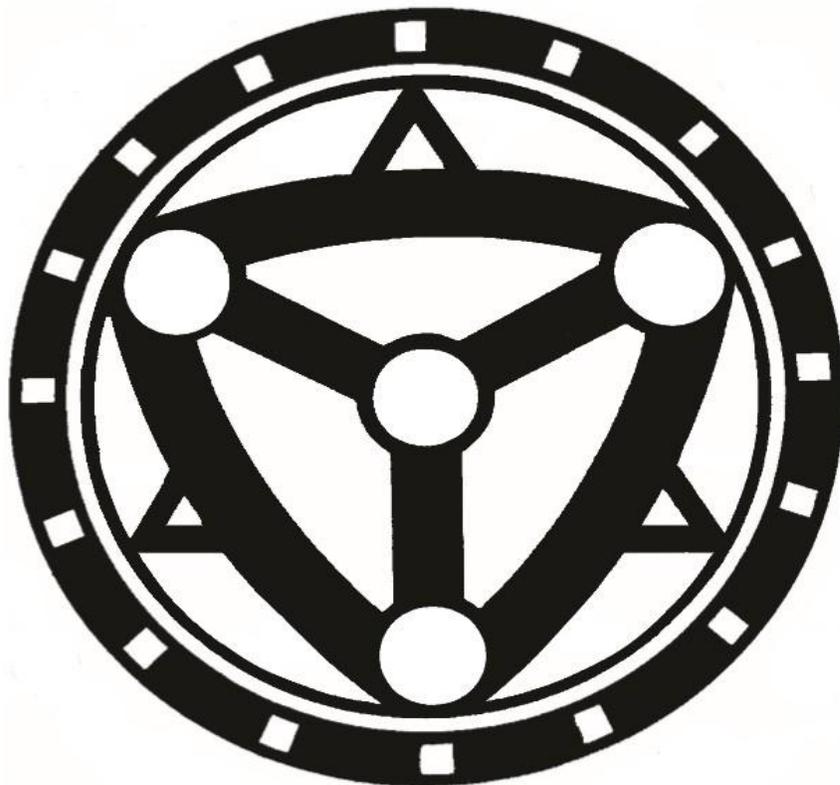


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Trinity Episcopal Church Collinsville  
in the Town Canton  
and  
The Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
February 22, 2026



MISSION STATEMENT:

*“With God’s love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; with God’s help, we serve our community and beyond.”*

**The Annual Meeting of  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
February 22, 2026**

**Agenda**

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Approvals:

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Adjournment

# Trinity Collinsville 2026 Annual Report

February 22, 2026

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**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**55 River Road**  
**Collinsville, CT 06022-0374**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes for 2024**  
**February 2, 2025**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Senior Warden Maryellen Prudhomme opened with a prayer and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Heather Prescott to accept the agenda, seconded by Laurie Barnhart and unanimously passed.

Minutes of the January 28, 2024, Annual Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan Moraski to accept the minutes, seconded by Heather Prescott and unanimously passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jim went over the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Rick Richardson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Kady Nicksa and unanimously passed.

**Report from Nominating Committee & Election:**

Maryellen gave the report for the Nominations Committee; the entire slate is as follows:

- Bruce Quigley - Junior Warden (one year term)
- Lisa Bogush - Vestry Member (two-year term)

- Stan Moraski - Vestry Member (three-year term)
- Mimi McGill - Vestry Member (one year term)
- Ann Bierut, Diocesan Convention Delegate
- Bruce Quigley, Diocesan Convention Delegate
- Laurie Barnhart, alternate Diocesan Convention Delegate

A motion to accept the slate as presented was made by Bette Holmes, seconded by Peter Dehey and it passed.

Motion to cast one ballot for the slate as presented was made by Sandra Richardson, seconded by Marc Yves-Regis and it passed.

### **Senior Warden:**

Maryellen went over the Senior Warden's report.

A motion to accept the Senior Warden's report was made by Sandra Richardson, seconded by Dave McGill and it passed.

### **Junior Warden's Report:**

Maryellen went over the Junior Warden's report.

A motion to accept the Junior Warden's report was made by Stan Moraski, seconded by Jack Henne and it passed.

### **Presentation of 2025 Budget:**

Jim presented the 2025 budget

80% of annual revenue is from pledges, the rest is nursery school rent and special envelopes. Revenue line is conservative every year.

We will pay LiveLocalTV and our Annual Financial Review twice in 2025, because we were never charged for the services in 2024.

2025 Budget assumes we will have a half time priest for half a year. It looks a lot like 2024.

Based on budgeted numbers, we do not cover our expenses and will have to dip into our reserves to close the gap. We could maintain this for a few more years before running out of money.

Stan Moraski asked why we weren't billed for the two services? The companies just forgot. Where will the money come from if we get a priest? It will come from the money we have in the bank.

Sharon Courthouts asked if the nursery school pays rent? Yes, they do, roughly \$20,000 a year.

Leslie Dehey asked about the lack of billing by LiveStream and if we had money to pay for it. It is in the bank and Jim just wanted to clarify why there is so much more paid for those two expenses.

Laurie Barnhart asked about paying the priest. She suggested that when we get a priest, it is thought that we will be working on growing the church, increasing the visibility in the community and increasing involvement in the church.

Mimi McGill pointed out the thought, "if we build it, they will come"

Stuart Noyes asked if any analysis was done on what point the loss of pledging throughout the years will be unsustainable. Jim knows there are some pledges

that would make a big difference if they left but no analysis has been done. As Salin said in her sermon, we do so much and there is joy in it so we need to figure out how to maneuver through and increase our parish.

Motion to accept the budget for 2025 was made by Laurie Barnhart, seconded by Kady Nicksa and passed unanimously.

### **Report on 2025 Convention/Discussion of Possible 2026 Resolution:**

Bruce Quigley brought up the resolutions that was brought up in 2024

2025 Budget of Convention - passed

2025 Clergy Compensation Resolution. FYI, Supply Priest compensation hasn't gone up in 5 years - passed

Clarifying Reparations Board Membership to make sure the Board is at least 60% People of African Descent - passed

Recognize May 5th as Red Dress Day. Bring awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women. Passed

Consideration of Amendments of ECCT Canons I, VIII and XI - Did not pass  
Mergers of churches in the state has to be passed in the convention; Merger of Good Shepherd Shelton and Immanuel St. James Derby; Merger of St. Paul's Fairfield and St. Timothy's Fairfield; merger of St. Mark's New Britain Episcopal Church and St. James Parish, Farmington.

### **Future resolution Bruce would like to present in 2026:**

CT has the 7th oldest population in the country. A Resolution to give outreach to the families that attend church or are in our state that have family member with Dementia and Alzheimer disease. How can this outreach be done in the Episcopal Church to take pressure off the caregivers of people with dementia or Alzheimer disease.

### **Acknowledgements for Outstanding Service:**

Everyone does so much in our church, it is hard to pick just one but we would like to recognize a member that gives extra effort and does many jobs for the church. Judy Hinman sends cards, enters the weekly pledges and donations, organizes readers, takes care of the coffee cart, cleans closets when asked.

Thank you, Judy, for all you do when asked.

### **A Candid Discussion about our Future:**

Maryellen wanted to talk about her conversations she has had with the Wardens at St. Johns New Hartford. She meets with them once a month and has been joined by Jim in recent months. They talk about posting an opportunity for a full-time priest that our two churches will share.

Two highlights: fairness and flexibility are important for making this work.

One service at each church every other week. The diocese has changed their approach and if you have a priest, you can get a supply priest on the weeks they aren't at your church.

-timing; we are working on an agreement to post on the diocese's website with an advertisement.

