

July 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

Do not be anxious 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.

Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Friends,

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary this month, let us honor that America's founding was unlike any other in history. Our nation was not established on shared ancestry, geography, or power, but on shared principles. Over the generations, citizens have expanded the founders' declaration that all "men" are created equal to include amendments which recognize that all "people" are created equal. From our founding unto this day, we recognize that our rights come from a Creator, and that government exists to protect those rights—not grant them.

The ideas and values that formed the foundation of the American experiment in self-government can only be sustained through the commitment of its citizens. Though our nation's journey has included trials and imperfections, these enduring principles have remained a steady guide, calling each generation to rise higher and live more fully the promise of liberty. The Declaration of Independence marked a beginning, not an end.

The freedoms we enjoy today were secured and preserved through generations of courage, sacrifice, and perseverance. From the soldiers who endured the hardships of the Revolutionary War, to those who worked to expand liberty and justice, to the men and women who have defended our nation across centuries—each has contributed to the preservation of a quality of freedom, a gift that we recognize every Memorial Day and Armistice Day. Gratitude is essential to responsible citizenship. When we understand and appreciate the sacrifices that made our freedoms possible, we gain a deeper appreciation for our responsibilities.

Our first national leaders created a framework that allows each generation to participate in the ongoing work of perfecting it. As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let us remember that self-government is not a spectator sport, any more than being Christian is. We are called to move off the sidelines and work to bridge differences, heal divides, and share the hard-won truths of our diverse communities. Freedom is not something we can simply commemorate, any more than our faith is fulfilled by participating in Communion of bread and wine. God's gift of freedom is something we must exercise as the heart muscle of our national identity and as the Body of Christ.

Whether serving on a school board, volunteering in our communities, supporting non-profits and our own church community, or just having a thoughtful conversation with a neighbor who sees the world differently, each of us can contribute to improving our community, our state and our country. Thereby, we embody the ministry to which we are called as Christians to love our neighbors, even as we embody the ongoing national work of forging a more perfect union.

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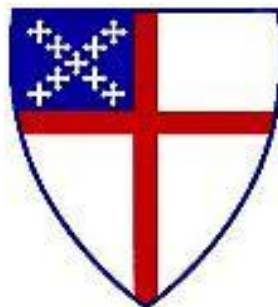
The founders understood that the success of a republic depends not only on its laws or institutions, but on the character of its people. Each generation plays a role in preserving the freedom it has inherited from the founders and ancestors of our nation over the past 250 years. That responsibility now rests with us.

In Heart of Christ's Love,
Pastor Rachel+

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector

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Associate Pastor

So. How'd you do? The year is now half over. You've had six months now to create that new you that you envisioned for this year. Remember back in January? We could finally put 2025 behind us and have a new beginning. All those old habits or attitudes or biases – all that baggage you've been carrying around for decades? Remember? We decided that this was going to be the year we had a fresh start. This was to be the year when you began re-creating who you are - to be the person you have always wanted to be. You may not have said it explicitly to anyone in particular, but you know it was a seed planted somewhere in the recesses of your mind. The chance we all had for that fresh start, that rewind, that recalibration – so, how are you doing on that?

It can be so easy to just go with the flow of the status quo. To make actual an change about some aspect of your life, or your thought patterns, or your life attitudes – people, it does not happen by itself. You have to make that conscious effort to bring about that change you want to have. Inertia is the propensity to just keep on what already exists. A creek will just keep flowing in that one direction unless acted upon by an outside force. One small pebble, added to another and another and another can alter the course of that creek. This is what our life is about. Making that small change one small step at a time.

It can be deciding to consciously stop being so judgmental and aloof when you see that homeless person asleep on the front-covered walkway of the church. If we can see with compassion that person is a child of God just like you then that first pebble has now been tossed into that creek. I have not walked in that man's shoes. I don't know what path he has taken or why his life has led him to where he is now. Do I know God's plan for him? NO. Do I even know what God's plan is for me?? No.

