

THE ANNUAL REPORT
- 2017 -
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Reno, Nevada

Our Mission is to welcome all people
to know and live as Christ in the world.

28 January 2018 – Parish Hall – Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. and Meeting

AGENDA

Table Grace and Luncheon
Meeting starts with Dessert and Coffee, Opening Prayer
Sign in of Members in Good Standing, and Quorum
Accept Agenda
Minutes of January 2017 Meeting (on the tables)
Committee Reports and Programs (Annual Report)
Election of New Vestry (Term: Feb 2018 – Jan 2021)
- Biographies of Candidates *(see pages _____)*

Election of Delegates for 2017 *(see page __)*
Presentation of the Budget
Report of the Associate Priest, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
Announcement of the New Senior Warden
Report of the Rector: State of the Church
- The Dean's Award – The Triquetra

Closing with Celebration of the Vestry Transition
- Vestry Meeting for Elections following in Conference Room A
  (elect Junior Warden and appoint Clerk and Treasurer)

The Very Rev. Dr. William L. Stomski, Dean
The Rev. Canon Rick Millsap, Associate Priest
The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, The Rev. Julius Rogina, The Rev. John Steinfeld, Adjunct Priests,
The Rev. Patsy Pumphrey, Deacon
Dr. Matthew Estes, Music Director & Organist; Parish Administrator: Coco Luna
Custodian: Carmen Lopez; Maintenance Assistant: Harold Campbell; Security: David Chute
Senior Warden: Janice Williams; Jr. Warden: Julie Dembler

ANNUAL REPORTS

The five purposes of a church community are Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship (Growth), Ministry (Human Needs) and Mission (Evangelism). There will be two vestry persons in charge of each of these five categories that will serve as the vestry liaison for these categories of ministry and all the programs and projects under such categories.

1. WORSHIP



St. Martha Altar Guild

- Ann Crase, Pat Ikehara, Juliette Leneaux, & Carol Roman

The Altar Guild continues to actively function with four teams of women and a few men. We lost three members this past year.
We continue to welcome new people to assist us in setting up our Saturday/ Sunday worship Eucharistic services, and special services such as weddings and funerals.
There is also two annual cleanings or housekeeping day events that take place prior to Christmas and Easter. The months in which we have five weekend, that Saturday is a social and general meeting to deal with any concerns.
This 2017 Advent Season was decorated gradually with a process that each Sunday had added decorations; therefore the season was done gradually with each Sunday rather than all at one with Advent I.

Acolytes - Sara Oliver Erwine



Our young acolytes serve at the 10:30 service plus feast days. According to their preference they can do one or more of these activities: Crucifer -- carry the cross for Procession, Gospel Reading and Recession Torch -- before the service light the Office Candles and altar candles if any and extinguish them after the service is ended; they also carry torches for the Procession, Recession and Gospel Reading; Bell Ringer -- during Holy Communion ring the bells at specific times to bring attention to what is being said at the moment; Lavabo -- pour water into the lavabo (bowl) over the hands of the Celebrant who then uses a linen to dry them. These children are aged 9 through High School. We have 7 Acolytes: Jon Burleson, Aubrey Dixon, Leah Dixon, Abi Hull, Abi Lardner, Luke Wolfe, and Sofia Zepeda. They serve one or two Sundays a month -- the second and fourth. As the Acolyte Master I train and schedule, but I am blessed to be in relationship with each of them. They fill me with joy. They take their parts very seriously, yet bring wonder and the thrill of being a member of the Altar Party. I love to see these young people serve God through their ministry. I am honored to know each one, and to be a part of their life in the church.

Trinity's Music Program

- Dr. Matthew Estes



Trinity's music ministry offers a number of opportunities for parishioners and members of the larger Reno community to find intellectual, artistic, and spiritual enrichment. The general philosophy of our program is very much influenced and encouraged by the church's mission and outreach statements. In a way, there are two strands to the program – strands that intersect with and enhance each other.

Music for the Children

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN takes place during our *Education Wednesday* offering. Children of all ages enjoy music in small groups as it partners with a lesson and a crafts activity. The curriculum is modeled on one created by the Royal School of Church Music in England and is adapted for use by American parishes and cathedrals. Activities include singing, as well as playing rhythm instruments (including rain sticks), hand chimes, and recorders. The children prepare the music for the pre-dinner chapel service and enjoy leading the adults in this part of the service. We are grateful to Dr. Matt Estes and Sally Turk for their excellent leadership.

Trinity Cathedral Choir / St. Cecelia Choir



Trinity Cathedral Choir continues the fine tradition developed under Philip Manwell's leadership. The music program keeps one foot in the past with one foot in the future. The choir strives for everyone to do their best. Each week there is a faithful 20 to 25 people who come and sing.

The choir has sung at several special events. The Consecration of the Cathedral service brought 39 singers to sing a newly commissioned anthem. This was the largest diocesan convention choir since Bishop Dan Edwards has been Bishop. Several special rehearsals held in Las Vegas helped make this possible. Most importantly it was about relationship building, and getting Episcopalians in other faith communities to see Trinity as their Cathedral.

The choir sang as part of the Reno Ecumenical Choir, with over 120 people singing. The mass choir sang Randell Thompson's "Alleluia" which was beautifully done. Interacting musically with the wider community is the main goal. For the Dean's installation service, the choir stepped up and had extra rehearsals in order to prepare several anthems for the service. The dedication was noticed by several people, including the Bishop, and produced a quality musical experience.

Under Dean William Stomski's direction, the choir space in the sanctuary has changed. The result is having a space that allows the music to be better heard. Many people on several different Sundays

commented that the tenor and basses can be heard better and the overall balance of sections is better. This is a direct result of having choir members on different "riser" heights allowing the row behind to be heard. By not having the sound trapped inside the pews allows more sound to move out into the worship space. The comfort level of choir members under hot lights has been improved with increased ventilation of the chairs as well as the purchase of almost totally silent fans.
The amount of volunteer hours choir members give is amazing. An army of people prepare the music, copy, distribute, collect, and file away each week. This choir has a mission to include those with disabilities. Special large copies are made for those with limited sight. Thicker card-stock paper allows those with hand tremors to turn the pages more easily and quieter.
Several choir members have stated that communication has greatly improved by using the "White" board" in the choir room listing all the needs of the music program. When something is written up as a need, soon it is filled by someone. All the concerts for the month are listed on the white board. During the week, several people (not in the choir) look at this board and take pictures with their phone or enter upcoming concerts into the calendar.

The choir is a small community within the church that takes care of one another. Several rides have been offered to those who need it to get to rehearsals or to worship. There have been more than 30 informal gatherings (2 to 8 people) meeting after church at a restaurant or bar. Talking about God or different ways to worship through music are common topics, but mostly it is about knowing your neighbor. Sacred Harp, made of Trinity Choir members and people living in Reno, has met to share a common meal while singing historical religious music. Lastly the choir community prays for those in need each week.

Over the last few months the music program has undergone a major transition through changes in several staff members as well as new visions from Vestry and Dean. Yet key fundamentals such as a world-class organ, key choir members, and the love of doing our best remain to keep a solid music program. New people are stepping up volunteering in new ways to grow the program. The future and opportunities for the Cathedral music program are bright!



Hand Chimes Choir - James Heller

The Hand Chimes Choir, directed by Jim Heller, has been more active in 2017. After moving rehearsals to Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00pm except on Vestry meeting nights, they have performed preludes on Maundy Thursday, Pentecost Sunday, during the Diocesan Convention and on October 22. They will also perform during Advent and on Epiphany Sunday.

We play music at an easy level so that anyone who wishes to participate can do so. Previous music experience or the ability to read music are not required as Jim is a retired music educator who will teach how to play. The music is arranged to be played in two or three octaves depending on how many ringers we have. We are currently playing the two octave versions because we don't have enough participants to do three. So if any parishioners are interested in joining this ministry, we would welcome one and all. Contact Jim or Matt Estes to express your interest and your availability.

