



# Trinity Bell



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN

I have never been one to dwell too much in the past but as we enter 2008 we at Trinity should count our blessings for many of the things which have taken place in 2007. First and foremost we should be thankful for maintaining a sense of stability at Trinity during a period of using supply priests to conduct our services. Historically in other churches attendance has dwindled over time under these conditions. This has not happened at Trinity. Both our attendance and financial support have maintained excellent levels. I would like to commend the office staff and volunteers involved in preparing our communications through bulletins, newsletters, stewardship materials, financial reports and music for our services that helped make this possible.

Secondly, our Search Committee has done an outstanding job in moving the sometimes frustrating search process along. Their work is on schedule and it is hoped that in early 2008 we have a full-time priest on board. Prayers should continue for this wonderful and hard working group.

Last but certainly not least, we should be thankful for the many, many members of our congregation that have given of their time and talents and financial support to numerous church activities. Spiritual development classes, dinners, first Sunday services and meals, the bazaar, the Pumpkin festival, Merry Melrose, Sunday School, "Good Old Summertime", Valentine's Dinner, "Jesus in the Park", our Thrift Shop, have all played an important part in the knitting together of Trinity's "family". Working together, playing together and worshipping together has made us strong and healthy.

I won't mention the organizations or persons involved for fear of overlooking a group or individual, but we should never forget, that all of the work accomplished by these various organizations and committees is done by volunteers. Let it suffice to say that Trinity would not be the wonderful church that it is without each of you contributing your time, creativity, and financial support.

2008 should be a challenging and exciting year for Trinity. As always, please keep the church and one another in your prayers.

Happy New Year!

Alan Pankratz, Sr. Warden

**It would be far better for us to want to be like gold, rather than wanting to have gold? Humility, beauty, endurance, adaptability - a person with these qualities would be rare and priceless.**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

On Sunday, January 6th, we will celebrate our First Sunday combined service in the Parish Hall at 10:00am.

Father Jack Watson will be with us to celebrate Holy Eucharist for this First Sunday.

The Daughters of the King are preparing a light lunch for everyone following the Service. Come and enjoy this Sunday together as we return to more normal schedules after the holidays and celebrate being together in 2008!

**SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 10:00AM  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**Head of the Church**  
**Jesus Christ**

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson**  
**Howard**  
**Bishop of Florida**

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**Alan Pankratz, Sr. Warden**  
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**Financial Administrator**  
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**Parish Administrator**  
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**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday**  
**6:00 pm Wednesday Evening**

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**AN EVENING WITH ST. JOHN'S**

Over eighty people enjoyed a wonderful holiday meal and fellowship at our annual dinner with St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Thanks to all the people who helped make it a success, especially the set up and clean up committees; also those who cooked, cleaned the hall, and those who participated.  
Jean Giesel, Chairperson

**TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School Merry Melrose Parade was a great success. We had Sara, Morgan, Michael, Paige, Crystal, Michael, Caleb, Elaina, and Virginia and Walton's granddaughter participate in handing out candy canes and Sunday School flyers. Thanks to all the adults who helped with the float and then those that walked in the parade. We are already planning for next year's parade

**ACCESS PROGRAM**

Many social service programs are available to those in need through the State of Florida. Sometimes the problem can be intensified because those who need assistance do not have transportation to get to the county offices to apply for benefits. The county has given Trinity a computer set up and access to their program applications and has trained a few of our members how to help with the application process. Trinity has begun assisting those wishing to apply for Food Stamps, Medicaid and other services from the State of Florida. Someone is available in the office on Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, to help with the application process. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions, you can contact Terrell Bothwell or Deacon Pat.

**NOTICE SOMETHING NEW?**

You may have noticed some new concrete work around the front of the parish hall. As of January, Trinity Parish Hall will become a polling place for Putnam County. Because of the freedom of access laws, we must be 100% handicap accessible. Since we did not have an adequate ramp or parking place, Putnam County has taken on the expense of putting those things in place for us. It's a blessing to us all to have easy handicap access available now.

**CURSILLO NEWS**



The next Ultreya will be held on Friday, Jan. 4th, at St. Alban's in Chiefland. There will be a Eucharist Service and a covered dish dinner. Everyone is invited. If you would like to know more about Cursillo, please be sure to come and join the fellowship of the evening and ask lots of questions.



