

# Trinity Episcopal Church

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Dear Trinity Family,

I love a good sale, and I know I'm not alone in this. My kids love those little bags of muffins, the kinds with lots of sugar (birthday cake flavor is considered a muffin?!?) and little nutritional value. Every once in a while I buy them as a treat if they are on sale. The problem is the box comes with five bags of muffins. I have four kids. One extra bag equals lots of problems. The options are plenty. I could eat them, put them in my husband's lunch, I could open the bag up and split it among them. These are all fine ideas, but none brings that much joy. Tony and I are kind of indifferent to mini muffins, and one little muffin isn't the same as your own bag. Another idea—we could give the bag to someone else. That is really what God calls us to do, isn't it? We have enough, more than enough, we should give some small part away. By giving it away, not only are we doing what we are called to do, to love and help others, we get to experience happiness when someone else gets a treat.

Stewardship in the church is pretty much the same idea. We're using what we have wisely, (buy unhealthy treats sparingly and on sale!). It might not always seem that way but we do know that God always provides. As a stay at home mom to four kids, our family understands a tight budget. It can feel a little scary to tithe (yikes, no muffins or other treats again!), but if God commands it, He will make a way for it. God provides for us. Cousins come through with hand-me-down clothes, shoes, and toys. Our insurance covered more of our medical bill than we originally thought. The library has great free programs that we enjoy. And sometimes muffins go on sale. And doesn't it feel good to give, to support that church family and God who loves us so much?

Please consider what you and your family can give this year to Trinity. Enclosed you will find a pledge commitment form and return envelope. You can mail it or place it on the offering plate on Sunday; or you can email your pledge commitment to [trinityepisbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:trinityepisbookkeeper@gmail.com). Your pledge will be kept confidential.

For your convenience, we offer multiple ways to submit your pledge payment:

1. Online: One-time or recurring payments can be made at [trinityofmarshall.org](http://trinityofmarshall.org). The online donations incur a small finance fee to Trinity, you may opt to pay that if you wish.
2. Auto-Payments: Set up automated one-time or recurring payments with your bank. This is typically free using your bank's online bill payment options.
3. Checks: Can be mailed to Trinity, 101 East Mansion Street, Marshall, MI 49068 or placed in the collection plate on Sundays.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss your pledge further, please do not hesitate to reach out to a Vestry member or Diane Vezmar, Trinity's Bookkeeper.

Blessings to you in Christ,

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