(For Community Music Programs like “Pipes on the River”, see **Mission/Evangelism**)

Centering Prayer

- Judy Anderson and Joan Peyser



- Number of People Involved: An average of 8
- Total Number of Hours: 1 hour per week = 52 hours
- Centering Prayer is a daily spiritual practice that is encouraged by a weekly support group, a time when we sit in silence for 20 minutes. There is then time to share our prayer experience or our spiritual journey in general.
- Lectio Divina (meditative reading) is offered on the last Tuesday of the month. We meet every Tuesday (unless a holiday falls on a Tuesday) from 12:10-1:00 p.m. at Trinity. All are welcome!
- Trinity continues to offer this spiritual practice in a sacred space to an ecumenical community. To quote Desert Father Ammonas, a disciple of St. Anthony: *“Behold, my beloved, I have shown you the power of silence, how thoroughly it heals and how fully pleasing it is to God. Wherefore I have written to you to show yourselves strong in this work you have undertaken, so that you may know that it is by silence that the saints grew, that it was because of silence that the power of God dwelt in them, because of silence that the mysteries of God were known to them.”*

Eucharistic Ministers

- Bob Sauerbrei, Mimi Butler, and Sara Oliver Erwine

Eucharistic Ministers serve at most every service held at Trinity Cathedral. They offer the cup of wine to communicants. They may also take on acolyte duties such as bearing the cross or torches, ringing the bells, assisting the Deacon or Priest, and offering the lavabo.

In an event that a Lector is not available, and if they are a part of that ministry, they may read the lesson or prayers. They each serve with dedication, and bring grace to the communion.



The Thursday 12:10 Noon Eucharistic Minister is Juliette Leneaux.

The 7:30 AM Rite I Service has Bob Sauerbrei doing the scheduling. Serving are David Chute, Ann Margan, David Morgan, Eloy Ituarte, Bob and Diana Sauerbrei, and Bob Snavely. All of these individuals share the responsibilities of lighting candles, reading scripture, helping with the Eucharistic as acolyte, process the Cross, and lead the prayers. They just work at looking good and professional on the altar!

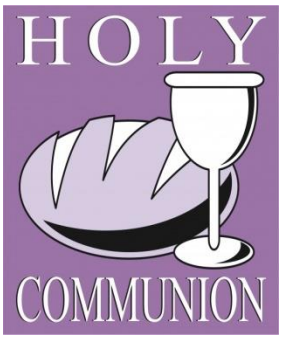
The 9:00 AM Children and parents Service has Mimi Butler as scheduler and trainer of the Eucharistic Ministers. Our seven Eucharistic Ministers who serve in this ministry are Rayann and Tod Brown, Mimi Butler, Dennise Howard, Rich Jolly, Christina Pezonella-Lardner and Gretchen Wolfe. What I do differently since becoming a Eucharistic Minister, is I sip the wine from the chalice rather than

tincturing the bread. Sara reminded me that Jesus did it that way! My hope is to educate more of our parishioners who wish to accept the blood of Christ and the cup of Salvation is to first eat the bread and then second, sip the wine.

The 10:30 AM Eucharistic Ministers are: Will Aldrich, Robert Annan, Frank Baird, Dave Bennum, Cathy Brewster, Lindsay Campbell, Lynne Charlat, Rich Charlat, Marilyn Hadley, Carolyn Hoffman, Juliette Leneaux, Guy Moreno, Ann Morgan, Dave Mueh, David Neidert, Lisa Otterson, Sara Oliver Erwine, Joan Peyser, Victoria Samberg, Diane Sheldon, and Jane Stoneback. There is a total of 21 Eucharistic Ministers.

Eucharistic Visitors

- Father William Stomski



Our Eucharistic Visitors are Howard Craig-Aakervik, Lucy Bouldin (piano accompanist), Lindsay Campbell, Ruth Frazier, Su Cothren, Mary Gainey, Dave and Laura Neidert, Joan Peyser, and Diane Sheldon are our trained and commissioned Eucharistic Visitors who take the blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound or infirmed. This important ministry keeps members in touch with the spiritual family, as we uphold them in prayer.

In 2016 the entire crew was retrained and are certified for a five year period till their renewal in 2020. Laura Neidert coordinates the visitations. Though several of our members have moved to a closer presence with God, our list has become shorter. We are exploring ways to expand this list and perhaps include non-Eucharistic visations.

Lectors

- Sara Oliver Erwine and Bob Sauerbrei



The Lector ministry is special to the first part of our services. They read lessons which are assigned by the Book of Common Prayer for each Sunday, Feast Day or other occasions. They also read the Psalms when they are not sung, as well as lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People when not lead by the Deacon. The dedication of those in this ministry is stunning. Each prepares their lesson with study and practice so they may bring the word of God to the congregation in a meaningful way.

The Thursday 12:10 Lector is Juliette Leneaux.

The 7:30 AM Rite I service (*see material under "Eucharistic Ministers," page 5.)*

Each 10:30 AM service uses three lectors - 1st reading (usually Old Testament), 2nd reading (usually New Testament), and the Prayers of the People. There are times they lead the congregation in the Psalm. We have seen growth in the number of Lectors from 19 in 2016 to 22 in 2017. They are: Will Aldrich, Robert Annan, Frank Baird, Dave Bennum, Cathy Brewster, Chris Chrystal, Pat Gardner, Marilyn Hadley, Juliette Leneaux, Guy Moreno, Ann Morgan, Dave Mueh, David Neidert, Mary Nelson, Lisa

Otterson, Sara Oliver Erwine, Nancy Petersen, Joan Peyser, Victoria Samberg, Anne Towner, Dorothy Walrath, and Ernie Westbrook.

Prayer Chain Ministry

- Lindsay Campbell

This ministry consists of dedicated members of the congregation, including Vestry members, past and present, who include prayer requests in their regular prayer regime. Currently, the Chain of "Prayer Warriors" consists of over 50 participants. The prayer requests are usually received through the Church office or they can be sent directly to the Prayer Chain coordinator.

Typically, the requests are for healing and comfort for family and friends who are suffering physically, medically or emotionally. They can also be requests for safe travels for family and friends, for the repose of the soul, or for any reason that may be needed. There is never a request that is too big or too small!

I have heard many times from participants in this ministry, that they feel a real connection with those we pray for. They tell me how important the prayers are to them and how important this ministry is in their lives. This type of commitment goes above and beyond the participation in a Prayer Chain. This is true love of others in need. I am often pleasantly surprised by such compassion, which is why I continue to be involved in this ministry.

The power of prayer is never more evident than it is with our group!

For more information or to become a "Prayer Warrior", contact: Lindsay Campbell, Coordinator.

Oblation Bearers

- Helen Paganucci

The oblation bearers are part of the Offertory presentations during our Eucharist, bringing up the bread and the wine to the altar from the center aisle. The symbolism is that we present gifts that God has first given us. Our job is very simple. The frequency of participation depends on the number of folks who sign up. Schedules are posted in advance and are very flexible. It is a good way to get to know fellow members and feel more an active part of the congregation. Please contact Helen if you wish to be a part of this ministry (775-229-0679)

The Oblation Bearer Ministry involves 21 current members. We gained one new member. The current members are Will Aldrich, Jacob and Sean Annan, Lucy Bouldin, Sandi Brooke, Lindsay Campbell, Helen Heller, Carole and George Hess, Karen Henke-Hill, Pat and Clyde Ikehara, Juliette Leneaux, Ted and Carol Moore, Laura Neidert, Ginny Nelson, Linda Newman, Helen Paganucci, Roman Peck, and Jodie Rossi. Helen Paganucci schedules the bearers for the 10:30 service.

