

OUR STORIES

Finding Gold from Chris and Clif Collins

*An inspiring story from our parish to fill
your day with joy.*



Generosity Stories

Our Stewardship Team is excited to continue sharing stories of generosity from within our congregation.

Look for "Our Stories" in your email, with your Sunday bulletin, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

We are grateful to everyone who has shared their story and helped this ministry grow!

Many paths led us to Trinity. The journey began when we retired to Smith Mountain Lake after careers spent in Education in upstate New York and work for the Episcopal Church in Roanoke, where we were introduced to Pastor Gary Scheidt. His description of Trinity Ecumenical was fascinating and was followed by a tour of the then very new building. Ferne and Jerry Hale became good friends and were excited about starting a Folk Group, asking us to join them. We were looking for a church home close by that offered meaningful worship, beautiful music and opportunities to serve. We found all of that and so much more.

Trinity quickly became our second home as we attended services and joined several groups and activities. Our sense of belonging became even stronger during our first Christmas as members. We had the privilege of leading several children in a Christmas Eve Pageant. It was a truly special part of worship and we were honored to be a part of it.

We appreciate that Trinity values outreach and serves the community in so many ways. The staff are willing to listen to and support ideas. With their leadership, we can continue to grow in our faith. With their encouragement, we can try to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Trinity offers opportunities for everyone, regardless of background, denomination, and life experiences. All are welcome.

For us, generosity has been a response to the gratitude we feel for all that we have been given. It is a way to thank God for all the blessings of this life and for the gift of his Son. When we share our time, talent and treasure with Trinity, we offer those actions to help build God's Kingdom in this world. We believe that our financial pledge will ensure that the ministry of Trinity will continue into the future.

Our journeys' destination that ended at Trinity has given us a spiritual home, a second family and a place to serve God. Indeed, a pot of gold at the end of our rainbow! We hope this will be true for others who are seeking for this kind of treasure.

-Chris and Clif Collins

