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Rector's Column

*"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
but when the wicked rule, the people groan."
Proverbs 29:2*

Dear Friends,

As we approach election season this year, I want to share some resources of the Episcopal Church related to our advocacy on social and environmental issues and overall guidance on approaching political differences for conversations that bridge relationships rather than divide people. The Episcopal Church does not endorse individual political candidates but rather encourages nonpartisan advocacy and political engagement by Episcopalians as a way of witnessing to Jesus' gospel message in today's world. The Episcopal Church's Washington, D.C.-based Office of Government Relations, following public policy positions endorsed by our General Convention, regularly meets with federal officeholders to discuss the church's stances on the issues of the day. It also promotes churchwide engagement through its [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) which I highly commend to you for awareness and education on our advocacy work within the realms of domestic and global politics.



The Office of Government Relations also urges Episcopalians to "Vote Faithfully" with the help of resources outlined in [its election engagement toolkit](#), which has been updated for this presidential election year. New resources include ways of addressing misinformation, disinformation and political violence. Additionally, Episcopalians can consult the office's toolkit for help in registering to vote, becoming poll workers, mobilizing their communities to participate and advocating for reforms that have been backed by resolutions of The Episcopal Church's General Convention.

The Office of Government Relations hopes that Episcopalians will make use of the Vote Faithfully election engagement campaign resources to help communities vote this fall and participate in healthy civic engagement year-round, rooted in our collective call of our faith to care for one another. The toolkit specifically highlights a resolution passed by General Convention in 2012 that notes, "the United States has been a vigorous human rights advocate for many years, opposing arbitrary restrictions on the right to vote and insisting on fairly conducted elections for legislative representatives."

More recent General Convention resolutions have opposed voter suppression efforts and promoted the expansion of voter eligibility, as outlined in [this resolution passed in 2022](#). Another resolution from that year backed changes to the Electoral Count Act of 1887 intended to prevent threats to democracy like the mob that [attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021](#), seeking to block the certification of Joe Biden's election as president. A full list of public policy resolutions adopted in June 2024 by the 81st General Convention [can be found here](#).

The Office of Government Relations also continues to promote its [Episcopal Activators program](#), in which volunteers help voters in their community navigate the processes for registering to vote and casting ballots, especially in states with new voting restrictions. Episcopalians can sign up with the Episcopal Public Policy Network [to receive action alerts](#) or review the previous alerts archived on the office's website as a first step toward helping the church engage with lawmakers on these issues.

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Lastly, I want to share that the Office of Government Relations has spent the past several years promoting its civil discourse curriculum entitled, "[Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse](#)". The curriculum includes pre-recorded video lectures, downloadable study guides, and other course content that can be done by groups, households, or individuals. Each session should take about 50 minutes to complete.

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" is a free, 5-week course designed to help bridge the divides that keep us from moving forward together. Taught by a team of experts in civil discourse, this course includes these five classes:

Civil Discourse in Context with Ranjit Matthews

Tenets for Civil Discourse with Shannon Kelly

Values-Based Conversations with Alan Yarborough

The Complexities of Policy with Rebecca Linder Blachy

Sacred Space for Debate with Marcus Halley

Registration for the free course that provides 24/7 online access to the courses and materials can be done through the [ChurchNext webpage](#). The registration button is located in the top panel of the website. A unique code will be emailed to you, so be sure to check your SPAM folder for an email from ChurchNext, if you don't see the confirmation email in your inbox. Once registered, groups or individuals can begin the curriculum any time.

A separate opportunity for exploring civil discourse will be offered by Christine McKenna and hosted by Rev. Allen Hicks as a four-part weekly series entitled "Faithful Citizenship". McKenna practiced law for many years, including serving as a judge, and has a Master's Degree from the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. This series will be offered (in-person only) at Trinity on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm-8:00pm on September 14, 18, 25, and October 9. Topics include: Relationship Between Citizens and Government, Economic Justice, Justice for the Earth, and Justice for the Stranger.