Prayer Ministers - Sara Oliver Erwine



Prayer Ministers serve at the 10:30 AM Sunday morning service. Their ministry is to pray with and for individuals who seek prayer during the communion service. No one can better express this ministry than the ministers themselves: "It is definitely another way of welcoming all in to an active prayer life in our community. Even if only a few take advantage of this service, it is still a tangible presence and an invitation to be welcomed and touched spiritually in an intimate way;" and "I consider it a gift and privilege to be able to be a prayer minister during the Eucharist. Even if no one stops by, I have an opportunity to prayer for my brothers and sisters as they come forward to share in the meal as a community. Not that I don't do that at other times during the service but it is an intentional moment that happens when I am serving as a prayer minister." My faith has been deepened because of their quiet commitment to and belief in the power of prayer. Often I have sought their prayer and have been touched by God and their love. This ministry has grown.

We now have seven Prayer Ministers. They are: Kathy Doyle, Ruth Frazier, Carolyn Hoffman, Laura Neidert, Joan Peyser, Jodie Rossi, and Dorothy Walrath. Respectfully submitted by Sara Oliver Erwine.

(Greeters and Ushers – see "Mission/Evangelism")

2. FELLOWSHIP

A Lot of Good Men (ALOGM) - Clyde Ikehara, John Hill and Tom Anderson



ALOGM continued the "no agenda" monthly gatherings during 2017. At the suggestion of one of our members, we started a monthly "First Saturday" breakfast. We continued to share meals (mostly lunches) at various venues in Reno.

Our E-Mail distribution has increased to 51 men during 2017. Our monthly attendance averages about 20+ men. Remember that we now have two events per month. Several events have seen the attendance exceed 20+ men. The "First Saturday" breakfasts are obviously always on a Saturday. The other monthly events are scheduled during different days of the week with weekend events drawing the higher attendance. The group continues to be coordinated by three fellow members. One of the highlights of the year has been the fact that Joe Duggan, our founding father, has been able to attend two of our events. We also did a service project and hosted the Shrove Tuesday Breakfast.

All men of Trinity are automatically members of ALOGM. Just pick the event that you are able to attend, RSVP, and come. We have seen a lot of new faces at many 2017 events. They have continued to attend and have now become old familiar faces. We encourage all men to come and know each other in a more causal environment.

Coffee Hour (10:30 AM; first of the month 7:45 AM) - Eugene Muir (set-up)



7:30 AM: The Eucharistic Minister team created a Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month to promote fellowship amongst the "regulars" and visitors that attend this service. Attendance at this function has increased steadily since it was started in 2015. Coffee hour is served in the Bishop Lewis Chapel.

9:00 AM: The reception has a sign-up sheet for the families to sign up to sponsor snacks AND host (especially clean-up).

10:30 AM: The Coffee Hour is hosted by volunteers at the back of the church, usually organized by Howard Craig-Aakeravik and Joy Hamilton.

NEEDED are individuals to assist Eugene with set up and clean-up.
(*The Church supplies all the beverages, condiments, and purchases all paper products*.)

Daughters of the King

The Order of Daughters of the King St. Hildegard Chapter at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral was restored and re-dedicated after about ten years if inactivity, and was celebrated with new members taking their vows back in the Fall of 2016.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of service. A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life for her parish.

The Order of the Daughters of the King here at Trinity took on the Angel Tree Christmas Project as their service project. This is their second year (2017) in conducting this popular ministry, and have expanded it in a new directions with reaching out to community children.

We lost a few members with moving to other parts of the country. As a result we see a need to do a formal recruitment with Lent of 2018.

Divinely Fine Women (DFW)

- Liz Boog and Jeanie Walpole

The DFW is a wonderful social outlet for the women of Trinity Church. Every month emails are sent to approximately 70 women announcing the venue for our monthly luncheon. In addition to the luncheons being an opportunity to catch up, we also send cards to those who are ill, experiencing loss, etc. We meet in people's homes and in local restaurants.

A joint potluck dinner of the two groups (DFW and ALOGM) is held every year.



Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

- Rev. Rick Millsap

This is now my second year facilitating the Youth Group here at Trinity. We have 5-6 kids who attend regularly, but many more on our mailing list who we are hoping to see soon.

When we meet the first and third Sundays of the month from 12:30-2:00 PM, we start out with prayer and a shared meal, a short worship experience, then we have a planned topical discussion, and activity. The kids really seem to enjoy having a place to socialize and talk about values while having fun. The first Sunday of the month, the Church supplies the meal (pizza!), and the third Sunday of each month, we have a Holy Spirit potluck (bring whatever the Holy Spirit moves you to bring plus a little to share.)

If you know a family with a child in Grades 6-12 who might be interested, please have them contact Rev. Rick at REVRICK@TRINITYRENO.ORG

Foyer Groups

- Sandi Brooke

The purpose of these groups is purely social – it is not about church business. This is an opportunity to "get to know" our fellow parishioners outside of the church environment. The format is to have about 6-8 persons who commit for a 4- 5 month period, each hosting the entrée a month in homes with other members bringing the side dishes or what other arrangement the group wishes.



The program begins with a dinner in the parish hall to have all those interested in attendance. By registering in advance, the groups are assigned by the chairperson and at this opening event you meet your fellow Foyer Group members and plan your individual groups schedules.

Hospitality - New Comers Dinners, Thanksgiving Dinner, Special Events

Sandi Brooke and Robert Andrade have consented to take the reins and lead out Hospitality events and have a very capable and eager committee to serve along with them. Sandi typically has hosted the New Comers Dinners about twice a year. This event helps us to meet with potential new members and talk about the ministries of Trinity Parish and how these folks may be involved. This is an opportunity for them to ask questions and get to know better a few of the parish leaders.

This was our SECOND Thanksgiving Dinner with a most successful outreach especially to members who are alone or have no family visiting or to be visited. Last year we had 40 guests, this year we had 75! The Church supplied the turkey, filling, gravy and potatoes (we also had the donation of a standing rib roast!) Guests were invited to bring favorite Thanksgiving side dishes and desserts.

Special Events this year consisted of our Annual Meeting pot-luck Dinner in January, the Parish Picnic on Pentecost Sunday (we are now looking to schedule it for Trinity Sunday), the Annual Pledge Campaign Pot-Luck, the Thanksgiving Dinner, and The Angel Tree Kick-Off Dinner. We hosted Dinner with our Annual Convention and Cathedral Consecration, as well as a dinner for Father Williams's Installation as Cathedral Dean.
With our Cathedral status, there will be multiple occasions when we will be asked to host receptions (wine and cheese) or special dinners. This will often filter through reaching out to catering services (such as that supplied by Robert Andrade).

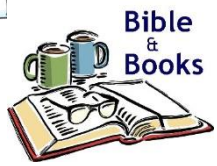
Church Care Ministry (Housekeeping) - Jan Moore

Our ministry contains four teams: Each team spends an hour or so on a Saturday morning, each month, making sure the pews are "in order". They see that the prayer books, hymnals, welcome cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in each pew and that things are tidy. The members cherish the quiet time they have there and pride themselves to have experienced sitting in every pew at Trinity. **We would gladly welcome others who might enjoy this experience.**



3. DISCIPLESHIP (Growth)

Bibles and Books - Rev. Rick Millsap



Part of my responsibilities as the Canon at the Cathedral includes planning the readings for Bible & Books. In Bible and Books on Sunday mornings in January, we shared *Solve: Finding God's Solutions in a World of Problems*. This was an interesting book because it looked at how the Jews under the leadership of Nehemiah solved their problems in rebuilding the Temple and the homeland after The Exile and what we can learn from them about solving problems in our world today.

During Lent, we enjoyed *The 5 Marks of Love*, a series that examined the signs of Christian love in what we do. We concluded our education year with the book *Interruptions: The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey. In the fall, we began with *Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is a dying father's letters to his son about life and faith. For us this was a new kind of book, a true novel.

