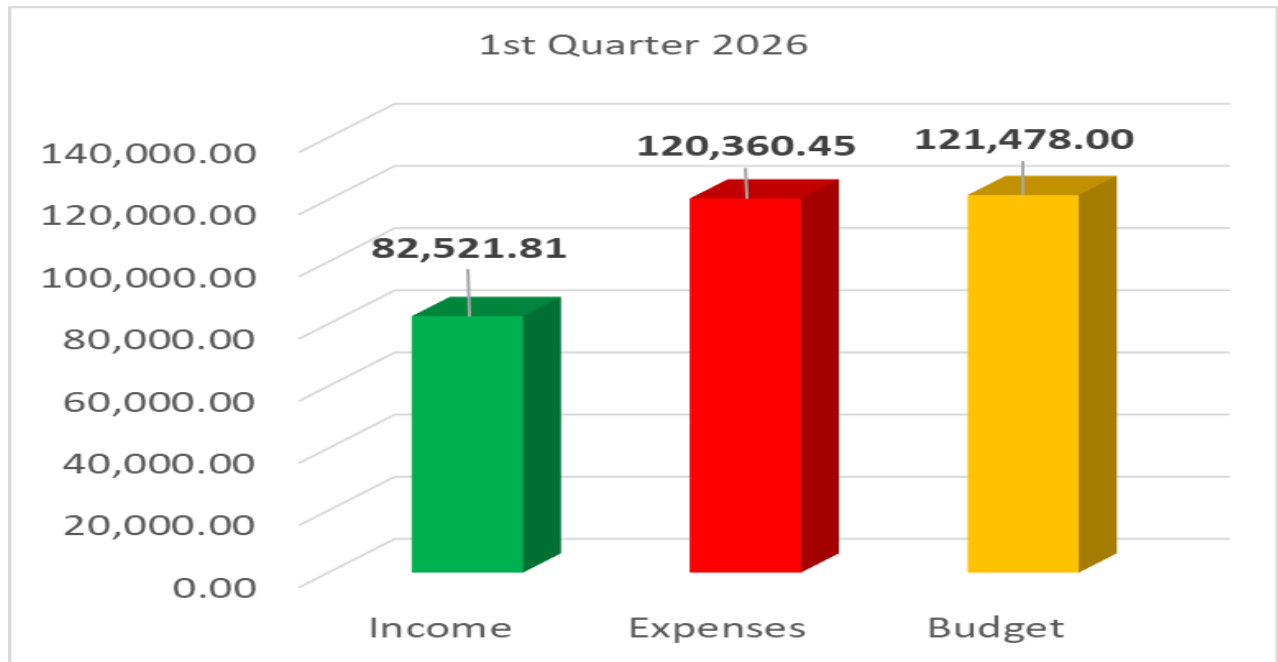
Sunday, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday!

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

The graph shows income as the left, green column, expenses as the center red column, and the budget on the right in yellow.



The 1st Quarter income numbers are not sufficient to sustain the fiscal year budget. We are taking in 30% less than we need to cover bills and taxes. We are operating on a deficit budget, meaning we are spending more than we receive in income each month and thus do not have the money to pay the operating bills.

The 2026 budget expenses are \$484,870 and budgeted income is \$320,404, creating a deficit of **\$129,674**. Averaged out, this is a monthly deficit of approximately **\$10,806**. This is affirmed in the first three months:

January	deficit	\$11,333.66
February	deficit	\$14,666.56
March	deficit	\$11,053.02

This financial situation has been reviewed and discussed with the endowment committee. It was determined the operating budget needs approximately \$12,000 additional funds per month to be able to continue to pay the bills and deficits incurred. The endowment committee sent a recommendation to the Vestry to borrow from the main endowment. At the last Vestry meeting, April 26, 2026 this recommendation was approved by the Vestry. For two months there will be a \$12,000 transfer to the operating checking account.

This recommendation may need to be revisited during the summer months. Typically, the summer months generate less income due to vacations, travel, and sunny weather.

Peace be with you,
Jarman Minar - Treasurer

Sunday School

Sunday School – May

This year has gone by so very fast! We are almost to the end of the year! We have seen big classes and smaller groups varying all the time! This year we have had some teenage helpers and they have made all the difference this year! Really appreciate the extra help and the bright new perspectives they bring!

