

# The Trinity Bell



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## THE VICAR'S VOICE

Autumnal changes are upon us, dear people, and there is much activity on the calendar for Trinity Church. And I view each activity as a potential for blessing and for ministry to one another and to those new people we may affect. We must certainly be grateful for

the good numerical reports of the Summer as to attendance and to stewardship, but we must remain attentive to the need for and blessing of consistency and continuity in the future. That which we have begun together we must keep doing together!

On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we sent off Nathaniel and Erica Stegall following their being united in Holy Matrimony at Trinity Church; and on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we ended another season of "Jesus in the Park," which, because of rain, was actually, "Jesus in the Church!"

I have some thoughts on "Jesus in the Park," that I would like to share with you. The evaluations of its attractiveness and effectiveness have not been unanimous. But there is a kernel of something here that I believe is worth preserving and enhancing.

As we look to 2009 (yes, it is almost here), I am planning and proposing that we have two Sundays of outdoor worship rather than monthly services, and that these be done up with as much "largeness" and advertisement as we can muster. That way we fulfill one of the goals of "Jesus in the Park" and that is attracting new people. So for 2009, I am thinking that we have "Pentecost" in the park in May with a tent, an invited music group, and a dynamic preacher. We follow with a picnic. This would get attention and be a wonderful

evangelistic tool. And what we do for Pentecost, we do at the end of October for All Saints Day as well! The plan and purpose would be to impact the greater Melrose area with two events that would do in two Sundays what we have not accomplished once a month. I covet your prayers for this possibility.

Also, if you are marking your calendars ahead of time, we have planned a Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist at 6:00PM. This will include hymns and spiritual songs sung a cappella. And then on Christmas Eve we will have two services, a Family Service at 6:00PM and a Choral Festival Eucharist at 10:00PM. Please mark your calendars!

God is conspicuously blessing our growing congregation. Bless the Lord and give thanks for all that is occurring at Trinity. No longer are we "a small church," but we are "a growing congregation in the Diocese of Florida." Will you join me in thanking God for this wonderful fact?

Bless you all.

*Fr. Jeffrey Mackey+*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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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**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday  
6:00 pm Wednesday Evening**

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**NEWS FROM THE ECW**

This month's ECW meeting at Trinity will be on October 7, 2008 beginning at 10:00am. The program will be presented by Mr. Sherman Phillips from Clay Electric on energy saving. There will also be a vote on the bylaws and the election of delegates for the Annual ECW Meeting at Camp Weed on October 23, 2008. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Oct. 8 Bailey Spitzner  
Oct. 9 Charlie Norton 96 !!!  
Oct. 10 Kris O'Neal  
Liz Middleton  
Walton Smith  
Oct. 12 Mike Kreska  
Oct. 18 Jean Allensworth  
Oct. 22 Esther Slasor  
Candy Spires  
Oct. 27 Miles Eaton  
Oct. 25 Penny Pankratz  
Julia Frazel  
Oct. 27 Kelly O'Neal  
Oct. 28 Cathy Stegall



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.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Oct. 4 Bud and Lois Norman  
Oct. 9 Larry and Laurie Alsobrook  
Walton and Virginia Smith  
Oct. 18 Eric and Ann Beshore



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 on Friday, Oct. 3, at Holy Trinity in Gainesville, 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.



## FALL BAZAAR AND QUILT SHOW

Our annual bazaar is getting closer! (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) We need help from everyone at Trinity. Donations are needed in the following areas :

Jams and Jellies: contact Jo Welsh, 475-1571

Craft items: contact Jean Stegall, 475-1232

Baked goods: contact Margaret Rice, 475-1788

Volunteers to help the men grill: contact Rodney Paul, 473-2163

Drop donated books for our book table at the church office.

### A Note from the Green Thumbs:

Now is the time to look over your yard and garden to get plants ready for Trinity's Bazaar. Plants need to be put in pots or repotted NOW so that they have time to recover and look their best. Last year we found that plants in good condition sold well. Other items for the plant and garden area include citrus fruit, vegetables, garden art, nice pots, and bedding plants which could be started from seed at this time. -- Kathi and Jean G.