For Advent, we chose *The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture* by Matt Rawle. For Epiphany, we are reading *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: An Invitation Worth Considering* by David Gregory.

Communion Milestone

- Father William Stomski

The first Communion Milestone class was held during Lent of 2017 with two students and parents, and with a Saturday morning class. This program was developed by Father William with his Doctoral Studies as a means to bring parents and students together to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Often parents are unaware of the importance of their own spiritual leadership in the home, and this is a means to enable them to feel better equipped to talk about faith, worship and the Bible.

Education Committee

Members of the committee are Joan Collins, Kate Flocchini, Gretchen Wolfe, Marion Tammany, Rev. Rick Millsap had worked very hard this past year as they with the guidance of Dr. Philip Manwell, Father William and Rev. Rick explored the model of an Education Wednesday program. This was a way to address the fact that the Sunday setting does not allow our clergy and professional staff to be involved with educational leadership. And we cannot expect to run programs into the afternoon. This solution is a way many of our urban Episcopal Churches have addressed the same situation – by having a mid-week program with a strict focus on programs for all ages.



The Committee worked on costumes for the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM impromptu pageant. We especially thank Debbie Zalmana, Helen Heller, and Diana Sauerbrei for their sewing skills.

Education Wednesdays

- Rev. Rick Millsap

We are now in our second year of our Education Wednesdays. One major change we made in our program this fall was to run it in four sessions rather than try to meet every Wednesday night during the school year.



Children & Family

The sessions in the fall ran Aug. 23–Sept. 27 and Oct. 11–Nov. 15. In 2018, our sessions will be Feb. 21–Mar. 21 and Apr. 11–May 16. This fall we began later at 4:30 PM to accommodate parents who said they needed a

later start time. The children rotate through art, music, and a Godly Play story while the adults, under Fr. William, studied the Islamic faith in the first session and did an overview of the Old Testament in the second session. We conclude with a short chapel service, a shared dinner, and then the adult class repeats at 6:15 PM.

Volunteers from the congregation have stepped forward for training and have become teachers. I'm excited that Trinity is following the growing trend in churches that have discovered that we need to create a mid-week experience for parishioners. This is especially a good model for churches like ours with a small staff whose time is already filled on Sundays.

Episcopal 101 - New Members/Inquirers Class

- Father William Stomski



This class is designed to focus on those who are new to the Episcopal Church, planning to be married, wishing for a baptism or their child's baptism, inquiring about becoming an Episcopalian, or seeking membership with the Trinity parish community. Some are present members looking to review what the Episcopal Church believes and teaches. This class is designed to address all of these concerns as adult spiritual developed is addressed and nurtured. The class also serves for those doing special training as Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, or even to begin a discernment process for Holy Orders.

Typically the course is taught in the Fall and /or Spring depending on the need at the moment to prepare new members for reception with the Bishop's annual visit. This past year we had classes in both the Spring (with reception taking place at the Easter Vigil) during Lent, and again in the Fall in preparation for the Bishop's visit on December 9-10.

With the classes, meeting at 12:30 PM after morning worship, offer a shared common lunch time (Thank you Sandi Brooke for the soups!). It is a seven (7) week program of study, discussion, and fellowship. The book, "*Those Episkopals*" by Dennis R. Maynard is used. Each attendee is encouraged to purchase the book. The course was taught by Father William Stomski.

Librarian

- Lucy Bouldin

Many may ask, "Where is the Library?" It is located downstairs in the crypt, precisely below the Bishop Lewis Chapel, on the east side of the building. If you go down the Southeast stairway to the Ladies Room and continue down the hall you will find the Library on your right.

Our Library continues to expand and we are grateful for the tremendous resource it offers to our members. Lucy Bouldin along with the help of Dorothy Walrath have worked tirelessly in organizing and labelling our books. We invite members to please make use of this resource and there is a binder to sin-out and sign-ion books that you may borrow.

Spiritual Retreats - Rev. Rick Millsap



In March, we held spiritual retreat entitled *Finding the Road Ahead*: Where do we go from here? This is one of the longest retreats we have run (from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.) This retreat was based on Isaiah 42:16: *"I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them."* We had a group spiritual practice, but then folks had a lot of quiet time to pray, meditate, walk, or participate in our group art project "Shards of Lent" that was on display in the Church the following Sunday. We concluded with the regular Saturday night 5:00 PM Eucharist.

The labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. The participant walks on a "lane" which twists and turns in a circle toward a center. Trinity Episcopal Church has a portable, painted canvas labyrinth. It is in three sections which, when assembled, stretches across the Parish Hall. Often one or more person while it is in use.

Eleven people are involved in this ministry. They deeply love the labyrinth and I am honored to be one of this group. They are Ruth Frazier, Jodie Rossi, Nancy Petersen, John Malinowski, David Chute, Karen Henke, Joan Peyser, Natalie Michaelson, Dawn May, Joan Collins, and Sara Oliver Erwine. Leslie Marlowe and Sheila Lester have reently moved.

My closeness with God increases when I walk the labyrinth. Even when I watch others walking the labyrinth God's Presence seems more powerful to me. I feel such thankfulness to the people who love and work with the labyrinth. Their dedication and wish for a permanent labyrinth is an inspiration. One time I walked the labyrinth with two women who do not attend Trinity. They were deeply moved by the experience. I felt joy sharing the labyrinth with them. - Sara Oliver Erwine.

In October of 2017, a women's group from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Carson City used our labyrinth as part of a weekend prayer retreat.

4. <u>MINISTRY (Human Needs)</u> – This Ministry is divided into three components: *Personal Support*, *Outreach to Our Community*, and *Outreach into the World*

A. <u>Personal Support</u>

Catching Our Breath (A Support Circle for Caregivers) - Rev. Rick Millsap

We continue to be one of the only support groups in our area for all caregivers, regardless of faith tradition, focused on spirituality and prayer. Now, in its eighth year, we have regular folks attend every month. Often people can

find disease-specific secular support groups, e.g., an Alzheimer's or MS support group, but that leaves a spiritual hole and sometimes is not enough. So, Trinity has stepped in to fulfill a vital community need for those caring for others who don't fit into neat categories. Often people want a spiritual dimension in addition to secular support. Together, we learn to accept their caregiving is in itself is a calling, a mission, and in some ways, a blessing as they share God's love with those for whom they care.

Circle of Friends

- Dorothy Walrath

Circle of Friends is a ministry of care and support for those persons living alone. It is arranged so that each day, usually in the morning, each member calls one person and in return each person will receive a phone call. The purpose is to touch base with others on a daily basis. Conversations are usually brief and the idea is to convey care for one another. I maintain the calling schedule and change it on a regular basis so there is chance to speak to variety of people.



At the present time there ten people participating: Joy Hamilton, Ruth Frazier, Jewell Talkington, Sandi Brooke, Julie Martinson, Jacquie Reinhartsen, Kathy Doyle, Kathy Records, Pat Boyce and Dorothy Walrath. For the first time the group with Father William gathered at a local restaurant to have lunch and celebrate the 98th birthday of Jewell Talkington on November 9th!

Naomi & Ruth (Grief Support)

- Rev. Patsy Pumphrey & Dorothy Walrath

Naomi and Ruth is a grief support group that meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. Facilitated by Dorothy Walrath and Deacon Patsy the group offers prayers, scriptural readings and other readings selected to be supportive to the group participants. The meeting time is set to precede the regular Thursday midweek Eucharist. During this past year the group definition was expanded to include anyone experiencing a life changing event such as job loss, divorce or difficult medical issues.

