November 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

Rector's Report

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

Dear Friends,

The story of the renovation of Rogers Hall, our parish hall, began with a vision and mission set of consultations and parish surveys from 2014-2016. Following that communal work, we contracted with Driftmier Architects to draft plans that encompassed our vision. We created visual displays that shared the renderings with the congregation as part of a capital campaign plan to help finance the project. When all the congregational planning was completed, our plans were approved by the Diocesan Architectural Committee in the first week of September 2018. That's when our carefully laid plans began to encounter a series of challenges over the years that followed.

Just a few days after our plans had been approved by the diocesan office, Everett experienced a once-in-a-century flood. Trinity's entire lower level, including the downstairs hall, classrooms, and kitchen were all flooded. The entire area required decontamination, mitigation, tearing out the lower 3' of drywall of nearly every room, replacement flooring and new carpets, new paint, etc. The entire repairs took almost exactly a year to complete. Church Insurance did not cover all of the expenses, so we had to divert funds to the repairs. At the same time, we began preparations for the Capital Campaign for the parish hall renovation. Additionally in 2018, a motor vehicle ran into the side of the sanctuary and took out some of our yard work and a tree, which was replaced, and our copper downspouts and gutters were stollen (as were those of the Catholic church). So, we had to replace those, and again Church Insurance did not cover the entire cost and funds were diverted.

In 2019, our area experienced a tremendous windstorm, and straight-line winds coming up from the coast peeled back the copper crest of the slate roof of our sanctuary, requiring repairs by a slate roof specialist. Once again, funds were diverted to these repairs, though at no time was the Capital Campaign fund used, because that was specifically dedicated to the vision plan of renovations to the parish hall. Also, another auto vehicle jumped the curb on Hoyt Ave and took out the stair railings at the front entry of the church. Also, the copper stair railings to the old entry were stollen. Our Annual Pledge Campaign in 2019 put us in the black for the first time historically for the 2020 budget year. Then, as you know, 2020 brought us a global pandemic, which put all things on hold for 18 months.

The consequence of all these instances and consequent costs meant that we had to scale back the original architectural plan, which had included replacing our steam boiler system with an H-VAC system for the entire physical plant. We took out the planned renovations of our bathrooms, storage space, an audio-visual system, and certain designs we had wanted for the parish hall. We focused instead on a two-part plan, with part one focusing on refinishing Rogers Hall and installing an H-VAC system in it, which we knew would significantly reduce our energy costs. Separate donation campaigns enabled us to replace the windows in Rogers Hall and in the sacristy. We were also able to transform the south side space in the sanctuary into a Marion Chapel through private donations.

The H-Vac system allows us to circumvent the steam boiler, which is an energy hog. In part two of our revised renovation plan, we will circumvent the boiler with a system that will heat the lower level, Guild Room and sanctuary (which will remain on the boiler system for the time being). At some point, we will need to have a second capital campaign for part two of the plan, and there is no easy fix. Until then, our focus will be on building up our endowment funds and operational dedicated funds that are used for specific programs like our music program, organ restoration needs, education programs, and outreach.

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This month of October will hold two important events in the life of our church. On Saturday, October 24, we will hold a communal dinner and auction, an occasion that has become vital in our planned income as a part of our 2026 approved annual budget. This Roaring 20's event promises to be so fun and has wonderful experiences that will be part of the auction as well as a lovely dinner. I hope that you will attend and bring friends from the wider community to enjoy what will also be the first event Trinity will hold in our newly renovated parish hall.

Our vision has always centered on developing Rogers Hall into a welcoming place for the community beyond our doors and those organizations seeking such a space for special events, meetings, or interfaith worship. We are already developing a contract with Everett Public Schools who hope to use Rogers Hall on weekdays in the coming two years for their music programs while the high school undergoes its own renovation project.

The second event that begins this month is our Annual Pledge Campaign, from October 18th to November 22nd. We keep the campaign timeline tight so as not to fatigue folks with repeated pleas over a long span. That said, pledges are welcomed at anytime throughout the year, and information for registering for pledging is always available through the Church Office. In the second week of the month, you will receive pledge campaign materials and information. When the campaign ends on Sunday, November 22nd, those making pledges for financial gifts towards our 2027 budget, will have the opportunity to bring their pledge cards to the altar during a special Thanksgiving service that morning, a single combined service at 10:00am followed by our community Thanksgiving-themed brunch in Rogers Hall. This is always a lovely occasion with excellent food provided by our kitchen leaders and supplemented by your generous contribution of side dishes.

