

2019 Trinity Giving



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NOURISHING THE WORLD

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Our Worship

Our Outreach

Our Welcome

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WHAT IS THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN?

Trinity's Annual Giving Campaign is a period set aside each fall to give thanks for all God has given us and to ask God to guide us as we pledge our financial support of God's work at Trinity Buckingham in the coming year.



In previous years we have called this time of discernment a "Stewardship Campaign," but we all know that stewardship is about so much more than just our money; stewardship includes our time, our talent, and our prayer.

And stewardship is not just a season; stewardship is a way of life — it is our response to God's unconditional love for us, expressed as care for one another, for the poor and powerless, and for this good creation.

So this fall we want to be clear that our Annual Giving Campaign is about the money you will give to support Trinity's operating budget in 2019. **This leaflet is not exhaustive, but we hope you will be informed and inspired as you determine, from a place of gratitude and prayer, what you are able to give to sustain our common ministry of nourishing one another and nourishing the world.**



WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO?

We at Trinity take Jesus seriously when people are hungry and he says to his disciples — “You give them something to eat.” (*Matthew 14:16*)

For over 175 years Trinity Buckingham has sought to **nourish one another** through inspiring worship and music, opportunities to grow in faith, warm fellowship and compassionate pastoral care. We have sought to **nourish the world** through programs of outreach, the arts, early childhood education, and social justice.

Some of Trinity’s ministries of nourishment look very different from our ministries even 10 years ago —

Our **Children of All Ages** worship service, for example, gathers children around the altar in noisy joy, where once children were expected to be quiet in the pews. Other long-standing ministries sustain their energy and passion year after year, the **Rummage Sale** and **Seniors Who Care** among them.

We’ve started some new ministries, like **Community PeaceMeal**, with the help of our Episcopal Partners in Community (EPIC) and other parishes in Central Bucks County, and we’ve strengthened and broadened participation in longer-term ministries like **Code Blue**, a ministry providing shelter and warm meals to our neighbors in Central Bucks who lack adequate housing during the cold winter months.

Believing that God is calling us to share God’s love and compassion with the world, new members and old alike share in God’s dream for a world where all people are sustained and nourished with peace, freedom, justice and love.

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” (Frederick Buechner)

TOGETHER WE MAKE IT HAPPEN



ANSWERING THE BIG QUESTION:

How do I decide how much to pledge?

The answer to this question will be very particular to you and to your life circumstances, and ideally will become clear to you through prayer with God. It may be helpful for you to understand the context of how Trinity's ministries are funded, as well as some information about current giving patterns at Trinity Buckingham —

GIVING PATTERNS AND TRENDS

Here are some numbers from 2018

Number of pledges made	98 (including 12 new pledges)
Consistent or other "givers" not recorded as pledges	45
Median pledge	\$2,442 (half more / half less)
Annual pledge range	\$52 – \$40,000

Here is the breakdown of Trinity's 2018 Giving Pattern

Annual Pledge	# of families/individuals
\$8,000 – \$40,000	6 (6%)
\$4,000 – \$7,999	9 (10%)
\$2,000 – \$3,999	21 (21%)
\$1,000 – \$1,999	23 (23%)
\$500 – \$999	29 (29%)
\$1 – \$499	10 (11%)

Median Pledge Trend	
2018	\$2,442
2017	\$2,528
2016	\$2,367
2015	\$2,363
2014	\$2,528

Total giving from all 98 givers = \$239,361

CALCULATING YOUR PART

Some find it helpful to have information like this to consider "weekly" thinking. If you can set aside X dollars per week, your contributions make ministry possible.

Thinking Weekly	
\$ Per Week	Annual Pledge
\$10	\$520
\$20	\$1,040
\$30	\$1,560
\$40	\$2,080
\$50	\$2,600
\$60	\$3,120
\$80	\$4,160
\$100	\$5,200
\$200	\$10,040



THE POWER OF PLEDGES TO CHANGE LIVES

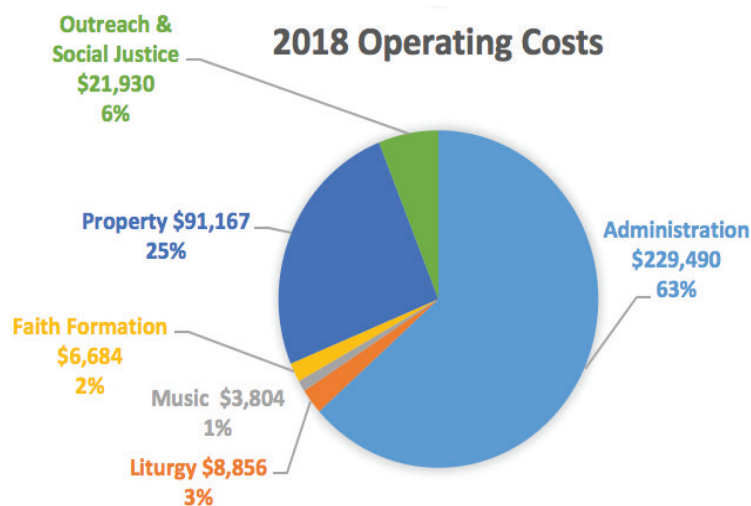
REVENUE FOR TRINITY'S MINISTRIES OF NOURISHMENT

A significant portion of our operating costs are met by our pledges of financial support — 77% of our annual revenue comes from pledge payments, non-pledge recurring gifts, and one-time gifts. An additional 11% of our revenue comes from special offerings throughout the year. The remaining 12% comes from rental income and investment interest.

