

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Parish Profile

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Who Are We?

Nestled on a hillside near the banks of the Mississippi River, Hannibal, Missouri, is famous for the early life of Samuel Clemens, who is more commonly known as Mark Twain. Just a few blocks from the river is Trinity Episcopal Church. It is a beautiful building and could easily blend into an English countryside.



As lovely as the church building is, the people of Trinity make up a beautiful church. We know God's love. And more beautifully, we know God's love flowing through us towards all of his children and creation.



Imagine a wheel with spokes connected to a center spindle. The end of the spokes on the wheel represent political positions, favorite cars, mask wearing during the pandemic, the color of Jell-O—just about anything a person can have an opinion about. It's a little difficult for us to find a worldly topic upon which everyone agrees, although

Cardinal baseball and Mizzou football come real close. Like the spokes on a wheel all center at the spindle, Trinity centers on faith in Lord Jesus. This shared faith is greater and more important than any other difference. Trinity has love for one another. We see the good and kindness in each other. We love the traditions and seasons celebrated together. “Family” is often overused and untrue, but most people at Trinity feel themselves part of a supportive and loving parish family. And we try to share that with everyone who encounters us.



We love parties, celebrations, and gatherings. We like to include our families, and friends, and the whole community.





A lighthouse perched on a river bluff is a grand tourist attraction. It beckons to many tourists who stand below and contemplate the daunting number of steps to reach it. Those who choose to make the journey are richly rewarded for the effort. The view of the river from that vantage is exquisite.

In some ways Trinity exists as a lighthouse. Trinity is a northern outpost of the diocese, signaling to all the central message of the Episcopal Church, “God loves you!” Trinity stands out in this area for living into the beautiful commandments of Christ Jesus, “to love God with your whole being and your

neighbor as yourself.” Singularly, among the many Christian churches and organizations in the area, Trinity’s presence adds necessary hope. For Trinity, ALL are welcome, ALL are children of God, and ALL are neighbors. Just like the lighthouse’s rewarding view, Trinity has a beautiful view of a loving God.

Despite all of our challenges, Trinity has focused upon the calling of Christ Jesus to us as our beacon and guide. We remain hopeful for our future.



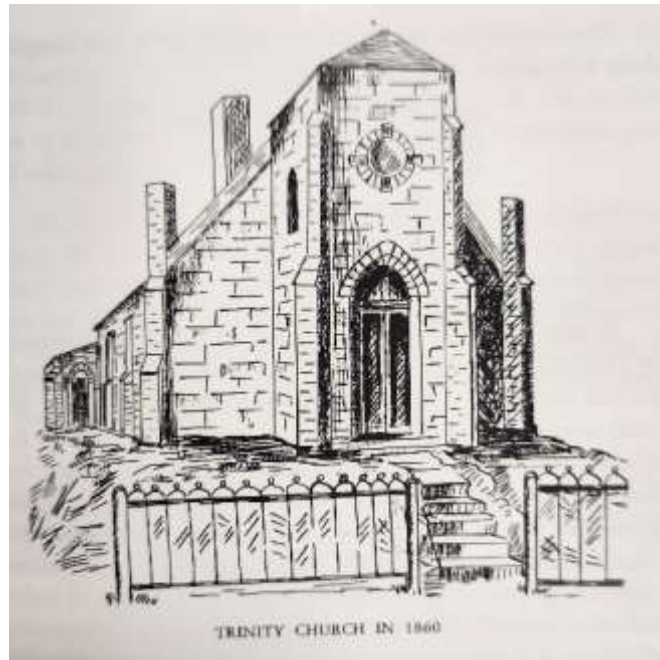
Our History—Focusing on Following Jesus

An Icy Beginning

Bishop Jackson Kemper, in his quest to bring the worship of God and the life of Jesus to the then Northwest, spent nine nights moored in ice in the Mississippi River in March 1836 before he could reach dry land to preach. He was not impressed: “March 20, preached in the schoolhouse. Crowded. . . I officiated in the afternoon and at night. Not more than 300 inhabitants here, older than Quincy and far behind it” (*Trinity Parish*, 8).



Bishop Jackson Kemper



In spite of this icy beginning, Trinity Parish was organized in 1845, and until 1854, three different rectors officiated at services in a schoolhouse, in parlors of private homes, and at the Melpontian Hall, (no longer in existence but a block from our current location). It speaks to the time and place to note that slave auctions were sometimes also held in the Melpontian Hall, though more often at the county courthouse in Palmyra, fifteen miles away.

