



Dear Trinity Community,

What strange times we're living through! So many tragic losses... so much fear and worry. And yet, as beloved children of God, we know ourselves to be blessed no matter the current circumstance.

We see blessings in being part of this congregation, and we respond by inviting others into our worship and fellowship. Today's invitation may be to an on-line experience, while we wait until we can once again fill the sanctuary. We're using this interim time to explore new ways of "being church" that may expand our reach to people we may not have seen before.

We see blessings in being part of this community, and we respond by inviting our neighbors to share a meal on most Monday nights, even if it's currently take-out! We invite our neighbors to join us in our Pumpkin Patch, and we look forward to returning to other invitational traditions like Strawberry Festival and Christmas Silver Tea.

We see blessings in being together, and we respond with mutual support. We know that Trinity is there for us: with a meal or a ride to the doctor when needed, with counseling and prayer. We've found an extended "family" with whom we can share our worries and our joys.

And, since it is impossible for us to save the world, we are blessed that our contributions to the wider Church share our resources across the region, our nation, and the world. We help build the church, assist in disaster recovery, provide nutrition, clean water, and fight disease.

This is how Trinity responds to our many blessings: generosity. We hope that our generosity improves the lives of our neighbors; we pray that generosity improves us. It changes our relationship with our "stuff", and changes our relationship with God. Generosity moves our perspective to trusting in God instead of only relying on our hard work, our knowledge, and our resources. What a relief to understand that we can rely on more than ourselves!

This year's Stewardship drive must be different in some ways, because this year has put all of us in different circumstances. Some of our community are suffering from the health impacts and the economic consequences of the pandemic. On the other hand, some find themselves with reduced expenses, because they are spending more time at home. The uncertainty of this time will make Trinity's budgeting very difficult. Your pledge is the best way to let our congregational leadership know how much financial support Trinity is likely to see next year. If you can afford to increase your pledge, please consider that Trinity is poised to expand our engagement with the community, and that that fulfilling these plans will depend on funding. As always, remember that a pledge is your giving plan, not an immutable contract.

Attached is a pledge form. We hope that you will first give it some thought, and spend some time in prayer about it. We will celebrate the gathering of our planned offerings on Commitment Sunday, November 22nd, Christ the King Sunday. You may drop off or mail your pledge any time before then, or bring it in for Commitment Sunday. We also have an online pledge card if you would prefer to complete it online: [www.trinitynewport.org/pledgecard](http://www.trinitynewport.org/pledgecard)

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your prayerful consideration, and wishes you many generous blessings!

### The Stewardship Committee

*Jim Burress, D'Arcy Carr, Terry Commodore, and Geer Isdale*



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#### Will you step up your giving for 2021?

- I would like to **increase** my pledge from last year by five to ten percent
- I would like to be **more purposeful in my regular giving** by making a pledge for 2021
- I would like to **begin** a practice of regular giving by making my first annual pledge

**To support the stewardship ministry of Trinity Church, I intend to make an annual gift for 2021 of**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly**    **Monthly**    **Quarterly**    **Annually**

- I prefer to use **giving envelopes** (pick up at Trinity)
- I will make **payments online** at TrinityNewport.org
- I prefer to make **payments electronically** through my online bill paying system

*Please return this form to Trinity Church by*  
**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

*Tear this card off and please mail it to:*  
 Trinity Church (Attn: Stewardship)  
 One Queen Anne Square  
 Newport, Rhode Island 02840