## AN INVITATION FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a blessed Christmas season. Naturally things slowed down a bit for the search committee during the holidays. But now it is the new year and we are going to be very busy over the next several weeks. Our last ad in *The Living Church* was the January 6<sup>th</sup> issue. We begin meeting again on January 9<sup>th</sup> to review the last of the candidate applications. Our next step is to contact candidates in order to set up telephone interviews. This is such an exciting time for the congregation and the search committee is very aware of how important our task is to the future of our church. Please continue to keep our committee and the candidates in your daily prayers.



The youth group had a blessed beginning to their Christmas holiday season. On Sunday the 16th, following early service, the group went out to lunch and then traveled to Starke together to go Christmas shopping. Not for each other or for our families, but for 15 children at Melrose Elementary. Along with a couple of guests, Jessie and Angelica, the group separated into teams and, as if on a mission, selected toys and presents that they believed these kids would love for the holidays. They took enormous joy in the fact that they knew they were going to be making someone else's Christmas a terrific one! They brought all the gifts back to the parish hall and wrapped each one with care. These special packages were then taken over to Melrose Elementary School where they were distributed to the families. We are looking forward to the beginning of a new year and more great times like these!



The Daughters of the King will celebrate the first anniversary of their installation on the First Sunday of January by being the hosts for lunch following the service. They will also meet on Monday, Jan. 7th, at 6:00pm in the church. Father David Kidd will celebrate Eucharist and following that there will be a meeting in the Parish Office.

The Daughters, also, would like to remind you that we have made lap blankets for those who are ill and/or homebound. These have been blessed by a priest and may be given to anyone who needs or would be comforted by owning one. You may pick one up in the parish office. There will be a new class starting soon for anyone who would like to become a member of the DOK. For more information, please call Donna or check in the office.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



O God, bless our relationships, assist us with your grace, so that with true fidelity and steadfast love we may honor and keep the promises and vows we make to one another. Let us love one another as a sign of your love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jan. 3 Richard Geraci, Amanda Gray  
 Jan. 5 Bob Simpkins and John Rynd  
 Jan. 9 David Kidd  
 Jan. 10 Kathy Garcia  
 Jan. 11 Hank Chaires  
 Jan. 17 Margaret Kidd  
 Jan. 19 Ken Wacha  
 Jan. 21 Jim Spratt  
 Jan. 24 Margaret Arenberg  
 Jan. 25 Joshua Lynch  
 Jan. 30 Tim Paul



**The Deadline for  
 the February Bell is  
 January 21st.**

God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 From the Book of Common Prayer p. 830

## TREASURER'S REPORT



### Income Statement for the Period Ended November 30, 2007



	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 13,593	\$ 13,335	\$149,391	\$146,686
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 8,705	\$ 9,055	\$ 91,549	\$ 99,601
<b>Income less Expense</b>	\$ 4,888	\$ 4,280	\$ 57,842	\$ 47,085

### FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

#### FROM DEACON PAT

Dear Brothers- and- Sisters- in -Christ,

As we begin a new year, many of us make resolutions so that the year ahead will be the best we, with God's help, can make it. I often make lofty resolutions that I have a hard time keeping, so this year I'm trying to make a resolution that, if kept, will alter the need for more resolutions. The one vital resolution: ***Keep in constant prayer.*** If I can keep with me the constant awareness of the Lord, omnipresent and omniscient, then, hopefully, I may more accurately reflect Him in all I do and say.

As I wish for myself this awareness of the Lord's presence, I wish the same for all of you. May you experience His healing touch; may you experience His peace; may you experience the guidance of His Holy Spirit; and may you be ever aware that "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 38) God bless you with a glorious and happy New Year!

In Christ's love, Deacon Pat

#### FROM DEACON VAL

My family in Jesus,  
Off with the old, on with the new. New presents, new clothes, new resolutions, and on and on and on. The world would have us cast off all that is and substitute for what isn't. What about what God wants? He certainly wants new. A new heart, new life, in other words a new beginning with Jesus Christ at the center.

Is coming to church on Sunday on a regular basis enough? Is attending fellowship gatherings enough? Is serving on the

mission board enough? Is tithing enough? So what do you think would be enough? Do you think God is somehow keeping score? Keeping a log book marking little checks next to each of our names as to what we do and what we don't do? Whoops, it just occurred to me that in our confession of sin on Sunday, we say things done and left undone. Then comes that rub about loving our neighbor as ourselves.

I, for one, am not sure what God does in his spare time, probably not keeping a log book. That is, if he has any spare time, just looking after you and me.

