

THE MESSENGER – November-December 2017



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FROM DAWN-VICTORIA'S DESK

“Why do you give?”

This is a great question as we begin to prayerfully consider our commitments for 2018. For many of us, that question probably has many answers.

I give because God expects it. Early in the life of God's people, God commanded that they give 10% back to God. This is a sign that they can trust God to take care of them and provide for their needs. It also reminds them that all things come from God, you and I are only temporary caretakers.

I give because I am grateful for all God has done for me. God has given me health, safety, life, a loving family, friends . . .the list could go on and on. I

I give because I love God's church. I love the people and the community here. I believe that together we can do great things in our part of the mission field. I give to make that possible.

I give because it deepens my walk with God. Giving is not always easy. Often it is a stretch and makes me set clear priorities. In the process, I come to trust God more and find my faith strengthened.

As you begin to prayerfully consider your level of commitment and giving to Trinity. I encourage you to think about what Trinity means to you. Why do you give?

I also invite you to take your giving to the next level. If you currently give \$100 a month, pledge to give \$120 a month in 2018. If you give \$150 now, consider giving \$165 or \$180 a month.

Dawn-Victoria +

PRAYER & CARE

Please remember to keep those for whom our prayers have been asked in your daily prayers:

Nancy Lorna
Edith Tim
Marie Grace
Katherine Sue
Dave Ferrelene
Joy Our nation
Our military Cynthia
The un and under employed
Those battling cancer
All those living under persecution



Please let Dawn-Victoria know of any changes that should be made to our prayer list.

TEN (plus One) RULES FOR RESPECT

Each newsletter highlights two of the Ten (plus One) Rules for Respect. We hope you find these helpful as you seek to live out your Baptismal Covenant and as you strive to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Vestry has covenanted to live by these rules as we worship and minister together here at Trinity~St. Paul's.

... and the 11th Rule . . .

11. Pray for one another. That's not just a throwaway line. Lifting one another to God in prayer is how we learn, slowly and sometimes painfully, but ultimately joyfully, to see each other with God's eyes, hear each other with God's ears and love each other with God's heart. My holding you in prayer will always include me asking God to love you through me. Pray that for me and for one another.

CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays	
Megan Rapp	2 nd
Lynn Taylor	6 th
Ashley Orscheln	8 th
Susan Gilstrap	11 th
Tom Stewart	11 th
Cherie Blue	15 th
Preston Danner	24 th
Katherine Taylor	24 th
John Morthland	28 th

December Birthdays	
Marcia Gottman	2 nd
Philip Briscoe	13 th
Harold Booker, Sr.	14 th
Tony Hodgson	14 th
Natalie Noel	21 st
Mary Celenze	22 nd
Bob Clayton	24 th
Maizie Frey	25 th

November Anniversaries	
Gary & Natalie Noel	27 th

December Anniversaries	
Frank & Sara North	31 st



"Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be."
~after BCP, p. 830.

PARISH LIFE

Be sure to save the following dates. They promise to be a great time of the Trinity triad: food, friends, and faith.

Sunday, December 17th

**Greening of the Church
& luncheon following
the 10A Eucharist**

Sunday, December 24th

Advent IV 10A only

**Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service 6P**

Monday, December 25th

**Christmas Day
9A Eucharist**

VESTRY NEWS

The Vestry has recently formed two new committees. You read a little about the new Facilities Committee last month. The Committee of Bob Gilstrap, Frank North, and Phil Briscoe recruited the help of Gary Noel. The members have divided up various parts of our buildings for review. They hope to enlist your input at the Annual Meeting in January.

An Auditing Committee has also been formed. Bob Gilstrap and Ryan Rapp will periodically

review bank statements, deposits, and payments. Our most recent audit (2015) made this as one of their suggestions. The work of the Auditing Committee will make future audits much smoother, hopefully, but will also make sure that things are above board financially.

In January, the Vestry will say "Thank you" and "Farewell" to Marcia Gottman and Ryan Rapp. Both Marcia and Ryan are rotating off the Vestry. If you are approached by a member of the Vestry please consider saying, "yes."

ORGAN UPDATE

Following a number of pledges and a single gift of over \$25,000, the vestry decided to move forward with restoring our 1929 Kilgen Organ. In a span of 3 ½ years, the parish has raised over \$47,000 and had financial commitments of another \$30,000!

Trinity-St. Paul's Church, a parish of less than 60 families, has raised through either pledges or contributions, a total of **\$100,294**, which represents 95% of our restoration goal of \$105,758. Well done, Trinity~St. Paul's!!

We still need to raise an additional \$5,464 and for outstanding pledges of \$17,455 to be collected. Our treasurer will soon be distributing a report describing your generosity toward restoring our pipe organ.

Please review your report carefully and let Robert know of any questions you may have or if you feel the report is inaccurate. Donations and contributions are still being accepted.