This is an exciting year for the youth group. The outreach of the youth themselves has been outstanding! The members of the group have taken it upon themselves to spread the word and invite friends from school to join us this year. After seeing most of our kids graduate last June, we began meeting again earlier last month with the expectation of starting with 2 or 3 members. We currently have a Wednesday night group of 8 coming to Bible Study at Betty's and we're hoping to grow even more.

We are planning on attending, as a group, the 6pm Wednesday night service on the 4th Wednesday of each month, and we have are plans in the works to go rock climbing the first weekend in October, building both trust and confidence.



### Iron Chef

#### Congratulations to Iron Chef Fr. Jeff!

On Friday, Sept. 26th Trinity's parish hall was a lively arena for an Iron Chef showdown! We were blessed to have ten chefs competing with everything from soup to dessert! Our top chefs were: Ginny White and grandson Jacob who won Honorable Mention; Laurie Al-sobrook took third prize; Robert Menzen was awarded second and Father Jeff was voted "IRON CHEF". Our thanks to all who participated, especially to LaVonne Mackey who did a great job being our MC and to Jean Giesel and Kathy Warren who added to atmosphere with wonderful floral arrangements. And a very special thank you to everyone who came, ate, laughed, enjoyed the evening and donated over \$660.00 which will be used to help others through Trinity Outreach projects. Thanks!

### YARD CLEAN UP DAY—NOV. 8

Rodney Paul has once again arranged for some of the young men from Camp Blanding to come and help us clear out our church yards. Rodney needs some help with supervisors, helping hands and yard tools for the day. A barbeque lunch will be provided for all volunteers and specific details will be given in advance. If you are able to help, please give Rodney a call.



### GIGGLESOME

A very small female janitor (4' 10", 90 pounds) worked at an amusement park and was told to go out and sweep up the trash. As she was getting ready to start cleaning up her supervisor noticed her putting rocks in her pockets. When the supervisor asked her what she was doing, she said, "It's very windy out there and I'll get knocked over by the wind... So, now I weigh me down to sweep."



**The deadline for the  
November Bell is  
October 20th.**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Trinity Episcopal Church

#### Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended August 31, 2008



	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 14,961	\$ 12,079	\$101,816	\$ 96,630
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 13,006</u>	<u>\$ 17,231</u>	<u>\$ 92,884</u>	<u>\$ 92,024</u>
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<u>\$ 1,955</u>	<u>\$ (5,152)</u>	<u>\$ 8,932</u>	<u>\$ 4,606</u>

### MISSION BOARD AND CONVENTION ALTERNATE ELECTION

At the first Sunday Service on October 5th we will hold our annual election for new Mission Board members and for

#### **Candidate for Sr. Warden: Virginia Smith**

Virginia has a B.S. in nursing from UNC and before retiring worked on the renal transplant unit. She was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1982 and moved to Melrose in 2000. Virginia volunteers with Hospice and is active in the ECW, Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Committee and has worked with the Stewardship committee for the past six years. She is also one of our Sunday greeters, and volunteers at the Butterfly Rainforest at the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Virginia can often be seen selling tickets or volunteering along with her husband Walton to take pictures of our many Trinity events.

#### **Candidate for Member at Large: Laurie Alsobrook**

Laurie has taught at Melrose Elementary school since 1978. She and her husband Larry joined Trinity in 1978, both of their children, Gram and Marion were baptized and confirmed here and grew up as part of the Trinity family. In 1988 the Melrose Youth Sports Association was created and Laurie has worked with them for twenty years, doing everything from coaching, refereeing, organizing volunteers to flipping hamburgers. Laurie has served on the Mission Board several times as well as being a member of the choir, altar guild and most recently on the search committee. On a diocesan level, she has served as Lay Director for Megamorphosis, a middle school spiritual retreat and worked with Happening, a high school retreat, as well as volunteering at summer camp.