Persevering through the Civil War and Flu Epidemic

Our first rector, J.W. Dunn, reported at the seventeenth Annual Convention of the Diocese in 1857, “We commenced the foundation of our church edifice on last Easter Monday; the cornerstone was laid on the 6th of May” (10). The building was completed in 1860, but during the Civil War its note came due and the new church was sold on the courthouse steps. However, while the Civil War was still raging in 1864, Rev. Dunn traveled to the East and secured \$2400, which, together with the \$385.45 that the church women had raised with a concert and a fair, was sufficient to buy the church back. (Rev. Dunn’s home still stands, two blocks north of the church on the corner of 4th and North Streets).

Most efforts during Trinity’s first century revolved around physically creating and maintaining a house of worship for people to gather and learn the Word of God.

The late 1800’s and early 1900’s ushered in an era of profound generosity among Trinity’s faithful. Various memorials provided Trinity with physical embodiments of the love of Jesus and the desire to live His Word: a bell tower and bells (Mrs. Helen Garth); stained glass windows made by Charles Booth in England, one Tiffany stained glass window (Mrs. Helen Garth); an organ we still use, a rectory (we have a different one now, but we do have a lovely rectory), and a guild room.



Even as benefactors created much of our building as we know it today, struggles continued to haunt Trinity after the Civil War; in 1881, parish records indicate that

“sixty of the communicants had withdrawn”(15); also, from August 1918 until February 1919 the church was closed due to the flu epidemic (24).

Resiliency and Service

Our resilient, faithful congregation always rallied and managed not only to take care of each other and their building, but also to reach out to the local community and the wider world in a variety of ways:

- ❖ At the turn of the 20th century, we had a Lenten offering box for “missionary use at home or abroad” (75); one use was for Bishop Robinson’s Cot at St. Luke’s Hospital in St. Louis.
- ❖ In 1925, women of the parish raised a “sizable sum” for the Near East Relief Fund.
- ❖ In 1941, Rev. Junius Martin of Exeter, New Hampshire, accepted the call to be Trinity’s rector, and he preached, “The Church today has an exceedingly great opportunity to minister to the needs of the world, to the sick and afflicted. . . It is done by a consecrated life spent in service” (29).
- ❖ To this aim, Mr. Martin and another spiritual leader of the community started a baseball league for all boys in Hannibal and offered the Trinity Guild Hall as a rec center for the town’s youth.
- ❖ Between 1946 and 1948, Trinity progressively elected two women to the vestry. This happened at the same time that Elizabeth Dyer from St. Peter’s Church in St. Louis became the first woman lay deputy to General Convention in 1947.
- ❖ Rev. G. Ernest Lynch recalled that during his tenure from 1949 to 1953, “Trinity Church sponsored a man and his wife fleeing from Soviet Communism. We welcomed them, fed them, housed them, found work for them in the hospital, helped them learn English and become American citizens (115).



- ❖ In the spring of 1965, the vestry voted that our guild hall be used to house Project Head Start—a summer pre-school pilot program—when the Hannibal Public Schools turned it down.
- ❖ During the 70's, Trinity became a referral source for people with substance use disorder, and we also participated in community outreach with the Salvation Army.

Although we're not revolutionary firebrands by any stretch of the imagination, Trinity has shown through our strong female leadership and our history of devotion to the welfare of refugees, children, and almost anyone who needed help, we strive to be a church who looks and acts like Jesus.

Through innovative church leadership and organization, from 1965 to 1974, Trinity participated in various mutual ministry efforts with other small Episcopal churches in northeast Missouri until each of the participating churches decided that they wanted their own priest rather than a shared one.

In the 1980's, Trinity started to make contributions to the Douglass Community Center food pantry, and Rector William O. Bivens encouraged "parish participation in community affairs as outreach" (149). Rev. Bivens served on the Nigerian Task Force for the Diocese, and we welcomed visiting Nigerian clergy.

During the 1990's, Trinity sponsored an AA 12-step group and was instrumental in starting Avenues, the shelter for abused women and their children. Avenues eventually received over \$25,000 in Diocesan support and United Thank offerings (162).

