



2018

# THE ANNUAL FUND

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Letter from the Rector

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Episcopal Church,

“What a year!” This was the comment by a member of the Vestry at our most recent meeting, and he could not have been more on point. We had several audacious goals in 2017.

You'll recall that this year we completed the Securing our Future Endowment Campaign, which was a monumental success. We've been joined by two new priests, our Assistant, Fr. Josh Gritter, and our Associate for Pastoral Care, Fr. Robert Switz. Both men have been tremendous assets to our parish and I thank God for them. This year our Average Sunday Attendance increased by 5%. We launched an effort to reach young families in Vero Beach through our ministry partnership with the Buggy Bunch. We've started a two-year Bible study called The Essential 100 (E100), with over 75 in attending each week. For the first time in many years, Trinity has resumed our efforts at Global Missions, by supporting the Von Herbulis family in Rwanda. We have accomplished all of this while decreasing our expenses over 2016.

Our Annual Fund goal for 2018 is \$1,380,000.

Let me say this plainly, we could not do it without your support. I believe that the Church is the only hope for the world because only the Church has the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit behind us. If you want to change the world and put more Christians in positions of influence locally and globally, support your church. With the Lord's power and our ministry together – we can change the world as we wait for His return.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Christopher M. Rodriguez





## What is the **2018 Annual Fund**?

The Annual Fund provides the yearly operating income for the mission and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church and is a reflection of our call to Biblical Stewardship. It must be renewed every year with your annual pledge.

Trinity Episcopal Church is funded solely by the members and friends of this parish. We receive no money from the Diocese, the Episcopal Church or any other organization. All the funding for our Annual Fund comes from members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church like you.



***You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.***

***(1 Cor. 6:19b-20a)***

## What does **Stewardship** mean?

When we speak about material resources, we use the term stewardship rather than ownership. A **steward** is a person appointed to manage/supervise another's property.

As Christians, we believe that God is the only true owner of everything. God created all things and He never revoked His ownership, nor did He transfer His ownership to us.

He also owns us, not only because He created us, but redeemed us with the blood of Christ. Our society believes that you own what you possess, but God teaches us differently.

## Why should I give **to the church**?

We give to the church because our mission is unique. As the church, we alone offer hope for the salvation of the world. While we are among many who actively address the material needs of the poor, it is the saving person of Christ alone that redeems us from our sins.

## 2017 IN REVIEW

SECURING OUR  
FUTURE

GRIEF SHARE



Essential 100 Bible Study  
taught by Fr. Chris Rodriguez



First Steps  
at Trinity Episcopal Church



*The Buggy  
Bunch*  
a ministry partnership with Trinity Episcopal Church

**The Blessing of the Animals**  
2017

Fall   
BBQ Bash



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

### Trinity Episcopal Church Preschool

We are preparing to launch a child care center on our campus to provide a high-quality Gospel-centered education. To this end, Fr. Gritter has earned his Director's Credential and we have started the licensing process for our facility.

### Love in the name of Christ (Love INC)

Vero Beach has many non-profit organizations that provide aid for the destitute in our town. We are working on a program at Trinity to connect local churches and non-profit organizations to streamline the care given to those in need in our community and identify gaps in that care. We are assembling a database of local resources and establishing partnerships with other churches.

### Choral Scholars Program

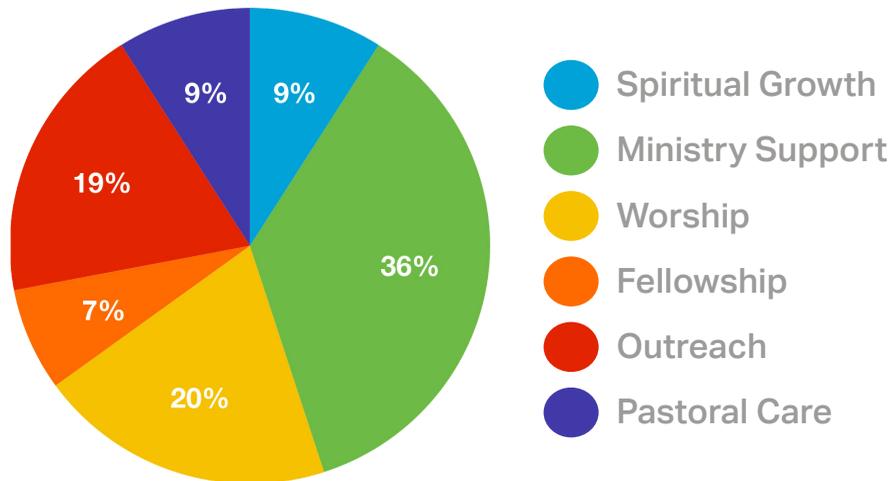
In partnership with St. Edward's School, Trinity Episcopal Church will be sponsoring selected students as choral scholars to sing in our choir.

### Children & Family Service

We are beginning an "on-ramp" worship service designed to introduce the unchurched and young families to our rich heritage of the Christian faith.

# The 2018 Annual Fund goal is **\$1,380,000.**

## 2018 Ministry Budget\*



\*A Ministry Budget is a budget that breaks the expenses down into allocations for ministry and mission priorities.

Summary budget available upon request from Jeanne Mudge at [jmudge@trinityvero.org](mailto:jmudge@trinityvero.org).

## Key Dates

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual Fund Launch  
January 28<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Annual Meeting  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Commitment Weekend

Christian stewardship is rooted in thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings. We are called to be stewards of what He has given to us, mindful of our responsibility and ministry together at Trinity Episcopal Church. We look forward to another amazing year of reaching our community and people with the transformative Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prayerfully consider your Annual Pledge to Trinity Episcopal Church.

**Please mail the enclosed Annual Fund Campaign card to Trinity Episcopal Church or bring it to church and place it in the collection plate on Commitment weekend, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.**



