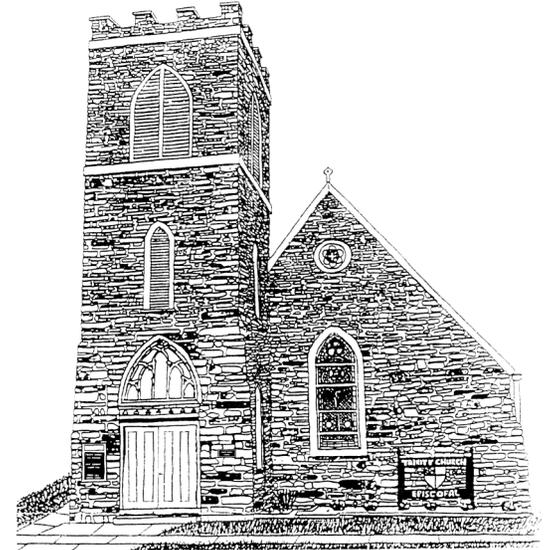


# Stewardship



## Trinity Episcopal Church

703 South Main Street  
Athens, Pennsylvania 18810

The Episcopal Church in Athens  
Established 1842

**Absolutely Everyone is Welcome**

[www.trinityathens.org](http://www.trinityathens.org)

We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
the gifts we have to offer  
are what thy love imparts,  
but chiefly thou desirest  
our humble thankful hearts

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord for all his love.

Hymn 291, v. 3  
Matthias Claudius 1740-1815

## STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

And God is able to provide you with  
every blessing in abundance, so that by  
always having enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly in every  
good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

In addition, I will pledge to the Building Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week;  month;  one-time gift

### Ministry

I will participate as follows (check those applicable):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help to host a coffee hour                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with clean-ups          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become an acolyte   | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with maintenance        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a lector   | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Stewardship        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a worship leader                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Altar Guild        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Eucharistic minister (chalice bearer)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Evangelism         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Eucharistic Visitor (take communion to shut-ins) | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with gardens an grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____                              |   |

*Please place this in the enclosed envelope and put it in the Offering plate on December 8, or you may mail it.*

In the days when Trinity had a thriving church school, one of their favorite songs was "Give me Oil for my Lamp." The best thing about it was that the kids could make up their own verses. They couldn't relate much to a lamp, so they came up with "give me wheels for my board, keep me skating for the Lord." Each verse ended with a rollicking chorus of "Sing Hosanna!"

Whatever thing they asked to be given, they gave back "for the Lord" with laughter and great energy. And they did this with a great deal of joy.

It's a lesson for all of us. We are given so very much and we are called to give back also, with great joy.

Reflecting on this past year, we have shared in joy and in heartbreak in our small church family. We have been there for one another and Jesus has been in the midst of us as he promised he would be whenever two or three are gathered in his Name. We are reminded every Sunday when we gather together of that presence and we carry that with us through the days that follow.

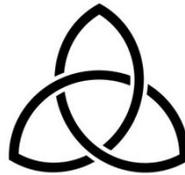
We are so blessed to be a part of this 177-year-old church that is God's Episcopal people in Athens. Our numbers have dwindled, yet we are so rich with the gifts that each one of us brings to our corporate life. There is no one among us who works for the parish full time, but look at all we

have; a faithful supply priest who enriches us with his excellent sermons, an organist who brings years of experience and talent so that our music is rich and varied, a parish administrator with an eclectic list of skills, members who know how to build, fix, organize, create, design, decorate, reach out, feed and clothe the needy, greet the stranger, share hospitality, give us rides, visit the shut-in, and so much more. Each and every one of us is overflowing with gifts and talents. Most people don't see it in themselves, but, rest assured, others see it in you. Each of you.

And so it is that time of year when we are called to formally give back. As you fill our your pledge form for 2020, recall all that you have been given.

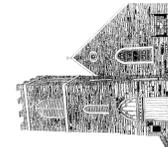
We will offer our pledges on Sunday, December 8, or you may mail your pledge, or one-time gift in the envelope provided.

Give from abundance; give with joy.



**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

*1 Chronicles 29:14(KJV)*



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As a faithful steward of God's bounty, I/we pledge a definite share for the work of the church in 2020, within the parish and beyond.

*[This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances]*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week;  month;  one-time gift

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_