

September 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)

The Rev. Jacynthia Murphy is a dear friend of mine that I have known for nearly 25 years. She is an indigenous Māori of Aotearoa, New Zealand. I have served with her on the Anglican Indigenous Network for several years, and she has delivered talks on Biodiversity, Climate Impacts, Climate and the Commission on the Status of Women. We served together in sessions of COP26 (the United Nations Forum on Climate Change). She also serves on the Anglican Missions Board of Aotearoa, NZ and Polynesia and works closely with programs of climate resilience and preparedness throughout the Pacific. Jacynthia is thoughtful, passionate about Indigenous rights and Environmental Justice, and she contributed significantly to the translation, revision, and promotion of *A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*.

At a recent clergy conference in the Diocese of Olympia, Bishop Phil LaBelle cautioned clergy that using resources from the New Zealand Prayer Book could be considered cultural appropriation. When I share this concern with Jacynthia at a recent online gathering of the Anglican Indigenous Network, she responded, "Nonsense! We didn't create it just for ourselves. It's for everyone in the Communion. Indigenous people across the globe have much wisdom about Creation that needs to be heard by non-Indigenous people everywhere. It's about time they listened. Tell your bishop he'd better listen!"

"Amen, Sister. Amen to that," I answered.

In presentations that I have given over the years on the Doctrine of Discovery, I have frequently stated that Indigenous perspectives and teachings about human spiritual connection to and interrelatedness with Creation speaks directly to the type of Creation-centered spirituality for which Western Christianity seems to long. Unfortunately, the Medieval period and the Renaissance brought with an influence of an emerging Western Worldview that separated human beings from the created world in orders of superiority that distanced people from the inferior realms of animals, plants, natural environments and the "savages" that lived in them. Western Christianity literally threw humans out of Eden in its theology about the material realm as non-spiritual, which is the exact opposite of Indigenous worldview in which the Creator is present to and in Creation, to and within the human heart.

Jacynthia has written,

Indigenous philosophy offers the holistic attitudes for Earth to survive the human onslaught on its resources. Commitment to environmentally sustainable development and harvest of natural resources enables the Earth to proffer its cycle of mutual reciprocity. "Aroha atu, Aroha mai" means "love given is love received". Relationships based on the shared responsibility of care to our planet and beyond. The Māori word for land is whenua which also means placenta. Life stirs in the whenua where many generations of seeds take root, emerge, and flourish. The umbilical cord is reunited with its whenua at birth, usually accompanied with the planting of a native tree, until at the end of earthly journey we are returned to the whenua once more. This indigenous practice is captured in the Genesis narrative being "formed of dust from the whenua" (Genesis 2:7) and the Hebrew word "bara" which describes the creation of both human and all other life forms. It is within the paradigm of our earthly existence that we are to realize that we are the problem, and we are the solution too!

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical recognition of a time of theological focus and teaching on human reliance on and relationship with Creation. The season begins on September 1st and runs through the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. This year's theme for the season is, "Living Water." The Biblical text for this year's theme is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness. We are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

In 2016, I responded along with hundreds of ecumenical clergy to the invitation to participate in supporting the water protectors of Episcopal Church on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. The Oceti Sakowin camp of water protectors were Indigenous activists and allies who established large encampments in 2016 to peacefully oppose the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. The Camp: Oceti Sakowin (meaning the Seven Council Fires of the Great Sioux Nation) was the largest of the main camps established along the river, uniting members from hundreds of sovereign Native American nations and international supporters. The camp was founded by Indigenous women leaders on Standing Rock who are culturally ascribed the sacred responsibility of serving as ritual custodians and defenders of the Missouri River and its tributaries. The movement rallied around the powerful phrase ***Mni Wiconi***, meaning "Water is Life".