Next year we hope to have more volunteers! If you are at all interested in taking part in Sunday School (we have fun activities and get a snack!) then let me know! We will review the Safeguarding God’s Children at the end of the summer, It isn’t a huge commitment and we will have a calendar. Christmas and Easter are some times when we need a little extra help! Godly Play is really straightforward and easy to learn and teach. It is all about sharing the foundational stories of our faith. Showing the kiddos what God means to us as adults and answering their questions! Easy Peasy! Remember in Sunday School **WE LIFT EACHOTHER UP!**

Rachael Olsen – administrator@trinityeverett.org

Music Ministry Report

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES May 2026

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Psalm 100

Many thanks are in order to a large number of people who helped make Lent and Easter the beautiful and inspirational experiences they were. Our awesome choir, bell choir, liturgical ministers and Altar Guild all outdid themselves. Our musicians are truly ministers, a band of Christians whose love of musical excellence is only surpassed by their dedication to God. I am overwhelmed with the spirit shown by these folks, and it is truly an honor to serve as their director. We are also very grateful, especially this year, to those whose generous financial support made our special guest musicians on Good Friday and Easter Sunday possible.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 10:00am

CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Qui bene cantat bis orat “Those who sing well pray twice.” -- St. Augustine of Hippo

This year, we will have a special commemoration to honor the dedicated members of our parish choir for their year around dedication to leading the musical worship of God and striving

their best for musical excellence. A typical choir singer at Trinity attends weekly rehearsals, Sunday warmup and worship, sometimes five hours per week for 9+ months each year. Factor in extra rehearsals, Christmas and Holy Week, occasional concerts.... that is a lot of dedication. And, our choir singers *work hard* to do their very best. Some of our people have been honing their talents to share at Trinity for many decades of service. Please join us in honoring, congratulating, and appreciating our choir. This will be a very music focused service of JOY, followed by a special coffe hour.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wondrous works! Psalm 105:1-2



Save the date!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 -- ORGAN RECITAL *Presented by David di Fiore*

David di Fiore, formerly from Seattle, made his European performance debut at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris in 1987, and brings a profound “French Romantic” approach to his playing. Professor of Organ and Choral Conducting at the Catholic University of the Slovak Republic, he has performed 1,000+ solo organ recitals across Europe, the United States, and Central America. This will be a joyful birthday recital, as he winds up for his career “grand finale,” again at Notre Dame in 2029.

[JOIN UP? HELP OUT? IDEAS? COMMENTS?](#) Please contact David Spring, Parish Music Director, at 206-261-0873 or davidrspring@icloud.com

Outreach Report

Hygiene Kit Update

Thanks to all who have contributed items for the hygiene kits, which will be used by people entering 30-90 day inpatient substance use disorder treatment. We are ready to assemble the kits so that the City of Everett social workers can have them available as they are needed. Accordingly, if you are available after the 10 am service this coming Sunday, May 3, please join me in assembling them. If the Guild room is available, we will work on them there; if not, we may need to be in Rogers Hall. All the items have been sorted, so it should not take long. Grab a little food and then join me!

And if this kind of activity touches your heart, consider attending an Everett Faith In Action meeting, a monthly gathering of members of local churches and faith-connected ministries. It's a great group of people, and you learn about all the wonderful and creative

things people are doing for our suffering neighbors and with each other. Each meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month from 9-10:30 am at the First Baptist Church, 1616 Pacific Avenue, Everett, and includes a local speaker and then a sharing of planned activities and updates. Four of us from Trinity attended the last meeting! Let me know if you have questions.

Wishing you all blessings,

Eileen Bernat

efbphd@aol.com

Save the Date

Save-the-Date Dinner Auction Announcement: The Dinner Auction has been scheduled for September 26, 2026, so please save the date. Michelle Wheeler and I are working with Vestry volunteers to make this fundraiser a memorable night. We will announce the dinner's theme, foods and beverages offered, as well as possible entertainment once they're finalized. Right now, we're looking for additional volunteers. If you'd like to help, please see one of us after the 10:00 AM service.

Sincerely,

Zanae Rodrigo

Michelle Wheeler

Altar Guild Report



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We are in the midst of the 50 days of Easter or Eastertide. Forty of these days represent the time Jesus spent on Earth after His resurrection. The other 10 days represent the anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Eastertide is a time of celebration represented by the white and gold altar hangings and the use of the candelabras on the altar. Also, the Pascal candle is at the front of the sanctuary. During Eastertide the beginning of the Church is recalled with readings from the book of Acts instead of the Old Testament. May we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection and look forward to the day of Pentecost.

Submitted by Julia Vander Vegt, altar guild member.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Report

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at Trinity for over 25 years. We are a group of knitters who make shawls which are prayed over as they are being made as well as blessed on the altar during the Sunday Eucharist. The shawls are available for the sick and grieving or for anyone who needs one for any reason.

We also knit stocking hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers in Seattle and for needy children. This year they went to the North Middle School Weekend Feeding Program Christmas project and the Everett Assistance League.

This year we are meeting every three months on the first Saturday of March, June, September and December. Our next meeting will be in June at 10 am in the Guild Room. All are welcome!

Barb Linvog, chairperson

The Best Wishes Crew

Hi Trinity Community!

The Best Wishes Crew sends happiness to the Trinity community by sending birthday and anniversary cards and everything in-between.

If you can help, please give me a call at 425-280-7782 anytime between 7:30am and 10pm. Please do not text. My text rarely works.