You are Not Alone: A Support Group

(for those suffering from severe or chronic illnesses.) - Rev. Rick Millsap



Our support group "You Are Not Alone," is now in its third year. It meets to give comfort and support to people suffering with serious medical issues or chronic illness. It is not our goal to fix one another, but simply to listen and pray for one another. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 4:00 PM, in Conference Room A, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

B. Outreach to Our Neighbors

Angel Tree Project: 2017

- Laura C. Neidert



This year's our Angel Tree Project expanded even more. We took on 230 children from three area schools and as last year purchased every child an article of clothing, shoe or boot, and a toy. For older children in the families, gifts cards were purchased.

The Kick-Off dinner was on Friday evening, November 17th and had a wonderful attendance. A homemade dinner of meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, roasted vegetables, and pudding with crushed peppermint was a perfect evening. Children also had a craft corner to make Christmas greeting cards and ornaments.

Many volunteers stepped up and help to orchestrate the dinner, the name tags and recording thereof, to bundle and finally to deliver. A blessing was done with the gifts at all the services of Advent III, December 17th.

Baby Bundles

- Ann Crase & Susan Lombardi)



This past year Baby Bundles has continued to prepare and deliver basic layettes to both Renown and St. Mary's Hospitals.

The layette contains newborn diapers, wipes, onesie, sleeper, outfit, receiving blanket, quilt or afghan, a pair of socks, a bib, washcloth and a hat. If we have extra items, each layette gets a bonus item. These layettes are given to new mothers that are determined by hospital staff as unable to provide for their new baby. With the generous support of Trinity members and our fellow Episcopal Church, St. Catherine's in south Reno, this outreach program has been self-sustaining.

Back Pack Ministry

In August of 2017 we put out a drive for school back-packs and school supplies.

This is an outreach that we have been doing for Libby Booth School for some years now. We received a number of back-pack donations along with supplies. Many of the packs were filled with paper, pencils, crayons and other supplies for the children to

start school. Because of the overwhelming number of school supply dries occurring in the community, it was difficult to have a school take our donations this year – they do not have room for storage and later deliveries. It is being recommended that we hold back from this project in 2018.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Helen Heller



The Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet on Thursday afternoons in the Library, 2:00 to 3:30 pm. for knitting and fellowship. 26 shawls were made this year and all but 8 have been distributed. There are about five members who contribute shawls regularly but weekly attendance is diminish-ing. Several knitters have moved on to regular employment and other activities and some members to their eternal rest. The group would welcome others to join in sharing knitting patterns and fellowship . Helen Heller is the contact for this group. **You are invited to join us – and we can teach you!**

Saint Paul's Food Pantry

- Stephanie & Ron Wolffe

For three years we have delivered the food after the third week of each month to St. Paul's after it has been blessed with our Sunday worship. This small ministry is still a valuable outreach program to the community and to Trinity Episcopal. Our congregation continues to be very giving and supportive, contributing generously to the food pantry anonymously every week.

Sack Lunch Program

- Howard Bennett



Trinity Cathedral continues in our outreach to the homeless and financially disadvantaged people of our community through offering sack lunches weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

In review of the past year (Dec. 2016 – November 30, 2017) Trinity served 10,900 sack lunches with the doors open 156 days in total. The average for each day of operation stands at 70 lunches. The daily number varies according to the time of the month with the first part of the month having fewer recipients. By the end of the month the number of people seeking assistance rises to as many as 100 per day.

This operation would not be possible without the continuing support of the Vestry and Congregation through the budget process, and by special collections and gifts designated by our Dean and donors throughout the year.

Special thanks is always due our workers and those who help procure supplies.

Water is delivered faithfully by Patrick and Kait Flocchini with help coming often from the youth group in unloading the load.

Monday Crew: Leader: Ginny Nelson with Debbie Zalmana, Bill Beeson, Diane Dunn, and Kate Marshall
Wednesday Crew: Leader: James Peterson with Julie Brown, Diane Sheldon, and Ruth Frazier
Friday Crew: Leader: Howard Bennett with Eugene Muir, Barbara and Hal Goss, Bill Roche, and GeGe Ross.

Team members who serve as substitutes: Joan Peyser, Barbara Pratt, Marty Stancill, Linda Newman, Nancy Richards, Kimberly Jones, Joan Johnson, and Dave Chute

We wish to acknowledge the work done in the past by Lisa Otterson in purchasing and stocking the pantry for many years to keep the program moving smoothly.

As an adjunct to our outreach program, hotdogs and coffee are offered once monthly under the leadership of Diane Sheldon and her crew: Hal Goss, Ted Moore, David Chute and Eugene Muir. This is offered during the months of November, December, February, and March. A meal is offered by the youth group on Martin Luther King Day in January.

As always, we are so thankful for the "angels" in our midst who regularly provide cat and dog food for the friends of our recipients. Often the companionship of a beloved pet is crucial to these folks.

C. Outreach to the Wider World

United Thank Offering, Episcopal Relief and Development and KIVA

Members of Trinity give of their personal financial resources to many assistance programs around the world. As a parish Trinity contributes to three specific programs – **United Thank Offering**, **Episcopal Relief and Development** and **KIVA**.

The UTO boxes provide an opportunity for individuals to give a simple prayer of thanks and a few coins any day of the year. These gifts are gathered together once or twice a year to be sent to the national UTO office which provides grants for special ministry projects beyond the resources of an individual parish or diocese. ERD provides a channel to respond with financial gifts when a community anywhere in the world is coping with disaster or unmet basic needs. Individuals are encouraged to respond either with direct gifts to ERD or through a parish gift.

KIVA is a non-denominational program providing loans to individuals for their attempts to find a way out of severe poverty. Micro-loans are used to purchase inventory for small businesses and for livestock, feed and seed for farmers. The monetary account established by Trinity with KIVA continues to provide assistance to individuals in impoverished communities as previous recipients repay their loans. To date Trinity sponsored loans have helped people in 29 countries around the world.

Kairos

- Ruth Frazier

Kairos (k.eye-rowse) is an outgrowth of Dias Con Cristo and Cursillo. It is a prison ministry that has been in existence in Nevada for over thirty years.

Christians go into the minimum security prisons with the message of God's love and forgiveness. The Ultreyas (meetings) are once a month in the Nothern Nevada Correctional Center, on a Sunday afternoon and every other month in the Lovelock Correctional Center. We also have an Episcopal Service before the Ultreya in Lovelock. The Lovelock Ultreya is the second Saturday of the month. The Rev. Trudy Erquiaga serves with an Episcopal Service on alternate weeks.

The leadership for the Services alternates between the inside and outside teams. The outside teams has as many as 10-34 people.

Labor Day weekend in Lovelock is a three day renewal experience where 36 new and 30 inside team members are in attendance with about 30 from the outside. At the Christmas Ultreya there were 137 inmates from the general population and 50 in protective custody.

At NNCC, in October there was an R and R one day event with the maximum, allowed to attend. Since there is a medical unit there, several elderly inmates were able to attend.

It is always a joyful, inspirational experience to attend and experience God's word, music, and the sharing of stories, as well as the directed small group discussions. **Outside teams are needed**. Please see Ruth Frazier.

Refugee Resettlement

- Peg McCall & Rev. Patsy Pumphrey

In the fall of 2016 Trinity joined with four other Episcopal parishes to participate in a refugee resettlement program coordinated by the Northern Nevada International Center. Sponsorship of a refugee family includes furnishing a home, providing welcoming meals, friendly support and transportation as the family settles in their new environment. In early October the Episcopal group welcomed its first family from Syria. Support has included almost daily contact with the Yaqub family by members of the four parishes. A designated fund has been established at Trinity with generous contributions from all four parishes. It is expected that the group will sponsor another family in early 2017. Patsy Pumphrey and Peg McCall have been the primary representatives on the coordinating committee. Many other members of Trinity have contributed time and gifts to this important community outreach.