- Leslie Dehey, benefits and salary will be shared evenly between the churches. Yes.
- Bruce Quigley, have we taken down the posting? Yes, they were still on the diocese website with no responses
- Christine Greene, what is the timeline? We have set a deadline of March 1st to get the posting on the website, and it has to be approved by the diocese. Bishop Laura is in support of us trying this approach.
- Laurie Barnhart, on the topic of getting the right person. When she went to dinner with the vestry, she didn't meet one person who didn't support our efforts to work together to keep our churches separate and get someone to support each church.
- Leslie Dehey, strongly suggest before it gets posted, please send an information piece to all the parishioners to get them informed on the status
- Kady Nicksa asked if we had discussed how we would address the holidays. Easter and Christmas were the focus. On those holidays, we would try to have two services on those days. This year at Christmas, we had our service at 3 p.m. and they had theirs at 5 p.m., so we have shared our priest's time.
- Bette Holmes thanked Maryellen for her services in the last year, guiding us through the process.
- Rick Richardson thought there should be a way to write a letter to the priests that is personal about their need to find a priest to bring us closer to god and grow our faith. It would be great to appeal to the priests for our desire to leadership. Mimi will help write it.

-Elaine Eno asked if we could still have Salin fill in on the off weeks. And yes, we can still have a supply priest if we can afford it. In the past, we have gone to other churches on the midweek services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.) because we don't have a lot of support at our church for those services.

-Diane Terry pointed out, as time goes by, there will be times when we will look forward to sharing a service with other churches.

-Leslie Dehey pointed out, we should celebrate the children in nursery school and how they remember their time here. Our outreach has touched people in the community in ways we didn't know, both with the nursery school and the food bank.

Maryellen closed the meeting with a prayer.

Rick Richardson made a motion at 11:15 a.m. to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Bruce Quigley and was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Garvin

Clerk of the Vestry

**This ends the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting Report 2/2/25**

## **2025 Annual Meeting February 22, 2026**

### **Rector Annual Report Trinity, Collinsville**

Although I've been with Trinity for a relatively short time, I am delighted to prepare a short report for our 2026 Annual Meeting. In coming years, you will see that I can offer some analysis of trends in attendance, ministry participation, and other offerings; but on this first occasion I have some baseline information to report.

### **Sacramental Trends**

Trinity Church had 5 funerals in 2025. We celebrated 1 marriage, and many communion visits and pastoral visits were made to homes and medical facilities by myself, various parishioners, and assisting clergy. Thanks to all who serve in liturgical ministries—from altar guild and lectors to communion ministers, ushers, and counters. I give thanks for the music ministry of our parish choir led by Francisco. Many thanks to Stan Moraski and all who provided lay-led services for our congregation.

### **Attendance Trends**

In 2025 Trinity's average Sunday attendance was about 34 in person, and 6 online—so, 40. This figure includes our regular Sunday worship: 23 Holy Eucharist services and 24 lay-led services without communion. Please

remember to thank your wardens and leaders for planning presiders for these services!

### **Administrative Work**

A new priest in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut has a great many things to do for ‘orientation!’ I completed the regularly scheduled Safe Church refresher course, plus an additional course for priests new to the diocese. I coordinated all paperwork necessary between WNY and CT so I would be Canonically Resident in ECCT in time to vote at the October convention. As a priest in a new call in ECCT, I’m required to attend monthly in-person meetings of the New Call Group for at least eighteen months, which are very helpful to get to know my colleagues. I’ve also attended required clergy events as well as a few special events (retreats, programs, Celebrations of New Ministry, clergy ordinations)—these all help me meet lay and clergy leaders from all over the region. I am also involved in NWRegional and NCRRegional events and planning—yet more opportunities to grow my relationships around the diocese. I’ve been blessed with wonderful lay vestry leadership; I am grateful for the work of those who are cycling off vestry and look forward to getting to know the newly elected members in their service.

I expect in the upcoming year our vestry members and I will be called upon to speak about the experience of calling a rector to be shared by two congregations; I think we can all be proud of the work of our leadership teams who helped discern and design this arrangement (I know I am!)

I pray that 2026 will be a year of blessing for Trinity, its members and friends—and that we all may grow in our compassion for the needy, our service to our neighbors, and our capacity to see the face of Christ in all people we encounter!

Submitted, 2/17/2026

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

## **Senior Warden Annual Report**

**February 22, 2026**

It has been a YEAR! Last year at this time we realized that we needed to take a new and different approach to our search for a half-time Rector. The meetings with the St. John's wardens, and our joint Vestry get togethers had progressed to the point that we felt ready to move forward with a search for a full time Rector to serve both of our parishes. We posted a national search, and while we were hopeful, I was prepared for another long wait. How wrong I was. We moved carefully, and quickly to schedule interviews and in person meetings, giving every vestry member the opportunity to meet with Reverend Claudia individually or in a small group. By August we had a signed Letter of Agreement and on October 1 we had a new half time Rector. We are now five months in, making adjustments and getting to know one another. I am looking forward to all that we can do together this year.

As I browse through my meeting notes and calendar it is hard to believe that so much happened in 2025. Early in the year, we began planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Trinity, to be held in September. The detail is included in the written report, and it was an overwhelming success. The Parish Hall was filled with Trinity memories, and many old friends returned to celebrate with us. Of course, a “bit” of weather entered the event as well, but the party continued.

In May, we had a visit from Bishop Mello, with a lively get together after the service. The Bishop joined us for lunch with the vestry, and speaking for myself – we are lucky to have him in Connecticut. Bishop Mello has an engaging social media presence (Instagram, Facebook) and contributes regularly to the ECCT website; he is spiritual, thoughtful and entertaining.

The worship committee and altar guild were put to the test this year, and I would give them an A+. Along with our Sunday and Holy day services, this group prepared for a special service with Bishop Ahrens to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the New Ministry welcome service for Reverend Claudia, and our first Blue Christmas service. This group has set the bar high, aiming for perfection and hitting the target every time.

And oh yes – Quality Street. Coming very closely on the heels of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Quality Street was again an unqualified success. Veterans of this event lined up at the door, anxious to be first to find their treasures and first timers were amazed by the quality of the items for the sale and the Boars Head lunch. Exhaustion notwithstanding, during the cleanup there were already conversations about what could be done differently in 2006.

I am most grateful for our Vestry. This is truly a team, in every positive sense of that word. Each member of this Vestry brings their very best to each meeting, they are thoughtful, generous, positive and selfless. Before I run out of adjectives, let me simply say thank you to each one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Prudhomme

## **Junior Warden Annual Report**

### **Completed Projects in 2025 ..... New Projects 2026**

Rebuilt the stairs to the left of the front door and landing using Azec. New rails, new balusters, new sides, no wood touching the ground.

Total replacement of side stairs facing Memorial Garden with an attempt to match other stairs. Costs were fully covered by donations and completed.

Replaced deteriorated clap boards, filled in all the holes from birds/woodpeckers. Repaired oil tank enclosure and rebuilt soffit area above that area.

Removed rotted clap board by stairs, and regraded that area to get the water away from the building.

Gutters were cleaned.

Started a regular pest control company plan to get rid of carpenter bees and ants.

Started a pest control plan to control mice with traps bait boxes and regular visits. All safe and in keeping with state regulations. This year it has been a major challenge to keep things under control.

Removed all vegetation touching building to keep rot and moisture away. It is an ongoing battle.

