

Annual Report 2025

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ANNUAL MEETING MATERIAL

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of the Clerk and Parliamentarian
4. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting
5. Elections
 - a. Qualifications
 - b. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - c. Further Nominations
 - d. Polls open for 30 minutes
6. Treasurer's Report for 2025
7. Presentation of Approved 2026 Budget
8. Results of Election
9. General Organization and Committee Reports
10. Announcements and Thanks
11. Necrology
12. Hymn
13. Benediction
14. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, 2025

Call to Order and Opening Business

Mother Emily called the 187th annual meeting to order with prayer at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall

56 voting members were present

Appointment of the Clerk and Parliamentarian: Linda Ralls was appointed Clerk and David Rapuano was appointed Parliamentarian.

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting: Gayle Celentano moved and Lisa Yeh seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Elections:

Qualifications: A Vestry person must be a communicant in good standing of Trinity Church: 16 years of age or older; a regular attendee during the past year; currently a giver of record; a person who accepts the principle of tithing and agrees to work towards it.

Report of the Nominating Committee: *Please refer to Pages 7-9 of the Annual Parish Meeting-Agenda and Documents for Biographies of Candidates.*

1. Vestry and Warden Nominees: Dave Shaw for a new two-year term as Warden; Don Smith, Angela Winterrowd, and Lisa Yeh for three-year Vestry terms; Jennifer Gotthelf for a one-year Vestry term
2. Nominees for Diocesan Deputies for a one-year term: Bob Litsinger, Emily Provin, Kristina VanName. Nominees for Alternate Diocesan Deputies: Julie Bathke, Nancy Matthews, Lisa Yeh.

There were no further nominations. Polls officially opened at 12:07 and will remain open for 30 minutes. All were invited to enjoy the potluck lunch while the polls were open.

A motion to close the polls was made by Steve Meader and seconded by Bruce Lovejoy. Polls closed at 12:37. With no further nominations the slate was submitted for vote. A motion to approve all candidates as presented by acclamation was made by Carolyn Weeks and seconded by Jane Shaw. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Sandi Rapp, Treasurer reported that we are still working though the major changes to staffing with the retirement of Geri Trost and reduction in staff hours. The bookkeeping system is migrating to a new software system as well. The 2024 books have not been closed as of this date.

Beginning in 2024 The Finance Committee meets monthly. They are working toward creation of a staffing and support model that is in line with the size of the congregation and current income.

The draw from the endowment in 2024 was 9% which is an improvement over previous years. Finance Committee and Vestry are working toward a goal of 6% draw which was determined to be a draw that allows the endowment to remain sustainable.

Presentation of the Approved 2025 Budget

Jeff Wojcik gave a presentation of the 2025 Budget titled, “A Journey Toward a Sustainable Budget.” This budget was approved by the Vestry in December 2024.

- Vestry is looking for additional income sources especially different uses of our buildings. Capital improvements should make the Parish Hall more attractive to renters.
- Fund raising events have been successful and will be recurring – Blueberry Festival, movie nights, bingo and the returning holiday market place in 2025.
- We are working with The Church Shop (Church Merch) to sell clothing and other merchandise with the Trinity Logo and identification.
- Increased savings due to staffing reductions will be fully realized in 2025. At this point the staffing plate is full. Volunteerism is the key to making Trinity a stronger organization.
- Further reductions in expenses are reflected in the budget.
- Property issues are in process with 212 W. 2nd street rented, and a contract for MEND to do maintenance, which means \$21,600 in additional income. The sale of 214-216 W. 2nd Street has been delayed due to the necessity of township approvals. Moorestown has delaying hearing the zoning/subdivision issue until February 2025. We need to obtain subdivision approval to create a lot for 214-216 W. 2nd St. and still maintain adequate yard/playground space for the Preschool.
- The draw on the endowment was too high from 2021 to 2023. In 2023 the Vestry voted to work toward limiting the draw to 6%. This combined with the level of income for the endowment with create a sustainable level of income. In 2024 the draw was 10% and the projected draw for 2025 is 9%.

At the end of the presentation Jeff opened the floor to questions and comments.

1. How is the draw reflected in the 2025 Budget and how was the 6% sustainable draw number determined?

Jeff explained that the Budgeted draw of \$167,227 equals 6% and the Deficit draw (which will be needed in 2025) is \$86,335. Added together the two sums equal 9%. An analysis of the endowment by financial planners determined that the income produced by the endowment was sufficient to sustain a 6% annual draw and still maintain the value of the fund.

2. Why is there an increase in Professional and Banking fees from \$3,685 in 2023 to a budgeted amount of \$10,300 for 2025?

There are increased attorney fees, surveyor fees and other expenses relative to the rental of 212 W. 2nd Street and sale of 214-16 W 2nd Street.

3. Why is there a large increase in the amount of Property Maintenance?
Jeff, Nancy Matthews, and Don Smith answered. Snow removal was required in 2024 while there was no snow in 2023; without a full time Sexton a cleaning service is required as well as maintenance issues. Because the Sexton's salary is no longer an expense the two budget items actually reflect a net gain.
4. How can we increase pledge income?
Sandi answered that there has been a pledge increase by some members, but growing the congregation is the only real way that we will be able to increase pledge income.
5. Why are there no outreach funds included in the budget?
Outreach is not included in the budget as the money that comes in goes directly to Outreach Commission and is not a budgeted item.

General Organization and Committee Reports

Maris Williams moved and Gayle Celentano moved to receive the Committee Reports by Title. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Thanks

- Vestry and Finance Committee for their leadership and care for the congregation.
- Trinity staff for their patience and creativity.
- Jeff Wojcik for leading the volunteer recruiting effort.
- All volunteers were thanked by asking them to stand as Mother Emily announced the work they volunteered to do.
- Don Smith for his tireless efforts in managing the property.
- The vitality, grace and joy evident in the congregation which is radiant with life and the love of God.
- John Bradley, Lisa Yeh and Don Smith for their service on Vestry.
- John Bradley for his effort in completing and publishing the Policy for the Protection of Youth and Children.
- Mother Emily for her leadership role and demonstrating the characteristics of a true leader.
- Nancy Matthews who has served since 2015 on Vestry and as Warden.
- Nancy Matthews who has the ability to make something happen when it was needed.

Necrology: Mother Emily read the names of those who have died during the last year and led the meeting in prayer.

Hymn: Those present sang the closing hymn "Ye Holy Angels Bright" with Vernon Williams accompanying on piano.

Benediction: Mother Emily gave the benediction.

Adjournment: Cecilia Campolucci moved and Dave Shaw 2nd a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

WARDEN: 2-YEAR TERM

Jeff Wojcik

Susan and I moved to Medford NJ back in 2014 to be close to my son and his family and now they live in Medford and attend Trinity Church as well. We first selected Trinity because of the beautiful building, but we continue to be here for the ministry & people that are part of the community of this church. Both Susan and I like being active and have joined various activities within the Church. Susan sings in the Choir while I have volunteered for various roles during the church services; usher, chalice bearer and doing several outreach programs. I have always felt I wanted to get more involved and to give back on all the good that has come my way.

In May 2019, I was “Received” into the Episcopal church and was later asked to help in the Youth program as a youth leader. In 2020, I decided to retire from my professional career. I started doing other volunteer services; Tech Guild, Growing Young Team, and later became a Vestry member. I looked for different ways to help Trinity continue to grow as a strong community by organizing and running several fundraising and community events.

I was honored to accept the role of Warden in 2024. During these last two years I continued to support Mother Emily and Trinity as it continues to change and during these challenging times. I look forward to working towards Trinity’s growth in the coming years. Thank You

VESTRY: 3-YEAR TERM

David Douglass

I have lived in Moorestown since 2017 and have been regularly attending Trinity since 2019. I am a lifelong Episcopalian, and as an adult have regularly attended 4 different churches in New Jersey and Long Island NY. I have been married for 38 years to my wonderful wife Karen, and we have two grown children, Catie and Winter. I currently work in Moorestown at Denton Vacuum as head of marketing and R&D, where we make some of the production equipment used to manufacture your high-tech devices. For fun I like to be outdoors, preferably in a boat, or hiking in the mountains. I also like to make my own beer and mead, and I’m happy to share if you are adventurous (my latest is a galaxy hopped NEIPA that has friends asking me to open a brewery, which frankly sounds like too much work).

Over the decades I have been involved in church in various ways, including youth ministries, ushering, and musical contributions, and have been serving on the Trinity vestry for the past 3 years. I hope to continue to help Trinity be the church we all want it to be.

Jennifer Gotthelf

Trinity Church has been my church home for many years, but this past year has been especially meaningful to me. I joined the Vestry with a one-year commitment, hoping to support fellow churchgoers who - like me - might be a bit shy, yet deeply want to help build a strong and welcoming church community. I am grateful to now be serving on the Vestry for the next three years, and I'm truly excited to help grow and strengthen our Welcome and Engagement Ministry.

I look forward to building on the many wonderful things already happening at Trinity, while also expanding the ministry to thoughtfully include and connect new members. On a more personal note, this has been a challenging year for me and I have found tremendous peace, kindness and support within this community. Whether it's a simple "how are you before the service, a warm "I'm so glad to see you" during the exchange of peace, or knowing that Mother Emily is always just an email away, I feel seen, loved, and deeply cared for at Trinity. As both a member of this church and of the Vestry it is my hope to offer that same sense of welcome and belonging to others.