In more recent times, our outreach has included the following:

- ❖ Raising over \$6,000, in one year (2009) to build two wells in the Elelem and Amala communities in Nigeria. Rev. Morgan Ibe, at great personal risk, traveled to Nigeria to deliver the money and oversee the drilling of the wells.
- ❖ Monthly meal preparation and serving at Loaves and Fishes (discontinued during the pandemic); continued support of Douglass Community Center; supplies in our neighborhood blessing box; contribution to the Y Strong Family campaign to provide memberships for families and youth; and offering hospitality and tours to tourists on the American Queen and other big boats that ply the Mississippi River.
- ❖ And notably, in the past twenty years we have been one of the few, if not the only, church in Hannibal who has openly welcomed LGBTQ+ members.



Tempered by the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic brought its own challenges. It occurred at the same time our most recent full-time rector, Rev. Dawn Victoria Mitchell, was called to another church in New York state after serving at Trinity for almost eleven years. Also at that time, at least three active families left Trinity due to political differences with the Episcopal Church. Zoom services and the lack of Communion caused no small amount of impatience and consternation in many parishioners.

However, the pandemic ultimately *tempered* us in two senses of the word. “Temper” is one of those wonderful words in the English language with two opposite meanings: both to strengthen or toughen *or* to soften or moderate.

As a direct result of not having a full-time priest and not being able to gather as we were accustomed, we parishioners have become more aware of how important Trinity is to us, and we responded by increasing our financial support and the talents we share with Trinity. We have become stronger.

Secondly, guided by its vestry, Trinity is becoming even more sensitive and responsive to the need in and around us. We have become softer.

Since the fall of 2021, our interim priest, the Rev. Dr. Maria Evans, has guided, inspired, and prodded us in ways too many to count. She has been an invaluable resource and we will miss her wisdom greatly when she leaves us in November 2024.

Focusing on Following Jesus

Starting with the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which allowed Missouri to enter the Union as a slave state, Hannibal, like much of our country, has always been a complicated place to live. In many ways, Trinity's history reflects the complexities that characterize our nation. Jackson Kemper planted the seeds of God's love in a state that was admitted to the Union on the premise that White people could own Black people. There's no denying that history. Although we haven't researched this aspect of our history yet, we presume that since our building is antebellum, some enslaved people must have at the very least "helped" build it.

In keeping with these contradictions, throughout its history Trinity has benefited from the combined love and efforts of faithful, hard-working parish members, clergy, and several standout wealthy benefactors. Now we are on stable financial ground, able not only to support ourselves and a part-time priest, but also to reach out in love to our community and the greater world.

Trinity Hannibal has long supported groups with little or no voice: children, women, and more recently, the LGBTQ+ community. Of course, we still have work to do. But we are, as Bishop Michael Curry says on the Episcopal Church website, on the path of “following in the footsteps of Jesus, taking his teachings seriously. . .” and we eagerly look forward to our next priest, who will help us in our quest to be a parish that “looks and acts like Jesus.”

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Our Community

Located on North 4th Street in Hannibal, Missouri, Trinity Episcopal Church is just two blocks up from the town's historic district. Made famous by Mark Twain, Hannibal is in the northeastern part of the state on the banks of the Mississippi River, approximately 100 miles north of St. Louis. Two major highways intersect Hannibal: Highway 61, or Avenue of the Saints, which runs from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Saint Louis, Missouri, and Highway 36—the Chicago to Kansas City Expressway. These provide convenient four lane highway access to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Memphis, Des Moines, and Minneapolis.

Rural Community and Tourist Destination

Since Hannibal is a rural, industrial community, its residents work in a variety of occupations. Some of the local industries where residents are employed include manufacturing, farming, agricultural fertilizer and herbicide production, education, and medicine. One of the local industries, Continental Cement, began producing cement in Hannibal in 1903 as the Atlas Portland Cement Company, producing cement for the construction of the Panama Canal and the Empire State Building.

Tourism plays an important part in Hannibal's economy since Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, lived here during his childhood and made the town the setting for his novels *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. The historic district provides attractions such as The Mark Twain Home and Museum, Grant's Drug Store, Mark Twain Cave, and the Mark Twain Riverboat, which offers sightseeing cruises and a dinner cruise from late spring through early fall. The Hannibal History Museum offers a Haunted Hannibal Ghost Tour several nights a week from late

spring through late fall, and downtown stores provide an eclectic range of shopping experiences.