Here is the list of the 2026 property projects and the estimated cost where available and status on each:

- Stone Stairs need to be rebuilt. This is a true need, as the stairs have deteriorated significantly and there is a risk of collapse. This will be a complete rebuild, not total replacement. We obtained several estimates and have chosen Stone Works of Canton. The cost is significant, approximately \$15,000. Work to begin in early April. We have received a \$2,500 donation toward the cost of this project.
- Parking lot is in seriously bad shape and in need of attention. We will have repair work done this year, to include patching, relining, sealing and partial replacement of approximately 20% of the lot. While the cost is significant this maintenance must be done to avoid the need for a total replacement with a cost in excess of \$100,000. We have a quote from MJM Paving of approximately \$35,000 for repair. Replacement would cost approximately \$125,000.

- Sill Repairs to rotting windows- Northern Restoration pricing is \$425 per window, and we assume a minimum of 5 windowsills will need to be done. Lead paint issues, if any, will be dealt with properly.
- Painting of building where needed. Scattered around three sides currently. Plans to proceed ...Stan has generously offered his time and talent on this project. Saving Trinity thousands . A special Thank you Stan. Total Cost of paint and supplies primer brushes etc. is being donated.
- Underbrush around building needs round up /removal in late April/May before painting is done. Must maintain 3-foot clear zone!

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Quigley

### **Report of the Nomination Committee and Election**

Bruce Quigley, Junior Warden -1-year term

Bette Holmes – Vestry – 3-year term

Judy Hinman – Vestry – 3-year term

Laurie Barnhart -Vestry – 1 year term

Delegates to Convention

Bruce Quigley

Ann Bierut

Laurie Barnhart (alternate)

## **Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

### **The Numbers**

At Trinity, financial data is classified as either budgeted or non-budgeted. When reviewing the financial health of the parish, it is important to distinguish between the two. Budgeted amounts are predictable, non-budgeted amounts are not. In the financial data that follows, the 2025 Results include both budgeted and non-budgeted activity while the 2026 Operating Budget only includes budgeted data. This presentation aligns with how the data is presented to the Vestry each month.

- The budgeted numbers represent the operating revenues and expenses Trinity anticipates for the upcoming year. These are the numbers included in the operating budget adopted by the Vestry and distributed at the Annual Meeting.
- The non-budgeted numbers are the opposite. Non budgeted amounts relate to outreach and mission; and special envelopes, as well as special gifts or other items where there isn't a reasonable basis to estimate an amount to include in the budget. These amounts have been small, historically.

### **The Funds**

Trinity maintains a series of Funds, where money has been set aside for specified purposes. The balance of these funds is reported on the consolidated balance sheet. Most of these funds have been designated for specific use by the Vestry, while others are specified by the donors.

- The primary fund is the **Operating Fund**. This is the fund used in support of the day-to-day operations of Trinity. This is where pledge receipts are deposited, and operating expenses are paid. The Operating fund is maintained in a checking account and a certificate of deposit at Webster bank.
- The **Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF)** represents money given to Trinity to be used at the Rector's discretion, generally for alms. The RDF is maintained in a checking account at Webster bank.
- The **Maintenance Reserve** funds represent money collected for up-keep of facilities. Routine maintenance is paid out of the Operating Fund. The maintenance reserve is used for significant maintenance activities. The maintenance reserve is maintained in a checking account at Webster bank.
- The **Memorial Fund** represents funds given 'in memory of' members of the parish family. Money in this fund is used to maintain gifts given to Trinity in memory of others. The memorial fund is maintained in a money market account at Webster bank.
- The **Rectory Fund** represents the remaining proceeds from the sale of the rectory.

Both the Memorial and Rectory funds have been designated by the Vestry to be used, as the need arises, for unique one-time expenses; these monies are not to be used to fund the operations of the parish.

- The **Endowment Fund** represents money given to the parish with the expectation that the income earned by the fund could be used at the

Vestry's discretion. The expectation is that the principal in the fund would not be spent.

- The **Cudworth Trust** was established to benefit members of the Trinity community. The principle is not to be used. The income from the Trust is deposited to the Rector's Discretionary Fund monthly.
- The **DS Burton Memorial Fund** was established in memory of Debbie Burton. The money is used to grant scholarships for students in need attending Trinity Nursery School (TNS). Scholarships are approved by the Vestry based on recommendations of the TNS staff.

The assets of the Rectory, Endowment, Cudworth and DS Burton funds are held and managed by Donations and Bequests for Church Purposes. Bank of America manages the investments. This is done under the auspices of the Diocese of Connecticut.

## **2025 Results**

### **Cash Flow**

Cash flow continues to be the primary financial concern of parish leadership; making sure there is enough money on hand to pay the bills. Cash flow was positive in 2025 primarily due to lower than anticipated expenses related to the unfilled rector's position and strong pledge collections, both 2025 and 2026. Some of this was offset by unplanned maintenance expenses. Cash flow is presented, discussed, and monitored by the Vestry each month.

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Net assets on the balance sheet have increased by just under \$49,000, driven by positive cash flow and increases in the market value of investments. The parish's investments earned just over 11% in 202 (11% in 2024). Our investment mix continues to be 60% equity, 40% fixed income. The funds are rebalanced at the start of each year.

In 2025, an additional \$50,000 was added to the CD at Webster Bank. The CD is maintained for liquidity purposes and is renewed every 6 months.

Money was taken from the maintenance reserve in 2025 to fund the repairs to the exterior, wooden stairs at Trinity. The costs of the repairs were offset, in part, by specific donations for this work which were deposited into the maintenance fund.

The prepaid pledge balance at the end of 2025 represents just over 13% of the 2026 pledge.

## **Revenues – All Funds**

Actual budgeted revenues exceeded the budget by \$23,085, similar to last year. The favorable variance is primarily due to a variance in pledge revenue. Two factors impact pledge revenue: payments made by non-pledging parishioners (which are classified as pledge payments in our system) and payments made in excess of the 2025 pledge amount.

Non budgeted revenue includes the change in investment values for all funds and special gifts and our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, which generated just under \$1,300 for the parish! Certain 2024 numbers have been modified for comparability

purposes.

Outreach includes the money raised at the Quality Street Fair as well as donations for Camp Hispaniola and special envelope collections during the year.

### **Expenses – All Funds**

Actual budgeted expenses in 2025 were less than budget by \$4,564. This is smaller than 2024, primarily due to maintenance and snow removal expenses, as well as the hiring of our rector at the start of October. 2025 is the first year we have had rector related expenses since 2021! I would insert the ‘A’ word here, but I can’t – we are in Lent!

### **Financial Review**

Church Cannon’s require an annual, independent review of each Parish’s finances. The level of review required is dictated by the financial size of the Parish. For Trinity (a smaller parish), the requirement is an ‘Agreed Upon Producers’ review – looking at the controls and oversight of our finances. In 2025, reviews were completed for 2023 and 2024 without issue. The accounting firm Budwitz & Meyerjack, P.C., in Farmington, completed the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Stapleton, Treasurer

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash, Operating Fund	\$ 62,524	\$ 89,539	\$ (27,015)
Certificate of Deposit	207,677	\$ 153,736	53,941
Maintenance Reserve	21,777	26,074	(4,297)
<b>Cash</b>	<b>291,978</b>	<b>269,349</b>	<b>22,629</b>
Memorial Fund Savings	34,538	35,226	(688)
Rectory Fund , Market Value	115,306	103,668	11,638
Endowment Fund, Market Value	214,139	192,525	21,614
Cudworth Trust, Market Value	24,514	22,491	2,023
DS Burton Memorial Trust, Market Value	3,044	2,742	302
<b>Savings &amp; Investments</b>	<b>391,543</b>	<b>356,652</b>	<b>34,891</b>
Discretionary Fund	8,365	6,260	2,105
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 691,887</b>	<b>\$ 632,261</b>	<b>\$ 59,626</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Prepaid Pledges	\$ (23,531)	\$ (14,503)	\$ (9,028)
Accounts Payable	(1,800)	-	(1,800)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(25,331)</b>	<b>(14,503)</b>	<b>(10,828)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 666,555</b>	<b>\$ 617,758</b>	<b>\$ 48,797</b>

