

The Trinity Bell



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THE VICAR'S VOICE

Well, dear ones, we have almost had a month together! What a whirlwind it has been! Getting settled, meeting each of you, participating in Vacation Bible School, a meeting with the Worship Commission, visitation, meetings in the study, all coalesced together to make July a month of real ministry for me. And I like real ministry. How about you? Is there not a real sense of peace and blessing when you have done something ministerial to someone else? That is how God intends it!

This Friday (of the week I write this) we will gather for an evening of chicken dinner and auction, and then on Saturday I will have my first meeting with the Men's Club! I like that! And I have also been asked to be a chaplain for the Melrose Fire Department. So that even the future looks active and health-giving. And that is a focus of anticipation. God implants within our hearts and minds the anticipation that there is more and more truth and ministry ahead for the people of God. Work to be done – people to be loved.

We did not hold a Mission Board meeting in July at Alan's suggestion, allowing for me to get some basic knowledge on the ground before leading the leaders in such a meeting. Good call, Alan. But August is bearing down on us and we will have a Mission Board meeting in August. There will be much and important business before us. Therefore, I ask that members of the Mission Board prepare in prayer and

business matters, and that those of you *not* on the Mission Board lift the members in prayer. There is much for which we need the discernment of Holy Spirit....the discernment of Holy Spirit. What a unique thought! No other civic organization seeks that discernment, it is a special provision and privilege of the Church! It is a key and potent reality in the life of our Church.

My brothers and sisters, as long as you and I keep vital in a discernment process, we will be led intriguingly into the will of God for Trinity, Melrose! I'm onboard, are you? I believe you are – what a ride!

Peace,

Fr. Jeff Mackey+

FIRST SUNDAY THE MONTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

**DON'T FORGET THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE
SERVICE AT 10:00AM
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IS ALWAYS A
WONDERFUL TIME TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, EXTENDED FAMILY
OR VISITORS TO ATTEND CHURCH WITH
YOU, AND TO STAY FOR THE JOYFUL TIME
OF GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WHICH
ALWAYS FOLLOWS!**

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Jesus Christ**

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

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GIGGLESOME

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked , "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



- Aug. 2 Sarah Garcia
- Aug. 6 Allen Wainwright
- Aug. 9 Luke Duncan
- Aug. 11 Joshua Stegall
- Aug. 12 Kathi Nash
- Aug. 14 Dan Wilcox
- Aug. 15 Ellie Chaires
- Aug. 18 Morgan Garcia
Jacob Lowe
- Aug. 25 Ann Beshore
Paige Davis
- Aug. 30 Ginny Fonvielle

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:



- Aug. 1 Ann and Phil Payne
- Aug. 13 Penny and Penny Pankratz
- Aug. 28 Debbie and Mark Brown
- Aug. 30 Jean and Terry Marshall

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.



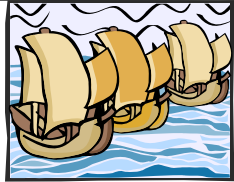
CURSILLO NEWS

This month the Ultreya will be held at St. Mark's in Starke on Friday, August 1st at 7:00pm. 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.

NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY OF THE SR. WARDEN



Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pankratz are pleased to announce the arrival of a bouncing new black and white kitten. The kitten was found lonely and abandoned on the doorstep of the church of- fice and was lovingly cuddled home by Penny Pankratz. While initially meeting a slight resistance..... “mooshy” hearts prevailed and asylum was granted by the powers that be. In honor of “All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small”..... the kitten was christened “Mackey” ...ummmm...until the examining vet gently advised that the name be modified to a more feminine form! And so....Alan, Penny, and “Mackie” are now living happily ever after! Meow...



NEW EXPLORATIONS

Wednesday 6:00PM - Those who gather for Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays do not listen to a homily, but rather share together what the Scripture readings seem to be addressing in their own lives. Questions are raised as well! This week we celebrate The Transfiguration of Our Lord and the readings will be Psalm 99:1-9; II Peter 1:13-21; and Luke 9:28-36. Come and join the time of worship and Bible discussion!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had quite a team of Trinity “scientists” helping our 14 young “interns” learn about Jesus Christ and the Bible through slightly unconven- tional scientific methods. The Parish Hall rang with the joyful voices of children singing, giggling and reciting Bible Points as they worked their way through the crafts, skits, snacks, games and talks. At the end of the week everyone was exhausted but filled with a sense of a job well done.

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER AND AUCTION

Our Good Old Summertime Chicken Dinner and Auction was a resounding success. Along with won- derful food and a merry evening of fun and fellow- ship (not to mention a little competitive bidding) we were able to raise over \$1,600.00!

