



# Trinity Bell



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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN:**

Someone remarked to me the other day that it seems like we have been searching for a new priest forever. I had to agree. Actually though, it has only taken our search committee a little over a year to complete its task which was within the time frame established when the committee was chosen. The committee and its chair, Ann Beshore, are to be commended. The process was time consuming and, at times, tedious. The committee members frequently had to meet on short notice and in a variety of meeting places. What we cannot lose sight of is the fact that the process worked. Fr. Jeffrey Mackey was nominated by the search committee and approved unanimously by the mission board to be Trinity's full time priest at a special board meeting held on April 16, 2008.

The next step in the process is to prepare a letter of agreement between the Bishop of Florida and Trinity's Mission Board and Fr. Mackey. I have appointed a three person committee consisting of George Bothwell, Marilyn Blair and myself to complete this task. George will serve as chairman. If everything goes as planned, Fr. Mackey is expected to assume his duties on or about July 1, 2008.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Trinity Bell is a brief biography of Fr. Mackey's journey in serving our Lord. I encourage you to read it and become familiar with his background. We are very fortunate to have Fr. Mackey chose Trinity as his new church home.

May is an exciting month for the church. This Sunday is our First Sunday Service when we come together to

worship and enjoy a meal together. The children will be singing at the offertory and it will be a joy filled service. The next Sunday will be Pentecost which is the birthday of the church itself, a very exciting day in the church year when we celebrate God's great gift of the Holy Spirit and wear red commemorating the tongues of fire which the apostles saw. The following Sunday is Trinity Sunday on which we celebrate our own Trinity's special name and we will again have only one service. On Trinity Sunday we will also celebrate the graduation of three of Trinity's high school students: Megan Arenberg, Morgan Gardiner and Megan Gregory, and there will be a great barbeque lunch following. I hope everyone will join in the fun and the opportunity to share the exciting events in the life of our Trinity family.

As always, please keep Trinity and the concerns of our members in your prayers.

Alan Pankratz, Sr. Warden

## **FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Sunday, May 4**

**One Service at 10:00**

**Parish Hall**

**Refreshments hosted by the Search Committee**

## **TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Sunday, May 18**

**One Service at 10:00**

**Honoring our graduates  
Parish Picnic Lunch**



**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

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Howard  
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**Service Times**

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

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**COMING SOON!**



The Mission Board has become aware of the need to re-establish our Sunday nursery at Trinity. We are currently in the planning stages and welcome any input and volunteer help. If you are interested in helping in this area with our littlest angels, please contact Vi Paul.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

May 7 Clay O'Neal  
May 10 Betsy Livingston  
Jeanne Eaton  
May 15 Kaitlyn Gutherie  
May 16 Jason O'Neal  
May 25 Norman "Bud" James  
May 28 Vi Paul



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.

Book of Common Prayer p. 830

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

May 10 Margaret and Eric Arenberg  
May 20 Ginny and Chris Fonvielle  
May 22 Ginny and Jim White  
May 25 Jennifer and Leo Lowe



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.



The Daughters of the King have made prayer blankets for those in our church and community who are ill or homebound and might benefit from the comfort and love of the blankets. If you know someone who would like to have a blanket, please speak to one of the daughters or to Linda in the church office.



**CURSILLO NEWS**

This month the Ultreya in the Santa Fe Region will be held at St. Luke's in Live Oak. If you would like to know more about Cursillo, please be sure to go to one of the members of Trinity who have already attended a weekend and ask lots of questions.



### Joyful News from the Search Committee !

Your Search Committee is very happy to report that we have recommended and your Mission Board, with Bishop Howard's concurrence, has approved the selection of Father Jeffrey A. Mackey as the new full-time priest for Trinity. After prayerful consideration, Father Mackey has accepted our call.

Father Mackey is currently serving as interim priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Orchard Park, New York. He and LaVonne, his wife of 36 years, have three grown sons and three grandchildren. One of their sons is an Episcopal priest in Mansfield, Louisiana. LaVonne works as a librarian.

Fr. Mackey spent seventeen years as a pastor in The Christian & Missionary Alliance, and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1993. Since ordination, he has served as a Rector, Associate Rector, Vicar and Interim Rector. He is a graduate of Nyack College (NY), The General Theological Seminary (NY), and The Graduate Theological Foundation (IN).

While continuing his parish work, Fr. Mackey has at the same time been teaching and leading in the field of higher education for years. He served a brief time as Academic Dean at one of the eleven Episcopal seminaries, and for six years as Assistant Vice President & Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Nyack College in New York City.