An Arts-Oriented Community

One important aspect of Hannibal is its arts-oriented community. The Hannibal Arts Council sponsors many arts-related events throughout the year, while the Alliance Art Gallery and Gallery 310, both located on Hannibal's Main Street, provide local artisans opportunities to showcase and sell their creations. Ayers Pottery on 3rd Street features pottery made by the owner, Steve Ayers, as well as works by other artisans. The Hagerman Art Gallery in the Roland Fine Arts Center on the campus of Hannibal-LaGrange University hosts exhibits of the works of local artists throughout the year, as well as art shows featuring both student and faculty art. In addition, the choirs and bands of the middle school, high school, and Hannibal-LaGrange University perform regularly during the school year and these concerts are open free of charge to the public.

For the past several years, Bluff City Theater has offered live, professional performances throughout the year, including a production featuring local children and youth. Several dance studios such as The Barbara Stewart School of Dance, B Elite Performing Arts, and WiLoKi Dance Center, offer instruction and provide recitals.

For those who like to write, the Hannibal Writer's Guild, a branch of both the St. Louis and Missouri Writer's Guilds, meets monthly and offers writers a place to write, get constructive criticism, and feedback on their works. In addition, guest speakers educate members on various topics such as copyright laws, self-publishing, book layout and design, using a pen name, and writing various genres of books.

A number of Trinity members participate in a variety of the aforementioned artistic organizations and also share their talents during worship services. A meaningful part of who we are is our desire to welcome visitors. For example, we befriended Cedric Gegel, a young actor/director from New York City who was directing and performing at Bluff City Theater. The congregation went to his plays, gave him a home away from home, showered him with love, gave him hugs during coffee hour, and built a relationship with him. Many of our congregation's members are still in contact with him.

Educational Opportunities in the Hannibal Area

Regarding education, Hannibal offers families many choices in education for their children, whether in prekindergarten or high school, including two parochial schools serving students in grades prekindergarten to 8th grade. In addition, Hannibal-LaGrange University and MACC (Moberly Area Community College) offer post high-school learning options for graduates and adults. In addition, the Hannibal Career and Technical Center allows high school students to take courses in areas such as business, building trades, landscaping, computers, automotive technology, cosmetology, and childcare that will allow them to enter the job market or further their career through additional studies at a college or university after high school graduation. Hannibal is also within driving distance of Culver-Stockton College, in Canton, Missouri, and Quincy University and John Wood Community College (JWCC) in Quincy, Illinois.

Regional Natural Beauty and Recreation Areas

Finally, Hannibal has many beautiful walking trails, parks, and recreational areas for residents' enjoyment, including Sodalis Nature Preserve. This two-hundred-acre

park offers a two-mile loop of paved trails and the unpaved Pirate Ridge Trail. The paved trails wind around the entrances to thirty-three now-closed mines where over 211,000 federally endangered Indiana bats—one-third of the US Indiana bat population—hibernate over the winter. (The scientific name for the bats is *Myotis sodalis* and is the source for the preserve’s name). Only non-motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails, making it perfect for walking, jogging, nature photography, or prayer walking. In addition, park benches at various places along the trail are ideal for sitting and enjoying the beauty of God’s natural creations.

Demographics

The total median age of Hannibal residents is 38 years old. Hannibal has 13,099 residents who are legally classified as adults, and of these 3,180 are senior adults. The overall marriage rate for Hannibal residents is 44%, with a marriage rate for male residents at 49% and a marriage rate for females at 40%. Most of the residents of Hannibal who are not born in the United States come from Latin America and Asia 16%.¹

The demographic makeup of the residents of Hannibal is summarized as¹:

Demographics¹

White	89%
Black or African American	6%
Two or more races	3%
Other races	0.5%
Asian	0.5%
Native American	0.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%

Like other rural Missouri communities, at first glance Hannibal may seem like a prosperous town, but behind this initial prosperity lies a not insignificant element of poverty—21.4%— as the table below illustrates¹:

Poverty Level by Demographics

White	22%
Black or African American	42%
Hispanic	136%
Two or more races	65%
Native American	57%
Other races	10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	18%

Education levels play a role in poverty levels, as we can see in next table¹:

*Percentage of Hannibal Residents Living in Poverty
Based on Education Levels*

less than 9th grade education	43%
High School	21%
some college	13%
Bachelor’s degree or greater	7%

The poverty rate for unemployed females in Hannibal is 49.2%, compared with 13.27% for employed females, while the poverty rate for unemployed males in Hannibal is 27.22%, compared with 8.59% for employed.

