

August 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.
Romans 12:2

Dear Friends,

Once the final contract approved by the Vestry was signed two weeks ago, the renovation preparation began the very next day. With the help of Rae Olsen, we were able to rent a climate-controlled storage unit in Everett and a U-Haul to move the larger items out of Rogers Hall for safekeeping. Most items, especially those things related to our choral program, were moved downstairs into various rooms to keep Merrick Hall clear for educational programming.

Over the past week, Gateway Construction has completed the removal of fixtures necessary for the installation of the HVAC system. Because of the heat distribution system that will be installed, ceiling fans will not be required. Once the duct system is installed, the ceiling will be lowered to the top of the new windows, new lighting fixtures put in place and the fire sensors extended to meet the new ceiling height. Acoustic panels will be installed on the south wall to keep down reverberation. The walls will be prepped for painting, and then new flooring will be installed.

Change, no matter how large or how small, can generate anxiousness or concerns. My own hope is that our members feel that they can trust their elected Vestry and the past several Vestries that have moved this work forward. The current Vestry would not have approved the final project without sufficient funds in place to cover costs, and they selected Gateway Construction due to the cost and quality of their proven work. Driftmier Architects is filling the role of general contractor and is following the work and expenses closely (as are we) to assure that the contractor stays within the limits established through the contract. Detailed funding information is available and will be posted as a separate financial support in August.

In the meantime, the current schedule of work has been posted in the Narthex both on the Vestry note board and in the glass case near the entry to the sanctuary as well as on the large bulletin board in the Church Office. The schedule of work can change, and updated schedules will be posted as needed.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a financial contribution towards the renovation, anyone is welcome to do so by contacting the Church Office or Treasurer Jarman Minar. There are many options for making a donation, including stock transfers and IRA contributions that can be done in such a manner as to not incur fees.

The mission and vision of Trinity included transforming Rogers Hall into a space that our neighboring communities of faith and mission partners would feel welcomed to use it for their needs as well as our own. The space will continue to serve a changing social landscape as Trinity continues to live into our message that All Are Welcome!

In The Heart of Christ,
Pastor Rachel+

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector

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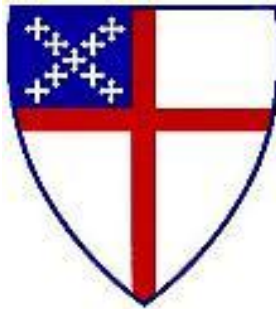
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Associate Pastor

We are now in the midst of the famous/infamous ‘Dog Days of Summer’. For those of you not totally up on the meaning of that phrase, technically it refers to the 20 days on either side of July 23rd when we supposedly have the hottest, most sweltering days of the year. It is when the rising of **Sirius**, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, also known as the Dog Star appears in the eastern morning skies. Luckily, we in the Great Pacific Northwest are mostly insulated against the heat and humidity that can melt most people in the rest of the country. This is a time of year when we need to enjoy and appreciate our locale and the moderate weather we have.

An appreciation for life itself is much easier when we have clear skies, moderate temperatures, great sleeping weather and the slight sense of urgency in the air, knowing that in a couple of months the clouds will come rolling in and we won’t see much of the sun for about 8 months! So, what we might want to think about is getting out with friends, family, relatives and neighbors to share the weather, the clean fresh air and life itself.

Summer is a time to take a bit of time to relax a bit and maybe take that vacation or that get-away you’ve been talking about for a year or so. Taking that drive over to Leavenworth to see the German-esque setting and sights. Maybe driving the North Cascade loop highway to see the beautiful vistas. Have you been to downtown Seattle to see what the waterfront is like now that the old, elevated highway has been destroyed and replaced with marvelous new features and walking paths and venues? How long since you have been to the top of the Space Needle? (Oh yeah, apparently no base jumping allowed!). What about a weekend escapade to Victoria, B.C.? Easy to get to and unforgettable. Or maybe a road trip to Vancouver B.C.? Or you could just take it easy and put some hamburgers on the grill on the back deck and relax.

The point I want to make is for each of you and your family to take a little time off this summer to enjoy what you have surrounding you. You owe it to yourself, your family, your co-workers and your friends. Take a bit of time to rev down that internal engine and give yourself a break. We have a lot of year left and it would be a shame if you just continue to run yourself into the ground.