<b>Statements of Revenues &amp; Expenses - All Funds</b>						
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Act Variance</b>	
	<b>YTD Actuals</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>to Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>BTWN Years</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>						
Pledge Revenue, budgeted	\$ 181,995	\$ 157,763	\$ 24,232	\$ 179,483	\$ 2,512	
Other Revenue, budgeted	32,683	33,830	\$ (1,147)	30,395	\$ 2,289	
<b>Total Budgeted Revenue</b>	<b>214,678</b>	<b>191,593</b>	<b>23,085</b>	<b>209,877</b>	<b>4,801</b>	
Investments	36,051	-		32,313	3,738	
Other	9,691	-		5,833	3,858	
<b>Total Non-Budget Revenue</b>	<b>45,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,146</b>	<b>7,596</b>	
Outreach	16,918	-		9,409	7,509	
<b>Total Outreach Revenue</b>	<b>16,918</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>7,509</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 277,338</b>	<b>\$ 191,593</b>		<b>\$257,432</b>	<b>\$ 19,906</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries	\$ 73,935	\$ 81,652	\$ (7,717)	\$ 53,584	\$ 20,351	
Other Employee Expenses	11,736	20,934	(9,198)	7,675	4,061	
Worship	9,225	17,750	(8,525)	12,003	(2,778)	
Mission	22,726	23,155	(429)	24,390	(1,664)	
Utilities	19,537	20,755	(1,218)	19,767	(230)	
Maintenance	41,416	19,119	22,297	41,578	(162)	
Administration	35,418	35,127	291	26,312	9,106	
Other Expenses	1,835	1,900	(65)	1,858	(23)	
	<b>215,828</b>	<b>220,392</b>	<b>(4,564)</b>	<b>187,167</b>	<b>28,661</b>	
Outreach Expenses	12,763			10,590	2,173	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 228,591</b>	<b>\$ 220,392</b>	<b>\$ (4,564)</b>	<b>\$197,757</b>	<b>\$ 30,834</b>	
<b>Net Operating Surplus(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 48,747</b>	<b>\$ (28,799)</b>	<b>\$ 4,564</b>	<b>\$ 59,675</b>	<b>\$ (10,928)</b>	

## **Operating Budget 2026**

### **Summary**

The 2026 budget was prepared in a manner consistent with prior years. There were no material changes in our budget assumptions, year over year.

The 2026 pledge revenue is based on pledge cards received at the time of this report, as well as an estimate for those parishioners who do not turn in pledge cards and make regular contributions to Trinity.

As in the past, expenses for 2026 have been budgeted based on 2025 actual expenses, with some exceptions noted below. Specifically, there are two 2025 one-time budgeted expenses that are not included in 2026. One is for our broadcast services, included in worship expenses other, and the other is for financial review. We had budgeted catch up activity in 2025. We are now current with those obligations.

The 2026 Operating Budget forecasts a deficit of just over \$36,000. This compares to a projected 2025 budget deficit of almost \$29,000. Please note, at year end, Trinity had sufficient cash on hand to cover that deficit, even after adjusting for prepaid pledges. Trinity has the ability, in the short term, to absorb these deficits.

### **Revenues**

Pledges – A total of 40 pledge cards have been received, pledging \$181,160. This is a net decrease of 1 pledge card compared to 2025. As

part of the 2026 Stewardship campaign, parishioners were informed that revenues had to increase 40% to produce a balanced Operating budget. In response, the pledge amount in 2026 increased 15%.

- Plate Collections – the budgeted amount approximates what was received in 2025.
- Interest income is an estimate of what Trinity will earn from the CD. While the CD balance has increased, interest rates have decreased.

Overall, our budgeted revenue for 2026 is 103% of what we collected in 2025, a modest increase, and 29% greater than what we budgeted in 2025.

## **Expenses**

- Salaries & Other Employee Expenses – budgeted expenses for 2026 include the costs of a half time rector for the full year (compared with a half year estimated in the 2025 budget). Salaries have been increased by 3.2% as recommended in the Diocesan convention. The 2026 budget reflects a 143% increase in employee expenses.
- Worship Expenses – budgeted amounts include the annual charge for Live Local broadcasting and a supply priest once a month.
- Mission Expenses, including Diocesan Pledge – 2026 budget is in line with 2025 actuals.
- Utility Expenses – budgeted amounts are relatively consistent with prior

year budget and 2025 actuals.

- Maintenance Expenses - budgeted amounts are similar to prior year's actual expenses. The 2025 one-time expenses were not included in the 2026 budget.
- Administrative Expenses – budgeted amounts are consistent with prior year actuals, with the exception of the Financial Review line item which included one-time expenses in 2025.

Budgeted expenses for 2025 are 127% of expenses incurred in 2025, primarily related to personnel, and 117% of the 2025 budgeted expenses.

With net assets of over \$660,000, Trinity has the capacity to absorb Operating deficits for the foreseeable future. What cannot be foreseen is the non-operating structural costs Trinity will incur in maintaining the existing infrastructure. While those costs might be deferred, they cannot be ignored. These costs are discussed at length in the Vestry meetings.

Accounts	Actual	Budget	% variance		Budget	% variance
	2025	2025	to Actuals		2026	to Actuals
Revenues						
Regular Collections						
4001 Current Year Pledge Income	175,819.91	157,763.00	11.45%		188,160.00	7.02%
4004 Plate Collections	2,134.00	3,500.00	-39.03%		2,000.00	-6.28%
4008 Online Giving	6,175.00	2,500.00	147.00%		5,000.00	-19.03%
Total Regular Collections	184,128.91	163,763.00	12.44%		195,160.00	5.99%
Special Collections						
4111 Initial Envelope Collections	60.00	30.00	100.00%		30.00	-50.00%
4112 Sanctuary Lamp Collections	90.00	-			-	-100.00%
4113 Flower Collections General	310.00	150.00	106.67%		150.00	-51.61%
4114 Flower Collections Easter	1,257.00	1,000.00	25.70%		1,000.00	-20.45%
4115 Flower Collections Christmas	1,595.00	1,000.00	59.50%		1,000.00	-37.30%
Total Special Collections	3,312.00	2,180.00	51.93%		2,180.00	-34.18%
Assessments						
4501 Nursery School Assessments	19,650.00	19,650.00	0.00%		20,650.00	5.09%
Total Assessments	19,650.00	19,650.00			19,650.00	
Other Income		-				
4901 Interest Income Unrestricted	7,677.33	6,000.00	27.96%		5,250.00	-31.62%
Total Other Income	7,677.33	6,000.00			5,250.00	
Total Revenues	214,768.24	191,593.00	12.10%		222,240.00	3.48%