The number of students served by the free or reduced lunch program indicates the community’s poverty rate. The percentage of students receiving assistance ranges from 48%-91% at the elementary level, 64%, at the middle school, and 48% at the high school. This number could be higher due to eligible students not applying due to not wanting to feel stigmatized due to their or their family’s financial situation.²

Sources for Demographics:

¹ <https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/hannibal-mo-population>

² <https://www.hannibal60.com/>

Trinity within the Life of the Community

Like other cities, Hannibal has its share of citizens who are unhoused or who have substance-use disorders. At Trinity we realize that the harvest is plentiful when it comes to helping those who are in need, and we are doing our part to answer Jesus' call and to help. During the COVID 19 pandemic, we placed a Blessing Box in front of the church with nonperishable food items, bottled water, hygiene products as well as hats, scarves, and gloves. Parish members donate items throughout the month, and on the first Sunday of each month we bring the collected items to the altar during the offertory.

In addition to our Blessing Box, Trinity members support local organizations such as the Douglass Community Center, Avenues (a shelter for abused women and their children), and Toys for Tots. Also, twice a year Trinity has loose-change Sundays where all loose change in the offering plates is donated to the Douglass Community Center to help people pay their energy bills.



Trinity is also a stop on the Hop On/Hop Off tours offered by the American Cruise Lines that dock in Hannibal from early summer to late October. Passengers can take time to quietly sit in the pews for a time of prayer and reflection, or they can talk with volunteers from the congregation who are present to welcome visitors and answer questions about the church.

For more information on this and the other beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, see our website to view the stained-glass window audio tour.

<https://www.trinityepiscopalhannibal.com/history>



The St. John the Apostle stained-glass window designed by the Louis C. Tiffany Company

From helping those in physical or financial need to sharing the talents that God has blessed us with, we at Trinity Episcopal Church strive to share God's love with all people by welcoming all who enter our church or whom we encounter. At Trinity you may enter as a friend, but we hope you will leave as family.

Financials

Trinity Financial Background

Trinity has been blessed with consistent giving by members over the past several years. Giving increased during COVID-impacted periods.

In 2022 and 2023, neither our financial position nor our number of members who regularly give varied significantly from year to year. The reduced clergy costs due to the part-time nature of that position has provided financial relief. The Vestry made a conscious decision to increase our outreach, which is reflected in the “Ministry to Others” expenditure line.

Profit and Loss: January 1 – October 28, 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Misc Income	\$800.00
Other Member Giving	\$3,110.90
Pony Express	\$119,421.00
Trustee & Diocese Support	\$19,508.00
Total Income	\$142,838.90
Expenses	
Diocesan Pledge	\$13,419.00
Insurance Expense	\$9,687.75
Janitorial Expense	\$3,822.18
Landscaping Expenses	\$1,765.65
Ministry Expenses	\$34,705.97
Ministry to Others	\$6,894.98
Music Expense	\$5,193.05
Office Staff	\$5,400.00
Office Supplies	\$504.00
Payroll Expenses	\$15,193.40
Postage and Delivery	\$64.50
Printing and Reproduction	\$368.62
Repairs and Maintenance	\$10,254.26
Utilities	\$12,835.30
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$22,731.24
NET INCOME	\$22,781.24

2023 Trinity Financial Position

	Operating Account	Savings Account	Total Funds
Jan	\$106,475.58	\$43,170.71	\$149,646.29
Feb	\$115,121.19	\$43,170.71	\$158,291.90
Mar	\$113,038.85	\$43,177.26	\$156,216.11
Apr	\$112,867.15	\$43,212.76	\$156,079.91
May	\$118,061.73	\$43,249.48	\$161,311.21
Jun	\$111,609.88	\$43,285.04	\$154,894.92
Jul	\$111,404.53	\$43,321.82	\$154,726.35
Aug	\$108,343.01	\$43,358.63	\$151,701.64
Sep	\$101,013.77	\$43,394.28	\$144,408.05
Oct	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-