Water connects all life through a shared dependency. Both our faith tradition of baptism and the evolutionary record of life emerging on earth teaches us that new life emerges from water. All known life on earth cannot exist without water. Water covers 71% of the Earth's surface, but less than 3% of that water is fresh water. The rest is salt water. Current State of Global Water Supply is perilous. According to a January 2026 report by [United Nations University](#), terms like "water stressed" no longer capture the depth of the crisis, as key basins and aquifers cross irreversible depletion thresholds. Nearly three-quarters of the global population live in countries classified as water insecure, and 4 billion people face severe water shortages for at least one month each year. The planet continues to lose hundreds of billions of cubic meters of freshwater annually due to persistent droughts, shrinking glaciers, and overuse. Major international waterways like the Nile, Indus, and Colorado River face intense political and physical stress, with diminishing flow and restricted downstream access. Parts of Europe and major metropolitan hubs globally face unprecedented water rationing, reliance on tanker trucks, and critical infrastructure strain. Organizations like the [World Bank Group](#) have launched initiatives such as Water Forward to target water security for over one billion people by 2030, while the [World Economic Forum](#) has designated the period a critical focal point for global policy.

The New Zealand Prayer Book includes the following blessing to be used in the home: "Blessed are you, our Saviour Jesus Christ, fountain of living water springing up to eternal life; in you is our baptism, in you is our faith. Blessed are you God of the rain, the rivers, and the lakes, you give water for life and health to refresh and cleanse all creatures."

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So, the next time you take a drink from the water cooler, catch an ocean fish, canoe on a fresh water lake, swim in a river, take a bath or shower, water your garden, or boil potatoes, notice the clear treasure that flows through your fingers, a treasure more precious than gold, more needful to our survival than oil. Don't waste it. Preserve it. Consider how it touches and connects the shores of every nation. Consider how Baptism connects the baptized not only with Jesus but with a diverse spiritual ancestors and communities of faith over the span of 2000 years. Consider how with all Creatures we are brought into kinship by our mutual reliance on water. In Spirit and in truth, together, across species and across time, we are Living Water.

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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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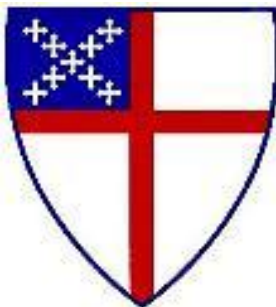
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Associate Pastor

September, 2026

A change of seasons. A time of change. Change is in the air! Hey, Buddy, can ya spare some change? The only constant you can count on is change. Wonder where my mind is this really early fall day? We live our lives hoping and counting on routine so there will be no surprises – and that’s usually a pretty good thing. We like consistency so we know who and what we can count on. The circadian rhythms that seem to regulate our lives are always running in the background, like all those processes running your home computer that you don’t even know are there, but that without them, your computer wouldn’t even turn on. My computer apparently gets these routine updates, (usually surreptitiously in the middle of the night!), and life goes happily along.

We might not like change but overall, it is a pretty good thing. September bodes the new school year for all the kids returning to see how their friends have grown in the last few months. New classes, new opportunities, new challenges, new learning. Not always easy but for the overall good and health of their brains and societal integration. New fall television programs. New football seasons! New hopes and dreams.

Here at Trinity, fall will welcome a newly renovated Rogers Hall and updated HVAC. I hope the new color scheme will be appealing! Roges Hall being dragged into this new century! I look forward to it. With the change will come new challenges and opportunities for how we do some things regarding the ‘Hall’. Where will we now hang/store the churches banners? Where/how will we store the overflow equipment used in the kitchen? What we have to complain about now that the basketball hoop is gone??? Oh, the humanity!!! I’m kidding.

With change comes the opportunities to help and revise and come up with new ways of thinking about what we have, what we need to divest from, and what our vision for the future might look like. Summer is over and now is the time for us to get back to work and plot the future in front of Trinity. Where do we want to be a year from now, 5 years from now, 20 years from now or a hundred years from now? It takes vision, COLLABORATION, and imagination to propel us into the future. What do you see in our future? And in yours? YOU are in charge of your life with the decisions you make and being a member of this congregation, you and all of your fellow congregants will steer this church into the future. Exciting times and opportunities are there waiting to be experienced and brought to life.

In Christ’s name and Blessing,

Fr. Allen

Deacons's Article

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a good summer and were able to do all that you wanted to. I for one was able to get more golf in than I usually am able to. The attached pic is of a golf tournament that Fr. Allen & I participated in along with several others from Trinity. It was a beautiful day, great hospitality, a great group of people and fun was had by all. Some even won prizes!