In sum, as we approach this election season, I hope we will take advantage of the resources and opportunities available to Trinity for study and reflection. I pray that each of us might engage the highly-charged political topics of our time and the concerns we and others may hold with the compassion and advocacy of our faith and with a sense of gratitude and responsibility for the opportunity to uphold the democratic principles of our nation as diverse citizens of these United States.

In Peace,
Pastor Rachel+

The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector



From Father Allen Hicks

Dear Trinity:

Welcome to the beginning of the rest of your life! Okay, now that might be a bit off-putting to some of you and you might be thinking, “Ok, he has finally gone off the deep end . . .” But in reality, that is what we wake up to every morning. What is past is just that, past. Every day holds the possibilities of new opportunities, new endeavors, and new beginnings. How could you not be excited about that? You can look back on the things you have done, the things you have accomplished, and the new friends you have made along the way. Along with that, as long as you are not too hard on yourselves, you can look back on the things you didn’t get accomplished, or things you didn’t finish, or the things you let slip through the cracks. Don’t worry or fret – nothing is so permanent it can’t be addressed, either externally or internally.

In those cases where you failed to connect or reconcile with someone, and it is now too late, then internally forgive yourself, forgive them, ask for a blessing on the both of you, and then let it go. Some burdens do not need to be carried for the rest of your lives. Approach everyday with the knowledge that you can make a difference in the quality of another’s life and your relationship with them. People are the reason we are in this mortal world – all those people you interact with each and every day. Strangers, friends, acquaintances, family members, co-workers, neighbors and buddies. All of those relationships, that is why we are here.

So, let me step down from the pulpit – I can get on a roll sometimes - and talk about the rest of our year staring us in the face. I always see September as the start of a new year, and we have a great year in front of us. We have many opportunities and possibilities. Let us all work together with joy and goodwill, helping each other and ourselves as we worship and gather together. Our collaborative spirit has always carried us through in all our endeavors. We have joyous events in front of us, changing seasons, and worshipful traditions. Let us go into this fall season realizing that today is the beginning of the rest of your lives and life is short so let’s make the most of the times we have.

Thanks be to God,
Fr. Allen



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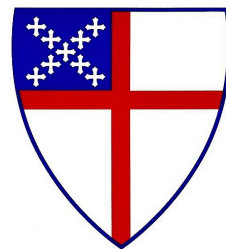
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Believe  **OUTLOUD**

September 2024



Calendar:

Sunday, September 1, 2024:

Pentecost 14 at 8 & 10 AM

Daughters of the King meeting at noon

Celebration of the Ministry of Bishop Shelton

Monday, September 2, 2024: Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 3, 2024: Office Closed for holiday

Wednesday through Friday, September 4th through 6th, Church Office open 10 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, September 7, 2024: Prayer Shawl Ministry at 10 AM

Sunday, September 8, 2024: Welcome Back Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks, Choir is back and there will be an Activity for Sunday School children downstairs

Pentecost 15 at 8 & 10 AM

Altar Guild meeting at noon

Thursday, September 12, 2024: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024: Installation of Diocesan Bishop at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue

Sunday, September 15, 2024: Pentecost 16 at 8 & 10 AM

Saturday, September 21, 2024: Dinner Auction

Sunday, September 22, 2024:

Pentecost 17 at 8 & 10 AM

Vestry at Noon

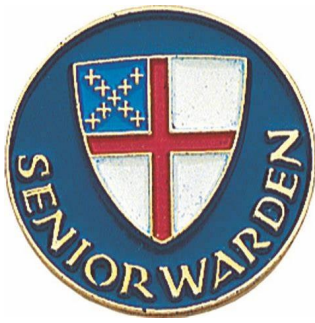
Saturday, September 28, 2024: Leadership Workshop from 9 AM to 3 PM

Sunday, September 29, 2024: Pentecost 18 at 8 & 10 AM

Saturday, September 21, 2024:

TRINITY CHURCH DINNER/AUCTION.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKET?



Dear Trinity:

As the leaves turn and the air cools, signaling the change from summer to fall, it is a time of new beginnings and renewed commitments. The end of summer brings a familiar rhythm of life—back to school, back to work, and for many, a return to the cherished Trinity activities that enrich our lives.