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% variance</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>% variance</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>to Actuals</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>to Actuals</b>
Expenses						
Salaries						
5001 Salary - Rector	9,592.28	16,067.00	-40.30%		35,152.00	266.46%
5002 Rector's SS Allowance	1,182.00	2,231.00	-47.02%		5,070.50	328.98%
5003 Rector's Housing Allowance	3,462.00	6,000.00	-42.30%		15,000.00	333.28%
5004 Salary - Sexton	9,925.00	9,880.00	0.46%		10,738.00	8.19%
5005 Salary - Music Director	22,279.92	22,277.00	0.01%		23,500.00	5.48%
5007 Salary - Parish Administrator	27,494.12	25,197.00	9.12%		24,203.45	-11.97%
Total Salaries	73,935.32	81,652.00	-9.45%		113,663.95	53.73%
Other Employee Expenses						
5008 Rector Professional Expenses	-	500.00	-100.00%		1,500.00	0.00%
5011 Pension - Rector	2,509.74	4,374.00	-42.62%		9,940.00	296.06%
5021 Insurance - Rector	2,151.00	7,500.00	-71.32%		9,249.30	330.00%
5031 Education Allowance - Rector	-	463.00	-100.00%		925.00	0.00%
5041 Travel Allowance - Rector	226.80	250.00	-9.28%		2,500.00	1002.29%
5051 Social Security Taxes	5,012.36	4,447.00	12.71%		5,500.00	9.73%
5052 Payroll Services	992.49	900.00	10.28%		1,100.00	10.83%
5099 Other Employee Expense	843.40	2,500.00	-66.26%		2,500.00	196.42%
Total Other Employee Expenses	11,735.79	20,934.00	-43.94%		33,214.30	183.02%

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% variance</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>% variance</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>to Actuals</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>to Actuals</b>
Worship Expenses						
Music Expenses						
5101 Music - Supplies	1,034.00	750.00	37.87%		1,000.00	-3.29%
5102 Music - Maintenance	285.00	1,000.00	-71.50%		1,000.00	250.88%
5103 Music - Supply Organist	1,050.00	400.00	162.50%		400.00	-61.90%
Total Music Expenses	2,369.00	2,150.00	10.19%		2,400.00	1.31%
Flowers Expenses						
5111 Flowers - General	428.63	400.00	7.16%		500.00	16.65%
5112 Flowers - Easter	344.15	500.00	-31.17%		500.00	45.29%
5113 Flowers - Christmas	712.99	750.00	-4.93%		750.00	5.19%
Total Flowers Expenses	1,485.77	1,650.00	-9.95%		1,750.00	17.78%
Other Worship Expenses						
5121 Altar Guild Expenses	689.24	600.00	14.87%		500.00	-27.46%
5122 Worship Expenses - Other	981.15	9,750.00	-89.94%		5,000.00	409.61%
5123 Supply Priest	3,700.00	3,600.00	2.78%		3,000.00	-18.92%
Total Other Worship Expenses	5,370.39	13,950.00	-61.50%		8,500.00	58.28%
Total Worship Expenses	9,225.16	17,750.00	-48.03%		12,650.00	37.12%
Diocesan Pledge						
5131 Diocesan Pledge - Current Year	21,655.32	21,655.00	0.00%		21,000.00	-3.03%
Total Diocesan Pledge	21,655.32	21,655.00	0.00%		21,000.00	-3.03%
Mission Expenses						
5202 Outreach Expense - Budgeted	153.44	500.00	-69.31%		500.00	225.86%
5205 Advertising Expense	140.00	1,000.00	-86.00%		750.00	435.71%
5206 Miriam's Closet Expenses	777.43	-			500.00	-35.69%
Total Mission Expenses	1,070.87	1,500.00	-28.61%		1,750.00	63.42%
Utility Expense						
5301 Utilities - Oil	8,488.96	7,855.00	8.07%		8,150.00	-3.99%
5302 Utilities - Electric	6,568.81	6,434.00	2.10%		6,250.00	-4.85%
5303 Utilities - Telephone/Cable/FAX	3,153.41	5,107.00	-38.25%		3,600.00	14.16%
5304 Utilities - Water	675.36	574.00	17.66%		600.00	-11.16%
5309 Utilities - Other	650.71	785.00	-17.11%		700.00	7.57%
Total Utility Expense	19,537.25	20,755.00	-5.87%		19,300.00	-1.21%

Accounts	Actual	Budget	% variance	Budget	% variance
	2025	2025	to Actuals	2026	to Actuals
Maintenance Expenses					
5311 Maintenance - Service Contracts	4,841.56	2,271.00	113.19%	3,500.00	-27.71%
5312 Maintenance - Landscaping	11,032.15	5,000.00	120.64%	5,000.00	-54.68%
5313 Maintenance - Trash Collection	1,588.64	1,608.00	-1.20%	1,625.00	2.29%
5314 Maintenance - Snow Removal	7,602.85	5,240.00	45.09%	7,500.00	-1.35%
5319 Maintenance General	3,812.56	5,000.00	-23.75%	5,000.00	31.15%
Total Maintenance Expenses	28,877.76	19,119.00	51.04%	22,625.00	-21.65%
Administration Expenses					
5321 Office Supplies - Postage	1,111.02	851.00	30.55%	900.00	-18.99%
5322 Office Supplies	2,913.13	3,730.00	-21.90%	2,600.00	-10.75%
5323 Copier Lease	5,245.35	3,727.00	40.74%	4,000.00	-23.74%
5324 Computer Network Expense	1,249.64	-		2,000.00	60.05%
5325 Computer Software & Support	2,176.50	1,038.00	109.68%	1,900.00	-12.70%
5327 Financial Review	8,000.00	7,500.00	6.67%	4,000.00	-50.00%
5328 Realm Expense [ACS]	2,932.84	2,978.00	-1.52%	3,050.00	3.99%
5329 VANCO Clearing Fees	1,383.40	1,694.00	-18.34%	1,500.00	8.43%
5330 Other Bank Fees	(153.94)	-		-	-100.00%
Total Administration Expenses	24,857.94	21,518.00	15.52%	19,950.00	-19.74%
Insurance Expense					
5331 Insurance - Liability - Current Year	10,560.00	13,609.00		12,000.00	13.64%
Total Insurance Expense	10,560.00	13,609.00	-22.40%	12,000.00	13.64%
Other Expenses					
5401 Other Expenses - Coffee Hour	589.72	400.00	47.43%	750.00	87.50%
5499 Other Expenses	1,245.47	1,500.00	-16.97%	1,500.00	0.00%
Total Other Expenses	1,835.19	1,900.00	-3.41%	2,250.00	18.42%
Total Expenses	203,290.60	220,392.00	-7.76%	258,403.25	17.25%
Surplus (Shortfall)	11,477.64	(28,799.00)		(36,163.25)	

## **Stewardship**

Stewardship is the story of Time, Talent and Treasure available to us and how we use those at Trinity.

Time and Talent – This report is a snapshot of how members of Trinity share their time and talent within this faith community and beyond. The countless hours of volunteer effort supporting our worship services and our inreach and outreach endeavors is beyond measure. We share a common goal of supporting one another and the world outside our doors.

Treasure – as highlighted elsewhere in this report (Outreach, Quality Street), Trinity's parishioners are exceptionally generous with their treasure. There is never a lack of opportunities to share with others and Trinity always responds positively to these needs. As it relates to Trinity's annual stewardship campaign, the focus was linking the pledge request with the financial needs of the parish. A preliminary analysis of 2026 expenses indicated revenues had to increase 40% to create a balanced operating budget in 2026. This was shared with the parish at the start of the annual campaign. The result: for those parishioners giving year over year, the amount pledged increased by over 24%,

and we had a number of parishioners who have given without submitting pledge cards for 2026.

While the overall number of pledge cards, 40, decreased year over year (by 1), due to demographics, overall pledging has increased. This trend is critical as Trinity charts its future.