What I do think is that he wants us to love. To love in this New Year as we have never loved before. We have lots to love about, a full time priest some time this year is one thing. It will be a time of learning new ways and new things, new adjustments for all of us. It will be a time to learn to give in all things from our substance and not from our abundance. I believe the bottom line here is just that. God wants you and I to give from our substance, in our time and talents. It's not enough to recognize there are poor all around us in the Lake area and also in the world. It's not enough to write a check, although that is a good thing. Giving from our substance might mean we cook a meal or make a visit to shut-in parishioners. It might mean helping others in any need that they have.

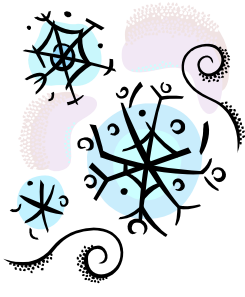
Our youth give of their time and talent to shop for the children, collect for the Souper Bowl and meet every Wednesday night to pray and study God's word, then they play. Could we learn a lesson from our kids? Could we put forth just a little extra effort to love like God loves us? I say yes, we can, we should and we will.

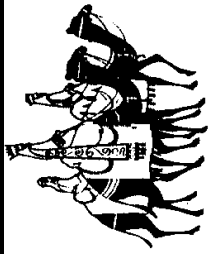


God bless and have a wonderful new year in joy, love and filled with the Holy Spirit.

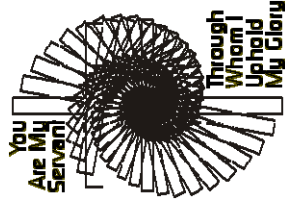
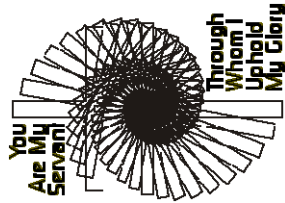
The Rev. Val Thomas



# JANUARY 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Access 10am-2pm	2 Kerygma Class 7pm Church Service 6pm Youth Group 7pm	3 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	4  Ultreya St. Alban's Chiefland	5 Thrift Shop 9am-12
6 <b>Epiphany</b> First Sunday Service 10:00am Parish Hall Lunch Following	7 DOK Eucharist 6pm 7:00 pm Scouts	8 Access 10am-2pm ECW 10am	9 Kerygma Class 7pm Church Service 6pm Search Comte 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm	10 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker PH in Use	11	12 Thrift Shop 9am-12
13 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Spiritual Dev 9:45 Fellowship Cmte.	14 5:30 pm Worship Com- mittee Meeting 7:00 pm Scouts	15 Access 10am-2pm	16 Church Service 6pm Mission Board 6:30 Search Comte 6:30pm Kerygma Class 7pm Youth Group 7pm	17 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	18	19 Thrift Shop 9am-12
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27 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Spiritual Dev	28 7:00 pm Scouts Martin Luther King Holiday	29 Access 10am-2pm Presidential Primary 	30 Kerygma Class 7pm Church Service 6pm Youth Group 7pm	31 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	<b>2008 is a Leap Year, an extra day to pray and play.</b>	



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 2008

Date	8:30			11:00				
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Jan. 6, '08 One Service		FIRST SUNDAY ONE SERVICE 10AM	Jeanne Eaton	Donna Eichelshofer	Jerry Thomas	Suki Hoffman	Paul Stegall	Kathi Warren
Jan. 13, '08	Paul Stegall Suki Hoffman	Joyce Chesnut	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Paul Stegall Suki Hoffman	Laurie Alsobrook	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Jan. 20, '08	Kristen Gregory Craig Lee	Craig Lee	Dan Wilcox	Debbie Brown	Kristen Gregory Craig Lee	Margaret Rice	?	?
Jan. 27, '08	Pat Poppell	Clay O'Neal	Clay O'Neal	Kelly O'Neal	Pat Poppell	Liz Middleton	?	?
Altar Guild	Cinnie Brown, Debbie Brown, Ardyce Wick							
Mission Board Members on Duty	Vi Paul and Jack Rice							

Thank you for placing yourself in the service of Our Lord and His Church. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for your replacement and notify the office.

## WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE THREE KINGS?

**Frankincense and myrrh** are both resins -- dried tree sap -- that comes from trees of the genus *Boswellia* (frankincense) and *Commiphora* (myrrh), which are common to Somalia. The way that people collect the sap is similar to the way people collect rubber-tree sap or pine-tree sap. Cutting the tree's bark causes the sap to ooze out of the cut. The sap used to create both frankincense and myrrh comes slowly and is allowed to dry on the tree. The hardened sap is collected and used as frankincense and myrrh. Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create **incense**. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas. Traditionally, you burn the powdered incense with charcoal in a censer or on a small stand. **Gold** was the usual offering presented to kings by their subjects, or those wanting to pay respect. It seems that the metal we know as gold has always held extremely high value - as long ago as 2,500 BC, gold was especially prized.

### Help Wanted

Volunteers prayerfully needed to usher and greet at the 11:00 a.m. services. If we can get enough volunteers, you would only have to do this once every 4 to 6 weeks. Right now we are overworking the few members who are giving their time and talent in this service to the church. Please call Deacon Pat or Ann Beshore if you can help out. Bless you."



Dear Trinity Melrose,

This month I will be discussing the Lutheran Chorale; but before I start, I would like to clear up a point of which many may not be aware. In my previous articles, most of the hymns authors I discussed wrote only the hymn texts. The tunes from most of the early hymns have been lost, and the music to which we sing the hymns today was written later. In the case of Lutheran Chorales, the Episcopal hymnal often uses the hymn texts with the original hymn tunes or has set different words to the original German tunes. You can check at the bottom of the page for the source of both the words and the music.

From the ninth century to the Reformation in the early 1500s, congregational singing was much more common in Germany than in other areas. German translations of Latin chants (Leisen) were common, including "Christ ist erstanden" ("Christ is arisen," The Hymnal 1982 #713) based on the Easter sequence "Victimae paschali laudes." Lutheran Chorales are simply the name for the German hymns used by the Lutheran church after the Reformation.

Martin Luther (1483-1546), who started the Lutheran Reformation, encouraged even more involvement by the congregation in the singing of hymns and the liturgy. He also greatly emphasized the use of the vernacular in worship, which was German in this case. Luther was one of the first writers of the Lutheran Chorales. He translated existing texts, as well as wrote new ones. He also either adapted existing tunes or wrote his own. His most famous hymn is "Ein feste burg" ("A mighty fortress," #687,688). Two of his other hymns are "Aus tiefer Not" ("From deepest woe I cry to thee," #151) and "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("Before thy throne, O God, we kneel," #575). In all three of these, both the text and tune are attributed to Martin Luther.

The hymn tune "Wachet auf" ("Sleepers, wake!") is found twice in the Episcopal hymnal. First it is found with its original Advent text written by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) (#61, 62). Second it is set with the text "Praise the Lord through every nation" by Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824) (#484, 485). In both cases the tune is written by Hans Sachs (1494-1576) and adapted by Philipp Nicolai.

For many hymns in our hymnal, the attributed composer only wrote the melody, or soprano line. In these cases the other parts (alto, tenor, and bass) were written by someone else, often by the committee that compiled the hymnal. In the case of Lutheran Chorales, however, the harmonies were sometimes written by some very important composers, and many of those harmonies are still used today. The most famous composer that arranged and harmonized Lutheran Chorales was Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). He would often straighten up the rhythm as well since the original tunes were rather syncopated. Some examples of his work are "Herzlich tut mich verlangen" ("O sacred head," #168) and "Wie schön leuchtet" ("How bright appears the Morning Star," #497).

I apologize if any of this seems confusing. Please feel free to come and talk to me if you have any questions. Next month I plan to take a break from the history of church music and teach everyone how to use the hymnal and its indices. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

Melanie Yeager



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**JANUARY 2008**

**SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY**

- Jan. 4 Ultreya at St. Alban's, Chiefland**
- Jan. 6 First Sunday Single Service 10am**
- Jan. 7 DOK Meeting 6pm**
- Jan. 8 ECW 10am**
- Jan. 9 Search Committee**
- Jan. 13 Fellowship Committee Meeting**
- Jan. 14 Worship Committee Meeting**
- Jan. 16 Mission Board  
Search Committee**
- Jan. 26 Men's Club**
- Jan. 28 Martin Luther King Holiday**

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist**  
9:15 am Coffee  
9:45 - 10:45am Children's Sunday School  
Adult Spiritual Development

**Youth Group**

After 11:00 Service on Sunday  
Wed. Evening Bible Study Parish Hall

**1st Sunday of the Month**

One Service only at 10:00am  
In the Parish Hall

**Wednesday: Evening Service 6:00 pm**  
**Kerygma Class 7:00pm**

**Thrift Shop**

Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday  
9 am—noon Saturday

**Access Program**

Tuesdays 10am—2pm