Emily Tinkham Priovine

Emily Tinkham Provine is a cradle Episcopalian who has been a member of Trinity since moving to Moorestown in the fall of 2022. Their current major roles at church are positions as a diocesan delegate and as a member of the Trinity Choir, and they have also served in some smaller capacities including helping with the Blueberry festival and lecturing at the Easter Vigil. They feel most connected to their faith through liturgy and music, which is what helps make the Episcopal church a spiritual home, and they also hold a strong respect for Quaker traditions which they experience through their job as a math teacher at Moorestown Friends School.

Emily's favorite Eucharistic Prayer is C, and their favorite hymn is LEVAS 111 (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing). Outside of church, they dabble in several hobbies, including reading, baking, figure skating, violin, and martial arts.

DIOCESAN DEPUTY – 1-YEAR TERM

Bob Litsinger

Bob is a graduate of the Swanee Education for Ministry program and has provided leadership in four previous parishes. When Bob and Sandie moved to New Jersey in 2008, they found a church home at Trinity. Sandie and Bob were both very active at Trinity the first few years, but Sandie's health limited and eventually prevented participation. Bob was glad to return to active participation at the end of 2016. Since returning Bob has been a Diocesan Representative, Sunday School teacher, a Discipleship for Episcopalians group coach, active in the Renewal Works process, filled a

short-term vestry role, leads God's Diversity Committee and serves as a Lay Pastoral Care Minister. He served as liaison to the vestry of St. John's Maple Shade on behalf of Trinity and the Diocese, and he has completed study at the New Jersey School for Ministry. He is active in worship serving as a chalice bearer, lay reader, teaching and as part of the tech guild. He continues to provide a weekly Evening Prayer service for Trinity. I also now serve as the Chairman of the Lay Certification for the Diocesan Convention. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a database developer and has prior experience in administration for healthcare and legal firms. Regular personal prayer, family life, cycling, yoga, weight training, jogging, travel and visiting with friends rounds out current activity.

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Kristina Van Name

Kristina Van Name has been a member of Trinity for 25 years. Both her children, Connor and Kaylee, have been an active part of Trinity since their birth. Kristina has been serving as a deputy for the church. Since the spring of 2022, she has facilitated the upper elementary aged group in exploring God, Jesus, our church, and their own beliefs. She is also a lay reader and chalice bearer. Kristina loves to sing with the Trinity Choir on Thursdays and occasional Sundays. Each week, she looks forward to Monday Basic Bible Study and Reflection in guiding and learning with the group. Kristina loves the books she has been exposed to with Trinity's Page Brigade, which she facilitates. She is a member of the Growing Young group, which looks at ways to involve and retain young people while breathing life into the whole church. Kristina has been on the Trinity Preschool Board since 2014 and is presently the chair of the board. Both her children attended the preschool.

Alternate Diocesan Deputies – 1 Year Term:

Julie Bathke, Nancy Matthews, Lisa Yeh

BUDGET

BUDGET AND ACTUALS REPORT

	Budget 2026	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024	Budget 2024
Revenues					
Budgeted Income					
Pledge	445,000	430,827	425,000	430,717	425,000
Plate	55,000	73,733	55,000	58,057	55,000
Property Income	62,180	56,588	56,000	33,381	34,000
Endowment Income					
Budgeted Endowment Draw	157,039	167,227	167,227	182,000	182,000
Deficit Funding from Endowment	90,162	6,512	91,335	100,835	74,474
Restricted Endowment Income	37,500	26,434	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Endowment Income	284,701	200,173	268,562	284,425	266,474
Easter and Christmas	6,000	4,746	7,000	6,670	8,000
Fundraiser Income	12,500	11,002	10,000	5,952	10,000
All Other Income	1,500	8,091	4,000	4,805	2,000
Total Budgeted Income	866,881	785,159	825,562	824,007	800,474
Non-Budgeted Special Offerings	0	738	0	2,428	0
Total Revenues	866,881	785,897	825,562	826,435	800,474
Expenses					
Diocesan	117,200	117,125	117,200	112,175	112,200
Compensation					
Wages	346,512	299,168	321,864	339,668	341,972
Benefits	112,928	103,133	103,138	103,326	105,734
Wage Taxes & Workers Comp	29,070	23,640	28,823	31,233	24,138
Compensation Other	3,750	2,394	3,750	2,761	3,750
Total Compensation	492,260	428,115	457,575	476,562	475,595
Administration					
Technology Expenses	24,000	22,278	22,000	21,546	20,400
Supplies and Postage	6,800	6,046	5,800	6,336	7,700
Communications	3,500	3,249	3,500	4,102	4,900
Professional and Banking Fees	5,200	3,556	10,300	9,975	13,966
Total Administration	39,500	35,129	41,600	41,959	46,966
Property					
Property Insurance & Gen Liability	45,733	50,234	49,115	49,030	47,500
Property Maintenance	50,500	47,577	49,637	47,327	30,900
Utilities	56,020	46,094	38,712	33,904	32,600
Building Improvements	25,500	22,552	20,000	31,590	14,300
Capital Purchases Building	20,643	29,008	32,643	27,066	22,643
Total Property	198,396	195,465	190,107	188,917	147,943
Education	6,700	1,839	7,100	2,707	8,500
Parish Life and Growth	3,250	1,037	3,050	1,116	1,500
Worship	4,400	2,844	4,300	4,083	2,950
Music	5,175	4,123	4,630	5,151	4,820
Special Offering Transmittal	0	0	0	1,749	0
Total Expenses	866,881	785,897	825,562	834,846	800,474
Net Total	0	0	0	0	0

2025-26 VESTRY BUDGET REPORT

Summary: The 2026 budget approved by the Vestry reflects the staffing model and operating expenses reductions that began in 2024 and continued throughout last year. The 2026 budget also reflects the continuing and successful efforts to grow revenue.

Revenue:

The 2026 budgeted revenues for Trinity reflects an increase in expected pledge income by 3.3% over the received plate income in 2025.

- 2026 Pledges: The proposed budget of \$445,000 is our confident estimate based on a detailed review of the pledges received and those still outstanding.
 - 7 New Pledges, 2026 Total to date = 129 Households
 - Plate income expected to decrease slightly due to household specific changes in company matches
 - 2026 income from Property has increased by 9.9% from 2025.
 - 2025 Fundraiser income in 2025 grew by 85% over 2024 and we are budgeting for an additional 14% increase in 2026 based on the success of those events.

Expenses:

During 2025, the staff continued to operate effectively within the new staffing reduction model in part due to increased volunteerism by the congregation. This will be expected to continue throughout 2026.

- Overall Expenses in 2025 were \$785,987, which is a reduction of 6% from the overall expenses in 2024 of \$834,846.
- Compensation (Staff): The overall cost for staff compensation decreased each of the prior two years while absorbing marketplace increases in health insurance and cost of living adjustments. In 2025, the Compensation spending was significantly down to the Budget due to outstanding circumstances (maternity leave and a vacancy). The Compensation expenses are expected to normalize again in 2026 and that is reflected in the budget. This year the compensation model and pay scales will need evaluated to determine if pay is in alignment with staff's new duties and responsibilities.
- Property: Although the property expenses for the ongoing maintenance and repairs of our historic and beautiful church continue to be an ongoing challenge, with the help of the Property Committee the surprises have lessened and the increases have leveled out. The 2026 budgeted property expenses is only a 1.5% increase of the 2025 Property Expenses. In 2024 the property expenses were 27.7% higher than the 2024 budget while in 2025, the property expenses were only 2.8% higher than the 2025 budget.

Endowment (2026)

The vestry continues to be committed towards a 6% withdrawal goal. The endowment withdrawal for 2026 budget is \$284,701 (9%). However, the endowment withdrawal has been coming down since 2023 (16%), 2024 (10%) and 2025 (6%). Please note that the 2025 budgeted endowment withdrawal was 9% but due to the slightly increased income

over budget and a reduction in expenses as compared to the budget (largely the compensation decrease noted above) the actual withdrawal on the endowment in 2025 was only 6%. The Vestry will continue to look for ways to reach and maintain the 6% goal with continued focus on growing revenue in the coming year. Additional investment income was added to the endowment in 2025. As a result of the sale of property 214/216 2nd Street and an unexpected Employee Retention Credit (COVID 19), we realized a total positive impact on the endowment of \$463,861.

GENERAL MINISTRY REPORTS

RECTOR'S REPORT

We've had several important milestones as a congregation and community in 2025.

- Helping the Preschool celebrate Ms. Nancy's 25 years of leadership, affirming the renaming of the upper floor of our classroom building as the Nancy Johnson Wing in her honor, and supporting the transition to a new Director (and familiar Trinity face), Christine Andonie.
- Completing the sale of the property at 214-16 W Second Street to MEND (Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development) for affordable housing, and renting the house formerly used as a sexton's residence to Family Promise for transitional support to families to prevent homelessness. With these actions, we've both given new life to some property we could not care for sufficiently on our own, and ensured that property entrusted to Trinity is actively serving the community, providing safety and human dignity for many people now and in the future.
- Substantially completing the projects of the five-year, \$1.5 million, Campaign for Trinity which has touched nearly every part of our buildings, created more accessible entrances and spaces for worship and fellowship, strengthen the fabric of our buildings (and stopped a lot of damaging leaks), improve our climate control and fire safety, and just this year, refresh and update our parish hall, serving kitchen, and bathrooms, all to build Trinity stronger and more welcoming for all.
- A booster fundraising campaign to address a gap in project funding due to contributor deaths and life transitions, plus the strong inflationary pressures on building over the course of the campaign, had strong participation from both new and long-time donors, and showed the strength of our commitment to welcome, and to build Trinity into a resource for the community.
- The announcement of the retirement of Vernon Williams after almost thirty years of service as our Music Director will have most of its impact in 2026, but still marks a milestone in our life together.