We are down a couple people due to busy-life interruptions and we need some more volunteers.

Karen Curtis
Chair, The Best Wishes Crew

May Birthdays:

Ryan Boyett	May 04
Jessica Sims	May 06
Janet Hallauer	May 09
Victoria Baker	May 10
Clarence Scott-Fryberg	May 10
Judith Ballentyne	May 12
Eoin Xavi Olsen	May 13 (7 yo)
Michael Hensley	May 14
Shawn Ruskin	May 17
Rachael Bauer	May 18
Kate Pankiewicz	May 19
Lilly Zenie	May 20
Karen Curtis	May 21
Mark Garcia	May 21
Peggy Mansfield	May 24
Bill Harris	May 25
Barbara Wheeler	May 27
Richard McGee	May 29
Jason Grace	May 31



May Anniversaries:

James and Jacque Nason	May 03 – 18 years
John and Sally Galt	May 17 – 57 years
Scott and Elaine Henderson	May 22 – 44 years

Leadership Team

Vestry

- Joe Rochon (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)
- Royce Napolitano (class of 2027)

- Zanae Rodrigo (class of 2028)
- Troy Andrews (class of 2028)
- Brigette Bolarjack (class of 2028)
- Jason Grace (class of 2028)

Convention Delegates

- Joe Rochon (class of 2026)
- David Spring (class of 2026)
- Michael Hensley (class of 2027)
- Kimberly Hensley (class of 2027)

Convention Alternates

- Troy Andrews (class of 2026)
- Linda Gabourel (class of 2026)
- Brian Wheeler (class of 2027)
- Michelle Wheeler (class of 2027)

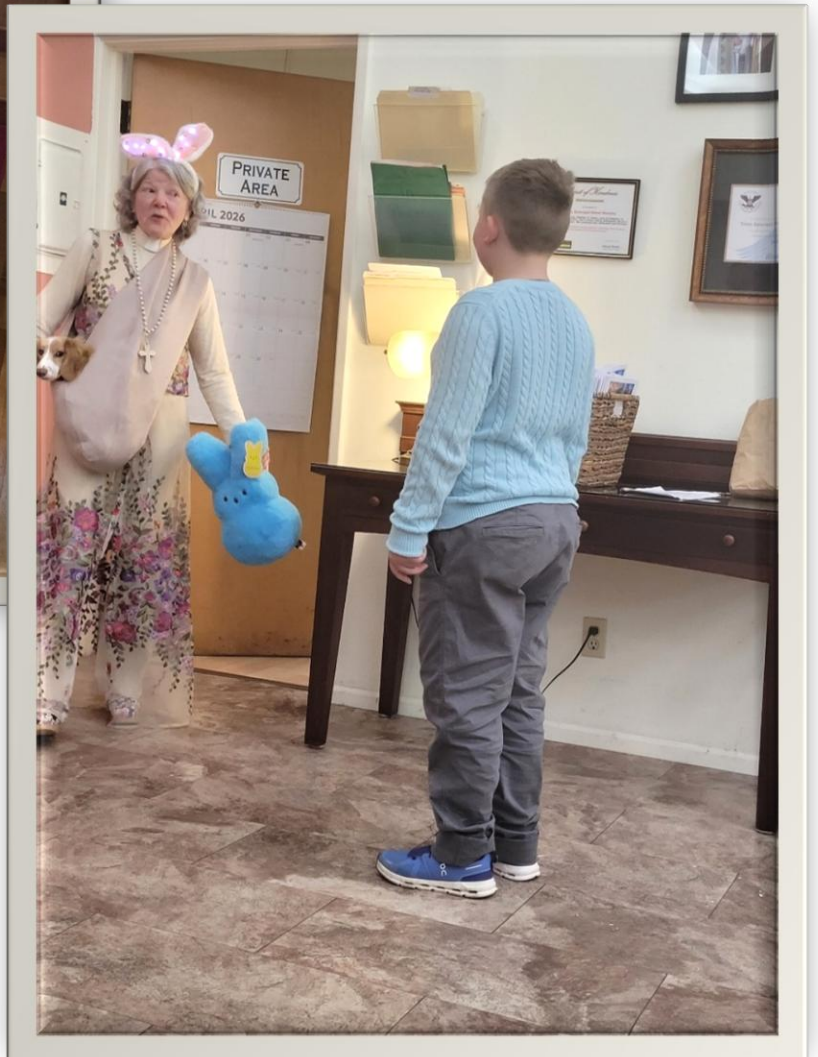
Endowment Committee Members

- Linda Gabourel (2024-2026)
- Betsey Mullen (2025-2027)
- Allan Elenbaas (2025-2027)
- Vacant Position (2026-2028)
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Easter 2026



A Special Thank you to all the Clergy , Volunteers and other people that made Holy Week and Easter Sunday Possible!





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