

GOING DEEPER INTO PARTNERSHIP

September 30, 2023

Dear Partners in Ministry,

May the peace of Christ be with you - in body, mind, and spirit. It is a gift to serve God and neighbor - with you - in such a vibrant, faithful community of disciples. In my 4th year as Rector of Trinity Church, there is so much to celebrate!

We rejoice in all the ways we are beginning anew, with much wisdom and tradition to guide us. A new Children's Ministry, led by creative and caring Frances Chamberlain; a re-energizing music program, led by gifted and compassionate Jennifer Sisco ... it has been a year of surprises and gifts from God.

We recently read these words from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve God. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12: 10-12)

Paul is describing partnership—with each other and with the Spirit of God. It is partnership when our Trinity Parish Care Team serves many in the Spirit of Christ. It is partnership when our Mission and Outreach Team serves neighbors in need ... soon to launch the "Little Pantry."

It is partnership when our Property Team cares for inherited buildings and grounds. Partnership, along with a robust spirit of invitation and welcome of all people, is what brings new life to this community of faith – serving Newtown since 1732.

Newcomers to Trinity: we are self-funding. We invite you to support our ministries with a pledge, assist us in careful budgeting and prudent spending. Partner in ministry with us in ways that feed your soul!

Please give generously and joyfully – and prayerfully. See the enclosed proportional giving chart. Based on your income, determine your current percentage of giving, and consider an increase. Complete the pledge form by November 1st, 2023. You may fill it out now at www.trinitynewtownct.org/pledge-2024 - pledge online today!

Trinity Episcopal Church is full of energy – Spirit! Come, pray with us. Discern with us God's call for a future we create together. We need your financial gifts, yes; and we need your mind, body and spirit!

Join us in our discipleship: going deeper into partnership. It is a life-giving way, following Jesus. With abundant gratitude,

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