But more than a milestone year, 2025 has been a year of many gifts at Trinity.

Every Sunday morning when we gather for worship, many of those gifts are easily visible, audible, and tangible. We hear preparation and care, joy and sorrow, wonder and beauty, and the sharing of faith of people of all ages and experiences of life in the

scripture and prayer from the lectern and the music rising from our choirs and organ. We see care and skill from dedicated behind-the-scenes workers in the weekly arrangement of the flowers and preparation of the altar, and in the more even and clearer church lighting completed this year. And we see more care and beauty when we step out into the garden after church. We see commitment and willingness to learn and serve in the acolytes and chalice bearers – and in the faces and voices of people making announcements about opportunities to serve the community. We see growth and trust in the children making their way to the altar; and faithfulness, patience, love, and a thousand questions asked and answered in the teachers and leaders who instruct and support our children and youth. We see the generosity and kindness that builds community in greetings across the pews, and at “coffee hour” after the services.

I see even more gifts from my desk and in my phone and email over the course of the weeks – volunteers managing practical tasks of all kinds, people willing to share their professional expertise (or hobby expertise) for particular needs of the church from human resource advice to interior design to plumbing and wiring, to getting a mailer out the door. And sharing life experiences with one another – mutual parenting support; a personal story bringing the civil rights movement to life for kids who can’t imagine official segregation; prayer and encouragement and empathy and practical advice from someone who’s been there themselves for living through cancer or grief, job transitions, renovation projects, personal spiritual awakening, or finally figuring out how to do something to heal the world’s pain around us.

All of those things make us the Body of Christ together, give flesh and bone, ears and heart, to our faith. And they make our Trinity community matter – to us, and in the world. None of them are possible without the gifts of each and every one of us, and those gifts have been more visible to me than ever, this year. Many people have stepped up, or reached out, to share gifts and serve God and the community in multiple ways over the last year, since we completed our major staff transitions in 2024. Many people have found welcome and strength in our community over the last year, as well, bringing their own hearts, prayers, experience and gifts to enrich, and be enriched by, God’s work and God’s love at Trinity.

It is a privilege and a blessing, as your rector, to see and hear and experience all these gifts in action. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously, and receiving the gifts of God and one another with grace to share.

The Reverend Emily A. Mellott, Rector

WARDENS’ REPORT

As we reflect on 2025, we are proud of the progress made under Mother Emily’s leadership, with the dedicated support of our vestry members and the congregation at large.

Trinity is growing, with increasing Sunday attendance and more children and youth participating in our Gathering programs.

We celebrate the completion of projects in the church and parish hall, made possible through the capital and booster campaigns. These improvements conserve and

strengthen our historic building while enriching our worship and fellowship experiences.

Our social calendar was vibrant, with events such as Bingo, Makers' Marketplace, the Blueberry Festival, and Movie Nights (among others) bringing our community together. These gatherings foster fellowship, deepen our sense of belonging, and raise our profile in the Moorestown community — an essential ingredient for growth.

The sale of the property at 214–216 West 2nd Street to Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development reduced maintenance expense, strengthened our endowment fund, and provides much needed affordable housing in our community. As well, income generated through overall building use increased substantially – as vestry and staff worked to improve building utilization – including rental of the property at 212 West 2nd Street, and kitchen rental.

Over the last two years, we have made substantial changes to parish staffed positions. This has only been possible with the dedication and perseverance of our staff members, parishioners who have volunteered their time in key activities, and the patience of the congregation. While these changes have largely been successfully completed, we continue to refine ways of working – to smooth operations and improve the experience of both staff and parishioners.

Together, the above actions position us well for long-term sustainability and responsible stewardship of our resources. However, work remains to be done.

As we move into 2026, these are some of the things your vestry will be focusing on:

- Growing the congregation by welcoming newcomers, improving our social media presence, and increasing our profile in the community.
- Continuing the increase in income from building use and fundraising.
- Filling key staff open roles (music director, children's choir director, and handy person).
- Continuing to strengthen the many ministries that make up our parish life at Trinity.

None of the above is possible without you – the people of Trinity. We have experienced a lot of changes over the last couple of years. We have become a congregation that relies heavily on people stepping up and sharing the gift of their time and talents. You have answered the call, and in many ways, this seems only to have strengthened our bonds. We invite you to join us in prayer and action as we seek new opportunities to strengthen our community and deepen our faith.

With gratitude,
Dave Shaw and Jeff Wojcik
The Wardens

WORSHIP

MUSIC

Trinity's music ministry continued in 2025 much as it did in 2024, with the significant exception of the announcement of our retirement at the end of the current choir season. The choirs are active and healthy, and while the focus now is mostly on Sunday morning worship, choir enthusiasm and participation seem to remain high.

Trinity Choir – The Trinity Choir sings for the 10:00 a.m. service and currently has 16 singers, including 6 sopranos, 6 altos, 2 tenors, and 2 basses. Special services included Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas Eve. The choir is an absolute pleasure to work with, as they love singing together and have a positive, good-natured approach to the challenges of learning their music. The choir also enjoys occasional parties which have been attended by the section leaders as well as the volunteers.

Coventry Choir – The Coventry Choir, which is composed of the choir section leaders, continues to help the Trinity Choir vocally and musically, as well as singing motets and anthems on its own from time to time. We were fortunate in 2025 to have all four of our excellent singers return in the fall. The staff singers are Jenna Frank, soprano; Caroline Voyack, alto; Benjamin Kirk, tenor; and Joseph Aromando, bass. After earning his Master's degree from Westminster Choir College, Ben was able to find a teaching job in the area, allowing him to stay with us.

Chamber Choir – In past years, the Chamber Choir, an expanded version of the Coventry Choir, was formed on an ad hoc basis, usually to sing Choral Evensong. In 2025, the eight-voice Chamber Choir sang a service of Christmas Lessons and Carols on the Sunday morning after Christmas, a "tradition" that began in 2024.

St. Cecilia Choir – In its fourth year, the St. Cecilia Choir of older girls in grades 7-12 is currently comprised of three dedicated singers. They sing approximately once a month and, with the Carol Choir, help lead the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Carol Choir – Maris's thriving six-member Carol Choir is composed of choristers in grades 3-6. Like the St. Cecilia Choir, they sing about once a month and lead the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Cherub Choir – Maris's Cherub Choir, for choristers in grades K-2, has five members, including one who is temporarily absent while undergoing cancer treatments. The Cherubs sing approximately once a month. The children love their choir routine, especially the songs Maris has them sing at the beginning of each rehearsal, the fun songs they sing at the end, and various learning exercises in between.

Piano Accompanist

Gina Park is in her fifth and final year as accompanist for the Carol Choir. Gina is a high school senior who will attend the University of Pennsylvania next year. In addition to playing viola in the school orchestra, Gina plays the piano at a high technical level and with great sensitivity. We are most grateful for her outstanding work over the years!

Choral Librarian – Susan Wojcik continues to do excellent and dedicated work as our Choral Librarian. Susan makes sure the music is put away in an orderly fashion, and she remains kind and patient with choir members who turn in their music late.

Choir Robes – After almost 30 years, the choir robes were looking more gray than black, and the Trinity Choir now sports new robes and new Cathedral-length cottas that are more formal and attractive than the old ones. The choir is most appreciative of its new duds!

Friends of Trinity Music

The Friends of Music fund continues to receive support from the congregation and provide funding for special musical needs and events, such as the Christmas Lessons and Carols in December, and inevitable music expenses that are not covered in the budget.

Many Thanks

It is with decidedly mixed feelings that we present our final Annual Report to the parish. While we are looking forward to retirement, we are also sad to be approaching the end of our music and worship experiences at Trinity. We feel extraordinarily grateful to have been able to serve Trinity Church for the past 29 years, and are especially thankful for the support of the clergy, choirs, families, vestry, and staff that have made our time at Trinity so fulfilling. We will miss you, and hope the musical life of the parish will thrive for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon and Maris Williams

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Friends of Trinity Music funds special music events and expenses that fall outside the regular budget, such as instrumentalists at Sunday services. In 2025 the Friends of Music made it possible for the Chamber Choir to present the Christmas Lessons and Carols service on the Sunday after Christmas. The fund can also cover unusual and infrequent expenses such as instrument repairs which inevitably arise. There is a separate Organ Fund which is intended to cover repairs to the organ.

In January 2025, the fund balance was \$27,537. Donations in 2025 came to \$4,880, while expenditures were \$5,471, leaving a closing balance of \$26,946.