What I do know is that we were all put on God's green earth to live our lives to the best of our abilities and to see that other person as a sacred vessel, just as you and I are. And, that means to stop every now and then to re-evaluate, to re-wind, to re-calibrate – like we did on the first of this year. Change in ourselves does not just miraculously happen. You get to decide who you are, what attitudes, what biases, what opinions and what baggage you want to continue carrying around. You get to decide what to discard and what new views and opinions you want to embrace. This is up to you. All of your life experiences and your reactions to all of them have made you who you are. The year is only half over. There is still time to go through the attic of your mind and toss out that which no longer fits, that which is now out of style, and that which you can honestly say, "What was I thinking??"

Have a wonderful and exciting and productive second half of the year. Let's see the new you come next January 1st!

In Christ's Name,
Fr Allen

Deacons's Article

Dear Friends,

What a great turnout, about 20 strong, we had by Trinity at the 4th annual Snohomish Pride Parade. We joined other progressive churches on a bit of an iffy day weather-wise. We were lucky to be more toward the beginning of the parade because as you can see by the pic it got a bit wet as the parade went on. Despite the weather, it was a joyful, community-led parade through downtown Snohomish and those of us who attended had so much fun.



Once again my work on the Commission on Ministry (COM) has taken a fair amount of my time with continued liaison meetings with the five discerners assigned to me. We are beginning to prepare for the next group of individuals who will be entering Diocesan Discernment this fall. We are also, once again reviewing the two manuals, Exploring Vocations & Diocesan Discernment for any potential edits, corrections, additions or deletions.



Starting this month, our 3 newly trained Eucharistic ministers will start their ministry so you will see some new faces at the altar. I give thanks for all our EM's who share in this ministry. They help make the liturgy rich & meaningful. For those of you who are still discerning whether this is something for you, please don't hesitate to talk to one of our EM's or feel free to reach out to me. We are always looking to welcome more of you in either form of EM ministry whether they be vested or coming from the pew.

Speaking of new faces at the altar I'd like to invite you to our children's service on July 12th. I am really looking forward to having a little extra help setting the table.

Until next time.

*In His Service,
Deacon Pat*

Senior Warden

Dear Trinity,

In today's world, where trust is seldom found, cultivating a culture of transparency is more important than ever. This vestry strives to foster an attitude of openness and honesty about Trinity's mission, finances, decisions and challenges. With that in mind, we try to provide the necessary context when sharing information so you can understand the reason behind our decisions. We want you to know what is happening, but more importantly WHY it is happening!

We base our yearly budget on what we raise in our Annual Stewardship campaign. This is the base that we use to fund our operations throughout the year. The Vestry wants to make sure that anyone can ask questions, or ask for more detail, so that everyone can fully understand what is going on. We welcome hard conversations and want to keep communications open!

Lately there have been significant budget shortfalls, and many hard conversations about what to fund and what to let go for now. There are always conversations about what line items to keep and which we must hold off on. Additionally, there are unexpected expenses due to deferred maintenance or when things that need to be repaired are brought to our attention, the church needs to determine where the funds will come from. Sometimes, this results in additional fund raising, or requests for more donations. We don't take any of this lightly.

It is important to acknowledge and understand that members of our church family fit into many different financial categories. Some of us are sitting in surplus, some of us are stable and can pay all our bills right now, and some of us are struggling from day to day. My hope is that we as a community can come together in unity to meet the needs our church has. The Vestry is here to listen to our church and to foster that culture where transparency and trust are found!

In the spirit of God's Love,

Michelle Wheeler
Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Spring has been a bit more like summer this past week and the work to keep Trinity Episcopal Church cared for continues in all weather. Our work day in May was fantastic! We had a great group of people show up. We worked on the hedges, put up the Pride flag, and made good progress on the storage area behind the partitions in Roger's Hall. We also mowed the area around the "little house", and trimmed weeds in the alley (they keep growing back, so another volunteer did it again later). A lot of work was also done in the kitchen storage areas. A great thank you to everyone who came and continues to give of their time so generously!