5. MISSION (Evangelism)

This ministry creates the public face for our city and community. These ministries have changed and transformed lives – A woman who attends Pipes on the River recitals shares that she loves the opportunity to have a break in the middle of the day and take in the beauty of the building and a fine concert. She sent a check for $100 along with her note of appreciation. The first impression of Trinity on Saturdays is the many participants that volunteer with the readings and the prayers of the people. It is followed up by people greeting newcomers during the passing of the peace.

Our volunteers look forward to their ministries and the fellowship that is shared in their work and service. This is how your support and giving touches and transforms lives. It is our intention to help you find your talents and gifts to find a way to serve in expanding and strengthening our ministries and outreach in this community and beyond our walls.

Blessing of the Animals Frs. Rick Millsap and William Stomski

Blessing of the animals took place on Sunday, October 2 as we observed the afternoon as the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year that cat population was small. The dogs were well behaved and everyone braved very cold and windy weather. A special service is spoken and sung. Reverends Rick and Julius blessed the dogs, Father William the cats. All the four legged participants received a certificate of participation. This year we had an on-line pre-registration form for attendees to fill out. The youth Group assisted in making the certificates for the pets.

The Evangelism Committee is overseen by the two Vestry persons: Julie Martinson and David Neidert. They have concentrated time this year on examining how we are reaching out into the community. Signage became important and not only do we hang a banner at the north entrance for major events (Christmas and Easter Service, but also the Icon Show) but a banner with Service times was created for the east entrance of the Parish Hall for visibility with traffic passing by at Court and Rainbow streets.



David has been examining web programs as we prepare to "retire" Rev. Rick from this work as well as we became aware of the fact that the web program we use is no longer serviceable.

Music and the Arts: Pipes on the River; Artown; and Musical Programs Dr. Philip Manwell



The **PIPES ON THE RIVER** organ recital series on the first and third Fridays of the month at noon offers parishioners and community members an opportunity to hear music played by world class artists on our Casavant organ. We have gained considerable attention throughout the organ world and bring players from throughout the region and, increasingly, from throughout the US. I receive many inquiries from concert organists from Western and Eastern European nations though scheduling dates that coincide with other American appearances is a challenge.

MUSIC AT TRINITY welcomes outstanding choral and instrumental ensembles as well as soloists to our sanctuary for full concerts on weeknights (usually Fridays) and Sunday afternoons. Among the ensembles are "resident" groups – *The Nevada Gay Men's Chorus* and *Musica Antiqua West* – as well as *Bella Voce* and the UNR Choral Department. We are pleased that an increasing number of UNR undergraduate and graduate students are presenting their degree recitals at Trinity. This year we also hosted in December the *Silver Dollar Chorus* (men's barbershop) along with groups from five of our local high schools music programs.



ARTOWN provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our extraordinary facility. We have presented/hosted as many as twelve events during this great festival and have welcomed many community members who have never entered our doors.

Essential to all of these musical offerings is that, with occasional exceptions, they are all free and open to all so that no one is kept away because of their inability to pay. Free-will donations allow this arm of our program to be entirely self-sustaining.

We sponsored **The Reno Chamber Orchestra Festival** Series this past year, with their opening program, "Bach by Candlelight" on December 26. Since this music was composed for a sacred setting, the church, the Chamber Orchestra was excited to have it in our cathedral setting. About 325 were in attendance with a sold out performance.

Refurbishing the organ (along with the interior of the church) and acquiring a concert caliber piano (we have already received a grant of $25,000 toward the piano) will provide even further opportunities for musical activities and outreach.

The Hospitality-Welcoming Committee is supervised by two vestry persons: Sandi Brooke and Tom Anderson. They see to it that special events are planned such as New Member Dinners, Foyer Dinner Groups, and special receptions. We

are grateful that Robert Andrade with his chef-skills has stepped up to assist with this ministry. He and Sandi did a great job along with Jan Moor with our *Icons in Transformation* Gala and Community Leaders Reception, as well as our FIRST Thanksgiving Dinner. We were also blessed to have their cooking with the Angel Tree Kick-off Dinner.



House Keeping Ministry
- Jan Moor

This house-cleaning ministry consists of four (4) teams. On a weekly basis, each team spends an hour or so on a Saturday morning, each month, making sure the pews are "in order". They see that the prayer books, hymnals, welcome cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in each pew and that things are tidy. The members cherish the quiet time they have there and pride themselves to have experienced sitting in every pew at Trinity. **We would gladly welcome others who might enjoy this experience.**

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Greeters - Sandi Brooke

Greeters are at each major entrance at the beginning and end of the 10:30 service. The greeters prepare the welcome table and pass out the welcome bags when the newcomers are identified during the 10:30 announcements. They also send the congregation on their way at the end of the service. Sandi Brooke and Tom Anderson set up schedules for this important part to reach our visitors.

Ushers - Tom Anderson

Ushers are a big part of our worship ministry in welcoming members and visitors to their pew with our worship services. They also take up the offerings, take a head count, and assist people to go forth to receive communion at the front of the church.

Tom Anderson and Peg McCall have done a great job in directing this ministry.



This ministry is extremely important when we have major festival worship Eucharists with a full attendance. We are always in need of more volunteers to assist with this ministry. Please speak with Tom Anderson.

Welcome Bags - Sandi Brooke

The welcome bags are provided primarily to the 10:30 Sunday service visitors because that service has greeters every week. The bags contain a welcome letter from

Father William, a Trinity Times, an information card, pen and magnet with service times and church contact information. We recently added an *Icons in Transformation* mug.

Web site / Facebook - Rev. Rick Millsap

Trinity Website & New Cell Phone App

After more than ten years of doing Trinity's website, I have stepped back from that ministry to focus more on my duties as a priest. Last year, I updated portions of the website weekly and did major changes every time we have a change of the season or other important event. The website hosted an entire new section this year for the *Icons in Transformation* show. I also helped organize and design our new Android and Apple app that allows parishioners to stay in touch with Trinity and do their giving to the Church online; I will continue to work on this app.

Interior Advisory Renovation Committee

Father William Stomski put together this committee as we begin a 2017 Project to renovate the interior of our worship space. The situations that address this need are numerous – from a chancel that is unsafe, hazardous and not adequately serving our worship needs, adequate room and seating for a growing choir, a need to repair walls and paint, replace carpeting, update and unify what is inadequate lighting, to a desire to complete our organ (that all varieties of organ repertoire may be performed) and enhance our music outreach programs with a better piano and uncluttered, open space. The team consists of Dr. Philip Manwell, Father William Stomski, Scott Callahan (who will be Project Manager), Will Aldrich, Mimi Butler, and Julie Demler.

To date we have secured the service of the Aloiau Architecture Group (who worked with us on the Accessibility Ramp Project), and we have interviewed three contractors. We will need to complete the project by the end of September in time for Diocesan Convention. We estimate at least closing down the church for 5 months; we will worship in the Parish Hall with the use of a piano. We will know soon if we will be closing the church in April or May so as to do initial demolition work and set up with scaffolding.

We will also be launching very soon an extensive Fund Raising Program for this work. Under the most capable wisdom of our Stewardship Commission and Jean Carbon specifically, we will have a "Naming Book" with opportunities to seek financial support for this renovation work, especially through grants and foundations and community donors.

