

## Episcopal Mission of Warren County



St. Francis Of Assisi



29 January 2019

Our sisters and brothers in Christ,

Trinity's lay leaders and staff have been studying ways to make our first floor more welcoming and useful. We have determined that removing the first three rows of pews and replacing them with chairs allows more flexibility in the sanctuary. For example, we could use a portable altar and celebrate Eucharist with the congregation gathered around it, for a small intimate service. We could hold meetings in an air-conditioned space during hot weather. Many possibilities come to mind. Using the worship space in this way does not take away from the sanctity of space; it enables us to envision new ways of doing and experiencing ministry.

We are excited to announce that we have received an estimate for 75 chairs. The chairs will be the same style as the chairs that have been in the sanctuary for the last few months. The total cost of the chairs is \$6,123.87. Bishop Sean wants to join with us and contribute to this endeavor. He has offered to match our contributions dollar for dollar, up to half. This means we need raise only \$3,061.94, a mere \$40.83 a chair. If you wish to purchase a chair in thanksgiving, in honor, or in memory of a loved one, their name will be acknowledged by an insert in the bulletin when we bless them on their first Sunday of use.

You are invited to join us (Trinity's Congregational Mission Team, Father Matthew, Father Tim, and Bishop Sean) to envision how God is calling us to be His church in the future. Please consider donating to the cost of the chairs. No amount is too small or insignificant. If your donation is by check, please mark in the memo section, "for chairs." If your donation is in cash, please place it in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "for chairs." Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Christ,

*Trinity's Congregational Mission Team*

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