This new season marks a significant transition for me. I will be stepping up from Junior Warden to Senior Warden, a role filled with both honor and responsibility. It is a moment that stirs a mix of emotions—pride in being trusted with such a position, gratitude for the opportunity to serve, and nervousness about the challenges ahead.

I would like to acknowledge the Trinity spirit of generosity as shown by the overwhelming support for the Trinity Together campaign, where our collective efforts not only met but exceeded the financial goal by a remarkable \$20,250. This act of communal giving is a testament to the strength and unity of the parish, highlighting what can be achieved when we pull together for a common cause.

Looking ahead to the fall, I would like to extend an invitation to the parish community to bring their unique gifts to the table. Whether it is joining the Kitchen & Hospitality team, contributing to the Music Program and Tech Team, taking part in the Buildings & Grounds Work Group or joining St. Mary's Altar Guild, there is a place for everyone to make a difference. Each role, no matter how seemingly small, is a crucial thread in the fabric of the community.

The upcoming "A Night Under the Stars" event is yet another opportunity to celebrate the dedication and commitment of the members of Trinity. I cannot attend but I want everyone to know, this event is a tribute to you. An acknowledgment of your unwavering support and hard work. It is a night to shine a light on our collective achievements and to look forward to the future with hope and anticipation.

In every message of thanks, in every call to action, and in every celebration, there is an underlying current of love—a love for Trinity, for the shared journey, and for the countless possibilities that lie ahead. I try to embody peace and love and would like to extend to every member of the parish a heartfelt invitation to join hands in the ongoing mission of Trinity. It is a mission that goes beyond the walls of the church, reaching out into the lives of each other. We are the heart of the community, weaving a story of fellowship, service, and shared faith. With all my love, the journey continues.

Michelle Wheeler, Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

Trinity Together has been a huge success. The budget for 2024 should have no problem paying the bills for the last four months of the year. As with all budgets there can be unforeseen expenses, but we are looking forward to having a positive balance come the end of the year.

Fall will soon be upon us and the accountant and I are starting to work on the budget for the upcoming year 2025. It is a long process because seeing into the future is uncertain. I can only guess how much the utilities will raise their rates or if the phone company, alarm, insurance, and other services are going to have increases. Office supplies and insurance cost increases need to be considered as static or are they increasing too. Will our stewardship pledge campaign keep up?

What is the meaning of stewardship?

Every year we have a stewardship campaign in the fall in preparation for the coming year budget. Do you see this as a time to get more people to give money to the church, that is not the goal. The goal is to help people follow the life of love and giving nature of Jesus Christ. God's heart is more than your bank account, but also your calendar, relationships, and generous heart.

Holy Currencies and the Cycle of Blessings

Each parishioner has their own talents and treasurers that they contribute from what currencies they have in abundance. There are five other currencies besides money that God has blessed us with: Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, Wellness, and Time and Place.

Devotion of a life of service to Christ comes in many forms. Our faith community needs you! There is no shortage of things to do for the Episcopal church, our Trinity community, our neighborhood, and the people we meet along the journey of our daily lives.

Are you sitting on the sidelines? What does it take to produce the Eucharistic *service as* we gather in person and through live-stream?

The star of the show, Christ's church. Not the building but 'CHURCH' the gathering of the faithful to worship in His name. Then the supporting cast of priests, deacons, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, cross bearer, liturgy readers, choir, musicians, greeters, ushers, and not least the faithful in the pews worshipping by following the liturgy of the Eucharist.



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Behind the scenes are the technical support, building maintenance, bulletin preparing and printing, baking the bread for the offering, and the work of Saint Mary's alter guild cleaning the linen, change the alter colors, prepare the bread and wine, check the candles, polish the brass, vacuum, water the plants, and arrange the floral bouquets. Continuing after the service are the hospitality servers who provide a loving environment to share thoughts, words, and deeds that Jesus has inspired in us through the word of God by living our daily lives emulating Jesus.

As the final notes of the pipe organ resonate through the sanctuary what do we do with our renewed inspiration of the life of Christ? We are charged to go out into the world and do the work that Christ has given us to do. Let us love one another, be kind to all, and tell those we meet along our life path of the good news that Jesus Christ gave for all peoples.