Thanks to everyone who came, ate, bid, bought, laughed, or helped in any way. You make success possible!



WHEW! SO MUCH SUMMER FUN!!!

Someone, somewhere said that during the summer months church life slows down. You certainly couldn’t prove that by our life together at Trinity! So far this summer we have hosted receptions and bid farewell to several friends, joyously welcomed our Father Jeff and LaVonne, enjoyed with great excitement the influx of 14 singing, dancing, crafting and scripture learning kids at our week long vacation Bible school and happily laughed and bid our way through our Good Old Summertime Dinner and Auction! At the same time we’ve welcomed the return of Wednesday night Eucharist and Jesus in the Park services and seen several new faces coming to see what all the commotion is about in this little white church! Now is the time to sit back and relax, catch your breath, appreciate all the hard work you’ve done for the last couple of months and get ready for the really busy month of September when all the organizations start back up again and all the plans for fall swing into full gear.....and don’t forget to get all those articles into the “Trinity Bell” ! How blessed we are and how rich in spirit....now if only we had an energy level to match the fun!



The deadline for the September Bell is August 25

CONTEST WINNER

No one was able to guess this sweet child’s name before the Good Old Summertime Dinner so the prize of a free dinner was awarded to the subject herself. Congratulations to Kathy Nash !



TREASURER'S REPORT**Trinity Episcopal Church****Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended June 30, 2008**

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 15,102	\$ 12,079	\$ 73,681	\$ 72,473
Expense	<u>\$ 9,564</u>	<u>\$ 9,594</u>	<u>\$ 57,990</u>	<u>\$ 57,562</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ 5,538</u>	<u>\$ 2,485</u>	<u>\$ 15,692</u>	<u>\$ 14,910</u>

SUMMER FUN

Sadly, while we all have opportunities, large or small, to go off and enjoy a break on summer vacations, our budget doesn't get to take a break at all! It's stuck here at home and in fact some parts, like our poor old air conditioning have to work harder than ever. So while you are away, please don't forget to remember your pledges and especially your prayers for Trinity and those hard working fellows named Bill!

NEWS FROM THE THRIFT SHOP

The ECW thrift Shop is doing well. We have had lots and lots of donations in the last several months. We have become over loaded with stuff, especially clothes. Luke takes some bags of sorted clothes to Palatka. What we need is for people who are going to Gainesville for shopping, doctor's appointments or other things to take a couple of bags of sorted clothes (marked Outreach) to the following places.

The Salvation Army--- 55 NW 23rd Ave Donations accepted Monday-Saturday from 9-5

The Attic Resale---300 NW 8th Ave. Donations accepted Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9-4

Peaceful Paths---2131 NW 6th St. Donations accepted Tuesday-Thursday from 10-5.

These stores take donations at the times listed on the days specified.

Please help us out at the Thrift Shop. Taking 2 bags when you go to Gainesville would help our back log.

Thanks.

Margaret Kidd, President



**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY CLASSES**

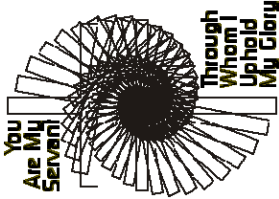
Education for Ministry teaches you how to think theologically, deepens your faith and your understanding of our Christian heritage, and provides you with a new confidence to be Christ's lay minister. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work. Classes in our area are held in Starke at St. Mark's Church and are mentored by The Rev. Dennis O'Neill and his wife Marianne. If you would like additional information about the classes you can call Fr. Dennis or Marianne at St. Mark's or talk with Pat Poppell, or Linda Wilcox who are in the third year of classes and would be happy to talk with you about their experience with EFM.