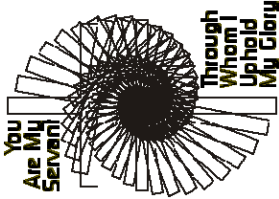
#### **Candidate for Member at Large: Jim Swarr**

Jim is a graduate of Harvard Medical School; Diplomate of American Board of Ophthalmology and had private practices in Anchorage, Alaska and Biddeford, Maine. Jim grew up in Lititz, Pa., as a member of Church of Brethren. His first involvement with the Episcopal Church was at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston in 1960 during medical school. He joined St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Anchorage, Alaska in 1971. Jim served on the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco, Maine and at Church of the Holy Spirit in Portland, Maine and sang in the choir at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida 1999-2006. He attended a two year Master of Professional Studies program given by New York Theological Seminary in Maine and a two year program given by the Episcopal Diocese of SW Florida between 2000 and 2002 with extensive reading and study between sessions.

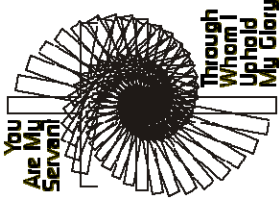
#### **Candidate for Member at Large: John Wick**

John is a realtor for Century 21 and a graduate of the University of Florida. He has lived in the Melrose area for 25 years and has been a member of Trinity for the past 11 years. John has served Trinity previously as a member of the Mission Board, on the Vicar's Planning Committee, and most recently on the Search Committee.





## SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ OCTOBER 2008



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Oct. 5	<b>One Service 10AM</b>		Alan Pankratz	Penny Pankratz	Jerry Thomas	Marilyn Blair	Ken Blair	Debbie Brown
Oct. 12	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Jeanne Eaton	Donna Eichelsderfer	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Pat Poppell	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
Oct. 19	<b>One Service 10AM</b>		Dan Wilcox	Kelly O'Neal	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Laurie Alsobrook	Paul Stegall	Virginia Smith
Oct. 26	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Joyce Chesnut	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Liz Middleton	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
2-Nov-08	<b>One Service 10AM</b>		Paul Stegall	Kathi Warren		Jerry Thomas	Jeanne Eaton	Kelly O'Neal
Altar Guild								
Mission Board								

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.

## ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

THE RIGHT REVEREND, BISHOP JOHN HOWARD



Bishop Howard and his wife Marie will be joining us for one service on Sunday, October 19th at 10:00am. During the service the Bishop will confirm:



Debbie Athridge  
Danny Athridge  
Sharon Cook

And receiving into the Episcopal Church:

Joyce Chesnut

The Fellowship Committee will host a reception and lunch immediately following the service and will be providing all of the meal except the desserts. If you would like to contribute a pie, cake, cookies, brownies or other treat for the reception, please call Linda in the church office.



Dear Trinity Melrose,

One of the first people to attempt to add hymn singing to the Anglican service was Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823). Although he was generally unsuccessful, the ninth addition of his hymn collection was somewhat accepted by the Church of England. One supporter of Cotterill was James Montgomery (1771-1854), whose hymn texts include “Angels from the realms of glory” (1982 Hymnal, #93), “Go to dark to Gethsemane” (#171), “Shepherd of souls” (#343), and “Praise the lord through every nation” (#484,485). The work of Cotterill and Montgomery mark the transition from the Wesleyan and Evangelical hymnody of 18<sup>th</sup> century England to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and true Anglican hymnody.

The musical style of the 18<sup>th</sup> century was the Classical style. According to Wikipedia, there was “an emphasis on grace and beauty of melody and form, proportion and balance, moderation and control; it [was] polished and elegant in character, with expressiveness and formal structure held in perfect balance.” The musical style of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, on the other hand, is known as Romantic. “Romanticism emphasized the expression of individual emotion, the remote and exotic in both time and place, the supernatural, a sense of yearning for the unattainable, nature, and nationalism.” These ideas also influenced the hymn writing of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The hymn texts of this period began to have a higher poetic quality. Reginald Heber (1783-1826) wrote and compiled hymns that exemplified this idea. His hymnal *Hymns, Written and Adapted to the Weekly Church Service of the Year* includes “Ride on, ride on in majesty” (#156) and “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!” (#362). These, as well as others in the collection, were intended for specific Sundays of the church year. Other hymns that demonstrated a high literary quality include “Just as I am, without one plea” (#693), “O worship the king, all glorious above!” (#388), and “Abide with me” (#662).