Even with summer, my work on the COM continues with liaison meetings along with COM meetings. Now as we get geared up for the fall, there will be even more to do. More about that later. I've also been able to get together with many of my fellow Deacons at a usual luncheon spot. It is nice to get together, find out what others are doing, share ideas and support one another in our various ministries.

This month I will begin working on our next eucharistic minister schedule along with scheduling individuals for upcoming liturgical events. We are also working on a little nicer look for our eucharistic ministers attire. Lynnette Connell recently visited a church in Hawaii and came back with a gorgeous braided green ribbon to which she was able to attach a cross. After visiting & sharing her ministry as a eucharistic minister with the priest and deacon there, she was gifted several ribbons, one in every liturgical color. It is her hope that she can partner with the church there. She will be connecting with them to see how we might be of help as they repair damage to their structure. She also hopes to be able to support their ribbon ministry & hopefully in the process, create a little nicer look for our EM's. Additionally, Pastor Rachel, ordered us some new crosses and so we will be replacing the few old ones. Hopefully there will be more about this later after Lynnette is able to communicate & assess their needs.

We are also in the planning phase of having another children's service sometime in late fall. If you think that this is something you and your children would like to be involved in or if you just aren't sure, please feel free to reach out to me or Rae. We also have plans, depending on interest, to have an acolyte training. As you can see by this pic, it is never too early to start training and you are never too young or old. There is something for you!



Until next time.

In His Service,
Deacon Pat

Senior Warden



Junior Warden

Wow! Summer is over and we have a lot of Seasonal Maintenance to get done! Our next Buildings and Grounds work day is going to be September 19. We need to do some electrical work, do some outside landscaping work. Even with us not using Rogers Hall right now, we have lots of little jobs that need to be done!

Even if you think that you are too slow or not handy enough to help out, trust me, you can be a great help! Sometimes we just need someone to handle a broom, or to keep an eye on the over all project. If you can keep a small team of folks on task and motivated, you will be a HUGE help.

Remember, part of what Buildings and Grounds is about is not just doing the work, but, keeping our building fresh and ready for each new season. Autumn is a big one for winds and rain, and with school starting we may see an increase in trash and detritus around the front of the church. If you can help us with that, even when it isn't a work day that would mean a lot to your Trinity Community!

Also, I would love to tell you about our trip to Scotland! We got to see David and the Everett Chorale people perform in some amazing places! Please, feel free to ask!

Your Jr, Warden,
Michael Hensley

Events for September 2026:



Sunday September 06, 2026: Eucharist at 08 and 10AM

Thursday September 10, 2026: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1PM

Saturday September 12, 2026: Funeral for Joel Derby at 1PM

Sunday September 13, 2026: Eucharist at 08 and 10AM *Welcome Back Sunday*
Choir Starts Back up!

Sunday School Starts back up!

Tuesday September 15, 2026: Virtual Vestry Meeting at 6:30PM

Saturday September 19, 2026: Building and Grounds Work day at 10AM

Sunday September 20, 2026: Eucharist at 08 and 10AM.

Adult Forum on Creation Care, after 10AM service

Thursday September 24, 2026: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1PM

Sunday September 27, 2026: Eucharist at 08 & 10AM

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

Money, Money, Money, Money, Tithe.

The last four months of 2026 will focus on the money needs of Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Dinner/Auction is now scheduled for October 24th. The 2026 budget is counting on fundraiser proceeds of \$15,000. This is part of the budget income that was accepted and published at the annual meeting in January. Zanae Rodrigo is coordinating the Dinner/Auction this year and more updates will be published in the info pages throughout September.

The 2026 budget is \$484,870.00 and we are 1.4% under budget in our spending at this time. At the same time income is falling short approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 each month. Thus far we have borrowed \$47,053.02 from the dedicated funds or the Endowments. This makes the Dinner/Auction especially important for the budget this year.

The renovation of Rogers Hall is underway. The contractor is Gateway Construction Services and will be overseen by Driftmier Architects and Pastor Rachel. As a reminder members are asked to refrain from entering the parish hall, which will be under active construction until mid-October. No admittance signs are posted, so please be mindful of the restrictions for everyone's safety. Pastor Rachel has been sending email updates each Thursday.

