

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Dear Trinity Members,

It has been an amazing year at Trinity as we have begun making our way out of the pandemic. Trinity is a resilient parish with lots going on! Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- Ten new members have joined Trinity in the last two months, participating in ministries, formation, and fellowship.
- The Clothes Closet continues to be a vibrant and vital ministry to the community of Hamilton, with over 20 people, both from Trinity and from the community, serving in various ways.
- Our building is in great repair, with no major repair bills over the last year.
- We continue to serve the 12-Step Community and the NEST program by providing meeting space.
- Our Online Worship Ministry, broadcasting twice a day, continues to be a spiritual anchor for a large number of people and has brought several of those new members into our community.
- We were host to a movie production company who generously paid us for use of space.
- We provided solace for the families of those who have died and provided for lovely receptions following the burial services.
- We continue to faithfully gather in-person for worship each Sunday and for the High Holy Days of the year.

And here are some of the things we are looking forward to in 2023:

- Hiring a Music Director starting at the beginning of February to enhance musical worship.
- Hiring a new Bookkeeper/Accountant the beginning of March to help keep our finances in order.
- Weekly Bible Study that started in January; it's been dormant since before the pandemic.
- Online worship "Parishioners" meeting for in-person fellowship at The Fringe.
- The continuation of Clothes Closet Sorting parties and the fellowship that comes with them.
- The installation, with a grant from the Diocese, of split-unit air conditioning in the basement of the Education Building to keep the Clothes Closet cool in the summer.
- Members of the Developmentally Disabled Community helping in The Clothes Closet.
- Celebration Events for Trinity's 200th Anniversary!

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The Vestry has prepared a budget with expenses of \$199,892:

- This budget is \$14,560 less than last year's budget.
- Of this amount, \$36,650 will be covered by endowments, investment draws, restricted funds, and outside income.
- That leaves \$163,242 to be covered by pledges and contributions from parishioners.

Enclosed, you will find a pledge card to make a commitment of giving for 2023. Please prayerfully consider your offering to God for the continuing work of the Spirit at Trinity. And then return your pledge card to Trinity for its blessing on Ingathering Sunday, February 19th.

We are forever grateful that you are members of the Trinity community of faith. Grateful for our parish relationships, worship, fellowship, and ministries to one another and to the community of Hamilton. We thank you for your time and talents that you have shared to help keep expenses down, and for the financial gifts given to cover the remainder of expenses.

Thank you for being a part of Trinity and the work of God in this place!

The Trinity Vestry -

Jennifer Elliott, Senior Warden Terry Hurst, Junior Warden Tom Woods, Treasurer

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