2023 Trinity Budget

Revised January 16 based on 2022 actuals

Income		
Pony Express	\$143,170.00	29 regular givers
Trustee and Diocese Support	\$20,000.00	\$10K T, \$10K D
Memorials	-	
Misc. Income	\$4,800.00	\$400 x 12 Humpty
Other Member Giving	\$8,000.00	
Fund Raiser	\$3,000.00	Lasagna Lovers
Total Income	\$178,970.00	
Expenses		
Conferences Meetings	\$2,200.00	
Diocesan Assessment	\$17,000.00	Estimate
Search Process	\$15,000.00	
Insurance	\$12,100.00	
Janitorial (staff and supplies)	\$5,000.00	
Landscape / Lawn	\$3,300.00	
Worship (clergy, altar guild, vestments, etc)	\$46,000.00	
Music (staff, licenses, etc.)	\$10,680.00	
Office Staff	\$6,300.00	
Office Supplies	\$2,800.00	
Payroll	\$20,130.00	
Postage Delivery	\$100.00	
Printing	\$445.00	
Repairs / Maintenance	\$7,000.00	
Utilities	\$15,200.00	
Ministry to Others	\$12,000.00	
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$2,400.00	
Total Expenses	\$177,655.00	
Loss / Gain	\$1,315.00	

DRAFT of Proposed 2024 Trinity Budget

INCOME

Pony Express	\$132,450.00	
Trustee and Diocese support	\$15,000.00	\$5,000 from Diocese
Memorials		
Misc Income	\$5,600.00	\$4,800 rent Daycare
Other Member Giving	\$3,000.00	
Fund Raiser	\$3,000.00	Lasagna Lovers
Total Income	\$159,050.00	

EXPENSES

Conferences Meetings	\$2,200.00	
Diocesan Assessment	\$18,500.00	Estimate
Search Process	\$7,500.00	
Insurance	\$10,000.00	
Janitorial (staff and supplies)	\$5,000.00	
Landscape / Lawn	\$1,800.00	
Worship (clergy, altar guild, etc.)	\$40,000.00	
Music (staff, licenses, etc.)	\$12,000.00	
Office Staff	\$6,300.00	
Office Supplies	\$900.00	
Payroll	\$17,000.00	
Postage Delivery	\$100.00	
Printing	\$445.00	
Repairs / Maintenance	\$11,000.00	
Utilities	\$15,200.00	
Ministry to Others inc RDF	\$8,000.00	
Total Expense	\$155,945.00	
Loss / Gain	\$3,105.00	

Are You Called to Be Our Next Rector?

One of the most important lessons Trinity has learned in this interim season is to live more deeply in community as described in <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

We are searching for a priest who will help us explore and expand the tenets of *The Way of Love* in our individual and shared lives.

As we turn in the direction of a part-time priest, we have grown into the knowledge that we must actively collaborate with a priest and with each other to support Trinity's ministry. Further, we have learned that during some of the most profound moments of our lives, our Creator has hard-wired us to seek God's divine face. We need God's very real presence in the Eucharist, the blessings, and the ceremonies to give us comfort and to help us find rest in our daily lives. We are searching for a priest who can help us fulfill these needs. Uniting us in worship and gathering us for fellowship bring us closer to God and each other.

We see Trinity as a lighthouse, a beacon for *all* people. Assured of divine love, we are called to go into the world and embrace all human beings as children of God. We are unique in this community for our inclusiveness, particularly toward the LGBTQ+ community. We are looking for a priest who shares our open-minded and inclusive attitude toward all people. We hope to find a priest who will encourage and support us to continue on this path of outreach toward the marginalized and underserved. Since we have moved away from the model of a full-time priest, the parish has been excited about supporting outreach programs in the community. We strive to share our abundance in the community.

At Trinity, our gaze is centered on the love of God and answering Jesus' call to "love our neighbor as ourselves." We strive to and have succeeded in loving one another and being respectful in our disagreements. We have had enduring friendships that span decades within the parish, even though we don't always agree. We are searching for a priest who can blend into our diverse and loving family—one who feels at home in the presence of our community.

We would like to share the places and the people we have grown to love in this community. As a very real benefit, we are able to provide a livable, well-built rectory in a quiet, convenient residential area. And we also offer a lovely, historic church building, in addition to our loving, interesting, and talented congregation.

We are looking for a priest who is an enthusiastic partner as we continue to grow in faith and fellowship. We would like a priest who will prayerfully and practically guide us through the changes that will help our small but mighty parish continue to flourish.