A parishioner has generously offered their landscaper to help with some of the more urgent grounds work. The hedges around the parking lot have been trimmed back recently and the front of the church is being kept tidy.

Due to the age and past flooding, we have been continuing to find and remediate mold issues. The work on the mold found in the old entrance and the second restroom in the Narthex has been completed. Currently, we are working on the robing room. The roof issues that were adding to the water and mold issues has been resolved for the time being.

There are still tasks that could benefit from regular attention. If you would like to help monthly with any of the following, see me or contact the office:

1. Picking up trash around the front
2. Monitor the railing along the front walk to wipe down and keep the dirt from building up
3. The toilet paper in the front restroom is septic safe rolls and so far provided by donations. We don't yet have a place to store much, but we can put one pack in the janitorial supply area. We are trying out keeping the set up using home style rolls. If we get one pack of rolls a month, that should be enough!
4. Our kitchen floor needs a deeper clean once a quarter, or more if we have large events. We are looking for 2-3 people to do this. If we have enough people, we can rotate teams of 2-3.
5. We continue to work on preparing Roger's Hall for upcoming remodeling work. Consider attending one or more of the upcoming work days. Look for Saturday dates in late August and mid-September.

Thank you all! It is a privilege to serve as your Junior Warden!

Michael Hensley

Events for July 2026:

Friday July 03, 2026: **OFFICE CLOSED**

Saturday July 04, 2026: 250th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Sunday, July 5, 2026: Pentecost 6 at 8 & 10 AM

Thursday, July 9, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday July 11, 2026: Funeral and Reception for Evie Beard. 2PM

Sunday July 12, 2026: Pentecost 7 at 8 & 10 AM

Kids are going to be helping out at 10:00AM service, come and support them!

12:00PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026: Memorial Service for Craig McLennan

Sunday, July 19, 2026: Pentecost 8 at 8 & 10AM



Thursday, July 23, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1PM.

Sunday, July 26, 2026: Pentecost 9 at 8 & 10 AM.

Adult Forum during Coffee Hour – Paths to Understanding.

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

Summer is upon us. Just because the sun is shining the finances of the church do not go away until the fall.

Summer is the time of year we go on vacation, travel to visit relatives, or go site-seeing. Regrettably we cannot be in two places at the same time and the Sunday Eucharistic service will usually notice a lessening of participants attending in person. We have available our live streaming service at 8:00 and 10:00 am each Sunday morning. The video is also available after the service for viewing later.

Our website: www.trinityeverett.org
has a link to our video feed: [youtube@trinityepiscopaleverett](https://www.youtube.com/@trinityepiscopaleverett)

The second half of the year will be challenging for Trinity financially. The budget was created with much thought and effort put into keeping expenses lean and estimating the variable bills such as utilities. Overall, the expenses are within 0.04% of the projected budget, that is less than half a percent. If the budget holds true for the next seven months of the year, the budget shortfall will be about \$70,950.00. To help the income side of the budget, we have used all of Trinity Together 2025 and borrowed \$24,000 from the endowment funds.

The 2026 budget was put together with the assumption that we would have a Trinity Together 2026 Campaign and a Dinner/Auction fundraiser. The last two years the Trinity Together Campaign raised just over \$50,000 each year. We are hoping to raise an equivalent amount this year.

The response to Trinity Together 2026 Campaign has been slow. At this time we have contributions of less than, \$10,000 toward the \$20,000 goal to receive the matching funds.

Please prayerfully discern how you can support the 2026 Trinity Together Campaign. If you have already sent in your gift, please accept my gratitude and appreciation for your participation this year.