Many thanks to the Friends of Music who over the years have made an enormous difference to the musical life of the parish and the Moorestown community.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon Williams

LAY READERS & CHALICE BEARERS

Members of the congregation can participate directly in the regular Sunday worship services and special services throughout the year either as chalice bearers or lectors. There are currently twelve chalice bearers and fifteen adult lectors. At the 10 am Sunday

services adults and twelve youth share the readings. Julie Bathke continues to help the youth go through their reading(s) on Sunday morning before the service if the youth feel the need.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Dighton

ACOLYTES

We have a dedicated group of youth (4th grade and up) who serve as our acolytes at the 10am service and are willing to take on the duty at the last minute if they are needed. This fall we have 6 youth who are crucifers and 6 who are servers. Three of the servers are new! We appreciate that Caitlyn Bailey was able to be a crucifer while she was home from college during winter break.

We always welcome more youth. Please contact Kristina Van Name or Mother Emily if you know of a potentially interested youth.

USHERS

The Trinity ushers help making Trinity a welcoming, organized place of worship. They are the first person you see when entering the church on Sunday, they provide a welcome to all, assistance where needed, and help keep the service flowing smoothly. Thanks to Michael Winterrowd joining us this past year, the Trinity usher team is currently 9 members strong, with one usher serving per service. We typically serve one, occasionally two services per month. This is an important ministry that does not require a large time commitment or particular skills. It requires showing up to church a few minutes early to hand out leaflets, occasional herding of small children, taking collection, and managing the flow of traffic during communion. After service duties include straightening the pews, recycling stray leaflets, and locking up after the 10am service.

Many of us travel throughout the year and it can occasionally be challenging to find coverage for all services. We would love to have a few more people join us in the rotation. We do not have any activities outside of Sunday worship, so it is a good ministry for people with busy weekday schedules. If you can show up on time, smile and say good morning, you may have what it takes! Please speak to an usher or Mother Emily if you are interested in joining us.

Respectfully submitted,
David Douglass

LAY PASTORAL CARE

Eucharistic Ministry offers each of us an opportunity to extend our services to God and neighbor beyond the walls of our church by servicing church members unable to join us at church and sometimes people who are connected indirectly to others at the church. It resembles what Christ did when he traveled in Galilee and Judea serving people beyond the walls of the synagogue. Although we cannot do the healing He undertook, all of us have an opportunity to serve and support those that cannot come to church as a Eucharistic Minister. It is an available to all of us for service to God and others.

The group doing Eucharistic Ministry is small, currently Priscilla Knapp, Jennifer Gotthelf and Bob Litsinger. During 2025 we provided regular weekly, monthly and occasional service to four individuals, all of whom are church members unable to come to Sunday services. Most of our visits are relatively short, but those individuals miss coming to church and appreciate both receiving the Eucharist and the opportunity to visit and talk to someone from church. The time spent helps sustain their faith and their membership at Trinity, and it is a rewarding experience for us. Sometimes there are requests from Trinity's members to provide services to a family member or outside the church, but there were no such requests in 2025.

Bob Litsinger remains available to provide general Pastoral Care but there were no requests for such care in 2025. In that capacity, he had occasional discussions and phone calls to offer Eucharist or a visit to those unable to attend church.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Litsinger

TECH GUILD

The Trinity Tech Guild was created in September 2020 to support the technical live-streaming needs during the Trinity services on Sunday and other special service events. This small group of volunteers are committed to supporting this important ministry going into 2026.

This small group is behind the scenes providing outreach and fellowship to our home-bound congregation through live streaming primarily the Sunday 10am service and other services that may occur (i.e., Funerals, Weddings, Holiday Day Services, etc.)

Each Sunday a tech support person is assigned to power on the system and operate the camera for the best view of our services. The tech support person is also there to monitor the microphones and lighting needs while making any adjustments for that service.

The exposure of the Trinity livestream during 2025 has allowed individuals in over forty-three states within the United States and eight different counties to view our services. We have had +500 unique viewers watching our services via live stream during 2025 with

+2000 service views. The livestream network of viewers has increased by 3% this year with people continuing to watch from their homes.

The current members of Tech Guild: (2025)

Nancy Matthews, William Oseiwe-Williams, Bob Litsinger, Bill McBride, Harry Wind, and Jeff Wojcik.

We are always looking for new members who feel comfortable operating a laptop computer and iPad.

Any questions or interest in volunteering, please contact Jeff Wojcik:

Phone: 610-945-4004, Email: woj5@aol.com

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is a special lay ministry that cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. I often have the feeling that I am preparing a meal for welcome and cherished guests and family. We help welcome babies for baptisms and brides and grooms and their guests. Altar Guild members are present to offer comfort and see to the details at funerals and special services for holy days. Normally we do not have barley loaves so we make sure bread wafers both wheat and gluten free and wine and grape juice are available during Communion services.

Current members are Helen Anderson, Wendy Carber, Gayle Celentano, Christopher Costa, Jasmine Declet, Priscilla Knapp, Inez Tokashiki, Carolyn Weeks, Joan Willett and Cora Williams. New members are always needed and welcome. Usually we work about half an hour on Saturday or Sunday between or after services. Schedules are flexible. The Altar Guild work contributes to making worship at Trinity truly meaningful for the whole congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Celentano

FLOWER GUILD

“Flowers are arranged in churches to make a more beautiful setting for the acts of worship. They bring life and colour to the church and are a continual reminder of the wonder of the natural world created by God. In this way they inspire worship. Those who arrange flowers in church find that it is a most peaceful and satisfying occupation”. These words are taken from the introduction of Flowers in Church by Jean Taylor.

The Flower Guild of Trinity Church is inspired and modeled, after the one at the National Cathedral in Washington DC. It has been in existence for well over 25 years and during that time many volunteers have enjoyed their time of service and fellowship while creating flowers for Trinity’s worship services.

Currently, we are a group of 16 who provide flowers for Sunday services and special arrangements for Christmas and Easter. All are welcome to join us—no experience necessary! You will be paired with a leader who will provide instruction. Your commitment is approximately once every three months and everyone's help is appreciated at the holidays. Volunteering with the Flower Guild is a wonderful way to feel more connected with Trinity.

EVENING PRAYER

Trinity's Tuesday Evening Prayer on Zoom continues. The average attendance this year was 5, but have Reverend John Powell who was a regular died, bless his soul, and current attendance is usually between 3 -5 which is approximately the same attendance as in the Chapel before the Pre-Pandemic.

To make it easier to attend some modification to the website to make attendance more readily possible from the Worship drop down on the Trinity web page. Selecting that on the list will take you to a link to join the service and a link for a copy of the service. Currently the predominant (though not exclusive) attendance is by people who are no longer able to attend in person at the Chapel. Those who cannot attend an in-person service benefit from the availability of the service, and attendance without time for transportation is possible for everyone. Attendance is also open to people who attend other churches.

The service is generally mostly Evening Prayer, but it is modified by using the conclusion of Compline service. During certain seasons or services, the more formal Evening Prayer ending is used to recognize such occasions. Active participation is encouraged by allowing people who are willing to lead portions of the service (That is not required and sometimes people cannot do that for various reasons). The scripture reading is confined to the Gospel to accommodate the busy lives of many people. For the same reason music is not included within the service. However, there are those that have the time and appreciate the music, so, for those who can stay, 3-4 hymns related to the Gospel or church season are shared.

If you have 30 minutes, you are welcome to join the service. If you have an additional 10-15 minutes you can stay for music, but that is an option, not a requirement.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Litsinger

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND FORMATION

MONDAY BASIC BIBLE STUDY

Basic Bible Study meets online Mondays from 7 to 8pm. No knowledge or preparation is needed. This June we completed “The Path: A Journey Through The Bible” to guide our studies. This summer and in the beginning of the fall we explored a variety of different Bible readings, at times using <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/> and The Bible Project (<https://bibleproject.com/>) to help shape our discussions. We are exploring Bishop Curry’s Way of Love: 7 Steps for Jesus-Centered Living with the Catechism: An Outline of Faith in the Book of Common Prayer.

Some topics we explored and discussed were:

- Some of the Epistles with a focus on Paul and James
- The Book of Revelation - The Bible Project’s videos were helpful and art related to the book was very interesting
- Faith
- 5 Key Covenants God Makes with Humans in the Bible
- Document we are basing our Way of Love and Catechism study from: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/wol_the_way_of_love_and_catechism.docx

Please join us any Monday evening you are free! We would love to have you! Or see Kristina Van Name if you have any questions.

GROWING YOUNG

The Growing Young Team has continued its mission to strengthen youth participation and expand opportunities for intergenerational engagement that foster meaningful relationships throughout our congregation. The team, comprised of members Sandy Hay, Patrick Louie, Michelle Seaman, Sarah Senno, Kristina Van Name, and Jeff Wojcik, is dedicated to welcoming, engaging, and retaining young people in the life of our church.

Throughout 2025, the team organized several opportunities for members of all generations to come together in worship, service, and fellowship. These included an Intergenerational Scout Sunday Service Event, which honored Scouts of all ages and featured multiple community service projects, an Intergenerational Stations of the Cross during Lent, and a group visit to Mount Laurel Living Nativity during Advent.

Two Youth Sundays, held in June and November, provided meaningful opportunities for children and youth to take active roles in worship. The children and youth contributed to the writing of the sermon and Prayers of the People, hosted Fellowship Hour, and created

a handprint mural in celebration of All Saints' Day. These Youth Sundays not only increased the visibility of children and youth within the congregation but also strengthened their connection to the church by fostering a sense of pride, belonging, and shared ownership in worship.