Tune books gained popularity during the 19<sup>th</sup> century because of greater ease in printing and distributing. Many compilers borrowed tunes composed by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and other Classical period composers. Two examples of this are *Austria* (#522) and *Lyons* (#533, 637). This practice mirrored the trends in hymn texts by increasing the musical quality of hymn tunes. Others furthered this idea by using ancient psalm tunes and Lutheran chorale melodies. Some groups also used old and new Methodist tunes. These new tunes were written in the 18<sup>th</sup> century Methodist style.

Next month, I will continue the discussion of 19<sup>th</sup> century English church music. God bless!

Melanie Yeager

## Out of my mind...

You may have noted by now that LaVonne and I love to read books. I also write books faster than I can ready them for the publishers. Currently I have two books in print, *Hidden Mirth* which is available online at Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble, and *A Mirrored Surprise* which I have copies of here in my office. Pending publication is a re-write of my book *A Worship Manifesto* which has been given a new title, *Take Your Chants*. And my commentary on the “A” year of the Lectionary is ready for publication and it is called, *The Benign Invasion*. There are more!

I have already recommended to you, *The Shack*, and if you are into fiction, this is a happy book in the deepest and most abiding sense of the word. I have Joyce King and Jim Swarr to thank for the recommendation of this neat book. It is a fictional account of much of my own theology worked out after reading the works of Father Robert Farrar Capon (who you hear me quote regularly).

I have also recently completed the reading of *Humble Apologetics*. It is a groundbreaking work on how to do rational evangelism without being offensive and “in-your-face.” It takes a humble approach to the sharing and declaring of truth as we seek to get people to love and accept Jesus Christ in their own lives and worldviews. It is an academic read, and I only mention it because it, too, helps to define my approach to ministry. I believe Christianity is truth incarnate in the person of Jesus, but I refuse to violently present him in caustic argument. Not everyone likes the Mackey approach. But I am convinced that a lived witness is stronger than a verbal one at all times. It may be slower, but it is infinitely more effective.

Finally, and here is the controversy, is a book I wish I had written. Back in January of this year, I read a bumper sticker. It read, “If God had wanted us to vote, he’d have given us a candidate.” I loved it. I was in the midst of discerning who would receive my vote in November. I really did not want to vote at all, and wondered to myself if not-voting could be considered an act of civil disobedience (which I believe in – conservative liberal that I am – or is that liberal-conservative...can’t remember). Alas, a book came across my desk, and while you and I would not agree with it completely, it raises some pertinent and poignant questions. The title is, *Electing Not to Vote: Christian Reflections on Reasons for Not Voting*. Again, it is not something with which we all agree...but it is captivating. It has not convinced me to withhold my vote.

So, my challenge this month is for you to read books with which you disagree. Someone once wrote that to read only books with which you agree is an exercise in arrogance. Stretch and be stretched. Read – be made angry, happy, encouraged, and who knows what else!

Fr. Jeffrey Mackey†



### REACHING OUT

During the last few months, Trinity’s Outreach Committee has been working to put together a comprehensive plan that includes not only our immediate community but also national and international concerns. While the largest percentage of our funds will go to serve those closest to us, we are also aware that there are desperate needs worldwide, and part of our call is to be aware of those needs and to do what we can to stand in aid and offer service when it is possible.

As we have studied our ministry, we have become happily aware of the exciting amount of outreach in which Trinity is already involved and we thought it important that all members of the congregation also be aware of all of the opportunities and all of the gifts which we have in the past and continue to bestow on an ongoing basis. Things like our financial gifts to Cuba, United Thank Offering, Good Friday collection for Jerusalem, Christmas gifts for the school children, Souper Bowl, and so many more, are often taken for granted and we are not really aware that this is ministry in action, the fulfilling of God’s call on our lives.