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Administration

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese in Nevada	- The Right Reverend Dan T. Edwards
Chancellor	- Ann Morgan
Parish Administrator	- Coco Luna (as of July 2017)

Rector/Dean	- The Very Rev. Dr. William L. Stomski
Associate Priest	- The Rev. Canon William R. (Rick) Millsap
Treasurer	- David Morgan
Adjunct Clergy	- The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, The Rev. Dr Julius Rogina and The Rev. John Steinfeld
Deacon	- The Rev. Patsy Pumphrey
Organist and Choir Director	- Dr. Matthew Estes (as of August 2017)
Senior Warden	- Janice Williams (2016-2018)
Junior Warden	- Julie Demler (2017-2019)

Maintenance

Maintenance Man	- Harold Campbell
Property Committee	- David Chute, Julie Demler, Larry Kirk

Finance

Treasurer	- David Morgan
Assistant Treasurer	- Mac Wieland

Finance Ministry

Bookkeeper	- Bob Snavely
Counters	- Frank Baird, Dave Carbon, Richard McCoy, Jodi Robinson, Lou Rossi, Diane Sheldon, Bonnie Strader, Jacquie Reinhartsen

Capital Campaign Committee

Some minor projects needed to be completed by the end of 2016 so we could close off this major financial campaign of the past several years. The Historical Society of Reno paid for half of our renovation of the historic wood doors – and a beautiful job was done! Some window trim work on the west side exterior was completed and some landscaping was performed (in the Spring a couple of tree are being replaced that had been damaged or lost.) We are waiting soon to have the handicap accessibility door installed at the rear of the Bishop Lewis Chapel.

A decision was made by the Vestry that we would not pursue the repair and renewal of the parking lot at present. With future plans to see if we will be able to secure any of the Ilescu Property next door could open us to a whole new plan for parking as well as campus expansion.

Endowment Board - Mimi Butler

The Trinity Endowment Fund has met another milestone this year; we now have holdings in excess of $650,000. This allows the Fund to assist the Vestry with special projects now (up to 50% of the earnings from the previous year), with the bulk being

held for the future fiscal needs of Trinity Church, Reno. On reaching the $1,000,000 mark, more can be made available for use or securely continue to grow.

The Endowment Board continues to meet for regular quarterly meetings, with a focus on safe growth for our investments. There are 3 members (who serve 3 year terms) and a vestry liaison and the rector, all of whom are voting members. There are 2 others: a treasurer and a secretary who serve one year terms and have voice but no vote. Each member attends meetings, reviews financial statements and manage the accounts for our future. An average of 50 hours was spent in 2016 in this ministry; however this is only the beginning of their ministry. The Board was again designated a 100% Giving Board in 2016 by the Community Foundation - each of the 7 members giving not only their time and talent, but also their financial support to the Fund.

There is a Endowment Fund Donor Plaque at the entrance of the church which currently has 68 names of those who founded and others who have supported the Fund with donations of $3,500 or more over the past 15 years.

The donors are as follows (room dictates first initial only - see Plaque for full names):

R. & M. Willcourt	J. & M. Woodbridge	E. Gottschalk	T. & C. Harrah	H. & C. Marshall
V. Plath	D. & K. Johnson	M. Tasker	J. & D. Garey-Sage	J. & N. Hodgin
T. & P. Cafferata	C. & R. Hopping	D. & R. Thayer	L. & T. Dilley	E. Mollath
W. Filter	R. & R. Van Allen	A. & B. Bakewell	B. & B. Feltner	P. & G.Gillette
M. Stewart	B. & P. Peltier	S. & G.. Gur-Kovic	M. Steinheimer	J. & B. Jeffrey
S. & S. Katzmann	H. & D. Walwrath	N. & B. Carasali	M. Hadley	J. Sharp
J. & D. Dunsworth	D. & K. Dunham	C. & C. Nelson	O. & R Rambeau	B. & R. Brewer
R. & J. Sage	H. & N. Fennell	D. & S. Kintner	J. & K. Webster	D. & L. Morgan
E. & M. Robinson	J. & S. Scott	S. Smith	R J. & K. Megguire	A. Oglivy
R.Annan & A.Owoo	A. Morgan & B. Beasley	R. & D. Sauerbrei	R. & G. Lindsey	J. & A. Carter
F. & J. Roberts	R. Wright	G. & E. Judd	C. & N. de Peyster	L. Richardson
A. & C. Walker, Jr.	G. & D. Brighton	C. Ellison	F.W. Steiner Jr. Trust	C. Steiner
R. & C. Van Loon	L. & J. Sedan	Trinity NV Thrift Shop	Griswald Family	D. Wood
E. 'Yasoo" Lau	B. Perdue	D. Smith & Family		

2016 donors include: Mimi Butler, Harvey Fennell, Brooks Mancini, Dave Morgan, D. & M. Rovig, Bonnie Strader, Janice Williams, and Fr. William Stomski.
We will be adding more donor names to the plaque in the upcoming year and hope that you will being a part of this ministry. Donations of *any amount* make a difference! Your donation, added with those of others will be invested and grow over the years. All donations will be tracked and listed separately on your annual Trinity giving statements. If you would like more information, please contact David Morgan, treasurer, or Father William, or the new Chair (who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting).

The members of the Board would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Brooks Mancini for his dedication to the board and the continuing members Harvey Fennel and Dan Rovig for their service.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

People may not know, but the Rector's Discretionary Fund covers the funds all the clergy use to help address the needy that come to our door. The requests may range from housing, food, gas, utilities, transportation, etc. The Discretionary Fund is supported by congregant donations, the plate offering from the fourth Sunday of the month (required by canon law), and by fees paid to the clergy for weddings and funerals, and sometime baptisms. In this last year, the clergy through a relationship established by Rev. Rick Millsap, have continued a partnership with the Officer Carter of the Reno Police Department to screen and help people get back home by purchasing bus tickets.

Stewardship Commission

Members of the stewardship Commission are David Morgan (treasurer), Jean Carbon, Robyn Powers, Bob Sauerbrei, and Bob Snavely. The committee discussed and made plans to organized for three major arena: The Annual Pledge Campaign, Planned Giving/ Estate Planning (with a workshop we had hoped to offer in the Autumn but will now organize for Spring of 2017), and for Major Gifts (of which a Naming Opportunity Book is being created).

The Four Nominations for Vestry (2017-2019)

Julie Demler

I was born in the Allegheny Mountains of Virginia, raised and educated within the state, began a teaching career that took me at times beyond the US borders

My last years of teaching were in Washoe County School District music department.

I moved to Reno in the mid-1970's. I planted myself by the Truckee River and had my membership transferred from St James Parish in Bucks, Pennsylvania to Trinity. This Sacred Place has been my anchor ever since.

I have worked over the years in various areas of our ministries. I have served a term of three years on Vestry in the past and also served as Junior Warden. On occasion I have played a piano prelude for our worship services.

I am honored and humbled to even be considered for Trinity's Vestry.

Jim Heller

I was born and raised in San Diego, California where I was the youngest of a blended family of eight. I was baptized in the Catholic Church but my mother later became dissatisfied with the Church and I grew up in the Christian Science Religion which was founded by Mary Baker Eddy, originally an Episcopalian.

My early interests were centered around music which had me participating in

school and extracurricular music programs, and accompanying hymns in Sunday School. Playing both piano and saxophone, those rich experiences led me to matriculate to San Diego State University where I pursued my passion for teaching and received a BA Degree in Music Education.

My teaching career was delayed due to a property tax roll-back in California that put a freeze on public school hiring and I worked for about 10 years in the tour and travel industry. When the prospects for teaching improved, I relocated to Victorville, California to complete work on my teaching credential at California State University San Bernardino. That is when that I started attending St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and became an Episcopalian.

Helen, my future wife, had called the music store where I was teaching private piano lessons looking for someone to play the organ at St. Timothy's. I later accepted the position and was soon selecting and playing hymns and other music for church services while also serving as a reader. Not long after that, I completed the requirements for my credential and embarked on a 24 year teaching career. During that career I also earned a MA Degree in Conducting from Southern Oregon University.

Eventually, I had to give up the organ position due to the demands of the teaching profession, but I didn't lose my love for the Episcopal Church. Helen and I were later married by Father Peter Browning who was the Rector at St. Timothy's. Towards the end of my teaching career, we started looking for a place where we would retire and decided on Reno because of the culture, art and music opportunities. We arrived in June of 2012 and started attending Trinity Episcopal Church soon after when Reverend Stefani Schatz was rector. It has been our church home ever since.