The Youth Service Project further advanced youth engagement in both service initiatives and relationship-building within the parish community. The youth successfully involved the entire congregation in fundraising efforts for a service project of their choosing, ultimately raising more than \$1,000 in support of their selected cause, Urban Promise's Summer Camp.

Trinity youth continued to serve as volunteers in worship services and parish ministries. They participated in the children and youth choirs, assisted in younger Sunday School classrooms, and served as acolytes, lectors and ushers. The Middle School and High School Recognition Programs further encouraged continued involvement in these ministries and parish service events. By engaging youth in active service at an early age, the team hopes to nurture lifelong participation and commitment as they mature into young adults.

To strengthen bonds of friendship and faith among youth, the Growing Young Team organized two retreats in 2025, one diocesan sponsored to St. John the Divine in New York City, and one local retreat that featured a trip to a labyrinth at a nearby church. These retreats provided opportunities for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth.

While plans for an Intergenerational Bible Study and a Mentorship program evolved throughout the year, partly due to Safe Church requirements that limit one-on-one interactions, the goal of fostering meaningful mentoring connections has been fulfilled by the relationships the youth have developed with Trinity's team of volunteer teachers. These growing connections show our youth that they have a broader community of trusted adults supporting them in faith and life.

Our final initiative focused on expanding youth engagement and leadership development. Through numerous volunteer opportunities, Youth Sundays, the Youth Service Project, and the Middle School and High School Recognition Programs, youth have been empowered to engage in parish ministries and service events while developing strong leadership skills. By stepping into leadership roles in worship services and thoughtfully presenting their service project to the congregation and Sunday School classes, the youth became visible role models and faith leaders for the entire church, especially for our youngest members.

The Growing Young Team is encouraged by the increasing engagement and leadership of Trinity's youth, as well as by the deepening development of meaningful relationships across all ages of the congregation, and looks forward to continued growth in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Seaman

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Trinity's fully integrated Children's and Youth Christian Formation Program continued to thrive throughout 2025, as evidenced by increased participation, strong family engagement, and effective communication. Enhancements introduced last school year, including the monthly Children and Youth Newsletter, continue to strengthen connections with families by providing timely updates on upcoming events and classroom learning. The online Registration Form and Remind App further support streamlined enrollment and efficient communication.

We are grateful that all volunteer teachers returned for the 2025-2026 school year, and we were blessed to welcome two additional substitute teachers. This support ensures consistent staffing across all classes each Sunday. All volunteers working with children and youth remain fully trained in Safe Church practices, and Trinity's Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth continues to be fully implemented.

The Nursery and PreK classes remained combined this year, creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our youngest members. Enrollment grew to 10 children — an increase of two children from the previous school year. Kerstin Dolan, Nancy Johnson, Barb McDonnell, Lauren Ramirez and Ingrid Wolfe serve as teachers on a rotating basis. Looking ahead, we hope to expand the volunteer base or identify a lead PreK teacher to enhance continuity.

Holly Pearson leads the Welcome to Communion Class, a two-year program that deepens children's understanding of the sacrament. In May 2025, five first grade students celebrated their Holy Communion. Enrollment in the K–1st Grade class remained steady at nine students. The class joins worship to observe Communion on the first two Sundays of each month. On the remaining Sundays, Holly leads Chapel for PreK–3rd grade students. Chapel provides a “mini-church” experience of Bible lessons, music, and opportunities for children to serve as acolytes.

The 2nd-3rd grade class, led by Jen Shappell, serves up to 15 children—an increase of three children from the prior year. Students participate in worship on the first three Sundays of each month to present the gifts and receive communion and attend Chapel on the fourth Sunday.

Kristina Van Name leads the 4th-5th grade class, which grew to 11 students, an increase of five students from last school year. Students at this level begin serving in parish ministries as acolytes, lectors, and classroom helpers, fostering a strong sense of service and leadership.

The Middle School class, led by Jeff Wojcik, Carolyn Weeks and Scott Hart, serves up to 13 students, an increase of 1 student from the previous year. The Middle School Team Recognition Program continues to encourage attendance at Morning Gathering and participation in parish ministries and Trinity service events.

We are pleased to report that the High School class more than doubled in size this year, growing from four to nine students under the leadership of Sandy Hay, Joan Dighton, and Dr. Stella Horton. All four 11th grade students have earned sufficient points through the High School Recognition Program to be eligible for Confirmation this Spring, marking Trinity's first youth Confirmation class in several years. We eagerly await the Diocese's Confirmation date and this meaningful milestone.

Throughout 2025, children and youth participated in numerous enriching events. Primary Department events included a Black History presentation, a hands-on Baptismal Workshop, and a joyful Christmas celebration. Middle School and High School youth led a congregation-wide fundraising effort for a service project of their choosing, raising more than \$1,000 for Urban Promise's Summer Camp. They also created prayer boxes and prayer rocks for the Welcome to Communion Class and Mustard Seeds of Faith crafts, which were gifted to three local churches. Two youth retreats — a diocesan trip to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and a local retreat featuring a labyrinth walk at a nearby church — strengthened bonds of faith and friendship. We also celebrated our 2025 eighth-grade and High School graduates.

Children and youth contributed meaningfully to parish life during two Youth Sundays in June and November, assisting with the sermon, Prayers of the People, Fellowship Hour, and creating a handprint mural in celebration of All Saints' Day. They further supported Trinity's ministries through a bake sale and their participation in the Christmas Pageant. Intergenerational programming remained a vital part of our ministry, including Scout Sunday and its associated community service projects, an Intergenerational Stations of the Cross, a parish-wide Baptism collage, a visit to Mount Laurel Living Nativity during Advent, and fellowship at the Trinity Picnic.

All involved in Children and Youth Ministries are deeply encouraged by the growth we experienced this year, the dedication of Trinity's families, and the strengthening of relationships across generations. We look forward with gratitude and excitement to the year ahead. Those interested in joining this enriching ministry are invited to contact Michelle Seaman at mseaman@trinitymoorestown.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Seaman

SERVING GOD IN THE COMMUNITY

OUTREACH COMMISSION

This report is to highlight the Outreach Commission's activities in 2025, which was a year of continued support for those in need in our broader community. Trinity continued to support activities such as Project Interaction, the Cathedral Kitchen and Sacred Heart School in Camden; the Christian Caring Center in Browns Mill (Burlington County); and Family Promise in Burlington County. The Commission coordinated sandwich-making on a regular basis for Project Interaction and continues to serve meals on Sundays to residents in Camden. Finally, the Commission coordinated a hat and glove drive in November 2025 for Camden and a school supply drive in August 2025 for Camden City and Burlington County.

2025 found the Commission funding its efforts through the generosity of the monthly pew envelopes, through which it raised \$4600. This is the primary (and almost only) source of the Outreach Commission's income.

The Outreach Commission contributes to Trinity by providing opportunities for parishioners to feed those in need. Those who participate in the Commission's activities find indisputable joy in helping others and doing so together. As we all know, it is better to give than to receive. And, the recipients of Trinity's feeding efforts witness God's love in action. The Commission and the church as a whole would benefit from having new members and new ideas to share Trinity's love with those who may not have been as fortunate as we collectively have. All it takes is a couple hours each month or every other month and we hope new volunteers will join in our efforts.

In 2026, the Commission hopes to continue its work locally in Burlington County, including helping the homeless in Browns Mill. We also plan to keep feeding and helping those in need in the City of Camden. All of the parishioners' efforts will provide an opportunity in 2026 to do God's work and share God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Janet Murray

PANTRY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Trinity Church Basic Needs Pantry helps our neighbors with necessities that aren't available at many food pantries or covered by food stamps or other assistance programs. The pantry is open every Thursday from 9:30 am-11 am and offers supplies like laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, and many other basic household necessities. Offering these supplies can help to alleviate some of the

strain on families who are already struggling with the cost of increased grocery prices. Just a few short years ago, our pantry had a regular group of 8-10 families who would stop by throughout the month for supplies. In 2025 we saw a dramatic increase in new and returning individuals. Today, our pantry assists a minimum of 30 guests each month. We anticipate that this number will continue to grow in the coming year.

The pantry would not be possible without the donations given by Trinity families (dropped off at the office or purchased through our Amazon Wishlist in the weekly newsletter) and the help of our volunteers. A big thank you to our volunteers Joan Dighton and Jane Shaw for helping the pantry run smoothly and for the kindness they have shown our guests each Thursday. If you are interested in donating to the pantry, a list of items we accept can be found in the weekly newsletter. Items that are bold are ones that we are in immediate need of. If you have any questions about donating to the pantry, please contact Kate Stefanko in the church office.

Some of our pantry guests are also recipients of our Christmas Giving Tree which is made possible through the generosity of Trinity families. In 2025 we were able to ensure that 70 children had gifts to open on Christmas morning. A big thank you to Sandi Rapp and Maddie Gibbson who volunteer the Saturday before Christmas to make sure that gifts are picked up by grateful families, and that everyone leaves with a holiday doughnut.

