



The Trinity Bell



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THE VICAR'S VOICE

July and August have been active months for the people of Trinity Church! We have seen much ministry accomplished and numerous people receiving the ministries we offer. Worship attendance has been encouraging and our Wednesday evening time of Evening Prayer, Bible/History

discussion and Holy Eucharist has grown to regular attendance in the teens! We should all be wonderfully grateful. Your Vicar is!

The first meeting I had with The Mission Board was a time of great blessing. We received good reports and challenged each other with the needs before us. We have scheduled our first Mission Board "retreat" for the weekend of October 17th and 18th. Out of that gathering shall come our overarching vision for the future of our work and an umbrella-like metaphor under which all our many and varied ministries will find harbor and home.

As a church grows, trust must grow. Whereas in a small church everyone attends everything, has a part in everything, and knows all that is going on, a growing church finds that we may not be able to attend everything, have a part in everything, and though we may know what it going on (because of good communication), I may be only able to pray for those in a particular activity. This is a good thing. It is the move from a family sized church to a pastoral sized church. Everything is not for everyone. And when something is not geared to us, we are left with the God-

given responsibility to pray for the success of ministry no matter what our level of conviction about that ministry may be. How very exciting. How very fulfilling. Trinity is rapidly becoming that growing church. (I restrain myself from writing "parish," but this, too, shall come to pass).

Along with the growth in excitement and anticipation, along with numerical growth and programmatic increase, comes the concurrent responsibility of giving to support the church. Just as a healthy and growing child calls for attention, encouragement, and the expenditure of much money, so a healthy church calls for us to give it attention, be encouraging to one another, and to spend money to keep it well fed and healthy. I invite, therefore, your continued review of your giving, with the hopes and prayers that collectively, we can show to the Lord and to each other, a healthy and increasing level of stewardship for a very appealing and healthy church (wanted to write "parish" again!).

**FIRST SUNDAY THE MONTH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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!**

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

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Service Times

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

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NEWS FROM THE ECW

The September meeting of the ECW has been moved from the first Tuesday, Sept. 2 to the next Tuesday, Sept. 9, because of the Labor Day holiday. All ladies of the church are considered to be members of the ECW and are joyfully welcomed to all meetings and events. This first meeting of the fall will be a business meeting, and we hope everyone will plan to join us at 10:00am in the parish hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- Sept. 1 Alex Addington
- Sept. 3 Virginia Smith
- Sept. 5 Sheila Lowry
- Sept. 6 Phil Payne
- Sept. 7 Pat Poppell, Margaret Rice, John Wick
- Sept. 8 Chris Fonvielle
- Sept. 9 Jack Rice
- Sept. 10 Kathi Warren
- Sept. 11 Al Burt, Boyce Booth, Craig Lee
- Sept. 12 Sid Mason, Stephen Stegall
- Sept. 14 Zac Eaton
- Sept. 20 Carolyn Melvin
- Sept. 22 Mary Rynd
- Sept. 24 Flo O'Brien
- Sept. 30 Megan Arenberg



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:

- Sept. 9 Ken and Marilyn Blair**
- Sept. 28 John and Liz Middleton**



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.



CURSILLO NEWS

This month the Ultreya will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, at St. Anne's in Keystone Heights 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As Fr. Mackey mentioned in his monthly message in this issue of The Bell, the size of the Trinity Mission Board will be reduced to seven voting members effective January 1, 2009. This means that although there are four members whose terms expire at the end of 2008, only two new members will be elected to the board. The election will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Present board members whose terms are expiring are Donna Eichelsderfer, Alan Pankratz, Jack Rice and Jim White. These four will serve as the nominating committee to fill the board vacancies..

Over the last few years Trinity has experienced problems in getting qualified candidates to run for mission board vacancies. I would like to share a few thoughts with those of you that are perhaps wondering what these qualifications are and what serving on the board involves. First, you must be a member of the church. Second, you must be willing and able to attend board meetings and have an interest in making Trinity a dynamic church with a great future. At the August mission board meeting, it was obvious to the board that Fr. Mackey is going to be a strong leader. He has scheduled a retreat for the board in October at which time he has challenged us to develop a vision statement for Trinity. This visioning session is the first step in planning on where Trinity is going in the future and how we will get there.