Trinity continues to operate, transform, grow, and thrive in challenging times. Our vision continues to inspire your Vestry and leadership towards achieving our ultimate goals. The road may be long until we can realize part two of our overall plans, but I don't think it will take another 10 years as part one has taken in the midst of so many events and unexpected expenses beyond our control. We continue to steward the legacy of our historic buildings, our beloved music programs and liturgies, and pastoral needs of our community. Newcomers are deeply attracted to the welcoming environment you all provide and to our faithful commitment to areas of ministry such as social justice, including LGBTQ+ equality, environmental justice, support for migrants and refugees, and feeding programs. Trinity makes a difference for those who come through our doors seeking support and acceptance and for those whose lives are touched and profoundly changed by your generosity of all the Holy Currencies of giving of: your Time and maintenance of this Place, our Gracious Leadership, commitment to authentic Relationship, Truth, Wellness, and finally Money.

Within the social and economic challenges of our current time, these Holy Currencies are needed more than ever – TRINITY is needed more than ever. Whatever we are facing, we must face them as a community. As Paul writes to the struggling community of Christians in Galatia, we "must not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Let all our words to one another be words of love and encouragement, setting down frustrations and impatience that neither serve the Spirit nor the people. Let our prayers and intentions focus on the vital ministries to which we are all called as a community of faith. Let us be kind and generous and forgiving as Christ has drawn on our hearts to be. For only by being a living experience of God's love are we able to change our world.

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

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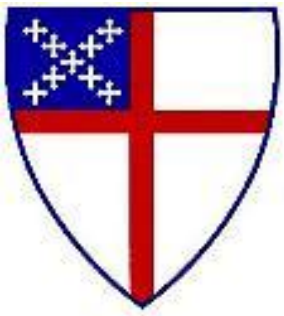
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Associate Pastor

Hard as it is to imagine, three fourths of this year have now passed. We enter the last quarter of the year looking forward to what I have always considered to be the most fun part of the year. Each of the coming months has a holiday or season for us to celebrate. After this year we need to be able to look forward to a happy time that is coming. If you want to look at it from a secular point of view, we have Halloween and then Thanksgiving, covering October and November. Then, Advent, my favorite time of the year leading to Christ's Mass, Christmas. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in these coming months.

As most of you are aware I have not been serving at Trinity a great deal these past months. I put my name on the Clergy Supply list for the Diocese 5 or 6 months ago and have been called to other churches that have a need for priest on certain Sundays. At this point I have actually served at 8 different churches, plus Trinity, when there has been a need. It has been a challenge to go cold into another facility/congregation to lead a service because, even though we are all Episcopalian, each church has their little idiosyncrasies regarding how they conduct their services. Every church I have been to has been very open, friendly, and welcoming. I must be doing okay because I keep getting follow-on requests for more services.

I want to talk very briefly about 4 of the churches I have visited. These are the ones that have no priest. These are relatively smaller congregations whose budgets are limited and who are trying to discern how to move ahead into the future. When I am there with those people, I am filling a need and am grateful and honored to be doing that for them. I would much rather be doing that than filling a chair at Trinity when we have 3 ordained clergy members and these folks have no one. I am called to help out where I can. These other churches can typically only afford to have a supply priest twice a month, while doing morning prayer services the other Sundays. They are grateful for the presence of a supply priest so they can celebrate the Eucharist twice a month.

The thing that these smaller congregations all have in common, is their devotion to God, to each other, and to their Christian beliefs. Though small, they have their prayer groups and prayer chains. They have a ministry that helps out regularly at the food banks. A group helps tutor school children who need assistance. They have adult bible study sessions a couple of times a month. They have a men's group that meets regularly at a local café just for camaraderie and banter. These congregations are finding ways to get involved and keep their churches alive and supporting each other.

Will any of these churches close? Or will a couple of them join together? To be determined. They are openly discussing what will be in their best interests and practical. They are praying about it and hoping for the best.

I can say honestly that I like every one of the churches I have visited and served in. I see these churches and they inspire me, not for their doggedness but rather for their devotion to their Christian beliefs and how that is what guides them and their actions. They look to the future with a little trepidation but with humor, realistic expectations, and assurance that whatever happens God and Jesus will be their companions on whatever journey they are on. This is the dedication that inspires me and their living their beliefs, openly.