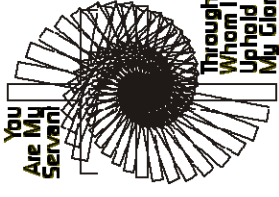
August 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 First Sunday 12th Pentecost One Service 10:00 am Parish Hall Lunch to Follow	4 7:00 pm Scouts Christian Formation Mtg. 7:00pm	5 Access 10am—2pm 1:00pm Outreach Mtg.	6 Transfiguration of Our Lord 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer	7 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	8 PH in Use	9 Thrift Shop 9am-12 PH in Use
10 13th Pentecost 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	11 7:00 pm Scouts	12 Access 10am—2pm	13 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and EP 7:00pm Mission Board Jeremy Taylor, Bishop	14 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	15 Feast of St. Mary The Virgin  ONE STOP HELP DAY	16 Thrift Shop 9am-12 Warner Anniversary At Camp Weed
17 14th Pentecost 8:30 Jesus in the Park 11:00 am Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	18 7:00 pm Scouts	19 Access 10am—2pm 10:00am Bazaar Workshop	20 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer Bernard Abbot of Clairvaux	21 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	22	23 Thrift Shop 9am-12 ECW Meeting at Camp Weed
24 15th Pentecost 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	25 7:00 pm Scouts St. Bartholomew The Apostle	26 Access 10am—2pm PRIMARY ELECTION PH ALL DAY 	27 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle	28 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	29 St. John the Baptist	30 8:00am Men's Club Thrift Shop 9am-12
31 16th Pentecost 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	You may notice a new addition to our monthly calendar. We have begun adding some of the names of the saints, martyrs and apostles on certain days. These are the days the church has designated that we recognize the extraordinary contributions that each of these individuals has made to some aspect of our church or spiritual life. If you are interested in learning more about any of these people there is a book titled, "Lesser Feasts and Fasts" which is in the church office, or we will be happy to copy some information from the internet for you. There will also be articles in coming issues of the "Trinity Bell" regarding some of the men or women mentioned on the calendar.					



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ AUGUST 2008

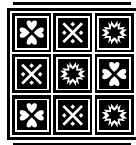


Date	8:30				11:00			
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Aug. 3	One Service 10AM				Jerry Thomas	Liz Middleton	Alan Pankratz	Virginia Smith
Aug. 10	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Mary Rynd	Jeanne Eaton	Mary Rynd	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Pat Poppel	Kristi Gregory	
Aug. 17	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Clay O'Neal	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Suki Hoffman	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Aug. 24	Pat Poppell	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Kathi Warren	Pat Poppell	Laurie Alsbrook	Kristi Gregory	
Aug. 31	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Mary Rynd	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Jerry Thomas	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Altar Guild	Kathi Warren and Terrell Bothwell							
Mission Board	Ed O'Bryan and Terrell Bothwell							

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.

FALL BAZAAR AND QUILT SHOW

Jean Stegall and Marilyn Blair are making plans for Trinity’s Fall Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 16th. We hope to have many members of Trinity involved this year in our efforts . This includes the men! Craft classes will be held again on a regular basis. If you have a simple craft you would like to teach us, please contact the church as we are looking for fresh ideas. Our first class will be on Tuesday, August 19th at 10:00 A.M. Carrie Milligan will be teaching us to make jewelry from our Sunday church bulletins! She promises that it’s easy. So come and join us for some fun.



ECW SUMMER MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Diocesan ECW will be holding it’s summer meeting and luncheon at Camp Weed, on Saturday, August 23rd with registration beginning at 9:00am. This will be an exciting meeting with information about installation of new officers in the fall, wonderful music by Sue Carmichael and The Rev. Nancee Martin-Coffee as our speaker. The intriguing topic will be “ “Who Might the Blessed Virgin Mary Be for Us Today?” Our lunch will be paid for by our own ECW. If you would like to attend please let the office know by Aug. 13th.

FROM THE DEACON’S BENCH

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:35-36; 40

I’ve heard the saying that imitating or copying is the highest form of flattery. St. Andrew’s *Fourth Friday for Life* is a tremendous help for the needy of West Putnam County; and this service ministry is a wonderful example of how our Lord uses small, unexpected sources to do great works to further His kingdom. We at Trinity hope to emulate the *Fourth Friday for Life* principle. Since through Lake Area Ministries food is provided to the low income families of the Keystone /Melrose community, we need only to gather other agencies to provide health, social, economic, and legal help. The Board of Lake Area Ministries agreed to sponsor the event, and now with the help of the Outreach Committee and several others, Trinity is hosting a *One Stop Help Day* on Friday, August 15, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. (Please see the copy of the flyer for the event also printed in **The Bell**.)

With the high cost of transportation, we hope gathering many services together under one roof at one time will fill a need that is not being met at present. We may have only a very few come, or we could have hundreds. Please pray that the Lord will send those that we can truly help and that our endeavors will make a difference for those who attend. We will be furnishing hot dogs, chips, and a drink, but we would like to have some baked goods for dessert if anyone would like to volunteer. Please call me or the office if you can help. Thanks to all of you that have agreed to help already.

In Christ’s love, Deacon Pat

When God called your name were you listening?
Did you have your eyes on Jesus looking straight into his face?

Did you answer positively here I am Lord
What shall I do
Where should I go?

Or did you say one second please
I’ve got to feed the dog.
My house is not in order and
I’ve got to mow the yard.

He asks again, come to me, I have something just for you,

But when I hesitated, the voice I heard went still

I’m waiting now for next time
When I will say with joy
I am ready to listen
And will go and do for you.