Self-Care!!! And don’t let anyone guilt you about taking that time for yourself and for your family. We Americans are good at that: ‘Ya gotta keep pushing to keep up with the Jones!’ “We’ve got too much to do! I can’t afford to take any time off!” “Didn’t you take some time off already six months ago???” “If I don’t do it, it’ll never get done!”

Just, NO. Life is more than work, work, work, whether your job is out in the world or in the house. Please remember that you are important and the world is a better place with you in it. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Enjoy a well-rounded life full of joy and happiness, camaraderie, and appreciation. Enjoy this great weather while it’s here and smile.

Blessings to you and yours,
Fr Allen

Deacons's Article

Dear Friends,

The photo that you see here was taken on July 18th at St Marks Cathedral at the ordinations of 5 new priests. Attending & supporting these individuals while in process is part of the role of the COM. As Commission on Ministry members, we are asked to be a part of the ordinations of the people that we have walked alongside for the many months or years it takes until ordination. It was a beautiful day & a joyous celebration.

In addition to attending ordinations, my work on the Commission on Ministry (COM) continues to take a fair amount of my time; attending our regular COM meetings & meeting with the current discerners assigned to me. Over the last few weeks I've also been reviewing approximately 20 applications of individuals who will be entering Diocesan Discernment this fall. There is a lot of paperwork to read through and doing so takes a lot of time and prayer. You may have noticed new faces at the altar recently as our newly trained Eucharistic ministers started their ministry. I give thanks for all our EM's who share in this ministry and who help make the liturgy rich & meaningful. I also give thanks for the generosity of each of them, their generous hearts and supportive spirits. Each member strives hard to support & uplift one another which I greatly appreciate. It's always nice to know that someone will have your back should something come up and you find yourself in need of coverage. If you would like to be a part of this community, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Speaking of newly trained ministers of the liturgy, on July 12th we had our children's service. It was so much fun & all those involved seemed to enjoy themselves as well. Everyone did a great job & I was privileged to have a little subdeacon for the day! I also would like to thank Rae for organizing this day and for helping out with the training of our youngest ministers of the liturgy. That day just showed that you are never too young or too old to learn. If you or anyone you know want to be a part of this little community, please contact either myself or Rae.

Until next time.
In His Service,
Deacon Pat



Senior Warden



Junior Warden



Events for August 2026:



Saturday August 01, 2026: MOTHER OF ALL GARAGE SALES!! Please visit and support Trinity at the Bolerjack's home.

Sunday August 02, 2026: Pentecost 10, Eucharist Services at 8 and 10 AM.

Thursday August 06, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oaks 1 PM

Sunday August 09, 2026: Pentecost 11, Eucharist Services at 8 and 10AM.

Sunday August 16, 2026: Pentecost 12, Eucharist Services at 8 and 10 AM.

Thursday August 20, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oaks 1PM.

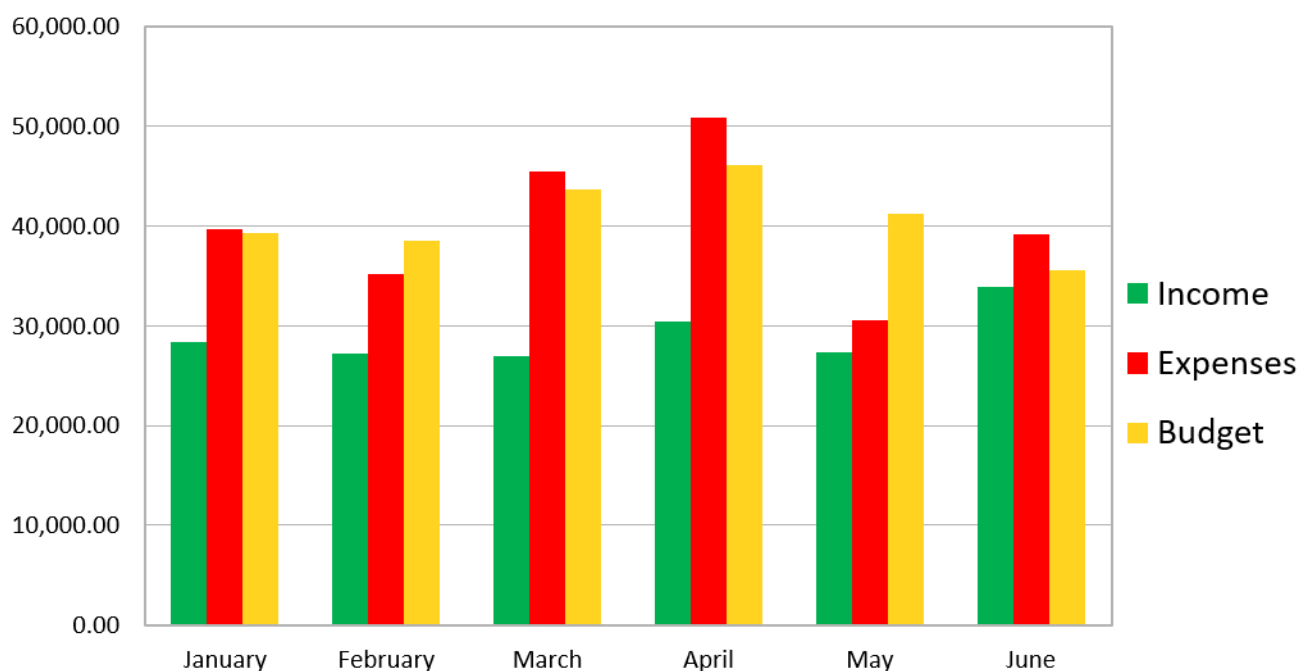
Sunday August 23, 2026: Pentecost 13, Eucharist Services at 8 and 10 AM.