If you are interested in volunteering for the pantry or to help with the Giving Tree gifts, please contact Kate Stefanko in the church office at kstefanko@trinitymoorestown.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Stefanko

GOD'S DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

During the year the Diversity Committee produces articles and prayers on influential Americans or groups of Americans who are challenged by ancestry or societal issues for publication in the Weekly News from September until May. They sometimes prepare bulletin boards and displays, and work with the Sunday School to promote cultural understanding. One or more times a year we extend our efforts with a Sunday morning event or presentation.

In 2024 we produced 25 articles or prayers for the Weekly News, but the highlight of the year for us was the visit and sermon of Reverend Wenda Clark and the joyous Black History food.

We look forward to this year's Underground Railroad Tour which Maris Williams organized with our blessing, and for which we are very thankful. We have several additional ideas for other Sunday morning experiences in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Litsinger

PRESCHOOL

Enrollment Growth

As I reflect on my first year as Director, I am proud to share the progress and accomplishments we have achieved together. We began the year with 50 students, and through our collective efforts, we have grown to 58 students. This growth is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the strength of our community.

Parent Group Initiatives

One of the highlights of this year has been the relaunch of our Trinity Parents group, which has played a vital role in fostering engagement and supporting our school through creative fundraising initiatives. These efforts have included dine-and-donate events at Chick-fil-A and PJ Whelihan's, as well as a festive Christmas cookie decorating kit. Looking ahead, the Parents group is planning an exciting 'Night at the Museum' fundraiser for the spring—a formal event with strong potential for significant fundraising success.

Chapel Services

Our chapel services have continued to be fun, interactive, and spiritually enriching, helping our children grow in their love for Christ and for one another. These moments of fellowship remain at the heart of our mission.

Marketing Efforts

To strengthen our visibility and enrollment, we have launched a comprehensive marketing campaign that includes updates to our website, an enhanced social media presence, and the introduction of new Trinity Preschool merchandise (thank you, Kate!!!).

These efforts are designed to position us competitively as we navigate the challenges posed by the expansion of free pre-K programs. Encouragingly, we have already welcomed back some students who previously left for free pre-K, reaffirming the value of the education and community we provide.

Staff Appreciation

Every day, as I walk through our halls and listen to the vibrant learning happening in each classroom, I am filled with gratitude for the quality of education and socialization we offer. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Trinity Preschool staff for their excellence in teaching and their unwavering commitment to growing our school. Their support has been invaluable as I navigate my first year as Director.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue building on this momentum. Planning for next year is already underway, including adjustments to our Summer Fun schedule to align with enrollment trends from recent years. Together, we will ensure that Trinity Preschool remains a place where children thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

Thank you for being part of this journey. I am excited for what the future holds for our sweet little school and our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Andonie, Preschool Director

GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP

WELCOME COMMITTEE

The goal of our Welcome & Engagement ministry is exactly what it sounds like: to warmly welcome and thoughtfully engage anyone who walks through the doors of Trinity, Moorestown.

We have several people who welcome visitors and new families almost weekly, and we would love to have more. We work to be intentional about helping people feel comfortable (but not pestered) and informed about the many ways they can become an active part of our Trinity Family.

We also have several ideas and are looking for help bringing them to life.

We are working on a new and improved newcomer brochure that could be available in the pews or the bell tower. This brochure would include a QR code linking directly to our website and a simple form for those who would like more information about the church.

In addition to welcoming those who find their way to us, we would love to reach new people before they arrive by growing our social media presence. We already have Instagram and Facebook accounts, but we are hoping to share more content geared toward families and younger people - for example, a weekly "Ask Mother Emily" post. We'd also love to explore Tik Tok with short videos highlighting life at Trinity, sharing bits of our history or inviting people to "come to church this Sunday and see...."

Another idea is to engage the youth of our church more directly, such as having a younger parishioner help welcome people in the bell tower on Sundays and hand out brochures (this also helps them feel more a part of the church!)

As you can see we have many great ideas, what we need now is more people to help make them happen.

If you are interested in helping build this ministry, please contact me:

Email: jgotthelf@oaklynschool.org

Text (preferred) 856 630 3145

PARISH LIFE

In 2025, the Trinity community has grown and continues to be amazingly supportive. This past year with the challenge of the Parish Hall under construction, we looked for new opportunities and traditions to get together. Many members of the congregation stepped up with ideas and volunteered to support events at Trinity. Our events serve two main purposes: first and foremost, to bring together our community in fellowship with one another and God. Secondly, many of our events also have a fundraising component to support life and work at Trinity.

During 2025, we had several activities and events to bring us together:

- Trinity Bingo Nights (March)

We continue to have bingo nights twice a year as successful fundraisers to support our ministry. The event fills our Parish Hall with approximately 100 players; parishioners donate gift cards as prizes.

- Outdoor Movie Night (May)

The movie nights are a family night out. Admission is free and feature a recently released family film. Treats and drinks are for sale.

- Blueberry Festival (June)

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, where we invite all to join us in the Trinity parking lot for a Friday evening of entertainment with food and blueberry desserts. The 2025 event was one of largest attended events with over 300 participants. The event included a bounce house and games for the kids, bands featuring music for the adults and food for sale from Trinity Music volunteers, as well as many donated blueberry desserts. Through sponsorships and ticket sales we raised over \$4,000 for our ministry, and it also allowed Trinity to showcase our fellowship spirit to the Moorestown community. Many hardworking volunteers make this event possible - thank you!

- Annual Parish Picnic (September)

Held this year at the Laurel House Park Pavilion, this event features food and games and welcomes parishioners as they return from summer vacations as we kick off the new youth program of the year. The event is supported by the vestry and serves as an opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with existing friends within the congregation.

- Halloween Movie and Graveyard Tour (October)

In 2025, the Halloween event was limited to just the Graveyard Tour where we expanded the tour with four (4) scary storytellers and lights / music sound effects.

- Caroling Party (December)

Members of the congregation are invited to a church sing-along to bring in the Christmas spirit.

- Holiday Makers Market Place (December):

Held in lieu of the Trinity Market Place (due to Parish Hall renovations), this event turned out to be a terrific way to enhance our coffee fellowship hours on Sundays as well as raise funds. Due to the generosity of the four vendors who donated their proceeds to the church, and the youth hosting a successful bake sale, we were able to raise \$1,900 to support Trinity ministries.

- Trinity Coffee Fellowship Hours

Coffee hour after both services on Sundays has increased the sense of community and has encouraged more parishioners to be actively involved through the use of rotating teams. Thanks go to the many volunteers who have stepped up to help serve and for their flexibility during this year of construction when fellowship was sometimes held in the Parish Hall, sometimes in our beautiful garden, and sometimes in the Guild Room in the basement. Enthusiasm and participation in coffee hour continues to thrive from both teams and parishioners, so the revamp nearly two years ago of coffee hour continues to be a success.

We look forward to continuing these events at Trinity in 2026. Thank you all for your support - we could not do it without everyone coming together!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wojcik, Angela Winterrowd, Lisa Yeh and Julie Bathke

TRINITY PAGE BRIGADE

The Trinity Page Brigade usually meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm via zoom. We have an optional Facebook group. Information is shared through Facebook, as well as email. We decide as a group what to read each month.

Below is what we read this year. **Titles in bold are two of the group's favorite books from the year. Books with stars are other books that left a mark on some members.**

- **Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See** - Fictionalizes the life of a female physician who lived in 15th-century China. Gave us new insights into Chinese medicine and how women shape their lives with the constraints of society
- ★ The Women by Kristin Hannah - Follows a nurse serving in the Vietnam War and her civilian life afterwards.
- ★ The Huntress by Kate Quinn - A journalist, a lawyer, and a Russian female pilot team up after WWII to find the ruthless, dangerous Nazi war criminal Huntress to bring back justice.
- ★ Iscariot by Tosca Lee - the fictionalized story of Judas, the man known to the world as the betrayer of Jesus.
- The Small and the Mighty by Sharon McMahon
- Conclave by Robert Harris

- ☆ My Friends by Fredrik Backman - a tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.
- **Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang** - recounts the lives of three generations of women in the author's family during the political storms of China from 1909 to 1978. As a group, at first we were intimidated by the length, but we were absorbed into the characters and culture and learned a lot about China's history.
- West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
- The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

There are 5 of us that participate regularly. We hope you join us sometime this year and invite a friend or two!

Submitted by Kristina Van Name

MEN'S GROUP

The Trinity Men's Group continues its programs of monthly breakfasts and speakers. Speaker topics in 2025 included Black New Jerseyans in the U.S. Civil War; 3D printing and the manufacture of "Ghost Guns"; and bees and beekeeping. Particular thanks are due to parishioner Dr. Richard Carney, who has been a wonderful resource for securing speakers for the Group.

In addition to our monthly breakfasts, Group members have enjoyed serving as Coffee Hour hosts on the first Sunday of most months. We have also assisted at or sponsored other parish events including the Mother's Day Breakfast and the Blueberry Festival.

We are averaging about a dozen attendees at the regular breakfasts. We look forward to continued fellowship and programming in 2026.

Faithfully yours,

Rafael Declat, Bruce Lovejoy, and Roy Shubert, for the Trinity Men's Group

CARING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

ENDOWMENT FUND

Purpose

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is five-fold:

- To assume financial responsibility for the physical assets of the parish and to provide a permanent source of funds for their maintenance and preservation from Endowment Fund income and appreciation.
- To contribute to the parish programs a portion of the investment income not required for the above objective, as determined by the Vestry.
- To ensure the preservation of the purchasing power of prior gifts to the fund by adherence to a prudent investment policy.
- To provide a source of contingency funds for use in the event of a major financial emergency.
- To recognize and record the terms of grants and bequests that specify the purpose for which principal and/or income may be directed.