Serving on the mission board is not an honor. It is a responsibility. Fr. Mackey cannot grow the church without the help of a dedicated mission board and an energized congregation. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for election to the board, please contact one of the nominating committee members. If you wish to discuss serving on the board with Fr. Mackey, he would welcome an opportunity to discuss the matter with you.

TAIZE SERVICE

Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple song and chant, scripture readings, and periods of silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Through Taize, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. Come and join us for our first Taize Service on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 6:00pm in the church.

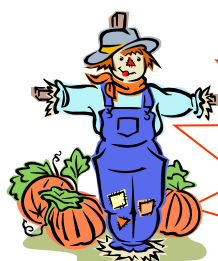
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VICAR'S VOICE

Summer is almost past and the attending activities of Autumn are inching up on us. I, for one, am filled with anticipation as to what this Autumn holds. I trust you are, and that you are, with me, committed to the health, vitality, and ministry of just the neatest growing church in greater Melrose! And just think, we've privileged to be a part of it.

Fr. Jeff Mackey+

PS - At our first Mission Board meeting together, the members and I spoke at length about our upcoming elections to the Mission Board. A Nominating Committee has been formed (of those rotating off the Board) and names will be submitted soon. It was also decided in light of our plans to become a parish in the future, we would now reduce the size of the Mission Board by two members to ready us for the writing of By-laws. So with four members rotating off Mission Board, we will be nominating two persons to fill two positions. Please be in prayer for wisdom and discernment.



**The deadline for the
October Bell is
September 22nd.**



Our Trinity Youth Group is getting back together again now that school has started. The youth group meets on Wednesday evenings and are starting again at Betty's Pizza for pizza and Bible Study. If you would like to join or know someone who is interested, give Kristi Gregory or Dan Wilcox a call.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Trinity Episcopal Church Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended July 31, 2008

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 13,174	\$ 12,079	\$ 86,855	\$ 84,551
Expense	<u>\$ 21,888</u>	<u>\$ 17,231</u>	<u>\$ 78,878</u>	<u>\$ 74,793</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ (8,714)</u>	<u>\$ (5,152)</u>	<u>\$ 7,977</u>	<u>\$ 9,758</u>

We Need to Talk! A Program for Older Adults and Their Families - Essential to positive family experiences at all stages, effective communication among family members is critical when the family includes an older person. Meaningful dialogue is the key ingredient, whether the family is discussing a major life change, such as a move to a more supportive environment, exploring health care wishes at the end-of-life, or merely creating a more effective support network. You are invited to attend on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at The Cerveny Conference Center, Live Oak, FL from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. The cost is \$30 (includes lunch). Pre-registration is required. Make checks payable to: Diocese of Florida and send registration to: Dr. Melody Marshall, 1935 NW 22nd St., Gainesville, FL 32605 by September 22.

GIGGLESOME

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a little boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the pastor steps across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. The boy looks up at him in great surprise and the pastor, crouching down to the child's level, smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Quick! Now we run!"

A Day with Bishop Howard Concerning Lambeth September 11, 2008 Camp Weed & The Cerveny Conference Center 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“Clergy Day” will be a “A Day with Bishop Howard Concerning Lambeth.”

Everyone in the diocese is invited to attend.



Lunch will be \$11.00 per person. Please call Camp Weed at 386-364-5250
to make your lunch reservation.

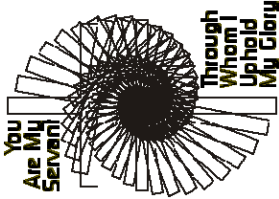
Instructed Eucharist with Bishop Howard – Everyone is invited to Bishop Howard's Instructed Eucharist on September 13. Come and be involved in new and exciting ways to understand the whole service of Eucharist. The day begins in Mandi's Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your Book of Common Prayer, especially one to make notes in.