Sunday August 30, 2026: Pentecost 14, Eucharist Services at 8 and 10 AM.

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 graph shows that for each of the first six months of the year we are repeatedly short on income. We have used \$11,666.56, all of the carry over Trinity Together 2025 funds. To pay the bills we borrowed money from the dedicated funds in the amount of \$23,053.02; and \$24,000 Endowment money was transferred to checking with the approval of the Vestry.

The first six months income numbers are not sufficient to sustain the fiscal year budget. 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 **\$11,106**.

This is affirmed in the first six months reports:

January deficit	\$11,333.66	April deficit	\$11,567.10
February deficit	\$14,666.56	May deficit	\$12,783.30
March deficit	\$11,053.02	June deficit	\$ 5,236.53

The 2026 budget is \$484,870.00 and we are 1.4% under budget in our spending at this time. Taking money from the dedicated funds or the Endowments is not ideal.

Jarman Minar

Treasurer

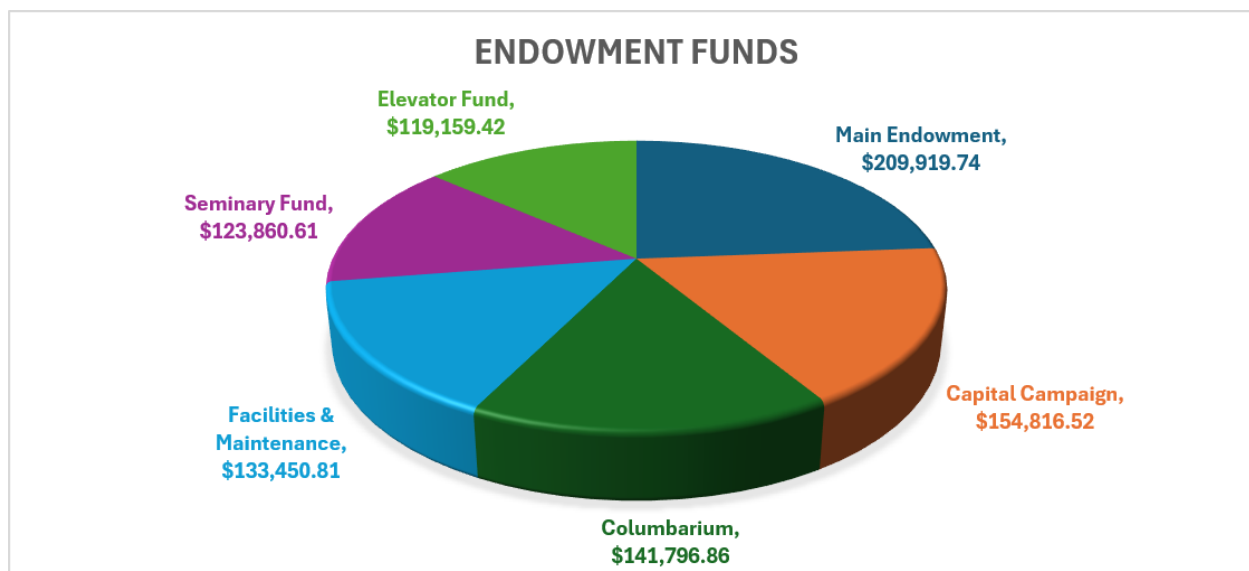
Endowment Committee Report

The total balance of the Trinity endowment funds on July 8, 2026 was \$883,003.96, up 3.18% since the beginning of the year. As a comparison, the S&P Index was up 9.98% since Jan 1, 2026. A combination of equities (43%), fixed Income (35%), other investments (21%), and cash (1%) make up the investments for our funds. The overall investment strategy is considered "Moderate Risk".