The July invoice for renovations was paid in August in the amount of \$65,604.90 to get started. We have also paid miscellaneous fees and permits in the amount of \$4,944.75. We should have four more invoices, one each month in August, September, October, and a final invoice in November. The invoices will increase as the higher priced equipment is procured and the renovations progress forward.

The monies needed to complete the Rogers Hall renovations will come from the Capital Campaign and diocesan loan we procured earlier this year. The Refresh, Renew, Rejoice Campaign monies are, at this time, split between \$155,088.60 in the endowment account and \$178,926.75 in checking. We will need to access these funds in September and October to pay the Gateway invoices.

The second source of money is the diocesan money. The loan is structured so that repayment begins 30 days after we receive the loan principal of \$325,000. The loan interest rate is 6.68%, for a 5-year term through November 2031. The first installment for repayment will become due in November 2026 in the amount of \$6,386.44.

The Vestry discussed the need of a second capital campaign to cover repayment of the diocesan loan. Trinity was polled as to what would parishioners contribute if there was a second Capital Campaign. The poll was established, as required by the Diocese, to verify that Trinity would be able to repay the loan with a capital campaign approximating pledges for \$325,000. The Trinity community gave an estimate of \$258,200. The first installment for repayment will become due in November so the most likely campaign start time will be in September.

The boiler heating system is still needed to heat the sanctuary throughout the winter. When the boiler was shut down in April, United Mechanical (UMC) presented a \$15,945 service estimate for repairs required to safely operate the boiler this winter. Listed items include a broken valve and corroded pipes. The Vestry discussed the building's heating history, noting that failing to heat the sanctuary would cause severe, costly damage to the organ far exceeding the cost of the repairs. At this time additional estimates are to be solicited before a decision and action are taken in October.

The third week of October through November will focus on the Annual Stewardship Campaign. The budget for 2027, at first glance appears to have about a 3% overall increase.

Edward Barton, the treasurer of the Diocese of Olympia, has given the 2027 expected salary Cost-of-Living increase to be between 3.5% and 4%. This is subject to review and approval at the annual convention in October. Currently inflation for the first seven months of the year is on average 2.79%.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign is the single biggest income stream for Trinity Episcopal Church. The last few years the pledges were about 25% short of covering the budget for the year. This creates the fundraising need for the Trinity Together campaign. Can we do better this year?

Peace be with you,
Jarman Minar - Treasurer

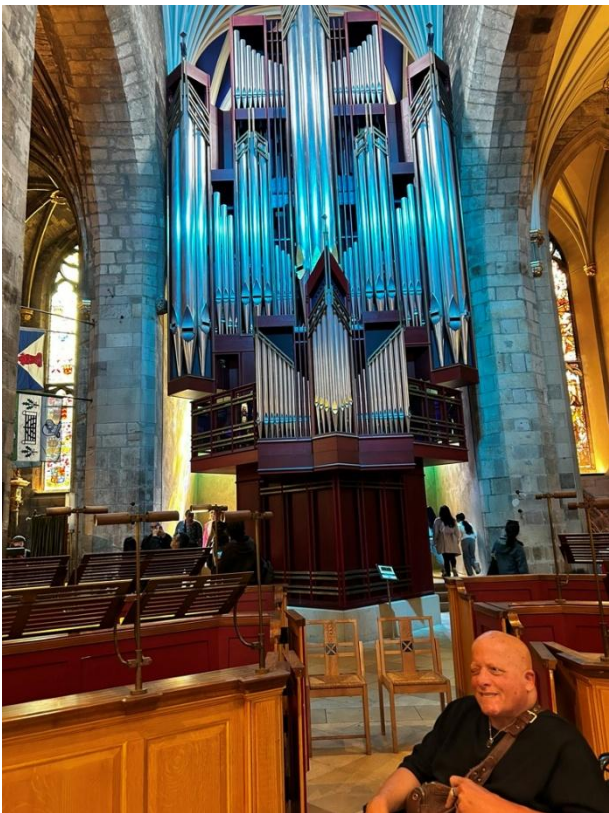
CHIMES Sept. 2026 A few notes from the Music Director