Father Mackey began his ministry as a youth pastor. He is the founder of the Anglican expression of the Dominican Order of Preachers and was the former Master of the Order. He has been a Fellow-in-Residence at the University of the South. He plays the organ and is a member of the American Guild of Organists. He has authored several published articles and books. On numerous occasions he has lead Parish trips overseas.

After more than forty meetings, a great deal of thought and discernment, and a huge amount of prayer, the Search Committee believes that we have been blessed to have found Father Mackey. He is a gifted preacher and experienced teacher. He has a strong pastoral background, and he is a man of deep personal faith. We are also blessed that The Lord has inclined Father Jeff's heart to hear and accept our call to serve Trinity as its full-time priest.

Please keep Father Jeff and LaVonne in your prayers as they prepare to move to Trinity. I feel certain that I can say for us all...PRAISE GOD!!

Ann Beshore, Chairman

On Tuesday, May 6th, the ECW will meet at Ginny White's home for our annual end of the year luncheon. A carpool will leave from the church parking lot at 10am, and dress is casual. We will also be installing our new officers (2008-2010) Those elected are: Margaret Kidd, President, Marilyn Blair, Vice President, Terrell Bothwell, Secretary, and Jean Giesel, Treasurer. We will have a wonderful picnic in the White's boathouse on Lake Winott. Plans will be concluded for our Trinity Day celebration and high school graduates' recognition which will be May 18th following our Sunday service in the parish hall. All women of the church are considered members of the ECW so come and enjoy the day with us!

The deadline for the  
June Bell is  
May 19



The youth group is proud to congratulate members Megan Arenberg and Megan Gregory on their graduation from high school this June. Both girls will be going on the college. We have been working cutting out fabric for new Good Friday banners. We have borrowed the banners for "Way of the Cross" in the past but next year we'll have our very own!

**TREASURER'S REPORT****Trinity Episcopal Church****Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2008**

	<b>For the Month</b>		<b>Year-to-Date</b>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 13,464	\$ 12,079	\$ 35,281	\$ 36,236
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 8,248</u>	<u>\$ 14,785</u>	<u>\$ 25,679</u>	<u>\$ 44,354</u>
<b>Income less Expense</b>	\$ 5,216	\$ (2,706)	\$ 9,603	\$ (8,117)
<b>Adjustment:</b>				
Less budgeted but unspent Priest wages & benefits	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,316</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,413</u>
<b>Adjusted</b>				
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<u>\$ 5,216</u>	<u>\$ 2,610</u>	<u>\$ 9,603</u>	<u>\$ 8,295</u>

**GIGGLESOME**

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back "Revelation 3:20 " and stuck it in the door. The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was notation "Genesis 3:10".

Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Get ready for another learning experience with Group's POWER LAB, July 14—18 with a special celebration on Sunday, July 20th. Trinity's VBS volunteers are praying and gathering the information now to be ready for a full week of exciting games, crafts, snacks and songs that center around a theme teaching us more about our Lord Jesus!

Materials have already been ordered for 50 kids - this will be our best VBS production yet!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS!**

We need lots of volunteers to help with VBS. We will have a planning meeting this Sunday, May 4th, following the service. Please let Vi Paul or Clay O'Neal know if you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting.



**SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN**

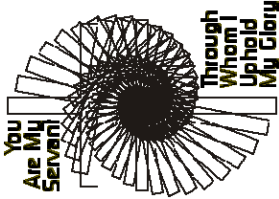
"Safeguarding Our Children" is a REQUIRED course for adults that work with kids in the church... and is required of all Mission Board and Staff. Please let one of our Deacons know if you're interested in signing up for the next available class. More trained volunteers make the various jobs so much more enjoyable.



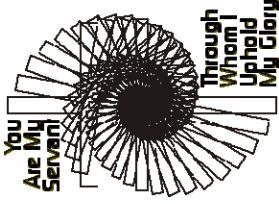
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 Holy Eucharist 10:00am Parish Hall Refreshments Mtg. for VBS</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>6 ECW Luncheon at Ginny White's home Outreach Mtg. follows</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Service</p>	<p>1 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>2              7:00 pm Ultreya at St. Luke's in Live Oak</p>	<p>3 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>11 <b>Pentecost</b> 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee Fellowship Committee 9:45 Spiritual Dev</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>13 Access 10am-2pm</p>	<p>14 6:00pm Service 7:00pm Mission Board</p>	<p>15 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>18 <b>Trinity Sunday and Honoring Graduates</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist Parish Hall</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>20 Access 10am-2pm</p>	<p>21 6:00pm Service</p>	<p>22 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>25 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Spiritual Dev</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED </p>	<p>27 Access 10am-2pm</p>	<p>28 6:00pm Service</p>	<p>29 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8:30am Men's Club Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>



## SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ MAY 2008



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
May 4 <b>First Sunday</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE 10:00AM</b>		Jim White	Ginny White	Jerry Thomas	Marilyn Blair	Ronday Paul	Kathi Warren
May 11 <b>PENTECOST</b>	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Joyce Chesnut	Dan Wilcox	Joyce Chesnut	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Lori Also- brook	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
May 18 <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE 10:00AM</b>		Alan Pankratz	Penny Pankratz	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Liz Middleton	Eric Beshore	Debbie Brown
May 25	Pat Poppell	Mary Rynd	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul	Pat Poppell	Ken Blair	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
June 1 First Sunday	<b>ONE SERVICE 10:00AM</b>		Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas	Jeanne Eaton	Donna Eichelsderfer
Altar Guild	Kathi Warren and Amanda Grey							
Mission Board	Donna Eichelsderfer							

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.

## OUTREACH



The outreach committee has been working on a comprehensive plan for our many, many outreach opportunities. Trinity does an incredible amount of outreach in a great number of areas. We have become more aware of the things which are being done and the things which could benefit from our help. We are looking at local, national and global needs, the Millennium Development Goals of the church and Episcopal Relief and Development to see where our abilities and strengths may help to meet their needs. The Norton Fund at Trinity has been set up to help financially, but we don't have a system to replenish the fund. As of this month, on the first Sunday of the month, we will be happy to accept any offering you might have for the fund. If you will mark your check or envelope "Outreach" or "Norton Fund", we will be able to grow that account. In the September issue of the "Bell", we will have a complete listing of all of Trinity's outreach opportunities and possibilities for the future.



Dear Trinity Melrose,

This month I will be continuing my discussion of church music in England. The 18<sup>th</sup> century was the true birth of English sacred music and three figures dominated during this time: Isaac Watts and the Wesleys. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), sometimes called the "Father of English Hymnody," emphasized that hymns should express the gospel of the New Testament. He did not feel that hymns needed to come directly from scripture, although he based many of his texts on psalms. He was a strong believer in the necessity of feeling and meaning behind the singing of hymns, as well as the importance of hymns needing to relate to the sermon topic. Watts published many collections, and some of his hymn texts include:

- "Joy to the world!" (1982 Hymnal, #100)
- "How wondrous great, how glorious bright" (#369)
- "From all that dwell below the skies" (#380)
- "I sing the almighty power of God" (398)
- "When I survey the wondrous cross" (#474)
- "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" (#544)
- "My Shepherd will supply my need" (#664)
- "O God, our help in ages past" (#680)

Watt's hymn texts were sung to psalm tunes already in existence and to newly composed tunes published during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

It is likely that you are more familiar with John (1703-1791) and Charles (1707-1788) Wesley. Unlike Isaac Watts, they were members of the Church of England. Charles was more involved in writing hymns, while John translated German and Moravian hymns, compiled hymnals, and edited the work of others. The brothers traveled with the Methodists to America in 1735, where John published *A Collection of Psalms and Hymns* in Charleston, SC. This was his first hymnal, and it included many English and translated Moravian works. Once they returned to England, Charles became quite prolific in his hymn-writing, and John published several collections of both hymn texts and tunes. Charles Wesley has very few hymn tunes attributed to him, but the Wesleys greatly emphasized the importance of using appropriate tunes and learning them well. Charles wrote a huge number of hymn texts (between 6500 and 9000 of them!), but John only wrote about twenty-seven. Some of Charles's work includes:

- "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" (#6, 7)
- "Come, let us with our Lord arise" (#49)
- "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" (#57, 58)
- "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" (#66)
- "Hark! the herald angels sing" (#87)
- "Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!" (#214)
- "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" (#481)
- "O for a thousand tongues to sing" (#493)

Please look in the index of your hymnal for more hymns by Isaac Watts and the Wesleys. These lists are by no means complete. Next month, I will be moving forward in my discussion of English hymnody.

God Bless! Melanie Yeager

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## **MAY**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY**

- May 4 First Sunday Service 10:00am**
- May 6 ECW Meeting and Luncheon  
Outreach Meeting**
- May 11 Day of Pentecost  
Fellowship Meeting**
- May 14 Mission Board**
- May 18 Trinity Sunday Service 10:00am  
Picnic and Honoring Graduates**
- May 26 MEMORIAL DAY**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR  
TRINITY WEBSITE AT:  
[www.trinitymelrosefl.org](http://www.trinitymelrosefl.org)**

### **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

#### **3rd Sunday of the Month**

**8:30 Jesus in the Park  
In Heritage Park**

**Wednesday: Evening Service 6:00 pm**

#### **Thrift Shop**

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

#### **Access Program**

Tuesdays 10am—2pm