So far, in 2026 we have withdrawn approximately \$36,000 from the Main Endowment for use by the church., primarily from the Main Endowment (\$30,000) and Seminary (\$6,000) funds. Approximately 5% of the Main Endowment Fund balance is contributed to Trinity's operating fund each year (\$2513 on a quarterly basis in 2026), and up to \$9,000 can be withdrawn annually from the Facilities and Maintenance Fund for facility maintenance and improvement expenses.

As of July 8, 2026, there was \$154,816.52 in the Capital Campaign Fund. This is only a portion of the Capital Campaign Funds. Additional funds are held in the Capital Campaign checking account.

Balances in the Endowment Funds as of July 8, 2026 are shown in the chart below.



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: Betsey Mullen (Chair), Allan Ellenbass (Recording Secretary), Linda Gabourel, Brian Wheeler, Jarman Minar (Trinity Treasurer), Ann Meyers (Columbarium Representative), and Pastor Rachel (Rector) are non-voting members of the Endowment Committee.

Betsey Mullen, Chair

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A Few Notes from the Music Director

Last month, I was privileged to once again attend the Sewanee Church Music Conference at the University of the South (near Nashville), the oldest gathering of church musicians in the country, in its 75th year. Designed especially for Episcopal church musicians this week-long mix of spirituality and artistry is intense (7:00am to late evening) is at once inspiring and healing, a balm to church musicians. We have daily Eucharist and /or Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline, often exploring newer rites (such as we have been using at times in our parish) along with long standing traditions going back to our Anglican roots and the Church of England.



Our chaplain this year was the Rev. Melanie Rowell, with a doctorate in vocal performance who taught at the university level before answering God's call to ordained ministry. She reminded us that the word *vocation* comes from the Latin *vocare* – "to call." She reminded us that, as choral directors, we are not only preparing music for divine worship, but we all often the primary minister to members of the choir. This was a surprise idea to some, but one that I have always believed and tried my best to live up to.

Growing up, I felt called to the priesthood, and even attended 2 years of Roman Catholic seminary. As my musical inclinations grew and my career moved toward a life of full time music, I knew that serving in the church would allow me to blend the two. (Incidentally, there

are quite a few Episcopal clergy at the conference and elsewhere who are trained church musicians, such as our own Rev. Walt Knowles).

My main take away: *a vocation is not a reward for spiritual excellence; it is an invitation to offer what we have, where we already are.* (With thanks to my colleague A. J. Means)

What can each of us do reach out, to welcome, to make our world a little better, with whatever gifts *we* have?

BELL CHOIR We are really hoping to restart our bell choir on a regular basis. Ready to try something new and add beauty to our liturgy that doesn't involve singing? Please consider, and let's chat about scheduling to see the best time to try.

AUGUST CANTORS: We are seeking talented singers willing to assist congregational singing and chant the psalm verses for the remaining summer weeks. There could even be an Offertory solo in there somewhere. Please contact me ASAP!, if you would like to explore the possibility.

Blessings to all!

David Spring
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Sunday School



Whew! Summer is speeding along. Not sure if it is because I feel busier, or if it is just getting older in general. But, it definitely feels like there isn't enough time left this season. There are a couple of things we need to be thinking about for September.

1. We **MUST** have more adult volunteers. Even if you can only do one Sunday every other month, we need the extra bodies.
2. The reason we need extra bodies is that we have some young kids joining us and we want to make sure that they have a separate class for just them. That means we need 2 "grown up" volunteers for each group.
3. We want to build up our children's services and that is leading to some new ideas and activities. We need folks to be able to turn up for these. (For instance, we are trying to put together a Trunk or Treat event for Halloween) If you have kiddos in your life that might be interested in Sunday School let us know how we can help!
4. As an off shoot of Sunday School, I am trying to get a Mum's Group going. We all need some support and validation. As well as a group that understands what you are going through. If you would like to participate, reach out to me!