Several of us from Trinity Choir (Sue Brown, John Palmer, Joe Rochon and myself) were part of the Everett Chorale tour of Ireland and Scotland this summer. I got to sing several concerts in some amazing, historic churches with so many stories. (And I can brag that I now have conducted in Europe, since I was able to lead the chorale in part of the program. Our first was Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin, the oldest (over 1,000 years old) church in Ireland. Singing “O Danny Boy” near where my grandmothers were born left me a bit teary. The emotional impact of being where so many people centered their faith and family life for countless generations, enduring hardships, joys and everything else imaginable was intense. We saw the Titanic exhibit in Belfast, where the ill fated ship was built, and heard the stories of so many headed to America and elsewhere in the desperate hope for a better life. It gave

me pause, as there are so many similarities to today’s world. 100+ years ago in New York there were job vacancies posted with “No Irish need apply.” (And that’s been the case for Italians... Greeks... Africans... Mexicans... etc.).

It makes me want to work for a more gentle, inclusive world, and recognize that we all are children of God.

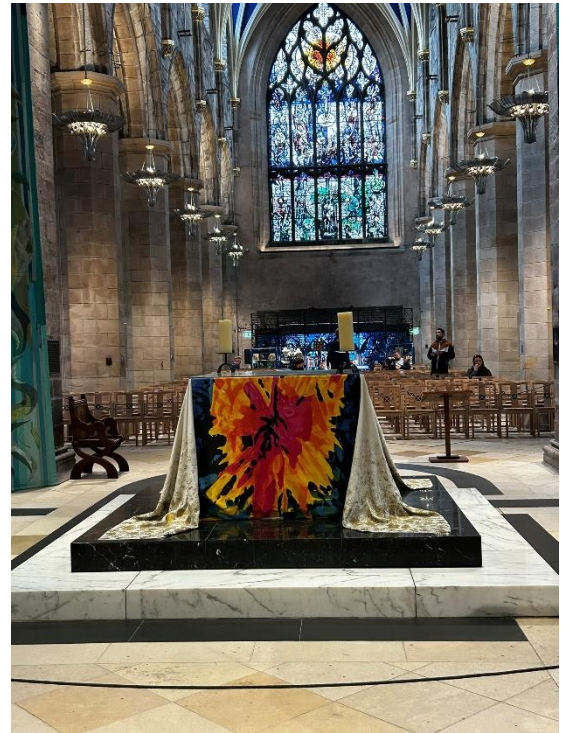
Let us keep praying!



Now, on to MUSIC! We have opportunities for all young and old to be part of the musical family. If you are curious or interested, or know of someone who could be drawn to life at Trinity via a musical invitation, let's chat!

PARISH CHOIR: Meets Thursdays, starting September 10, 7:00-8:30pm. Come early for snacks, to socialize, and get folders organized.

NEWCOMERS (middle school/up) are **ALWAYS WELCOME**. While regular weekly participation is most typical, we accommodate various busy schedules to allow for maximum involvement. Our first Sunday is Sept. 13. We are doing a familiar choral piece on our first day. Newcomers are welcome to join in as they feel comfortable.



“SILVER BELLS” HANDBELL CHOIR

We are hoping to continue our “RETIRED RINGERS” bell choir that can be augmented by some more experienced ringers for an occasional weekend or weeknight rehearsal. I am suggesting midweek, likely Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon starting in October, **NEW RINGERS** are welcome – especially early in the season. The ability to read music helps, but more important is willingness, the ability to commit to regular participation, and a sense of adventure! If you are interested, please contact David Spring.

TENTATIVE FALL MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 10	7:00pm	Choir rehearsals resume
Sept. 12	1:00pm	Requiem for Joel Derby (rehearsal at 12:00 noon)
Sept. 13	10:00am	“Welcome Back” Sunday; choir sings for first Sunday of the season
Nov. 1	10:00am	All Saints Sunday (bells and festive choir)
	4:00pm	Choral concert: Fauré REQUIEM with guest musicians and singers
Nov. 29	both	Advent begins
Dec. 13	both	“Rose Sunday” (Advent III)
Dec. 24	4:00, 9:00pm	Christmas Eve Services

With gratitude,

David Spring, Music Director/Organist. 206-261-0873 davidrspring@icloud.com

Altar Guild

The Season of Creation begins on September 1st and continues to the feast of St. Francis on October 4th. An Episcopal resource ascribes the symbol of "living water" and a focus on the environment to the season. The altar hangings are changed to dark green. This season ends on October 4th with the Feast of St. Francis. As Fall nears and school starts we also look forward to Sunday school and choir resuming. Looking forward we find we're near the end of the current liturgical season. Christ the King Sunday is November 22nd. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th and is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical season.

