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One can look back and marvel that this congregation has experienced a civil war, two world wars, the great depression and the inventions in the areas of communication and transportation—from the phone to travel in outer space. Through periods of great success and hard times, Trinity has been part of Monroe. Even as a worship space was built in 1849, Trinity School was part of ministry.

Yet, our history is defined by God. He blessed us—and would have us to bring blessing. He who is generous with us, making us rich in Jesus Christ, implores us to be generous beyond measure. We are beneficiaries of the great blessings God has poured out over the last 175 years. We are a rich congregation, because God has such a HUGE heart! May those who are here to celebrate our 350th anniversary have stories of blessing to tell of us.

Come and see the works of the Lord!

Generous and Smart

Are you over 70 ½ with an IRA? If so, you must withdraw some of the funds (required minimum distribution—RMD) annually. When you withdraw those funds you must pay taxes on them, but you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to a non-profit such as Trinity and avoid that tax burden. In fact, you can donate up to \$100,000 as a QCD without any tax burden on that withdrawal. (For example, someone in the 24% tax bracket would save \$2400 in taxes on a \$10,000 QCD contribution!)

Doesn't that make sense? So rather than donate to Trinity (general fund or remodeling project) from your personal account, make a QCD from your IRA. This allows you to give more for less. It is a great way to be a good steward of all God has entrusted to you. You may call the finance office for more information or speak to your financial advisor. Be SMART!

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