We should all live our beliefs so openly.

Thanks be to God,

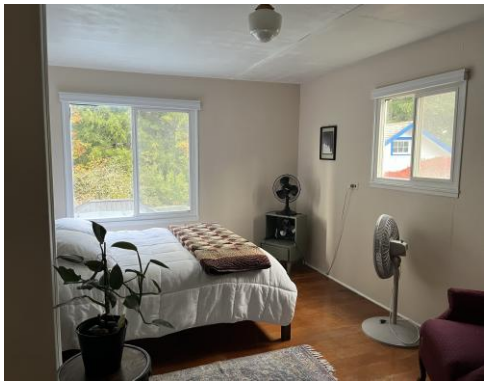
Fr Allen

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Deacons's Article

Dear Friends,

October was a very busy month for me. On October 3rd at St Marks Cathedral we ordained 3 new Deacons to the Diaconate. All were welcome to share in this significant event in the lives of those who have been in process & I saw some of you there for that event.



Right after the ordinations, I flew to Palm Springs for two weeks working on a house my mother had. I flew back home & headed to SeaTac for a couple of days for our Diocesan Convention. The last week of the month, I was at Sacred Waters for a week as part of my work on the Commission on Ministry. I had a lovely room as you can see however climbing the somewhat spiral staircase was a bit challenging.

Some of you have asked about the COM and I am always happy to answer any questions you may have. However I do want you to know that I cannot speak about anyone in process, so please know that should you ask, I am not being rude or evasive, I just cannot talk about certain things as most of our work is confidential in nature.

I'd also like to take a moment to talk about something that we as clergy experience, usually on a Sunday morning. Sundays are very busy for us as we try to ensure that the liturgy enhances your spiritual needs and that your experience is meaningful. Often times we can get questions, problems or frustrations brought to our attention. Please know that we try hard to be

present for you but sometimes it is hard with so much going on and we may ask you to shoot us an email with your concern or a reminder. Please know that we aren't putting you off but rather asking you to help us, help you.

Our next children's service is scheduled for November 29th. We would love to have all our youth involved, either as readers or acolytes or in any way you would like to be. We also have plans to have an acolyte training and would really like to have some acolytes for our Christmas services. 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.



Until next time.

In His Service,
Deacon Pat

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Senior Warden

My fellow Parishioners,

We are on the slide towards the end of the year! We just had a rousing success with the "Saints Misbehaving" Auction Dinner. And while that is most welcome, we are still in the Stewardship Season and I want to encourage you to plan your giving for next year.

Trinity has so many activities this time of year, between the Thanksgiving Dinner towards the end of this month, then all of us celebrating Thanksgiving with our families. I just want to say that Thanksgiving is really the theme we need to focus on. I am so thankful for Zanae and all her leadership and work on the auction. As well as every single person that contributed in ways large and small! Truly, with all my heart, THANK YOU!

Since we are mentioning giving, of time, talents and money. I just want to mention again that Trinity is a generational legacy. For many of us, we have parents and grandparents that attended here, and we hope to have children and grandchildren that do as well. The pledges that we all make this year will flow towards that inheritance we hope to leave. Not just the building (and our spiffy new Roger's Hall!), but all the pieces that make Trinity so special to us. The Christmas Services, the Choir robes, the open and welcoming front doors! Every bit of pledging makes a difference that our community of faith, friends and family will see!

Sr. Warden Michelle Wheeler

Junior Warden

Wow! Autumn has really come in with a raging wind. The preverberal pendulum has swung from lazy summer to stormy and wind driven fall! That means the church has a lot of housekeeping to get ready for the cold and wet! With our shiny new Roger's Hall, we want to make sure that we are taking care of the rest of the building as well. If you have good balance and want to help out, we need someone to walk the roof and clear out the drains and gutters!

I know that we have been hitting the Stewardship thing hard, but I wanted to present a different angle. If you can't do the physical work, it might be a case where you could donate the funds to cover that particular service. For instance, we are an aging congregation, maybe you can't do the lawn work, but you might know a guy that could? Or maybe you notice that something needs a deep clean, why not mention to me and then we can schedule a time for you or someone you arrange to be here to do the cleaning. It truly takes a village to keep our community in good repair. And remember if you notice it, maybe someone else didn't, so just take the initiative and get the ball rolling! There is that old story :

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Remember this one when you start looking around! If you see something that needs done, let me know and we will try and arrange a Building and Grounds day to work on things! Or we can try and work on things around everything else coming up! The more we deal with things now, the less they will cost us in the future!