Deacon Val



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LAM

School is just about ready to start; but due to a shortage of contributions in these difficult times, Lake Area Ministries is currently unable to purchase the needed supplies for area children. Because of schools requesting specific supplies, LAM is requesting financial donations rather than donations of the supplies themselves this year. If you are able to help, please make your check payable to: Lake Area Ministries. You may drop in in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it to the parish office, and we will see that it gets to LAM.

Out of my mind...

Are you familiar with the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund commitment to the Millennium Development Goals? The following goals were developed in their basic format by the leaders of many nations in consultation with the United Nations. They are basic to the dignity and integrity of the human person, and they, quite strikingly, reflect a Gospel basis at their core value declarations. There are eight of these Millennium Development Goals. My thoughts on them follow.

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Though Jesus said, “the poor you will always have with you,” the intent of what he says is that we will always have those to whom we owe help, aid, and support. There is no picture of our Lord Jesus Christ so vivid as the one we find repeated over and over in the Gospel where Jesus is the friend of the needy. It is, a matter of fact, the place where Jesus is most of the time. This is a commendable goal, and it is a Gospel goal.

Achieve universal primary education. “Train up a child in the way that child should go and when they are old they will not depart from it,” is an applicable Proverb. Education and training are not optional efforts when other things are done. The bringing of children into the world is a commitment to their training, education, and maturing. It is a remarkable invitation we find in this goal that, as Christians, we are reminded to see that the world’s children are learners!

Promote gender equality and empower women. St. Paul, in Ephesians, clearly gives the Church the great leveling equity of the Gospel when he declares that in Christ, there is “neither Jew or Greek, male of female, slave or free.” Nothing in the entire religious world of humanity parallels the leveling and empowering enablement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We cannot argue with the Christian foundation of this goal.

Reduce child mortality. Why, of course? As a people committed to life, since God is a god of the living and not of the dead, we are given to the commitment that those who live, live, and not die. The insights of the world’s health and healing wisdom must be universally available that all may have life and life abundant.

Improve maternal health. This, too, parallels the fourth goal. The health of mothers is the health of children and the health of families. Those who have been granted the blessings of motherhood must be allowed the blessings of motherhood.

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases. Though this sounds simplistic, there is a powerful sense in which the world’s pandemic physical ills need the prayers, attention, action, and giving of the world’s Christians.

Ensure environmental stability. God grants to humans, in the creation process, a dominion over the creation which is *not* a domination, but a co-existence for nature’s continuity and human survivability. To *not* be interested in, or committed to, the stability and health of the world, itself, is to miss the fact that Christ died to redeem creation. *Christus victor* reminds us that the whole creation is part of the plan of God!

Develop a global partnership for development. Though the commitment to, and celebration of, progress, itself is nothing to cheer about, maturing and developing is commended in the Scriptures. Partnership is the key here. All humanity is one humanity, and the vital key is that as we are one in creature-hood, we are one in the human growth and movement toward the magnificent *Omega-point* when Christ will be all and in all.

These are all aspects of the Gospel of Christ. Christians should be doing these things as inseparable parts of mission and ministry.

I just thought you might like to know...

Fr. Jeff+





LAKE AREA MINISTRIES

IS SPONSORING

ONE STOP HELP DAY

HOSTED BY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008 FROM 10:00am - 2:00pm

LEGAL AID

UNITED WAY

WORK SOURCE

VISION SCREENING

PASTORAL COUNSELING

LITERACY COALITION

DOMESTIC ABUSE COUNSELING

HIV HELP AND COUNSELING

ANTI DRUG COALITION

PUTNAM AND CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

FAMILY MEDICAL AND DENTAL

PRESCRIPTION AND MEDICARE HELP FOR THE ELDERLY

ACCESS HELP WITH APPLICATIONS

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN

FREE HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM LAKE AREA MINISTRIES
330 Palmetto St., Keystone Heights, Fl. Phone: (352) 473-2846

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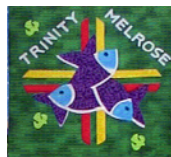
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AUGUST

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Aug. 1 Ultreya at St. Mark's in Starke**
- Aug. 3 First Sunday One Service 10:00am**
- Aug 13 Mission Board**
- Aug. 15 One Stop Help Day**
- Aug. 16 Warner Anniversary at Camp Weed**
- Aug. 17 Jesus in the Park**
- Aug. 19 Bazaar Workshop**
- Aug. 23 ECW Meeting & Lunch at Camp Weed**
- Aug. 26 Primary Election in Parish Hall**
- Aug. 30 Men's Club**



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: Holy Eucharist
and Evening Prayer 6:00 pm**

Thrift Shop

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

Access Program

Tuesdays 10am—2pm