



Oct. 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34)

In the modern world, nothing says more about what we value than where we invest our financial resources. This summer, you have spoken clearly and resolutely about those values. You have contributed \$3 million dollars in the span of two months for the Second Century Campaign. The leaks in the church building will be fixed and the beginning of an endowment for maintenance will be funded in the Holy Trinity Foundation. As I write this letter, work on the building is underway, rattling my windows. What a joyful noise!

This letter is to invite you to continue to consider how you will use your resources for the ministry of God’s people at Holy Trinity. We are learning together that we will always have capital needs and those kinds of campaigns will likely occur more often than once every 30 years. We are also (hopefully) realizing that *capital* needs must live alongside *annual* needs, which renew and grow every year. The old wisdom that a capital campaign will negatively impact an annual giving campaign just cannot be true for us this year at Holy Trinity. We’ve already experienced a triumph of God’s generosity through you in the Second Century Campaign. What a remarkable witness it would be if we also met or exceeded our annual giving from last year!

The Vestry is committed to trying to keep increases in the overall budget to a minimum. However, some things, like cost-of-living increases for employees, which have recently not been part of our budgeting process, need to make their return for the welfare of the people in our employ. Other fixed costs, like utilities, increase without regard to our desire to keep things flat. Some ministries, like youth ministry, have grown this year and need increased budgets for their work – a wonderful problem to have. This year’s \$1.8 million annual giving goal would fund what is basically a hold-the-line operating budget.

Holy Trinity is alive and well! We are hope in action. We’re feeding the hungry, housing the unhoused, sharing the faith, and singing God’s praises. On opening Sunday of this school year, every single Christian formation opportunity was filled with participants. The annual picnic saw nearly 300 people lingering all over campus, well past closing time, enjoying one another’s company. The Paint the Town event to paint a needy neighbor’s home was funded and staffed by our own volunteers, improving the life of one of our brothers and sisters in God.

Then, in the weeks that followed, the entire campus was taken over by the North Carolina Council of Churches. On another day, the diocese was hosting one of the many gatherings they now host at Holy Trinity. The Day School was at capacity. The staff was moving boxes, bookshelves, and furniture to create a new meeting space because we needed more than we could offer to the groups who want to be here.

This is a place and ministry worth investing in. Your gifts are carefully tended, transparently managed, and put to great use. Peruse the Frequently Asked Questions included and reach out to any Vestry member or me with questions. We need everyone’s participation, no matter the size of the gift. Signing our names on the line is the sure sign of the commitment we need as we continue to emerge from the pandemic and find our way in a new world.

Pax et bonum,

David Umphlett, Rector

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### Annual Giving Campaign 2023

I (we) pledge/tithe: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ (week, month, or calendar year) for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) are not pledging, but will support Holy Trinity by attending services, volunteering, or joining a covenant group, for example.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*To pledge by mail, fill out and detach this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. You may also pledge online, following the instructions below.*

- To pledge online, go to [www.holy-trinity.com](http://www.holy-trinity.com) and click on the Give option. Then click on Give/Pledge online, fill out the information and click send. If you need assistance, please email [parishadmin@holy-trinity.com](mailto:parishadmin@holy-trinity.com) or call the church office at 336-272-6149.
- Scan the QR code at right and follow instructions.



*Every gift counts! Thank you for supporting God’s work at Holy Trinity in 2023. Pledges are confidential and seen only by the church finance manager.*