In His Name,
Michael Hensley Jr. Warden

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Events for November 2026:



Sunday November 01, 2026: Pentecost 23 at 08 and 10 AM

Feast of All Saints, Baptism at 10AM

Fauré Requiem at 4:30 PM Reception to follow.

Sunday November 08, 2026: Pentecost 24 at 08 and 10AM

Thursday November 12, 2026: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1:00 PM

Sunday November 15 , 2026: Pentecost 25 at 08 and 10 AM.

Vestry Meeting after 10 AM service.

Sunday November 22 2026: Pentecost 26 at 10AM – **Combined Service**

Conclusion of Stewardship Season.

Thanksgiving Meal after service

Thursday and Friday November 26 & 27, 2026: Thanksgiving Holidays

Church Office will be closed

Sunday November 29, 2026: Advent 1 at 08 and 10AM .

Children's Service at 10AM.

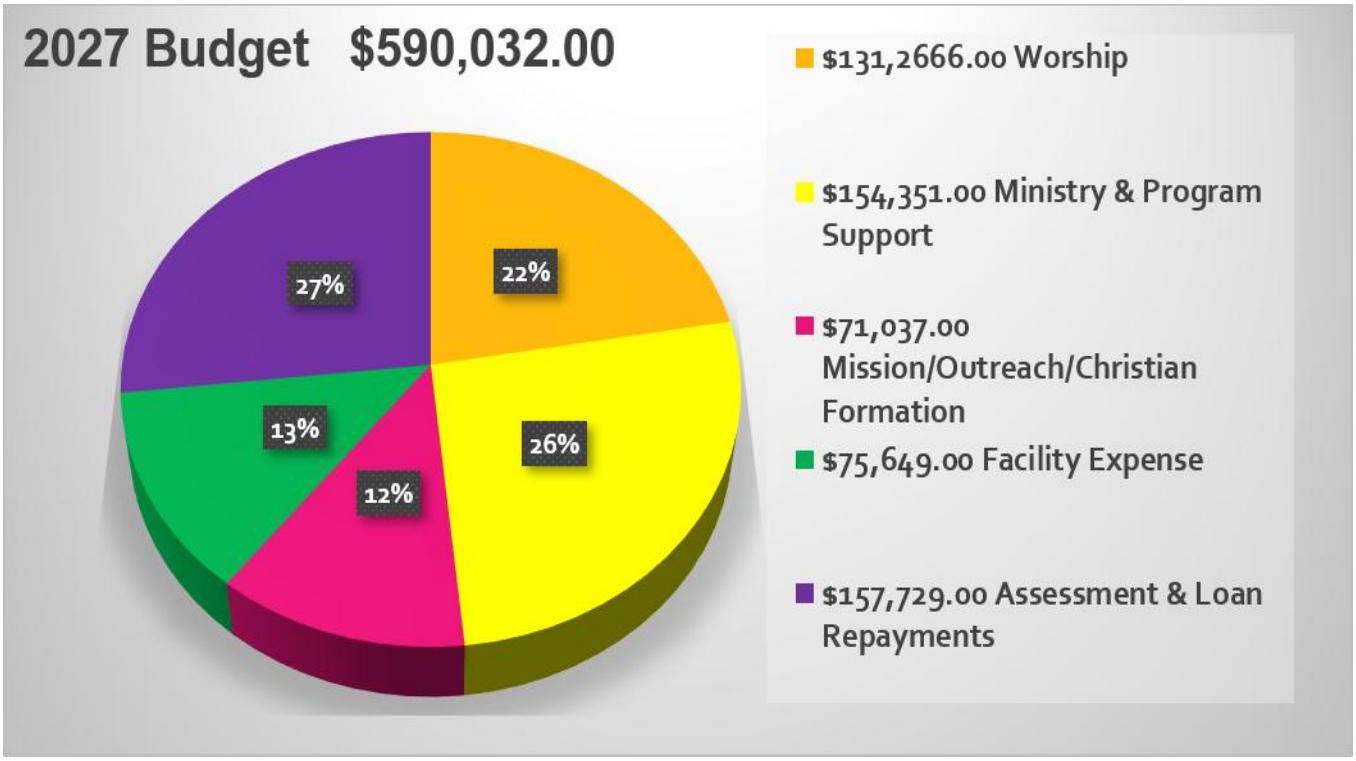
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Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

We are now conducting the Pledge Campaign for the 2027 budget year. The budget for 2027 is stressed with our loan repayments. The EDIL loan will continue until 2030 with $$7,692 payable each year. We also have the Diocesan loan for the next five years with an annual payment of $76,637.28 or $6,386.44 monthly.