Jim Stapleton, Treasurer

## **Counters Annual Report**

Consistent with our process since 2021, contributions to Trinity Church were received on Sundays, through U.S. mail or directly through the Realm program. Except for direct donations to Realm, all pledge and non-pledge contributions were entered into Realm as cash or check contributions primarily by Judy Hinman. Weekly deposits were made to Webster Bank and copies of the contributions, deposit slips, bank deposit confirmation, and other support items were given to Jim Stapleton, Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hinman

# **WORSHIP**

## **Communication Coordinator Annual Report**

This position includes the following functions:

- Preparation and distribution of weekly parish e-newsletter and e-blasts as needed
- Maintenance of the parish website: *TrinityCollinsville.org*
- Assistance with the creation of print ads
- Assisting others in the parish with photography, media, or technology
- Documentation of all major parish events.
- Maintenance of the parish Facebook Account

The Communication Coordinator would like to thank a few people who have been instrumental in assisting the Communication Coordinator. We thank Leslie Dehey for her input on bulletins during 2025, and for her great editing skills. Leslie is a great source of knowledge regarding Worship Services and Special Bulletins. We also want to thank Senior Warden Maryellen Prudhomme for her valuable feedback on the newsletter. Maryellen has been contributing articles that give information to help make the newsletter a valuable source of information to Trinity Parish. Thanks also to Jim Stapleton for his Financial articles and to Laurie Barnhart for her Vestry Viewpoints, and specific article content about Advent, Lent, and the famous Soup Suppers. Chris Greene also deserves a round of applause for her assistance with various online questions and tackling issues that arose before we had Rish as our computer liaison person. Trinity has a great team of volunteers. Thank you!

The Trinity Office continued to publish its electronic Parish newsletter, providing parish news, Vestry updates, and details about upcoming worship services and events. The newsletter, sent out each Thursday at 2:00 p.m., promotes church activities, offers periodic surveys for parishioner input, and encourages participation in important parish-wide meetings. It also informs parishioners about stewardship and ministry needs.

The e-newsletter platform is also used to send out occasional “e-blast” announcements about a death in the parish family, or last-minute cancellation reports in case of inclement weather. This year cancellations of church services in case of inclement weather are announced on WFSB TV.

Both the newsletter and website continue to provide online access to weekly worship bulletins for anyone who wants an advance copy, and for at-home worshipers who participate in Sunday service by live-stream. Home viewership of Trinity’s livestream service each week continues.

In 2024 we retained the services of a consultant to assist in maintaining our website. The work is done on an as needed basis. In 2025, our consultant, Rish, has been helpful in updating the Facebook accounts of which there were more than one.

The website and Facebook accounts serve as an introduction to Trinity Collinsville for any potential new parishioners who may be seeking a church.

On Facebook, any posts are sent to all surrounding towns, and specialty Facebook accounts which concern Collinsville and Canton residents. The site is currently maintained weekly by the Office with Rish's input when needed or if a problem arises.

In April, our lease with Ryan Business Systems was up for renewal, and we obtained a new, easy-to-run copier which has made church life easier for all who use it.

The phone system was also updated with Comcast as the vendor. It is a very user-friendly system, and the ability to change the outgoing message to include special announcement is very easy to use.

Trinity has an ad on page 68 of the 2026 Canton Red Book Phone Directory. The ad is very inclusive and offers a welcome to all who wish to attend.

In January 2026 Trinity received a donation for a new computer monitor. During 2025 the old Apple computer had many issues. Sometimes it would not start at all, or it would not recognize the computer mouse or keyboard. A new computer was installed by Computers to Go, and there is unlimited computer support offered to Trinity without a fee. As of this date, the new computer is working very well and has extensive capabilities.

In October, The Rev. Claudia Scheda joined Trinity in her role as part time Rector, allocating time between Trinity and St. John's. My role has expanded to assisting Rev. Claudia with any needs that her role requires. With the addition of a Rector celebrating two services a month, the bulletins are being tweaked to

offer parishioners changes that are relevant to the different church seasons. It is an exciting time for Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Leichner, Communication Coordinator

### **Worship Committee Annual Report**

**As of October 1, 2025, we have a new priest, The Rev. Claudia Scheda!!**

For the first time ever in Connecticut, two churches, Trinity, Collinsville and St. John's, Pine Meadow, have entered a formal contract to co-share a priest. Rev. Claudia was welcomed by joyful Celebrations of New Ministry in each church led by Bishop Laura Ahrens, with diocesan clergy, lay leaders, choirs, vestries, and parishioners.

For Trinity, it has been a long 4 years of prayerful anticipation and dedicated service by all those who make our worship services happen: the supply priests who bless us with Communion services, our lay presiders and homilists for Service of the Word, the altar guild, ushers, readers, our bulletin creator, our wonderful choir and choir director, the crucifers, torchbearers, and ministers of communion.

We are grateful for Francesco Blackmore, talented musician and director of our faithful choir, for their music that inspires our worship, and especially for the anthems and guest musicians on Christmas Eve and Easter! We are also

grateful for our Substitute Organist, Cheryl Scholes, and the beautiful music she plays when Francesco is away.

**Highlights of 2025 Worship:** In June, The Rt. Rev, Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan of CT came to worship with us. We felt truly blessed in our worship, in the warmth of his conversation at coffee hour, and his optimism for our search for a priest. In September, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Laura J. Ahren, Bishop Suffragan led our worship service celebrating Trinity's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Supply Priests:** More than ever, we are grateful for The Rev. Salin Low and The Rev. Marilyn Anderson who in their faithful commitment to Trinity, celebrated Holy Eucharist with us, especially for the Holy Days of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Rev. Anderson was with us on Palm Sunday. She loved our unique service and was delighted to see the altar guild's display of palms and stones on our back altar as the stones fit so well with her sermon!

We also thank The Rev. Zebulan Treloar who led a service for us in February and The Rev. Canon Rebekah Hatch who led our beautiful, noontime Good Friday Service. We are deeply grateful for the faithful, loving support of The Rev. Rowen Kemp and The Rev. Linda Spiers who have presided over funerals and Memorial Garden burials throughout these last four years.

**Presiders and Homilists for Service of the Word:** We are truly blessed to have Stan Moraski, who on 20 Sundays led Service of the Word and inspired us with his homilies. We are grateful for Mimi McGill who served as Presider/Homilist on 5 Sundays, occasionally with only last-minute notice, and thank you for Laurie Barnhart who also inspired us with her homilies. On one occasion, Leslie Dehey served as Presider/ Homilist and excused herself to dash to the back to sing the choir anthem! A special thank you to Senior Warden, Maryellen Prudhomme, for scheduling the supply priests and lay leaders for our worship services.

**Live Streaming:** Covid was the inspiration for this technology that has now become the best way of staying connected with our parishioners who cannot worship with us in person. It also enables us to live stream funerals to those who live too far away to attend. The quality of our livestreaming has improved greatly when we switched to LiveControl in July. We are grateful for Jim Stapleton and Leslie Dehey who make live streaming happen.

**Altar Guild:** Each week the Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary with a beautiful altar and ensures that the priests, presiders and readers have all they need for the worship service. Ann Bierut is the liaison for the Altar Guild.

**Crucifers, Acolytes, Ministers of Communion:** We are truly blessed to have a wonderful team of servers who add reverence and beauty to our communion services: Marc-Yves Regis, Jim Stapleton, Stan Moraski, Peter and Leslie

Dehey, and Gary, Kady and Noah Nicksa. We would welcome others who feel called to this ministry.

**Readers:** Eight parishioners have volunteered to read weekly Scripture Readings, the Psalm, and Prayers of the People. Judy Hinman creates the monthly reader schedule. She also schedules the readers needed for special services: Palm Sunday, Christmas Eve and our Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols.

**Ushers:** There are currently nine active ushers who greet worshipers as they enter the sanctuary and provide them with a service bulletin. They also pass the offering plates and bring bread, wine and water for special communion services. Ann Bierut creates the monthly usher schedules.

