



TRINITY NEEDS YOUR

The 2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Christian tradition calls upon each of us to share our *Time, Talent, and Treasure* with others.

“You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you:

Only to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

Time, Talent, & Treasure

Dear members of the Trinity family,

Time (our participation), talent (our special skills), and treasure (our financial contributions) represent the primary ways each of us contributes to our Trinity family. Every contribution is vital to the life of our parish, and each is gratefully received. We each need to consider prayerfully what measure of time, talent, and treasure we are capable of offering, and if possible, commit in some way to all three.

Once again, it is that time of the year for our annual stewardship campaign and once again, we are asking everyone in the parish to make a pledge of their time, talent, and treasure – let’s make it 100%

Time & Talent: Trinity is blessed with an active and dedicated community whose generosity is expressed through many ministries such as: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Bell Choir, Bible Study, Choir, Church School, Coffee Hour, Collection Counters, Covenant to Care, ECCT Delegates, Family Matters, Finance Committee, Food Drive, Greeters, Harvest Sunday, Homecoming Sunday, Laundry Love, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Livestream Ministers, Memorial Garden Committee, Musical Accompaniment, Newcomer Events, Nominating Committee, Office “Angels”, Scholarship Committee, St. Francis Day, St. John’s Suppers, St. Nicholas Fair, Stewardship Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Ushers, and Vestry. Some of these ministries are ongoing while others occur at certain times of the year. To be successful however, all of them need the support of our parish – please consider how you can share your time and talent in one or more of these ministries and indicate that on your pledge form.

Treasure: Our operating budget far exceeds our stewardship goal and our pledged income. The difference must be drawn from various endowment funds – a practice that is unsustainable in the long run. Our budgeted pledge goal for 2023 was \$90,000 which represented 37% of our operating budget. However, only 39 pledges were made totaling

\$86,130. In 2022, there were 47 pledges for \$102,190. In keeping with the spirit of our 175th Anniversary, the goal for 2024 will be to increase the pledge total 1.75% to \$91,575.

Once again, this year, we are asking everyone to make an annual pledge to support the year-round mission and ministry at Trinity. All pledges are strictly confidential and all pledges, no matter the amount, are gratefully received. Let's make it 100%.

Proportional Giving Chart

ANNUAL INCOME	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

Most denominations use the standard of tithing when determining their expected pledges from their congregations. A tithe is traditionally the gift of 10% of your annual income. This chart shows the concept of proportional tithing whereby a designated

percentage of your income is given to the church with the goal of increasing your pledge towards the 10% as circumstances permit.

This year's campaign will begin on Stewardship Sunday, October 1st with a brunch and special activities. It will end on Harvest Sunday, November 12th when all of the pledges will be presented at the altar during the Offertory. Additional "harvest" activities will also take place on that day.

Please complete and submit the accompanying pledge form on or before November 6th



Faithfully, Trinity Finance Committee:

Dave Ginter, Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar, Suzanne Mount,
Bob Pitzschler, Nancy Wilson, and Dick Worth

Please complete this pledge form and mail it to Trinity Episcopal Church, 1734 Huntington Tpke., Trumbull, CT 06611 or place it in an envelope and deposit it in the collection plate on any Sunday on or before November 12th – “Harvest Sunday”. From these pledges, the Vestry will develop a budget for the coming fiscal year – a budget that may not exceed the funds expected to be received. This budget is then presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in January.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NICHOLS, CT

Annual Pledge for 2024 – **Time**, **Talent**, & **Treasure**



I/we wish to pledge a total of \$ _____, over one year (January – December 2024), to fund the church’s annual budget.

Pledge to be paid in increments of \$ _____ to be made as follows:

- Weekly
 Monthly
 Quarterly
 One time gift

Method of Payment:

- Cash or Check
 Secure on-line payment <http://trinitynichols.org/> through *Tithe.ly* (*preferred*)
 Monthly Envelope
please check box if you need pledge envelopes

Your Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Signature(s) _____



I/we wish to contribute our **TIME** and our **TALENT** by supporting the following ministries: _____
