

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