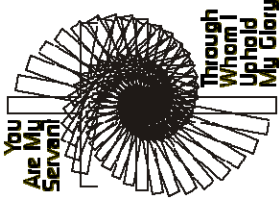
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't forget to sign up to challenge Iron Chef Jeff!</p> 	<p>1 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>2 Access 10am—2pm 10:00am Bazaar Workshop</p>	<p>3 Evening Prayer 6:00pm Phoebe, Deaconess</p>	<p>4 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>5 7:00PM Ultreya St. Anne's Stegall Engagement Dinner 6:00pm</p> 	<p>6 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>3 First Sunday 17th Pentecost One Service 10:00 am Parish Hall Lunch to Follow</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Scouts</p>	<p>9 Access 10am—2pm 10:00 ECW Mtg. 12:00 Outreach Mtg.</p>	<p>10 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Eve- ning Prayer 7:00pm Mission Brd. Alexander Crummell</p>	<p>11 10 - 4 Thrift Shop Lambeth Discussion At Camp Weed 10am 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>12 Open House at the Vicarage 6:00pm</p>	<p>13 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>14 18th Pentecost 8:30 & 1:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>15 7:00 pm Scouts HOLY CROSS DAY</p>	<p>16 Access 10am—2pm</p>	<p>17 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer Hildegard of Bingen</p>	<p>18 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Thrift Shop 9am-12 Stegall Wedding</p>
<p>21 19th Pentecost 8:30 Jesus in the Park 11:00 am Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>22 7:00 pm Scouts ST. MATTHEW</p>	<p>23 Access 10am—2pm</p>	<p>24 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Eve- ning Prayer Our Lady of Walsingham</p>	<p>25 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>26 IRON CHEF CHALLENGE 6:00pm in the Parish Hall</p>	<p>27 Thrift Shop 9am-12 8:00am Men's Club Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>28 20th Pentecost 8:30 & 1:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>29 6:00pm TAIZE 7:00 pm Scouts ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS</p>	<p>30 Access 10am—2pm</p>	<p>Fr. Jeff and LaVonne invite everyone to the Vicarage at 6:00pm on the evening of Sept. 12th for an Open House....and a little wine and cheese. The party will be in celebration and appreciation for those who have been instrumental in bringing them to Trinity and easing their transition.</p>			



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 2008



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Sept. 7	One Service 10AM				Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Liz Middleton	Rodney Paul	Debbie Brown
Sept. 14	Jerry Thomas	Clay O'Neal	Clay O'Neal	Kelly O'Neal	Jerry Thomas	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	
Sept. 21	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Jeanne Eaton	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Margaret Rice	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Sept. 28	Pat Poppell	Craig Lee	Dan Wilcox	Donna Eichelsderfer	Suki Hoffman	Laurie Alsbrook	Kristi Gregory	
Altar Guild	Debbie Brown and Ann Beshore							
Mission Board	Jack Rice and Ed O'Bryan							

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.

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

If you are interested in becoming

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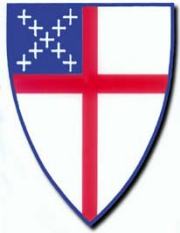
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BY BISHOP JOHN HOWARD

When he visits Trinity on Sunday, October 19, 2008,

Please contact Father Mackey as soon as possible.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.



Please join us for dinner

to celebrate the engagement of

Erica Lynn McLaughlin

and

Nathaniel Gene Stegall

Friday, September 5th at six o'clock

Also, join us for the wedding on

September 20th at 1 p.m.

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TRINITY FALL BAZAAR AND QUILT SHOW

Trinity's fall bazaar will be on Saturday, November 15th. Lots of help is needed from everyone to help make this a success. Pray about what you will be able to contribute for our bazaar. You may be able to donate baked goods, plants, jams and jellies or a craft. This year we will add a book table. So if you have books that you would like to contribute, save them for the book table. We will also need men to help with grilling for the lunches that will be sold. If you can help in any way, please contact Jean Stegall (475-1232) or Marilyn Blair (473-4766). We need you! Also, the craft group will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, September 2, at 10:00 A.M.

Out of my mind...

There has been, for some three decades, a marked "worship war" in the American Church. It is over music mostly, and is completely avoidable with understanding and the embracing of the convictions of brothers and sisters in Christ who might disagree with us on particular styles and types of music. Each of us has our own taste, opinion, and conviction when it comes to music. I was raised by a mother and father who spent much of their time with the "Big Band" music of the 1920s – 1940s. My dad was a band leader (having his own band) in the lower Catskill Mountains of New York State. The area was known as "The Jewish Alps." Many of the Jews of New York City would vacation upstate and would want music! Dad's was one of the many bands who obliged them. Many people danced to the music of *The Smoothies!* God forbid, on Sunday morning when I awoke, if I could not tell him the music that was on *The Lawrence Welk Show* the night before when I was home and he was off leading his band. I know that music by heart.