This past month the Outreach Committee voted to purchase 2 piglets from the Church World Service organization. “I In an animal-sharing program, in Boliva, a piglet is given to a family to raise with the understanding that when the pig gives birth, a piglet from the litter will be given to another family to do likewise. We have also purchased \$50.00 worth of mosquito nets to protect families in Africa and are going to help to sponsor a cabin at Tacachale.

The Outreach Committee sponsored the Iron Chef Dinner and you were generous in your participation and donations which amounted to over \$600.00. The proceeds from that meal will go to feed more people as it will be divided between Lake Area Ministries and “Thanksgiving in the Park.” Keep watching as we reach into the world with helping hands to bring the light of Christ from the loving heart of Trinity.

If you are interested in working with the outreach committee please contact Terrell Bothwell.



In a year of extraordinary and difficult economic days we are very aware of the strained fortunes of many of those in our community. This year, more than most in recent times, will prove difficult for some to provide a festive Thanksgiving Dinner, travel to visit friends or relatives, or find the extra money needed to celebrate the holiday. Father Jeff and several members of Trinity have come forward to spearhead a committee which is working with other organizations in Melrose to put together "Thanksgiving in the Park"!

Historic Melrose has generously donated the use of Heritage Park for Thanksgiving Day, the Library Association has given us a financial donation, we have had advertising donated, several community organizations have offered help, and St. Johns's and the other churches in Melrose are going to partner with us to try to make this a joyful Thanksgiving for anyone who would like a meal, a place to go or someone with which to share the day. There will be music, games for children, and lots and lots of food! Father Jeff and the other local pastors will work together to bless the food, the crowd, the day and most importantly Bless the Lord!

All of the food will be prepared ahead of time and the Trinity kitchens will not be used for cooking. This will enable us to keep the food at proper temperatures, allow the turkeys to be sliced ahead of time and mean that no one has to spend enormous amounts of time working on the holiday. If everyone does just a little no one will have to do a lot, and we hope that helping will be part of the blessing and fun of giving Thanks!

The food will be served from 11:00am until 1:00pm because we understand that there may be many people who would like to help but might also like to have a family meal at home or share time with friends. This timing will allow those who wish to be able to help in the park to still get home in plenty of time to be at home with family and other company.

In case of inclement weather we will have the food in the parish hall and serve from the front doors, so everyone will still be able to come and pick up a meal to take home. All of the food in the park or from the hall will be in "To Go" boxes so we will be prepared for any eventuality.

As you can imagine, there are many little things which will be needed and we will be making a list available soon. If you are going to be out of town or simply want to stay at home for the day, but would like to help in some way there are many opportunities. You might bake a pie a couple of days ahead or lend us your cooler to be used for ice in the park. We will need lots of jugs of iced tea which can be made ahead and there are always things like trash bags, salt and pepper, etc.

Of course there are the big things too, the biggest among them are people to cook turkeys a day ahead, helping hands on Thanksgiving Day and Prayer, Prayer, Prayer! Prayer for the organizing, prayer that those who need will find their way to the park, and prayer for all those who contribute in any way, even for those others praying.

If you would like to help with the organization and planning, or if you would like to volunteer now for one of the other opportunities, please give Linda or Father Jeff a call.



"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matt. 25:40

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**OCTOBER**



**SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

- Oct. 3**      **Ultreya at Holy Trinity  
“Gimmie Green” Movie—P Hall**
- Oct. 5**      **First Sunday Service 10:00**
- Oct. 7**      **ECW Meeting**
- Oct. 9**      **Men’s Cursillo Starts**
- Oct. 16**     **Women’s Cursillo Starts**
- Oct. 17**     **Mission Board Retreat**
- Oct. 19**     **Bishop’s Visit to Trinity  
One Service 10:00am**
- Oct. 20**     **Office Closed**
- Oct 23**     **ECW Annual Mtg. Camp Weed**
- Nov. 1**      **All Saints Evening 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