Objective:

To achieve a growth of income and principal on investments that will preserve the real purchasing power of the fund, while providing a predictable and constant cash flow while adhering to sound investment guidelines.

Highlights of Operations:

For equity holdings, the market was up just over 2% the first three weeks of the year. Following the inauguration and threats of high tariffs on many countries, the equity market dropped by about 9.5% over the next 3 months. After a calming effect, we gained back that loss plus a bit more to end the first six months in positive territory by about 11%. The rest of the year saw some ups and downs but we ended the year up about 15% vs. the S&P Index which rose by 17.8%. Inflation continued to be a bit of an issue and the Federal Reserve decided to keep short term interest rates steady over most of the period with some small cuts coming in the fourth quarter (three ¼ point cuts to reduce the rate to 5 ½%. The year-over-year core inflation rate (excluding food and energy) peaked in September at 3% and showed small declines in the fourth quarter to end at +2.7% on a year-over-year basis. Food prices were up about 3.1% and energy prices up 2.3% for the calendar year. The unemployment rates began the year at about 4.4%, rose somewhat to peak at 4.6% and fell back to about 4.4% at year end.

Much of the volatility in the markets and the employment situation coupled with the always nagging debt ceiling which resulted in a 42-day shutdown of the government in the early fall, the Endowment Fund did have a reasonable gain net of fees of about 15% before distributions. This compared favorably to the blended index return for our portfolio of 14.54%. We continued a higher slant to US equities vs. International equities which hurt somewhat as the

International MSCI index had a return of nearly 32% vs. the S&P return of close to 18%. We will look to do some reallocation to more foreign equities should they continue to look more promising vs. US equities. Our fixed income allocation declined from about 23% to about 17% as we moved some funds into higher yielding short-term funds and high-yield money market options.

Our Endowment income consisted of interest and dividends amounting to about \$72,460, up about 28% from the 2024 figure. The net realized and unrealized gain for the entire Endowment Fund was about \$237,600, or 9.6% of our beginning of year portfolio value. The Fund contributed \$258,562, or about 10.4% of our beginning of the year balance, towards the church's ongoing operations and annual diocesan payment. Our normal budgeted support for operations is 6% of the previous rolling 12 quarters which came to about \$172,000.

Following is a summary of the Endowment Fund for 2025:

Balance, 12/31/24	\$ 2,476,051
Additions:	
Interest/dividends	\$ 72,459
Net realized & unrealized gains	\$ 237,619
Sale of E. 2 nd Street Property	\$ 340,000
Withdrawals/deductions:	
Used toward church property/expenses	(\$ 258,562)
Portfolio management expenses	(\$ 18,485)
Balance, 12/31/25	<u>\$ 2,849,082</u>

An additional \$119,464 from a Covid Employee Retention Credit, and a final \$4397 from the sale of the 2nd Street property, received in 2025, will be transferred at the beginning of 2026.

Outlook for 2026

- Inflation was still a bit of a thorn ranging from the beginning of the year rate of 3% and declining to a low of 2.4% mid-year before rising again in the second half back to the 3% level in the fall before finishing around 2.7% in December. Grocery prices seem to be most affected as there has not been much relief which was a promised event by the current Administration. The Federal Reserve is currently content to keep rates 'as is' for now until they see some more improvement in inflation and the job situation where the unemployment rate was above 4% for much of the year and stood at about 4.4% for December. The term of the Chairman of the FED is up in May and there could be several other openings to be filled as well. There does not seem to be any 'rush' to reduce rates as long as the inflation figures stay near 4% and the job situation is not much different.

- One thing that seems to be clear is that the significant government cuts last year by Elon Musk's DOGE is hurting in a number of areas – Social Security and the IRS in particular where getting appointments for Social Security matters is very difficult and the IRS is behind in a number of areas. Filing season is just beginning but many think it won't be all that 'routine' this year.
- The job market may see issues with the "AI" concepts as companies looking to scale back on fixed costs are looking at AI as method to have computers take over some jobs.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy A. Shubert, Chairman

PLANNED GIVING

Many parishioners have participated in Trinity worship and events for many years and would like to help provide for Trinity's future through a gift in their Will. Other parishioners have joined Trinity more recently and are benefiting from using tax-advantaged methods to support Trinity operations today, such as through gifts of appreciated stock. We encourage everyone to consider their own circumstances and philanthropic goals to determine how best they can contribute to a thriving Trinity now and into the future. We appreciate all gifts of time, talent, and support that help to sustain and grow our vibrant Trinity community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Yeh

11 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Trinity made substantial progress toward a sustainable budget in 2025 by increasing income through pledge, plate and events. The Trinity community stepped up and Trinity is thriving, energetic and growing.

The theme for Stewardship this year was "the diverse gifts of the Trinity community." As a congregation, we grow stronger because we all bring something different to the community.

Invitations to pledge went out to the entire congregation in the middle of October launching the stewardship campaign and recounting the vitality and richness as we gather on a Sunday morning with the bustling Sunday school, strong youth classes, intergenerational leadership in worship, beautiful music, warm conversations at "coffee hour", and deep prayer. Trinity relies on the stewardship campaign to raise the funds needed to support our operating expenses. Pledges were requested to be returned to Trinity by Sunday, October 26.

Traditionally, we celebrate “Stewardship Sunday” on the last Sunday of October after all pledges have been collected with a joyful congregational brunch in the Parish Hall. With the Parish Hall under construction this fall, we pivoted with a new event called the Trinity Treat Swap. Parishioners were encouraged to bring favorite or meaningful individually wrapped treats (homemade or from a favorite bakery) to share with the congregation. Our "treat swap" was a fun way to celebrate all the gifts of God that we share. The event was a great success in community building and stewardship.

As of December 31, 2025, Trinity has received a total of \$433,323 from 128 pledge cards for 2026. 71 of these pledges increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount. This is a 13% increase in giving from these households above last year. 12 households decreased from their 2025 pledge. We had 7 new households complete pledge cards, and we have not received pledges from 14 households that had pledged for 2025.

Thank you for all the generous financial commitments made by parishioners for 2026 and the increase in giving from so many families. Welcome to the Trinity community to all the new households. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant and energetic Trinity community!

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped Mother Emily plan this year’s stewardship campaign and shared their stories about the vibrant Trinity community: David Douglass, Jeff Wojcik, Angela Winterrowd, Dave Shaw, and Tom Bader. We ask you all to continue to support us as we continue on this journey of making Trinity more fiscally responsible while also enabling an even more vibrant and joyful Trinity community.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Winterrowd

2025 PLEDGES

The congregation thanks all of our generous donors throughout 2025. Special thanks goes to all those who made a pledged commitment to help sustain Trinity Church in 2025:

Ferrill Alderfer	Richard Carney
Helen Anderson	Cathryn Carroll
Tom & Janet Bader	Joan Cecil
Michael & Julia Bathke	Gayle Celentano
Barbara Benton	Donald & Nancy Chambers
John Bradley & Camille Introcaso	Ken & Aimee Chojnacki
John & Elizabeth Brennan	Simone Cochrane
David & Teresa Britton	Gregory & Esther Cole
Michael Bulboff & Lauren Marlowe	Rob & Robin Crowl
Dana Burch	Deborah Dapontes
William & Suzanne Camlin	Rafael & Jasmine Declet
Len & Wendy Carber	Brian & Deb Della Rosa

Janet Devry
John & Joan Dighton
David & Carol Donachy
Birgitta & Sean Donato
David & Karen Douglass
Charles Doyle & Mark Kozielec
Robin & James Dryden
Wayne & Kathleen Farren
Sarah Fawcett-Lee & Jason Lee
Kevin & Elizabeth Field
Peter & Claudia Fletcher
Richard & Alberta Fuller
James & Barbara Gattinella
Glenn & Lisa George
Jeffrey Gola & Linda Cecil
Jennifer Gotthelf
Christine Hallam
Scott Hart & Amy Sprague
Rich & Sandy Hay
Susan Hogan
Carol Hoinsky
Stella Horton
Edward Hughes
Ronnie & William Hughes
James & Nancy Johnson
Kevin & Jeannette Kates
Brian & Cynthia Kerr
Priscilla Knapp
Peter Knerr
Mark & Suzanne Leis
Loretta Johns Lill & Bob Lill
Shelley Lippincott
Bob Litsinger
Elizabeth & Gregory Louie
Bruce & Beverly Lovejoy
Mark & Kisha Mann
Edward & Jan Marcinkevich
Nancy & Chris Matthews
William McBride
Joseph & Barbara McDonnell
Thomas & Cathy McGarry
Stephen & Jo Anna Meader
Emily Mellott