My tastes in church music revolve around Gregorian Chant and ancient hymnody through the early 20th century. That doesn't make this better music than that which you enjoy – it means our uniqueness in Christ gives us differing perspectives and tastes and pleasures. The greatest concentration of hymn-writers in the history of the church, is, of course, in the 18th and 19th centuries. Many 20th century hymn-writers have, however, given us outstanding and worship-aiding hymns. The "Gospel Chorus" was created in the mid-1800s and continued its strong presence through the 1970s when that which has been called, "Contemporary Christian Music" made its debut. (And that is material to examine at another time.)

Not many years ago, Dr. Robert Webber coined the phrase "blended worship" for the putting together the best of the ancient and the modern. It has been my custom and commitment for many years (really since the early 1980s) to be a "blended worship" expert and aficionado. I have taken Dr. Webber's phrase a bit farther and hope I have brought it into the 21st century with the phrase, "comprehensive worship." This is worship that covers all the worship acts and all the music genres in a regular and cyclical rotation that is Christ-centered and which ministers to the entire congregation. That way we all stretch and we all experience the worship spectrum of soul-satisfying comprehensiveness.

By the gracious action of the Mission Board, I am beginning an extended study through a non-denominational seminary in Indiana. This study will center around evangelism (and Christian apologetics) and will focus in particular on "Worship as an Evangelistic Act." I am excited to begin this as my continuing education.

Along with this, I am meeting with the President of the Robert Webber Institute of Worship Studies, a new theological graduate school in Orange Park. He wants to know how we do worship as a "comprehensive worship" congregation. I look forward to this experience with him. (And for all of us, the Institute in Orange Park offers many seminars through the year to which lay persons are invited. I will keep you posted, as will the Diocese. The Institute is located on the campus of Grace Church in Orange Park, where Canon Dunkle is Rector).

The path that worship evangelism will take us will be an intriguing and most rewarding one. Trinity has only to grow and stretch and bask in the wonders of God's musical praise as "we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing," and to "lift His name on high!"

I just thought you'd like to know.

Fr. Jeff Mackey+



IRON CHEF TRINITY

COME AND COMPETE AGAINST OUR OWN IRON CHEF JEFF

Based upon the format of the Japanese cult sensation, *Iron Chef*, *Iron Chef Trinity* carries on the legend of Kitchen Stadium and the famed "secret ingredient". Varying slightly from the original format, however, we are giving our world-class chefs the name of the "secret ingredient" now**PASTA**..... Dishes will be prepared at home, and chefs will have to use their imagination, creativity, knowledge of flavor, aroma, and combinations of ingredients to come up with a unique dish to compete for the prize, win the judges' approval, and take home the ultimate title of "TRINITY IRON CHEF"!

This exciting competition will be held on the evening of
Friday, September 26th, at 6:30pm
in Trinity's own kitchen stadium
(sometimes mistakenly called the parish hall).

Judging will be scored on three categories: taste, presentation and creativity. Judges will be our ticket holders who will taste the dishes and vote by financial acclamation for their favorite chef. Tickets are \$3.00, and all profits will be donated to support outreach projects.

All chefs in the area are welcome. Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Main Dishes or even Desserts may be entered as long as one of the main ingredients is PASTA! If you would like to compete as an Iron Chef, please the church office for additional information and to reserve your space. We are expecting competitors from across the counties so be sure to reserve your space early. Please call the church office at 475-2177. Tickets are available in the office or from Virginia Smith.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

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SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed**
- Sept. 2 Bazaar Crafters Workshop
Glass Etching 10:00am**
- Sept. 7 First Sunday Single Service**
- Sept. 10 Mission Board**
- Sept. 11 Bishop's Discussion of Lambeth
At Camp Weed**
- Sept. 12 Open House at the Vicarage**
- Sept. 13 Instructed Eucharist by Bishop
At Camp Weed**
- Sept. 20 Stegall Wedding**
- Sept. 26 Iron Chef**
- Sept. 29 Taize Service**



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