Jarman Minar
Treasurer

SPECIAL CELEBRATION -- JULY 5

We will have special, thought-provoking musical offerings for our 10:00am worship on July 5. Special guest trumpeter Chuck Fleming will begin the service with Aaron Copeland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*. Mary Kay Lambert and Royce Napolitino will sing the poignant *He shall feed his flock / Come unto me* from Handel's MESSIAH. At the end of the service will be what has become a joyful tradition, the Sousa *Stars and Stripes Forever* featuring Heidi Napolitino on piccolo, along with trumpet, organ, and our own Father Allen Hicks on drums. In between, we will sing "**In this time of great reflection,**" a new hymn text (with familiar melody) by the prolific Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, commissioned for this 250th USA anniversary. It is part celebratory, part imploring us to be the best we can, to act in love for all. I invite you to reflect on the words, in advance, on your own (the the end of my column). And, please join us—and invite friends-- on July 5, to celebrate, and to pray for our country's future.

ROGERS HALL RENOVATION PREP:

We need to purge/consolidate and reorganize sheet music and equipment before fall. If you are a person who loves to create order and has some time, please get ahold of me! I am hoping for a couple of work parties in the last two weeks of July.

SUMMER CANTORS:

We are seeking talented singers willing to assist congregational singing and chant the psalm verses for the summer months. There could even be an Offertory solo in there somewhere. Please contact me if you would like to explore the possibility. Instrumental soloists are also welcome.

CANCELLATION of AUGUST 23 Organ recital

David di Fiore has to cancel his planned summer recital due to scheduling changes in summer organ festivals in the Slovak Republic. He is looking at some fall dates. Stay tuned!

Summertime.... and the livin' is easy—sort of!

I will attend the Episcopal Church Music Conference in Sewanee, TN, July 13-19. It is an opportunity to share new ideas and gain a broader understanding of the constant movement of the Holy Spirit in the church, to sharpen skills in conducting, composing/arranging, and playing, and to discover new music to enhance our worship in months to come.

A hymn for the 250th anniversary of the United States of America

*In this time of great reflection on two hundred fifty years,
We remember, as a nation, times we've prospered, times of tears.
"We shall be," a preacher told us, "as a city on a hill" —
not to praise us but to warn us: We've a duty to fulfill.*

*Here is what holds us together: Mercy, love, community.
We're to seek to care for neighbors in a just society.
If we fail to help the needy and to build a land that's just,
we will simply be a by-word as the world looks on at us.*

*We recall our nation's story. Keep us honest, God above!
In our quest for wealth and glory, we have injured ones you love.
Through enslavement, through displacement, we have chosen ways of sin.
We've been violent. We've stayed silent. So our light of love stays dim.*

*Will we work for racial justice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
What is now the public witness that you call us to create?
As we celebrate our country, help us, Lord, to understand:
All of us must share the bounty and the goodness of the land.*

*In this time, O God, restore us to the land we're called to be —
where all people here among us know your blest community.
May we seek to be that city, not with pride but as a prayer.
May we love and serve you humbly, in our land and everywhere.*

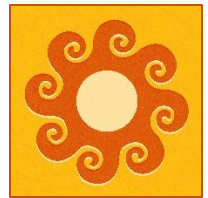
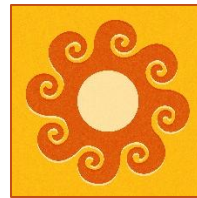
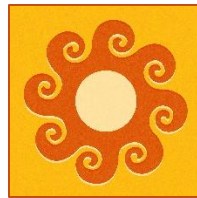
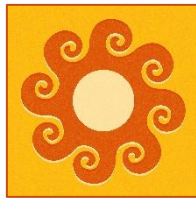
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IDEAS? COMMENTS? Please contact -David Spring at 206-261-0873, davidrspring@iCloud.com

Sunday School

Sunday School – July

We are on a summer hiatus. It is nice to have a bit of a break for all the teachers and the students!



With that in mind, I want to let you know that we need volunteers for next year. If we can't get enough grown up people to confirm to take one or two Sundays a month, I won't be able to support Sunday School all year. We want to make sure that the kids have something targeted at them to help understand and begin this Christian life. The Godly Play curriculum is easier than you'd think, and sometimes all we need is a second grown up, you wouldn't even have to teach! Just take one Sunday once a month or even once every couple of months to be a second adult.