**The Worship Committee** meets each month to ensure the smooth running of our worship services and that all aspects of our worship reflect the beauty of our liturgy and follow the seasons of our liturgical year. The members of the Worship Committee are Rev. Claudia SCHEDA, Maryellen Prudhomme (Vestry), Ann Bierut (Altar Guild and Ushers), Judy Hinman (Readers, Inreach and Coffee Hours), Sandy Thibault (representing the Congregation), and Leslie Dehey (Committee Chair, Choir, Live-streaming, and Servers).

We are grateful for all who faithfully gather to worship in our beautiful sanctuary and all who worship with us by live streaming.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Dehey, Worship Committee Chair

### **Annual Music Ministry Report**

The year 2025 was a notable period for Trinity's Music Ministry and the broader church community, distinguished by the presence of a priest and the addition of another organist. The year commenced with a presentation of well-established anthems by the Trinity Choir, offering both spiritual enrichment and musical excellence to the congregation.

As the year progressed, Trinity was honored to welcome additional musicians whose contributions enhanced the Easter Sunday service. Their participation affirmed the strength of Trinity's musical tradition and appropriately reflected the significance and joy of the Easter celebration.

During the summer months, while the choir was in recess, Trinity's worship services continued to be enriched through the consistent offering of instrumental piano music. These contributions provided continuity and musical depth throughout the season.

With the choir's return, preparations for the Advent and Christmas seasons began in earnest. During this period, musical leadership was provided by Cheryl Scholes, together with the Trinity Choir, while Francesco Blackmore was away.

On December 24, as part of our annual Christmas Eve service, we were privileged to have several guest musicians join us, including a violinist, a flutist, and a trumpeter. Their musical contributions, shared alongside their families, brought added beauty and meaning to our worship and enhanced the festive spirit of the evening. We concluded the year on the final Sunday with a Lessons and Carols service, led by our substitute organist, Cheryl Scholes.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesco Blackmore Director of Music Ministry

### **Altar Guild**

The team approach for leadership continues to work well. Deb Asaro continues to be responsible for communication, problem solving and scheduling, Jan Atkins orders all necessary supplies, bakes our communion bread and takes care of the fair linens. Phyllis Lowell washes and irons the small altar linens. Linda Burgess does the flower arrangements for funerals and special occasions,

such as the Harvest Altar Display. This year we also prepared for Rev. Claudia's Celebration of New Ministry. All members prepare the sanctuary for Sunday services on a rotating schedule.

Ann Bierut serves as the liaison between the Worship Planning Committee and the Altar Guild, keeping them up to date on any upcoming special services that will need additional setup by the Altar Guild. She posts a monthly Worship Calendar to help us keep track of communion and non-communion services, funerals, and any special services, as the setup varies for each. She continues to update the guidebook as needed.

We appreciate the dedication of our members and their willingness to voluntarily assist in setting up and cleaning up.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bierut

*Altar Guild Members: Deb Asaro, Jan Atkins, Ann Bierut, Nell Bonnett, Linda Burgess, Sharon Corthouts, Dawn Lowell, Phyllis Lowell*

## **Readers' 2025 Annual Report**

Eight parishioners have volunteered to recite weekly the two Scripture readings, the Psalm and Prayers of the People which includes the Intercession List. A rotating monthly schedule was made based on each person's availability. The Readers' Schedule is prepared and sent out electronically mid-month prior to the month assigned to all Readers, Carol Leichner, Communications Coordinator and Leslie Dehey, Worship Committee Chair. We are grateful to our regular readers and parishioners who volunteer to read for special services.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Hinman

## **Inreach Annual Report**

**Inreach Ministry** is communicating with and visiting parishioners.

Parishioners who were unable to attend Sunday worship could have a team assist them by preparing meals, running errands, transportation, taking the church bulletin to them, or other necessities. The card ministry actively continued. Except for Christmas cards, a handwritten note on Trinity's notecards with an appropriate verse is written. Communications Coordinator, Carol Leichner, mails a copy of the enewsletter or other information to parishioners who do not have access to a computer. All of this helps to keep parishioners who are unable to be with us on Sundays to be connected with us. We are taking church to them.

**Hospitality Ministry** is another part of Inreach. It is vital to our life together at Trinity. Hospitality Ministry, aka Coffee Hour, is generally two Sundays each month. Parishioners individually or with another family select the date that works best for them. The simple coffee hour of beverage and finger food is held after the 9:00 service in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hinman

## **MISSION**

### **Outreach Committee Annual Report**

Outreach Committee members are:

Sharon Corthouts Chairperson

Elaine Eno, Heather Garvin, Joan Andrews and Lisa Bogush, members.

We did three church services and Lunch in the Park by the Pond during 2025. I used the budget of \$300 to purchase meat and cheese for the sandwiches. We serviced 40 – 45 attendees for each lunch.

### **Special Envelopes**

Ash Wednesday \$65 was collected and donated to the Soup Kitchen.

Easter Sunday \$840 was collected and donated to the Anglican Church in Jerusalem.

Ascencion Sunday \$19 was collected and donated to Heads Up Hartford.

Trinity Sunday \$149 was collected and donated to Miriam's Closet.

All Saint's Sunday \$295 was collected and donated to Camp Hispaniola.

Christmas \$230 was collected and donated to purchase four winter coats for

Veterans, and the remainder was used to purchase body, hand and toe warmers to give to the attendees at Lunch in the Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corthouts,

Chairperson

### **Quality Street Annual Report**

On November 22, 2025, this little community of faith worked hard and in one day raised over \$8500 to be given away. Amazing.

Again, this year we joined with the First Congregational Church in Canton Center to promote and advertise their Artisan Fair and our Quality Street Fair to the benefit of both our events. We know that 104 people attended both fairs and we know that we were very busy all day.

Our continued success is directly related to the hours of hard work and preparation put in by so many of you.

Our talented Floral designers begin working in September to craft the wreaths, centerpieces, and home décor that are so popular with our visitors. Kitchens all over town were filled with breads, pies, cakes, cookies, soups, frozen meals,

and trays of candy. Dining room tables became staging areas for basket goodies and crafts.

On Fair day, the Parish Hall again transformed into Boars Head, a staple of Quality Steet since its inception many years ago.

Every single member of the Trinity community contributed. Whether in hours spent creating or baking or setting up or manning a booth or cleaning up or donating towards expenses, everyone stepped up.

Trinity is truly ‘The Little Church That Could’...and we did...again!

With gratitude,

Mimi McGill

### **Miriam’s Closet Annual Report**

We have continued regularly scheduled hours on the first and third Monday evening and Tuesday morning for Food Bank recipients, In addition, we have responded to requests from outside the Canton community, extending our reach to individuals in need in shelters and from organizations that support those with disabilities and mental health challenges. Each delivery we make is met with genuine warmth and gratitude, and the smiles of those we help are truly rewarding.

We are continually amazed by the steady stream of donations that arrive at our door. The Closet has gained recognition throughout the area, attracting

contributions not only from our Trinity family but also from residents of neighboring towns who have learned about our mission. Miriam's Closet has been mentioned multiple times on local social media sites, further expanding our visibility and support.

Our dedicated group of volunteers, affectionately known as our Closet Elves, are essential to our success. They sort, wash, iron, organize, shop, and are present during our Monday evening and Tuesday morning hours, doing whatever is needed to keep the Closet running smoothly. These volunteers work diligently to fulfill requests, ensuring that every recipient receives clothing that is neatly pressed, on hangers, color coordinated, accessorized, and ready to wear.

When you see Deb Asaro, Betsy Jahne, Maryellen Prudhomme, Linda Burgess, Robin Mengual, and our newest member Nancy DaSilva be sure to thank them for their time. They do more than you know.