2018 OPERATING COSTS

How did we spend our revenue this past year? People and places define a majority of our expenses. We have one full-time, one three-quarter time, five part-time, and one non-stipend staff:

Rector Nancy Dilliplane, Deacon Matthew Simpson, Trinity Academy Interim Director Alison Rose, Parish Administrator Cynthia Goode, Music Minister Regina Gordon, Organist Martha Dudich, Facilities Coordinator Dani Badiali, and Media Communications Assistant Caroline Oakes. We also engage contractors for cleaning, maintenance, facilities and ground care for our property. We use a careful mix of amazing and faithful volunteers, staff and professional services to maximize the good we do with the resources we have for ministry.



NOTE: *Outreach figure is a combination of a required Diocesan Assessment (\$18,180 = 6% of three years' prior revenue) and \$3,750 Rector's discretionary income.

Administration: \$229,490

Staffing and resourcing an infrastructure for ministry

Liturgy: \$8,856

Creating vibrant worship through expansive expressions of our Anglican tradition

Music: \$3,804

Lifting our voices and spirits

Faith Formation: \$6,684

Nurturing opportunities to learn and grow in faith

Property: \$91,167

Maintaining and enhancing our buildings and grounds to serve the community

Outreach and Social Justice: \$21,930*

Seeking and serving Christ in all we meet

SHARING IN GOD'S DREAM



HOW WILL WE SHARE GOD'S DREAM THIS YEAR?

Jesus promised us, his disciples, that he would send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. We, at Trinity, know that the church and the world are changing, and part of our call as followers of Jesus Christ is to stay open and responsive to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. Being the Church today calls us to be flexible, and to be on the lookout for how the changeless truth of God's love appears in new and surprising ways.

When the Vestry met on retreat in September, we reaffirmed that Trinity Buckingham's three long-standing strengths are **Worship, Outreach, and Welcome**. They will continue to call forth our time and energy and financial support in the year ahead.

Worship — We will continue to offer inspirational worship, thought and action-provoking sermons, and spirit-refreshing music. Our worship on Sunday morning sustains our work in the world all week long. And we will continue to welcome new families with young children to our half-hour Children of All Ages worship service.

Outreach — We will continue to nourish those near and far with bread, blankets, layettes, school supplies, canned and household goods, and to provide warm meals and fellowship on First Sunday afternoons and cold winter nights in January.

Welcome — We will continue to seek ways to help our new young families build relationships and lives of service, and we will offer an affordable preschool education that also teaches kindness, compassion and the worth of others. We will offer our gathering spaces to 12-step groups and scouts and 4-H groups and to fine and performing arts groups, as well as hospitality to those hosting surprise parties, sweet 16s and weddings. Within our walls everyone will be welcome, wanted and nourished.

We dream not only of sustaining each of these areas of God's work at Trinity Buckingham, but of allocating additional resources to them. And of course, we want to be able to respond to new expressions of worship, outreach and welcome as the Spirit beckons.



RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HOW DO I MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO SUSTAIN AND GROW TRINITY'S MINISTRIES?

Anyone and everyone who calls Trinity Buckingham their spiritual or church home is invited and encouraged to make a pledge. A pledge is a promise to contribute a specific amount of money to Trinity (determined by you and God) over the course of the 2019 year. (If your circumstances change, you may revise your pledge at any time).

Between October 28, 2018 and November 18, 2018 we encourage you to spend time in prayer giving God thanks for all of God's blessings in your life and asking God to help you discern the amount of your pledge to sustain and grow God's ministries of nourishment at Trinity.

Fill out a pledge card, and on November 18, 2018, place your completed pledge card in the special offering box in front of the altar. If you are unable to attend worship on November 18, you may send your pledge to the Trinity office or put it in the offering basin at any Sunday worship service prior to November 18.

Your pledge will be recorded by Trinity Buckingham's annual giving chairperson and the treasurer, and you will receive a letter of thanks for your pledge.

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

We encourage you to have conversations with any vestry member or with the clergy, Nancy and Matthew. You may also connect with Marty Gillen, Chair of Annual Giving, at 267-454-8222.

Trinity Vestry Members — Dom DeCaprio, Amy Conoscenti, Meghan Dennis, Elisabeth Goggin, Paul Harar, Dave Huddy, Bob Kinney, Jon Marino, Bonnie McCabe, Joe McLean, Don O'Hara, and Olivia Huddy (Youth Representative).

— I'd like to take this time to wish everyone well in your annual giving discernment, and to thank you for being an integral part of Trinity's ministry of nourishing one another and nourishing the world. Together, we can do great things!

— Marty Gillen, Chair of Annual Giving