I know that this is a lot, and a lot of requests for your time and effort. If we have 8 people that can commit to a rotation of Sundays, then we can take an every other Sunday type of rotation. That means no one is too overwhelmed and no one has to be "on" all the time. If you can only come in once every other month, that will STILL be helpful! Any little bit!

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:9

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.

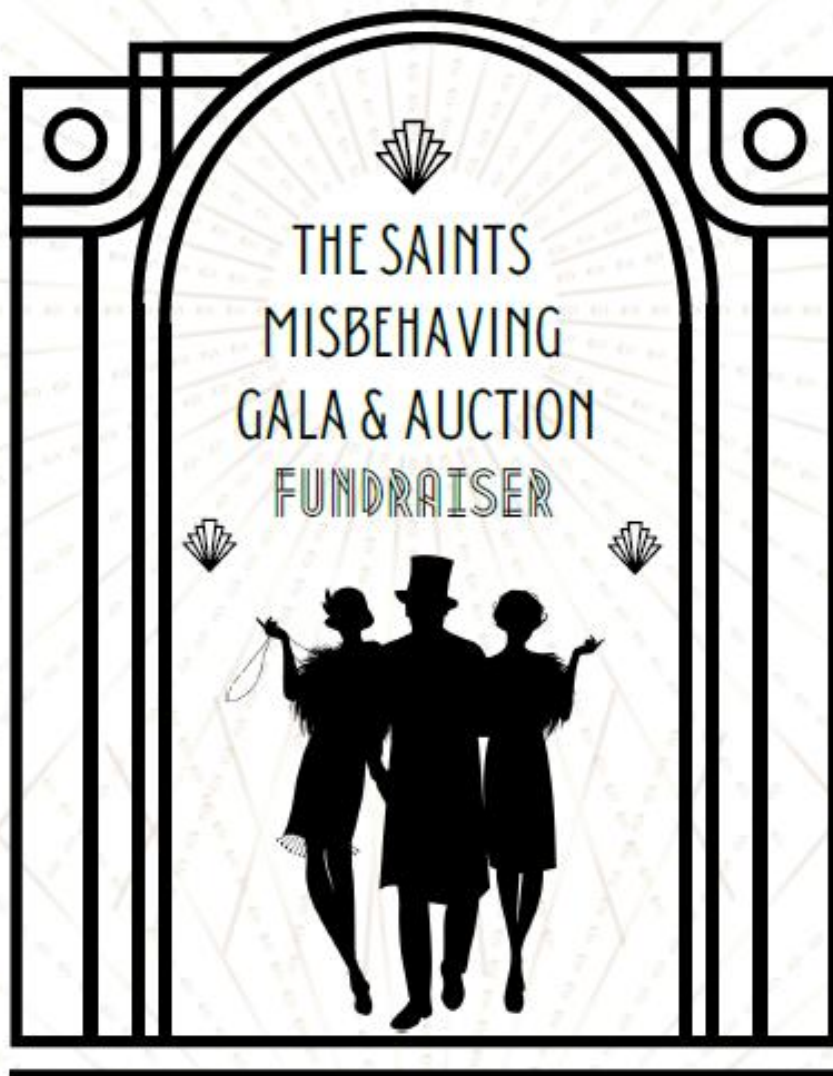
My assessment from our ingathering of food for the kids is we would not be able to sustain the amount of food for the program without getting some other partnership arrangement. This could be another local church, or it could be with a food bank.

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



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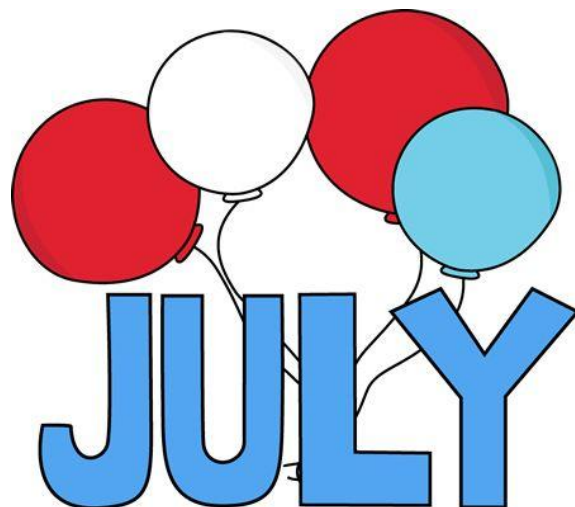
July Birthdays:

Scott Bayles	08/04
Susan Anderson	08/06
Will Gaynier	08/06 (9 yo)
Robin the Dachshund	08/07
David Erbeck	08/07
Judith Kyle	08/07
Dantzel Centatiempo	08/08
John Balmer	08/09
Michael Hale	08/10
Linda Gabourel	08/11
Thomas McDonnell	08/11
Ronald Zenie	08/14
William Bolerjack	08/18 (4 yo)
Laura O'Reilly	08/20
Tom Munyon	08/21
Max Wise	08/21
Kristen Cunningham	08/23
Sandra Wheeler	08/24
Peggy Elenbaas	08/25
Elaine Zenie	08/25
Carol Bartley	08/26
Nancy Stengele	08/28
James Johnson	08/29
Rachael Olsen	08/31
Theresa Rose	08/31

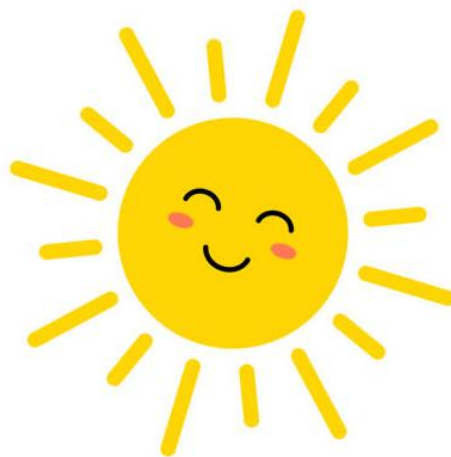
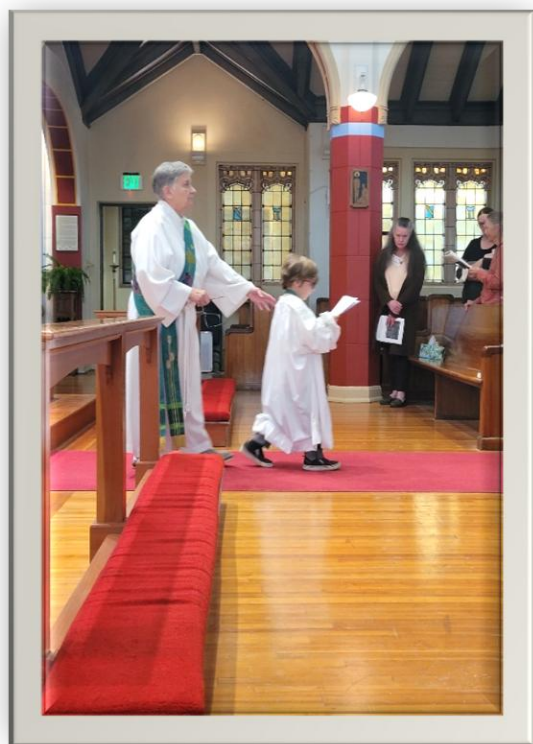


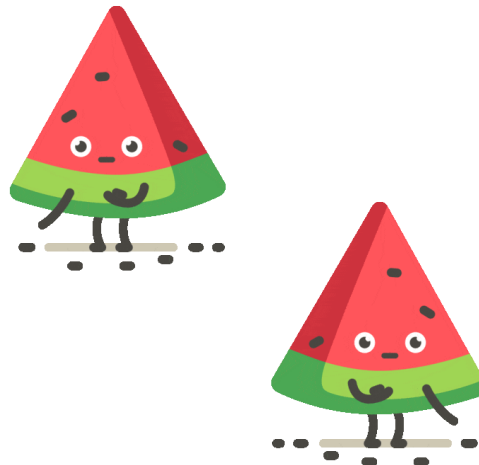
July Anniversaries:

Barbara & Jon Linvog	08/07 (50 years)
Allen & Peggy Elenbaas	08/08 (56 years)
Richard & Rhonda McGee	08/09 (46 years)
Jeffrey Miller & Lucy Davis	08/11 (4 years)
Douglas & Elizabeth Bell	08/14 (55 years)
Jane & James Johnson	08/14 (44 years)
Jan & Judith Kyle	08/19 (37 years)
John & Janet Hallauer	08/25 (42 years)
Thomas & Nancy McDonnell	08/29 (45 years)



Fifth of July Sermon – Fr. Allen





Children's Service



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)
- Brigitte 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)
- Brian Wheeler (2026-2028)
- Ann Myers (2026-2028)

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Love
Honor
Respect
Responsibility
Perseverance
Accepting
Commitment
Inclusive
Nurturing
Empowerment



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