With gratitude,

Mimi McGill

## WE CELEBRATED IN 2025!



On Saturday, September 6, 2025, we celebrated Trinity's 150 years. Almost a hundred people showed up on the lawn to share memories, greet old friends, share stories and feast on good food. Our Parish Hall was transformed into a mini-Trinity Museum full of artifacts, pictures, and displays of our long and storied history.

It was a marvelous time even though the weather interrupted our plans!

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Laura Ahrens led us in a special service in recognition of our 150 years.

Many hands and generous donations made our celebration a very special and memorable time.

## **Canton Food Bank Annual Report**

During the past year at the Canton Food Bank, we have been able to continue with our fresh initiatives and expand our health and nutrition goals for 2025. We had such a great experience with the quality of produce and varied selection that we partnered again with Bristol's Farm Market. A generous grant from the Canton Community Health Fund allowed us to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables weekly June through October. In addition, we used that grant to expand the purchase of butter and eggs (fresh and less processed) for all families each week per their preferences.

Currently, we have 117 families registered. Canton's Senior and Social Services office continued to qualify clients through its intake process. We maintained good communication with their staff, and they were very responsive to the needs of the food bank. The town offices experienced a reduction in staff, but the food bank was able to assist the community with food assistance and the Thanksgiving Meal distribution during the last quarter. The food bank continued to serve on average 50 families a week throughout the year. The largest utilization was seen during November with a 15% increase in total visits due to the potential loss of SNAP benefits.

The food pantry was open for families every Monday (except Memorial Day, Labor Day and Christmas week) from 6-7pm and Tuesday from 8am to 11:30 am and had some changes/updates in the volunteer "staffing". Each week approximately 30 volunteers worked tirelessly to shop for perishables and supplies, organize and stock the pantry and work with the community during

drives and food distribution days.

In terms of community support and development for 2025, Foodshare trained volunteers at the Canton Food Bank to assist individuals with applying for SNAP online. The process can be intimidating as it is multiple steps online and requires uploading of documents etc. We hope having someone locally trained in navigating the SNAP application online makes it more accessible for our community.

Lastly, we have had some changeovers in our Board as Robin Lindquist has retired from her volunteer job as Inventory Coordinator. Deirdre Llyod has transitioned to Robin's place and is committed to leading the re-stocking team - Huge thanks to Robin for her service to the community for over 15 years and welcome to Deirdre!

In terms of donations to stock the food bank, the Connecticut Foodshare Retail Program provided us with food from Shop Rite and other grocery stores each Monday delivered by volunteers. In general, the retail program supplied the bread products, frozen meats and other items that may be discontinued or no longer stocked in the store. In addition, we received support from the Canton community and continued with organized food drives for non-perishable and monetary donations as well. It is interesting to note that the Canton Public Schools system (classroom, sports and PTO) is one of biggest sources of food drives as our inventory decreased dramatically during the summer months without that support. One positive outcome in the potential loss of SNAP benefits in November was an overwhelming response from the community with non-perishable donations.

Thank you to the church for allowing us to overflow into an additional classroom with the donations and stage them for distribution well into 2026.

Once again, we were grateful for the monetary support through the Quality Street Fair and space provided per the pantry, choir room and church classroom(s). The generosity of the church allowed the volunteers of the food bank to continue to serve families in Canton dealing with food insecurity and was much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Herbek

Director, Canton Food Bank

## Trinity Nursery School Annual Report

The following is the 2024-2025 report of Trinity Nursery School Administrator, Teachers and PVC.

The school employed a treasurer and three teachers with two classes. MWF & T/TH sessions.

Lee Ann Delaney is Administrator/Head Teacher and PVC Parent Volunteer Committee Director.

Lee Ann (M-F), Katy Gentile (M-F) and Wendy Young (T/Th & Sub) are Trinity's Teachers

- Katy Gentile, her daughters and former teachers Mary Doran and Judy Sharp collected items for various ages of children and filled stocking stuffer gift bags for Canton Food Bank families.

- TNS PVC Fundraising was created by TNS staff and parents participated in collecting and providing prize donations for a Calendar Month Fundraiser. Parents and adult family members/friends collected raffle prizes during February, then sold raffle tickets - \$10 each, then placed the tickets into a daily raffle drawing for a chance to win a calendar prize valued close to, or over \$100.00 per day. Their same ticket returns into each daily drawing for the entire month of April until their ticket hopefully wins. There are 30 winners by the end of the month, including the school and our scholarship fund! 310 tickets were sold!

- Staff and TNS Families follow statutes and regulations guidelines created and mandated by Farmington Valley Department of Health, a newly hired Health Consultant (mandatory requirement) and State of Connecticut’s Office of Early Childhood
- Parent referrals continue to be the number one way for families to know about TNS
- Full enrollment in both classes with a waiting list.
  - Registration for the 2025-2026 school year was very successful with a huge turnout and interest for the four-year-old class. Website and social media continue as top online advertising platforms.
- Administrator continued to use online signups for events, snacks, and conferences. Administrator works with school treasurer to create and ensure tuition and expenses are budgeted/handled appropriately.
- 2024-2025 year provided two afternoon enrichment sessions (8 weeks each) for students preparing for kindergarten or another full-day five-day program. The MWF afternoon enrichment was another huge success. Enrichment tuition during registration/contract signing allows families to budget the additional tuition earlier. Enrollment for afternoon enrichment was small - due to the age demographics of our upcoming MWF class. Many turn 4 in the fall and early winter before 12/31/24 so they may stay an additional MWF year and then attend both enrichments since public school kindergarten won’t take them in the fall. State of CT changed the five-year-old “shut off” date for Kindergarten

enrollment from December 31st to September 1st. More two-year-olds enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year so the curriculum may need to be changed or staff may need to consider changing ratios if the number of two year olds increases - also consider a “developmental fee” until the two-year-old turns three before December 31st to cover the health consult fee for visiting more often until they third three. The administrator may change the number of two-year-olds to only 4 in a class of 16 since that’s a safe ratio for one teacher to have in their care along with two other staff and 12 three-year-olds. An OEC parent waiver stating their child is allowed to attend a three-year-old class while still age two in the fall can eliminate the need for nurse consult to visit monthly. This is going to be the new policy starting in 2026. This will save money along with reducing the number of two-year-olds to 4:1 ratio - increasing safety and income while reducing risks.

I write on behalf of our teachers and families: We are blessed to work together at Trinity Nursery School. Children are our world’s GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE – we hope to instill a foundation for their love of learning and a passion to continue to explore their world and it’s wonders far beyond our program. Critical thinking in preschool involves fostering a child's natural curiosity to solve problems, make decisions, and understand cause-and-effect through play, questioning, and exploration. By nurturing these skills early, children learn to think independently, manage emotions, and approach challenges with confidence.

We would like to take this time in our report to especially thank Trinity's Vestry, Trinity Parishioners, and the Episcopal Diocese of CT for supporting our nursery school program. We greatly appreciate Trinity Church's donation toward our Debbie Burton Scholarship Fund! We are blessed to be one of the most popular and respected preschools in our area, with full enrollment in both classes, and it's thanks to everyone in our community who recognizes and supports our school as a quality program for young families. Here's to another successful year filled with joyful young voices inside this historical building!

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Delaney

## Trinity Nursery School Financials

Cash Balance, 6/30/2024	\$84,797.65
Revenues, 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$121,268.02
Expenses, 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$107,146.85
Cash Balance, 6/30/2025	\$98,919.06

- We would like to extend our thanks to all of the parent volunteers who have contributed this year and, of course, to the staff of the school. Our three teachers are the warmest and most caring individuals possible. As a parent of Trinity Nursery School alumni, I can confidently say the entire community feels thankful and blessed that Trinity Episcopal Church has enabled this outreach program to continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Hawkins,

Treasurer

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