This is not an all-inclusive list but a summary to show that our Sunday Eucharistic service is a collective effort for the benefit of all who attend, in person and virtually. A generous thank you to all who attend and participate at our weekly services.

Our faith offers much to choose from; the Vestry and ministry leaders, helping with the Eucharistic services, and as friends visiting at coffee hour. While discerning the truth following the path of Jesus, you can always visit or write to those who are in need of help or comfort, there are cleaning and repair outings at the Trinity campus. Living a life imitating Jesus Christ is being especially generous with your time by volunteering to help with any of the above.

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love be upon all of you and may you find your place and meaning in your daily religious life.

Jarman Minar
Treasurer



CHIMES – September 2024 *A few notes from the Music Director*

We have opportunities for all young and old to sing or ring and be part of the musical family. If you are curious or interested or know of a potential **singer or ringer** of any age who doesn't have a church home (or who misses musical participation), please contact me, or just drop in for a practice!

JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR! The Rev. Philip N. LaBelle will be consecrated as our next bishop on **Saturday, Sept. 14, 11:00am** at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. This festive event will draw fellow Episcopalians from all over Western Washington and beyond. There is a combined diocesan choir coming together for the event, and I'd like to welcome any of our parishioners to take part. More details will be sent in emails, but the essentials are:

Thursdays: Sept. 5 and 12, 7:00pm (as part of regular Trinity Choir rehearsal)

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:00am at Trinity (with singers from other parishes) led by Fred McIlroy (conductor of the diocesan choir), assisted by Rev. Walt Knowles and David Spring. *Confirmed*

Friday, Sept. 13, 7:00pm at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue*

Saturday, Sept. 14, 8:30am (prior to the 11:00am event.)

We will arrange Bellevue carpooling at rehearsal Sept. 5 and Sept. 7. Some may want to get a hotel in Bellevue for Friday night to make it easier. If you would like to join in for this uplifting event, please let me know.

PARISH CHOIR:

Meets **Thursdays, starting September 5, 7:00-8:30pm** in the open area outside the basement choir room. Come early for snacks, to socialize, and get folders organized. NEWCOMERS (middle school/up) are *ALWAYS WELCOME*.

Schedule note: The choir leads the sung liturgy at 10:00am Eucharist September-June plus sings special times like Christmas and Holy Week. While regular weekly participation is most typical, we accommodate various busy schedules to allow for maximum involvement. Our first **Sunday is Sept. 8** (we are doing a familiar choral piece on our first day. Newcomers are welcome to join in as they feel comfortable. We may also have some **alternate rehearsal options** to accommodate different work schedules. Please bring your ideas and calendars or contact me to chat.

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BELL CHOIR We are hoping to revive the group in time for Christmas, with minimal rehearsals on selected Sundays after church starting in November. We will build the schedule around members of the group.

Come try it, learn the basics, and see if it's a fit for you. The ability to read music helps, but more important is willingness, the ability to commit to regular participation, and a sense of adventure! Let's talk!

SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, October 6 -3:00pm** **ORGAN RECITAL David di Fiore**
Seattle native organist David di Fiore, Professor of Music at Catholic University in Ru-zomberok, Slovak Republic, returns to Trinity for another exhilarating and fascinating organ program. More details to come. Donations toward our choir's upcoming New York trip, and/or renovation of our 1971/2008 Balcom & Vaughan/Bosman organ are all welcome but not required.

PIPE ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE: We are hoping to properly *restore* the organ to "as new" condition, with a new console and *renew* with some judicious tonal improvements & proper voicing, to ensure reliability for glorious music for decades to come. This kind of major project will likely be around \$150,000, or we can repair small parts as they fail to keep things going as long as we can. Fundraising has been quietly ongoing; thanks to ongoing generosity of so many, we now have \$30,344.70 in our organ fund! Usually, successful projects like this are the result of many small gifts, ***and several large donations***, often in memory of loved ones. Is there someone in your life for whom music, especially quality church music, is or was a passion to be remembered for?