In August, I will send out info about doing our "Safe Guarding God's Children" training. It will be an afternoon here at the church, and pizza maybe involved! If you are at all interested in being a volunteer for Sunday School we need to go through that training. So, keep an eye out for more info in the Info Pages and Chimes!

Lastly, I have posted some general resources for Grown Ups on our little Sunday School bulletin board near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Just some basics, on meals and things to do this summer.

Jesus, however, said, “Let the little children come to me, and stop keeping them away, because the kingdom from heaven belongs to people like these.” Matthew 19:14

Rachael Olsen – administrator@trinityeverett.org

Weekend Food Program

For kids at North Middle School

We are losing our partnership with Port Gardner Community Church due to an unfortunate set of circumstances for their church. They have provided leadership and the bagging of food items every week during the school year. We even continued the program through the summer of the Covid outbreak! One year we were feeding up to 42 kids, that was quite a challenge! This past year it was consistently 22 children.

I give much thanks to **Shari & Allen Pierce** who were ever faithful partners. They coordinated the partnership with the staff of North Middle School and with us.

So now we are in a situation where decisions must be made. I definitely am not able to take on the burden of all that is required to run this program. We can find room to use for the food gathering in the church basement. Instead of a team to deliver the food, we will need a team each Sunday to bag the food. Then, make arrangements to deliver the bagged food to the School. This past year, a member of the school staff has picked up the bagged food at our partner church, then they deliver it to the identified children on Fridays.

My assessment from our ingathering of food for the kids is we would not be able to sustain the amount of food for the program without getting some other partnership arrangement. This could be another local church, or it could be with a food bank.

I need help with the planning and implementation of this project, or we could decide to discontinue the whole program, which of course is a sad situation for North Middle School and the children we serve.

Due to medical issues I was hoping to step down from leadership of the program. I definitely need input in how to proceed. I hope to set up a meeting time soon to invite any and all who would give me input about our feeding program. Should we quit or do we have people who are willing and able to keep it going?

Thanks
Julie Amdal

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



July Birthdays:



Nina Smith	07/01
LaDonna Cozine	07/02
Beth Tupper	07/02
Kevin Mack	07/02
Lorraine Dietel	07/07
Lawrence Sylvester	07/08
Jeffrey Wheeler	07/08
Gary MacLean	07/10
Ian Crosby	07/10
Julian Weiss	07/10 (10 yo)
Mary Malmevik	07/13
Amy Balmer	07/14
Deb Moore	07/18
Samuel Andrews	07/18 (2 yo)
Amaya Bayles	07/25
C. J. Turner	07/26
Sean Sibley	07/26
Debi Schmidt	07/27
Matthew Jones	07/27
Amara Connell	07/27 (13yo)
Daniel Bayles	07/28
Nora Fisher	07/29 (13yo)
Sarah Mack	07/30

July Anniversaries:

Nick Fuchs & Brandon Ainsworth	July 06, 2014
Peter & Mary Mentele	July 20, 1986
Scott & Tina Bayles	July 22, 2000
Desmond & Karen Pullen	July 22, 1972
Mary Kay & Ann Lambert	July 29, 2016

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)

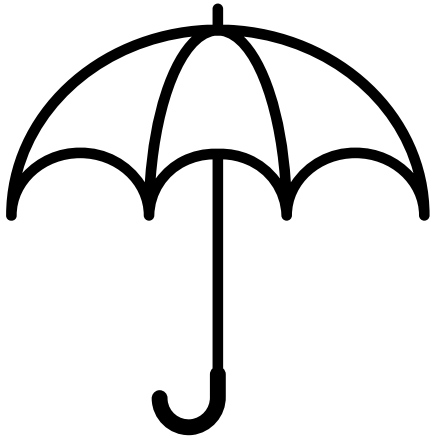
Endowment Committee Members

- Linda Gabourel (2024-2026)
- Betsey Mullen (2025-2027)
- Allan Elenbaas (2025-2027)





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