Expenses adjusted for inflation:	$590,032.00
Expected Pledges and fundraisers:	$349,320.00
Projected Deficit 2027:	**$240,712.00**



The annual Pledge Campaign is the main source of income for Trinity. These dollars create a foundation of income for the year. The budget is centered around this foundation with expenses and programs pared, as needed, in order to achieve a reasonable budget.

Other income streams and fundraisers can fluctuate throughout the year, making the pledges the most important and reliable income part of the budget. The Little House is not rented at this time thus we are missing one of our income sources. After using the main Endowment money for the renovation of Rogers Hall, there will be no 5% endowment transfer to the operating budget in 2027.

God calls us to be honest and transparent in our generosity. This includes planning our giving at the beginning of the month rather than waiting to see what is left over. The irony here is that people who plan their giving typically have more in their savings account at the end of the month than most because these are the kind of people who plan for everything. Know who you are and what your priorities should be.

How much is enough? Is 10% all I need to tithe? Practically speaking, it's easier to give small amounts more frequently than large sums all at once. Likewise, the church has ongoing needs and financial obligations that require steady, weekly support.

Annual	Weekly	Weekly Giving							
Income	Income	15%	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%	1%
$22,000	$423	$63	$51	$42	$34	$25	$17	$8	$4
$25,000	$481	$72	$58	$48	$38	$29	$19	$10	$5
$30,000	$577	$87	$69	$58	$46	$35	$23	$12	$6
$40,000	$769	$115	$92	$77	$62	$46	$31	$15	$8
$50,000	$962	$144	$115	$96	$77	$58	$38	$19	$10
$60,000	$1,154	$173	$138	$115	$92	$69	$46	$23	$12
$70,000	$1,346	$202	$162	$135	$108	$81	$54	$27	$13
$80,000	$1,538	$231	$185	$154	$123	$92	$62	$31	$15
$90,000	$1,731	$260	$208	$173	$138	$104	$69	$35	$17
$100,000	$1,923	$288	$231	$192	$154	$115	$77	$38	$19
$110,000	$2,115	$317	$254	$212	$169	$127	$85	$42	$21
$120,000	$2,308	$346	$277	$231	$185	$138	$92	$46	$23
$140,000	$2,692	$404	$323	$269	$215	$162	$108	$54	$27

This chart is a guideline on giving according to your income. As always, your finances are unique to you and your family. This tool is to help you do the math and assist you to determine your pledge for 2027.

Peace be with you,
Jarman Minar
Treasurer
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A few notes from the Music Director



This summer, it hit me that I have been serving as music director at Trinity for 25 years.
My first Sunday was All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001, right after the Sept. 9 terrorist attacks.
I was new to the Episcopal church and its liturgy... so much to learn during an emotionally and spiritually challenging time. I once studied in seminary for the ordained ministry; my superiors figured out my focus would better serve God with music. Serving at Trinity has allowed me to have a little of both worlds, to be part of a vibrant community where all are welcome, and where music old and new to elevate the human soul is appreciated and fostered.
It has been a joyful, rewarding, sometimes challenging, always fulfilling time. Thank you, Trinity family and friends, for your support of our music program and of me personally.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day are parallel commemorations. The former honors specific, *named* saints recognized as holy people who lived their lives in God's light and shared much with others. Some gave their lives as martyrs, some just lived their lives as holy people and helped bring others to Christ. **All *Souls* Day** is one where we remember people in our own lives who have gone before us, who lived out their Baptismal vows as best as they could. The concept of Purgatory embraces prayer on behalf of loved ones, that their journey to Heaven be hastened in case there is some cleansing or atonement on the way. (Theologians have had many takes on this concept!)