I am looking for others to take part in discussions and help support this project. If this sounds fascinating to you, please contact me.

Thank you to all who are supporting our vision of maintaining the "King of Instruments" for years to come! **And please join us for David di Fiore's outstanding organ recital on October 6!**

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

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Large (blocking view for some choir)
unmovable, and failing electronics



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and portability





KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry last met July 6 for their monthly meeting. The August meeting was cancelled due to Father Bond's funeral on that day. Our ministry is one of a group of like-minded handcrafters who knit or crochet shawls that are blessed on the altar and intended for anyone who needs one for the healing, warmth and comfort they can provide. We also make winter hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers and for the Hand in Hand Foster Care Agency of Snohomish County. Another smaller part of our ministry is the knitting of pocket prayer shawls, a mini version of the shawl that can be carried in pocket or purse and impart the same sort of comfort and blessing of the larger shawl.

We meet once a month on the first Saturday at 10 am in the Guild Room and work on our projects. We have a supply of donated yarn available as well as patterns for our projects. So far this year we have made 36 shawls and 37 hats. Our next meeting will be September 7, and we welcome anyone interested in our ministry even if you haven't been a knitter, we can help you get started. Please join us!

Barb Linvog, chairperson

Leadership Team

Vestry

Daniel Bauer (class of 2024) - CO-JUNIOR WARDEN
Gwen Gentry (class of 2024)
EMPTY SLOT (class of 2024)
Lawrence Sylvester (class of 2024) - CO-JUNIOR WARDEN

Eileen Bernat (class of 2025)
Bill Walker (class of 2025)
Richard McGee (class of 2025)
Joe Rochon (class of 2025)

Kathy Crosby (class of 2026)
Lorraine Dietel (class of 2026)
Debi Schmidt (class of 2026)
Michelle Wheeler (class of 2026) - SENIOR WARDEN

Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates 2023

Diocesan Convention 2024: there will be two Diocesan Conventions in 2024. The first will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024; the purpose will be to elect a Bishop for the Diocese. The second will be held in-person on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, 2024.

Convention Delegates

Kathy Crosby (class of 2024)
Gwen Gentry (class of 2024)
Jerry Carson (class of 2025)
Carolyn Carson (class of 2025)

Convention Alternates

Morgan Crosby (class of 2024)
Lawrence Sylvester (class of 2024)
John Heberling (class of 2025)
Betsey Mullen (class of 2025)

Endowment Commission Members

John Heberling, Chair (2023-2025)
Betts Bell (2023-2025)
Kevin Mack (2022-2024)
Don Stapleton (2022-2024)
Linda Gabourel (2023-2024)



September Birthdays:

Joel Derby	9/1
Stella Napolitano	9/4 (9)
Deborah Estep	9/10
Wolfgang Bauer	9/10 (19)
Emma Moore	9/13
Graham Anderson	9/16
Lucy Davis	9/17
Jacque Nason	9/18
Michelle Wheeler	9/19
Allan Elenbaas	9/20
Nancy Smith	9/20
Zanae Rodrigo	9/20
Katie Prettyman	9/20
Joe Rochon	9/23
Craig McLennan	9/29
Ann Flanders	9/30

September Anniversaries:

David & Karen Cunningham	9/5 (37 years)
David Spring & Joe Rochon	9/6 (10 years)
Jim & Kirsten Haugen	9//8 (51 years)
Randy & Brigitte Bolerjack	9/14 (12 years)
Don Olin & Julia Vander vegt	9/21 (5 years)
Jason & Victoria Baker	9/26 (14 years)
Gary & Ardie McLean	9/26 (29 years)
Spencer & Jeanine Thunder	9/29 (45 years)

OUR CORE VALUES

(Vestry Retreat 2016)





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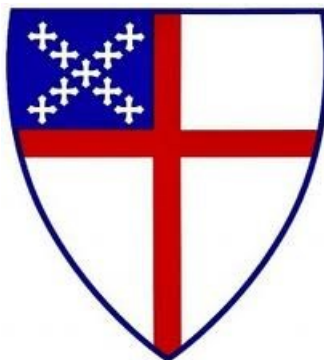
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