

Stewardship Reflections
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Good morning! It is great to be back in the church after some time but want you to know I have attended almost all of the services virtually under the name of Sue's I Pad!

I was asked to share my reflections with you this morning but recognize that I would rather be in the congregation hearing your stories than telling you mine!

The past few Sundays' we have heard Sam, Mike and Laura reflecting, restoring, and celebrating the community we have here for everyone at Trinity.

Trinity for me has always been a big part of my spiritual life. As some of you know I grew up down the street from Trinity and the church played an impactful role in not only the parishioners lives but the community itself.

I see that need for and the importance of the church in the community now more than ever.

We have all experienced and some have shared those experiences going through Covid, the social unrest and discourse we have in our communities. In addition, each of us has had to endure different challenges, loss, and heartache in our own families.

As some of you know, I am partners in a business with a young man (not so young as he is 35) from Uganda. His perspective and the faith that he and his family hold so dear has been truly amazing to watch. He is always more concerned for you than he ever is for himself. He is an inspiration to many people, me included.

As I look to the future, I continue to rely on the strength that my faith gives me to endure some of the challenges that we as a family are facing, the compassion to be there for others as they face challenges in their lives and to do it with joy. Prayer and the reading of scripture continue to be my compass and provide me solace. I really enjoy using the Electronic Common Prayer App that I have downloaded on my phone too!

As I look out to familiar faces and others that I do not know, I appreciate that we are all here to worship, give thanks and relieve ourselves of the burdens that we carry, and this is a wonderful gift as believers we share.

The sense of community we feel here at Trinity and our desire to continue this mission for the families who come here to worship and seek fellowship is one I hope all of you will continue to see value in and want to make a continued investment for the future for all of us. As Sam, Mike and Laura told you about our additional focus on our youth ministry we see this as our way of staying relevant in the faith-based education of our youth and the tools it gives them to navigate through this world we live.

We hope you consider your pledge as part of this important investment we are making in the families here at Trinity and with prayerful consideration see if there is an opportunity for you to increase it this year to meet those needs.

I would like to end with this prayer,

Father, When I am faced with a difficult situation, help me choose joy in spite of my circumstances. I thank you that your joy is my strength each and every day.

Thank you for your joyful presence!