



"We're conscientious about what we do—our music, our worship, our outreach ministries."

And it shows. And I think we give glory to God in that conscientiousness."

(Bill Palmer, Past Senior Warden)

"You have a successful Church!"

(Holy Cow Consulting firm to the Discernment & Search Team)



"Worship is at the heart of all we do."

(Gerry Hough, Worship Leader)

"Our music inspires me for the rest of the week."

(Sue Carpenter, Choir Member)



Our Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for the rich abundance in our lives.
 Open our eyes to see that, in being so blessed, we can in turn abundantly bless others.
 Open our hearts to feel the powerful generosity of your Spirit.
 Open our ears to hear the needs of this church and community.
 Open our minds that, whenever called, we offer the world our measureless love, our generous time, our unique talents and treasure.
 Quicken our hands to your service, breathe your Spirit into us and touch us with the life of Christ.
 Amen.



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Honor the Past,



Look to the Future,



Serve God Now!

Stewardship for 2010

We at Trinity,



In order to support our mission and ministry and preserve our endowment, we need to focus attention on our financial giving at Trinity.

A generous and gladly given offering is a part of true worship and a key element of our life together as a parish.

For the last few years—until 2009—our budget has been under control and we have managed to keep expenses in line. However, in 2010, we anticipate rising costs in a number of areas beyond our control. The deficit budget for 2009, in excess of \$28,000, threatens to begin a disturbing trend.

The average pledge amount at Trinity is below both the diocesan and national church levels. In difficult economic times, that fact presents a challenging opportunity to give enough to meet our staffing needs, maintain our high quality of worship, and expand our outreach efforts.

Consider how much Trinity means to you and to the community.

A commitment to giving is a spiritual discipline—a demonstration of our faith and gratitude that Trinity will indeed be able to embrace the future with confidence.

Committed to Ministry,

- We continue to inspire and strengthen the faith of our members with Sunday and special worship services

- Over the past year, our parish has successfully completed a capital campaign for building renovations



- We have commenced the \$725,000 roof and stone repair work

- We have rejuvenated the commission and committee structure

- We have increased communication about Vestry and committee decisions with the parish

- We have maintained our active Jubilee Ministries, including the Sunday Canteen, our bag lunch program, HAVEN after-school program, and the welcoming of more than 20 organizations that use our buildings



- We are undertaking the search for Trinity's tenth rector through an active and committed Discernment & Search Team.

Serve God & Neighbor

There are two pledge forms this fall. The first one is for the **treasure** part of the traditional time, talent and treasure commitment. We again ask members to increase their prior year pledge, if possible.



The second form asks for pledges of **time and talent** to Trinity's committees and/or ministries. Trinity has a number of opportunities for volunteer service and we want to broaden the support of our ministries and the involvement of our parishioners.



Please prayerfully consider the pledges of your time, talent and treasure for 2010. The generosity of all our members is essential to Trinity's continued service to God and neighbor.

