

October 24, 2021

Dear friends,

I have never been more excited about investing in the ministry of Trinity than I am this year. At a time when nothing has worked like it used to, Trinity has been full of vibrant life and the signs of God's work and of a strong community. We have worshipped *together* in spite of distance. We've stayed committed to the education and growth of our children, youth, and adults when every way of learning and teaching was a challenge. We've made and heard the music that nourishes souls. We've found ways to strengthen friendships and cared for one another in crisis and joy.

We do all these things because these are the ways we are strengthened, equipped, and inspired to grow in the love of God and to love and serve our neighbors – following the two greatest commandments that Jesus teaches.

And it works. More than that, it matters.

When we pray together, study God's word, share tears and laughter, we help ourselves and others to feel God's love, promises, power, and support right in the midst of our daily lives. I've heard from many of you about the new signs of God's love you've seen, with Trinity's support. And prayer, study and fellowship teaches and empowers us to serve others and make a true difference in the world. We've found new ways to feed hungry neighbors, and to raise funds for much needed shelter, education, and health ministry through Trinity in spite of all the challenges and changes. I need that. You need that. The world around us needs that – more than ever, right now.

The success of our capital campaign speaks to our commitment to the future, proclaims the strength of this congregation, and promises we're ready for a strong and successful annual campaign now. Today, I'm inviting you to join me in investing in the vitality and growth of Trinity's daily, constant ministry for 2022 – the ongoing work of growing in the love of God and neighbor without which we wouldn't need or dream of the improvements to our buildings.

Please review all the materials in this mailer and take time to give thanks for the ministry of Trinity, for your own relationship with God and others, and prayerfully consider your financial commitment to God's work through Trinity for 2022. Then please return the enclosed pledge card no later than Sunday, November 7.

Our annual giving makes possible all the ministry that matters day after day, throughout the year. To give generously, and to grow in giving, is to invest in our own growth in the love of God and neighbor and increase our trust in God.

Thank you for sharing in this act of love with me!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EMellott", written in a cursive style.

Mother Emily