

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
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## **Policy for Fundraising Events Held at Trinity Episcopal Church**

A fundraiser at Trinity Episcopal Church is defined as a community event to benefit a specific cause which is not covered by the parish budget. The whole congregation and members of local communities are invited. Trinity fundraisers will be scheduled by the Rector and Vestry at reasonable intervals during a calendar year and for a variety of charitable causes or special projects.

Although expenses may be recouped, no individual may profit financially from a Trinity fundraiser. All the proceeds, less the expenses of running the fundraiser, must be turned over to and will be used at the discretion of Trinity Episcopal Church. Fundraising expenses may include the costs of advertising and supplies, but may not include any charge for personal time.

Fundraisers sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church will be selected with careful regard for potential benefit and building of the sense of Christian community. They must be approved by the Rector and Vestry prior to any announcement, so planning must take place prior to a vestry meeting. Notice of fundraisers must appear in the parish newsletter, therefore plans must be made prior to the newsletter deadlines; two months ahead is usually sufficient.

Gambling is not an acceptable form of fund raising for Trinity Church. A raffle may be held if, 1) it involves only the raffle of goods (not money), and 2) where all of the proceeds go to the charity for which the raffle is held.

Trinity fundraisers may be held in the Parish Hall and make use of the kitchen or classrooms free of charge, subject to availability. Nobody may use the name of Trinity Episcopal Church to promote private business ventures.