

November 6, 2012

Dear Friend:

I am writing to you as the Chairwoman of Trinity's Stewardship Committee. After a number of years of doing our annual commitment campaign in the spring, we are moving it back to the fall. Quite frankly, with the way that Easter and Pentecost move around the liturgical calendar and with the academic calendars that so many Trinitarians live their lives by, it was just a little too difficult to organize a commitment program in the spring. So, here we are back in the fall.

In the next month, each parish family will receive letters from fellow parishioners expressing how Trinity Church has made a difference in their lives. And, furthermore, they will tell how their gratitude for God's blessings has influenced the way they give of their time, talent and treasure to continue God's work at Trinity. You might think of these as "Tales of Cheerful Givers" (see 2 Corinthians 9:7).

I hope that you will enjoy reading these moving testimonies from your fellow parishioners. As you read their letters, please take time to pray about and reflect upon your own financial giving for the coming year. God commands, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts." But the wonderful quality of God is that he doesn't stop there. He goes on to say, "See if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10)

We will have an in-gathering of pledge cards on Sunday, December 9th, 2012. At that time the pledge cards will be carried up to the altar with the communion elements and blessed. I can't wait to see what "overflowing blessings" God has in store for Trinity as we are obedient to his command to "bring the full tithe."

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Carol Q. Hunter
Chairwoman
Stewardship Committee