Abigail Merk
Jean Mervine
Margaret Mikuta
John Miller
Maureen Moorer
James Morley & Anne Dalesandro
Lauren Muccilli
Janet Murray
Polly Murray
Shawn & Rebecca Naugle
William & Yvonne Oseiwe-Williams
Alanna Osterhout
Elizabeth Park & Timothy Pelletreau
Ed & Holly Pearson
Kathleen & Anthony Perez
Jeanette Peterson
Edward & Linda Pfister
Thomas Pine
Emily Provine
Linda Ralls
Lauren Ramirez
Sandi Rapp
David & Lori Rapuano
Joan Reid
Harry & Tori Rice
Brian & Helen Richards
Lorraine Ryan & Joseph Tufaro
Jack Salmon
Edith Scharf
William & Cecilia Schmidt
Michael & Michelle Seaman
Todd & Sarah Senno
Lance & Jennifer Shappell
David & Jane Shaw
Roy & Lee Shubert
Donald Smith
Michael & Megan Smith
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Matthew & Tammy Solitro
Kate & Joe Staudenmayer
Beverly Stevenson
David & Susan Taylor
Ronald & Norene Taylor

Liz Thomas
Jean Thompson
Joe & Suzanne Tibbels
Inez Tokashiki
Daniel Topolski
Angela & Carl Torban
Michael & Kristina Van Name
Bruce & Sharon Velzy
Kathleen Veston
Carolyn Weeks
Mick & Julie Weeks
Jackie Whitfield
Joan Willett
Cora Williams

Vernon & Maris Williams
Jane Wiltshire
Molly Wiltshire
Harry & Diana Wind
Angela & Michael Winterrowd
Robert Winzler
Brian & Alyssa Wojcik
Jeff & Susan Wojcik
Ingrid Wolfe & Bobby Petronis
Jim Wolfe
Elsa Wood
Lisa Yeh
Steven & Jennifer Yocum

We give thanks to God for all of our generous donors. If you thought you had made a pledged commitment for 2025, but don't see your name above, please contact Gia Grosso at (856) 235-0811 or at ggrosso@trinitymoorestown.org, so that we can correct our omission. Thanks!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Capital Campaign & Projects

The 5-year Campaign for Trinity is nearly complete in terms of both fundraising and construction. With a campaign goal of *Making Trinity Stronger and More Welcoming for All*, we can now celebrate the many ways we have accomplished this! All of the projects we originally envisioned were addressed, with the exception of air conditioning the parish hall. The original estimate for air conditioning was \$50,000, but this turned out to be much too low, and it became clear that we didn't have the funds to do this project, so it will be left for a future effort to assess the costs and benefits of an investment in this area.

During 2025 we conducted a "booster campaign" to close a funding gap and were pleased to raise an additional \$138,300 in pledges. **Many thanks to all of the donors whose generous support made this work possible!**

Projects Completed in 2025:

- **Renovate the parish hall and restrooms:** We still have a "punch list" to be completed, primarily to replace temporary doors with beautiful new doors which are on order until March. We thank the congregation for their patience and flexibility living without the main parish hall and restrooms for the past 6 months while we completed the following renovations:

- The single restroom at the top of the parish hall stairs was replaced with 2 separate restrooms, one of which is accessible to people using wheelchairs. That area now also includes a closet with a utility sink as well as a storage room (which could be converted to a 3rd restroom in the future).
- The “serving kitchen” was completely replaced and transformed into an attractive and more usable area for community work projects, buffets and small gatherings. We were able to sell the old metal cabinets and coffee machine to bring in a little income for the project.
- A storage room was created for the tables and chairs so that they are out of sight yet accessible for use.
- The main parish hall, stairwell and conference room were painted and the floors refinished.
- **Make the parish hall accessible** for people using wheelchairs and walkers: A foldable lift was installed on the stairs from the parking lot to the school building to transport a person in a wheelchair or a seat. The glass doors were equipped with automatic openers, and the pavement was sloped up to eliminate the step. Unfortunately the township didn’t like our approach to the pavement so that still has to be re-built, but should be completed by March.
- **Improve lighting system in church:** One goal of this project was to eliminate uneven lighting in the sanctuary so that it is easier for everyone to read. The other goal was to eliminate the need to use 17 (!) switches to control the lights. This project was completed just in time for the Light to overcome darkness at the Easter Vigil (with one push of a button)!
- **Refinish Parish Hall doors:** The doors were refinished, the leaded windows in the doors were restored, and the rusted hinges were replaced. Now we have beautiful front doors to the parish hall as well as the church.

A final report and accounting of income and expenses will be issued in the coming months once all of the funds have been settled.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity Property Committee: Don Smith, John Dighton, Nancy Matthews

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Along with all the day to day issues of keeping our buildings and grounds running smoothly the Property Committee has been busy planning and carrying out many other projects this year.

In the fall of 2024, a careful review of Property Expenses was completed, and we prepared a more accurate property budget for 2025. As a result, monthly expenses are running within budget for most items. We still have the occasional oops (more snow than anticipated) or a breakdown in something we didn’t anticipate.

The Property Committee has worked hard to increase rental income from the property. Rental income now comes in from the Preschool, the house at 212 W 2nd St, the kitchen, a classroom rented to a music teacher and the 12 step groups. Rental income for 2025 is \$55,000 dollars.

In preparation for the sale of the Church property at 214-16 W 2nd St we applied to the Township for a subdivision of the property so we could retain the playground for the Preschool. This process was completed in April (after about 10 months of work) and we then went on to complete the sale of the property to MEND in July.

The Parish Hall renovations are nearing completion after many months of developing plans with the architect, securing bids, hiring a General Contractor, completing all the necessary paperwork for securing permits and overseeing the work. We now have a modern serving kitchen, refinished Parish Hall, one updated bathroom and one new accessible bathroom. There are still some details and loose ends to be completed but all the renovated areas are now usable. (A Capital Campaign Project)

A complete revamp of the Sanctuary lighting has been completed. We now have improved lighting for the congregation and the Choir and Altar areas. The system, which previously had about 12 knobs and switches, is now controlled by Bluetooth and gives us the ability to create different lighting effects for different services all controlled by one button. (Capital Campaign Expense)

The Chairlift that was installed in late 2024 was finally inspected and approved for use in 2025 and after a year and five revisions we finally have a permit for the approved walkway from the Parking Lot through the double glass doors to access the Chairlift. (a Capital Campaign expense)

Based on information from the Diocese and review from John Bradley, Vestry approved a Children and Youth Protection Policy. We made several building changes throughout the campus to comply with the policy, including preventing some doors from locking, adding motion sensor lighting in some areas and motion sensor switches in others and adding windows to solid wooden doors where possible.

The bay windows in Mother Emily's office were replaced and walls and floor were repaired from water damage from years of neglect. This project has been on our list and was completed just in the nick of time before the Moorestown Township Council approved the Historic Preservation Ordinance, which includes Trinity (Funded by the Rectory Endowment)

The Choir Room walls and ceiling had been badly damaged because of the wall leaks in the Preschool. The installation of coping on the top of the walls several years ago was designed to eliminate that problem. Once we determined that the leak problem was resolved we had the walls and ceiling and floor repaired and repainted (funded through a donation).

We have been working on an ongoing basis with Jim Davis of Tidy Tombstones to clean and repair stones in our Graveyard.

Finally, we completed repairs to the wood and pads of a number of the kneelers in the sanctuary.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Matthews, John Dighton, Don Smith

GARDEN ANGELS

Gardening is not only a fulfilling practice, but it also holds spiritual significance. The Bible contains many references to gardening, which can help us gain a deeper appreciation for the natural world around us and to discover how our efforts in nurturing and caring for plants can reflect our relationship with God and creation.

Throughout this past year, Trinity's Garden Angels nurtured our abundant garden beds, and we also fostered a deeper sense of community for our parish. A highlight was our participation in the bi-annual Moorestown Garden Walk. On June 6 and 7, more than 200 visitors explored our outdoors spaces and had the chance to step inside our beautiful church. For many, it was their first time seeing Trinity's sacred indoor and outdoor spaces – and many shared with us how surprised and delighted they were. All this reminds us that nurturing the earth also nurtures our spirits, leaving a lasting impact that extends far beyond spring and summer blooms.

We are grateful to everyone who has joined us in caring for Trinity's gardens, whether by lending a hand during our monthly sessions or by quietly supporting our efforts. As the seasons change, we look forward to welcoming new faces, sharing the joy of working together outdoors, and learning from one another as we nurture our gardens. Each contribution, large or small, helps sustain the beauty and vitality of Trinity's grounds, ensuring they remain a welcoming haven for all—people, plants, and wildlife alike.

In 2025, a core group of volunteers were active throughout the year including Ken Chojnacki, Cecelia Schmidt, Bill McBride, Joe and Barbara McDonnell, Lois Janney and me.

No gardening experience is required for you to join us as a Garden Angel. Volunteering in this way is an opportunity to learn basic gardening and to connect with nature. If you'd like to get email alerts about our monthly work sessions, please contact me at 410-350-9075 or sfawcettlee@gmail.com.

Sarah Fawcett-Lee
Chief Garden Angel

VALEDICTION

NECROLOGY

We offer our prayers for the following members of our community who have died in the past year.

Donald Cochrane

Alexander J. Hoinsky

Mary Elizabeth Wenzler

Marguerite Daubert

Charles Nash Robinson III

*Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

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HYMN

Hymn 556 (v 1-4)

Marion

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
re - joice, re - joice,

THE VESTRY OF TRINITY CHURCH

Jeff Wojcik (Warden)

Dave Shaw (Warden)

Julie Bathke

David Douglass

Jennifer Gotthelf

Joe McDonnell

Sandi Rapp

Jennifer Shappell

Don Smith

Angela Winterrowd

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