Submitted by Julia Vander Vegt, Altar Guild member

Threads from the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group that knits (or crochets) shawls that are blessed by the hands, prayers and intentions of the maker as well as being blessed on the altar during a Sunday Eucharist. Shawl ministry arose out of an international and ecumenical movement of making and giving shawls for the purpose of imparting blessings and comfort and has been active in our parish for twenty-six years. We also knit the smaller version called a pocket prayer shawl that was designed during the Gulf and Afghanistan Wars for those serving our country in need of feeling God's arms wrapped around them when a regular-sized shawl was not practical. Another aspect of our ministry is creating simple knit ribbed stocking hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers located on Harbor Island in Seattle and for children through Luma NW, formerly the Assistance League of Everett and other charitable organizations. One of our founding members knits stuffed animals for Hospice and others who request them.

The patterns are simple and require only basic knitting skills. If you are just learning or want to learn how to knit, we can help you get started. The patterns are simple and we have a supply of donated yarn free for the taking. This year we are trying quarterly versus monthly meetings and we will have our fall quarter meeting September 5 at 10 am in the Guild Room. All are welcome!

Barb Linvog, chairperson

Sunday School

Hi Grownups!

September 13 is when Sunday School starts back up. We have a pretty full curriculum this year! For our older kiddos, we will have memory verses and stories and preparing for when they are old enough to be acolytes and help in Big Church. For our younger kiddos, we are going to have stories and play and introducing the Bible and church ideas. Things like, why do we reverence the altar? In addition to Noah's Ark! There are grand plans for everyone!



With that in mind, I know that I have been harping on the whole please volunteer thing, but we seriously need assistance! Please consider if you can offer some assistance once every couple of months! Just to be an extra grown up in the room with us. We have snacks downstairs! Godly Play is very easy to interact with and our kiddos are really fun to be around.

I am hoping to put together a Trunk or Treat event for Halloween this year, it will mean that we need Grown ups to decorate their cars and hand out candy. There are tons of fun kits on Oriental Trading Co. or Amazon, and even more ideas on Pinterest! If different Ministries want to come together and sponsor a vehicle or something that would work too! We want to take time to show our community that we are friendly and welcoming, and they have a place here. More families means more parishioners and that is the goal of the church! This is a fun and interesting way to put ourselves out there!

² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.--Hebrews 13:2

Rachael Olsen – administrator@trinityeverett.org



September Birthdays:

Stella Napolitano	09/04 (11 yo)
Maggie Gaynier	09/07 (4 yo)
Wolfgang Bauer	09/10
Deborah Estep	09/10
John Alsosztatai-Petheo	09/11
Emma Moore	09/13
Graham Anderson	09/16
Lucy Davis	09/17
Jacque Nason	09/18
Michelle Wheeler	09/19
Allan Elenbaas	09/20
Kathryn Prettyman	09/20
Zanae Rodrigo	09/20
Nancy Smith	09/20
Francis Andrews	09/21 (2 yo)
Riley Linder	09/23
Joe Rochon	09/23
Megan Spridgeon	09/27
Jim Dean	09/28

September Anniversaries:

Craig & Lynnette Connell	09/02 (8 years)
David & Karen Cunningham	09/05 (39 years)
Bill & Carol Bartley	09/06 (57 years)
David Spring & Joe Rochon	09/06 (12 years)
Andrew & Katherine Bond	09/11 (?? years)
Randy & Brigitte Bolerjack	09/14 (14 years)
Don Olin & Julia VanderVegt – Olin	09/21 (7 years)
Gary & Ardie McLean	09/26 (31 years)
Jason & Victoria Baker	09/26 (16 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)
- 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)

Faith
Love
Honor
Respect
Responsibility
Perseverance
Accepting
Commitment
Inclusive
Nurturing
Empowerment



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