The practice of Halloween –"All Hallows" Eve – is directly tied to **All Saints**. The Hispanic "Dia de los Muertos"- *Day of the Dead* focuses on All Souls. We practice the two as a combined feast, as there are lots of saints among us. SO.... this year, we will have a festive Sunday All Saints morning service, AND a public All Souls event that afternoon.

The **Trinity Parish Adult Choir** will present a formal concert with professional orchestra, in combination with guest singers here at Trinity church, on **Sunday,November 1**, 4:30pm. (Note time change).

The featured work will the the ***REQUIEM*** by Gabriel Fauré.
REQUIEM is the traditional Latin setting of the Mass for the Dead – but with a decidedly optimistic, gentle flavor reminding the listener of the loving hand of God calling each of us closer to Him. With the turmoil in the world, especially in our own country these days, a chance for reflection, some time of peace, a sense of hope, and the brightness of Easter's resurrection is needed. This is an intimate, yet grand setting of every person's deepest moment of faith and trust. Instrumentation is strings, organ, harp, a little brass.

The concert is open to all; please plan on attending, and invite friends who could use a time of peace and hope. There is no admission church, though donations are always welcome for those who are able.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Have **YOU** considered joining our choirs? The **Trinity Handbell Choir** will be gearing up for Christmas starting November 4. And the adult choir rehearses Thursdays, 7:00pm. NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME for Christmas starting the first week in November. Check us out!

Questions? Ideas? Please feel free to contact me! (cell) 206-261-0873, davidrspring@icloud.com

With gratitude and joy,
David Spring

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Sunday School

Christmas is Coming! The Goose is getting Fat!
Please put a Penny in the Old Man's Hat!

This song has been running through my head lately. There is SO MUCH that we do this time of year and so many ways we can incorporate our kiddos. It is mind boggling! Last week we started talking about Saints in Sunday School. And the older kids made little booklets up with some of our many Saints in them. We talked about what makes a Saint, and why we should learn from them. Often these special spiritual people have a specific lesson we can learn about and focus on. One day, these small people may have lessons that we can learn from them!

With that in mind, I encourage EVERYONE to take the time to talk to our kiddos. As them about their likes and dislikes, their ideas and what they have to say about things. . As we roll through Thanksgiving and into the Christmas season we both focus on the kids and completely forget that they are little people all of their own. Does this child like snowmen, or are they really intrigued by angels? Do the small children in your life want to be a part of the Nativity play? Or would they rather just come and attend services? Do you have any kiddos in your life that might want to be involved?

If you have kids that want to be involved, let us know! We would love to start an Acolyte Program back up! But, we need kids that are in middle school for that. We are going to have a Nativity Play, and while not everyone can be Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus or Gabriel, we can always use angels and shepherds and animals! Even if they show up on the night of Christmas Eve we will do our best to include every child that wants to be a part!

Lastly, I want to mention the Children's Service. Advent 1 on November 29th will inc We have been trying to have these more often. And, I know that there are couple of our regular kids that love to participate, we can ALWAYS work in new ones! If your kiddo likes to read, or just wants to carry something in the Procession, we have a spot for them and are more than happy to have them participate. Just let me know!

Also, as a

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court. Psalm 127:3-5

Rae Olsen – administrator@trinityeverett.org

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November Birthdays:



Kimberly Hensley	11/04
Karen Pullan	11/05
Don Stapleton	11/07
Jarman Minar	11/07
Bishop Prettyman	11/07
Bonnie Meyers	11/08
Ted Olason	11/08
Peter Mentele	11/12
Haley Linder	11/12
Julia VanderVegt – Olin	11/14
Brey Centatiempo	11/14 (11 years)
Kathryn Cunningham	11/17
Piper Finley	11/20
Julie Amdal	11/22
Angelique Fryberg	11/22
Brenda Congdon	11/24
Noah Fryberg	11/24
Johnny Bolerjack	11/26
Troy Andrews	11/28

November Anniversaries:

Francisco Bibiano & Mario Azar	11/03 (6 years)
Zanae Rodrigo & Michael Hale	11/07 (19 years)
Matthew & Megan Jones	11/10 (2 years)
Stephen & Carol Ann Clark	11/14 (30 years)
Troy & Kirstin Andrews	11/17 (8 years)
Jarman Minar & Karen Curtis	11/22 (12 years)



THE SAINTS MISBEHAVING GALA & AUCTION FUNDRAISER








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


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