I am currently playing clarinet in the Reno Wind Symphony and singing in the St. Cecelia Choir here at Trinity. I have given piano recitals locally and in the church to benefit our youth group and have played concertos with our organist, Dr. Philip Manwell, during Artown. I also direct the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Chorus offered through the Extension Program at University of Nevada, Reno.

When I was asked about my interest in being on the Vestry a year ago, I remembered that in all the time I had attended The Episcopal Church I had never been Confirmed and was thus not eligible. My wife Helen took steps to rectify that situation and I was finally Confirmed by Bishop Dan last Spring. I am now ready and able to serve on the Vestry.

Guy Moreno

I've lived in Reno my entire life. I was brought up in the Roman Catholic tradition and attended parochial school as a child. I graduated from the University of Nevada in 2015 with a Dual Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology and now work as a Talent Recruiter for CVirtual- a small, family-owned business in Reno. I discovered Trinity shortly after graduating from college. I've come to appreciate this community so dearly because it truly welcomes and brings Christ's love to people from all walks of life.

I serve as a Eucharistic Minister as well as perform other duties for the 10:30 AM

service, attend the Bible and Books discussion group on Sunday and the Adult Bible Study Group with Education Wednesdays.

I am also a part of the Discernment Group that has been established by our rector, Father William Stomski, as I seek direction with perhaps a church career.

Dorothy Walrath

I grew up in Oregon and graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland. I have a master's degree in Christian Education and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. My college degree is in medical technology and I have enjoyed a 40 plus year career in hospital laboratory work. I am currently retired.

My husband, Fr. Harry Walrath and I came to Reno and Trinity in 1969 and I have been active in Trinity since 1993. I am a past vestry member and former senior warden during the time of The Rev. John Goddard, a previous interim rector. I have represented Trinity at several diocesan conventions. I am very active in our music programs, having been in the church choir and I now serve as a host for our Friday organ concerts as a member of the St. Cecilia guild. Currently I am a lector and prayer minister at the 10:30 service. I participate in the Bible and Books study group that meets on Sunday mornings in conference room A. I am looking forward to the future of Trinity as a cathedral and the new ministries that will result!

We thank our Vestry Nomination Committee for their Work! (Will Aldrich, Mimi Butler, Peg McCall and David Neidert who have completed their three year term on Vestry; and at large, Heather Pirie and Lucy Bouldin.)

2017 Nominations for Delegates and Alternates

The 2017 Convention will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on October 5-6, 2017 (Th-Fr)

Nomination Committee for Fall of 2017

Class of 2015-2017 Going Off:
- Sandi Brooke
- Joan Collins
- Julie Martinson
- Victoria Samberg

At Large:
- Heather Pirie
- Kate Flocchini

Ten Delegates:

1 Dorothy Walrath
2 Jim Heller
3 Helen Heller

Five Alternates:

A1 Ernie Westbrook
A2 Mimi Butler
A3 David Chute

4 Laura Neidert
5 Kate High
6 Debi Kihorny
7 Celeste Jolly
8 Guy Moreno
9 Sandi Brooke
10 Joan Collins

A4 Paul Hewen
A5 Larry Kirk

Vestry Nominations for 2017

1. Julie Demler
2. Jim Heller
3. Guy Moreno
4. Dorothy Walrath

(Their bio's are on page 28-29)

2016 Parochial Statistics: Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, New Members Groups

1. Baptisms

Day, Justin	(child)	January 10	(Fr. William)
Hull, Abigail Malan	(child)	January 10	(Fr. William)
Thomas, Cole Walter	(child)	August 2, 2015	(Fr. Julius)
Thomas Cameron William	(child)	August 2, 2015	(Fr. Julius)
Keller, Jaime Marie	(child)	January 3	(Fr. Rick)
Jolle, Alice Winter	(child)	March 26	(Fr. William)
Jolle, Nevada Delaney	(child)	March 26	(Fr. William)
Tornquist, Hailee Cameron	(child)	March 26	(Fr. Rick)
Tornquist, Lorraine Joanne (Fr. Rick)	(adult)	March 26	
Greenhaw, Callie Leigh (Fr. William)	(adult)	March 26	
Moffat, Morgan Alice (Fr. William)	(adult)	March 26	
Scott, John Govan (Fr. William)	(child)	April 17	
Stickney, Atticus Clayton (Fr. William)	(infant)	April 17	
George, Theodore Lloyd	(infant)	May 15	(Fr. William)
Szafranowicz, Tristan Bryce	(child)	June 5	(Fr. Rick)
Sherin, Ryan Joshua	(child)	July 24	(Fr. Rick)
Lassiter, Paige Ellen	(adult)	August 14	(Fr. William)
LeMay, Zachary Michael	(adult)	August 14	(Fr. William)
Rodriguez, Adrian Peter	(child)	September 11	(Fr. William)
Overall, Harry Alexander	(adult)	September 11	(Fr. William)



Kossow, Benjamin James (child) November 6 (Fr. William)

2. Weddings

Bartholt Clagett and Adam Bloomfield	May 2	Tahoe Vista, CA	(Fr. Rick)
Hanna Dimla and Scott Dozois	July 17	Trinity	(Fr. William)
Bailey Bortolin and Alexander Quagge	August 21	St. John's Glenbrook	(Fr. Rick)
Paige Lassiter and Zachary LeMay	September 10	Trinity	(Fr. William)
Angelica Leland and Gary Cronk	December 9	Trinity	(Fr. William)

3. Funerals

		Age	Death Date	Service & Date:
Pierson, Lois M.	F	86	2/3/16	Columbarium Service: Feb 25
Morehouse, Harold G.	M	88	5/5/16	Trinity Jun 10
Menzel, Steven T.	M	67	9/17/14	Columbarium Service, Jun 17
Cain, Patricia A.	F	92	3/17/16	Cemetery Service, Bridgeport CA Jul 9
Shefield, Caroline M.	F	89	7/19/16	Cemetery Service, Reno Aug 4
Sibbald, John R.	M	90	6/27/16	Trinity Aug 11
Penton, Elizabeth N.	F	94	8/15/16	Trinity Aug 23
*Curtis, Ruth M.	F	90	7/22/16	Trinity (Eucharist) Aug 9
Vickers, Norene	F	96	9/5/16	Trinity Sept 10
Patrick, Russell B.	M	89	7/3/16	Bp. Lewis Chapel Oct 15
Titlow, Lynn I.	F	57	10/4/16	Trinity Oct 21

* designates Active Member of Trinity Church

4. Confirmations

Easter Vigil - March 26 (Bishop Dan presiding)

Jennifer Noble	Victoria Larkin	Hannah Dimla (Dozois)
James Heller	Isabella Therese Martucci	Scott Dozois

Bishop's Visit – August 28

Jonathon Allan Burlesen	Eugene Raymond Muir

5. New Member Groups

a. Tranfers

Mary Morgan	Pritam Benhur	Janice Williams
Janet Greenhaw	Karuna Benhur	Mark MacDonald
Dawn Lee Brisbane	Patricia MacDonald	Jason Michael Dixon
Kirk Gardner	Rebecca Ann Dixon	Patricia Gardner
Leah Faith Dixon	Grace Gordon	Aubrey Hope Dixon

Michael Craig Patterson

Sarah Jane Echelbarger

b. Affirmation of Baptismal Vow

Easter, March 26

Barbara Pratt

Bishop's Annual Visit, August 28

Robert Sanders Andrade

Cynthia Laine Burleson

Mitchel John Easterday

Jessica Marie Rodriguez

Kelly Ann Kossow

Ginger W. Ware

Gerrie Mills Lilley

John Mark Lilley

