

# The Trinity Bell



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## THE VICAR'S VOICE

Is it possible that we are approaching the end of our first six months together? My how the hours, days, and weeks rapidly pass. Our autumnal weather has passed, and we are bearing down on the winter months and the seasons of Advent, Christmas,

and Epiphany. LaVonne and I have spent thirty-four years so far in full time ministry. (As of May, 2009, I will have been an ordained clergyman for thirty-five years!). That much time is more than half our lifetimes, and we now gauge our lives by the church calendar rather than the twelve month calendar. The New Year of the Church begins November 30<sup>th</sup> with the first Sunday of Advent. Christmas does not begin until December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Epiphany is January 6<sup>th</sup>! What an exciting time of celebrating the miracles of incarnation and revelation. It is, isn't it, all about Jesus! (I hope that doesn't embarrass you...I like it all being about Jesus – it keeps us focused on the Lord and keeps us out of the way!). So I anxiously invite you to celebrate with me, the anticipation of Christ's second coming (*the eschaton*), the incarnation, and the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles celebrated at Epiphany.

We are drawing to a close with our Stewardship Campaign so significantly and professionally and pastorally handled by our Stewardship Committee. Might I urge and ask those of you who have not done so, to please return your pledge card as soon as you

have a clearance in your spirit so to do? I see the conspicuous hand of the Lord at work in this wonderful place, and I invite you to be a part of the continuing work of the Lord here. People, your neighbors and mine, are noting the Christian community in this place, and it is drawing them closer and closer to church. May we continue to be the safe haven for those whose spirits seek God. May our neighbors find a God who is worth the name God as they see you and me and us! And I invite your financial support of the fine work we have been called to do.

Well, back to that six-month thing...who would have thought it would go so quickly? Well, it has – that is simply the truth. And I am grateful to God and to you to be passing the time doing ministry with you dear people of Trinity, Melrose....What do you suppose God has in mind for 2009? Whatever it is, it will be a spiritual adventure unlike anything we have experienced before. And in the great Beatle words, "Let it be, let it be..."

Under the same wing,

*Fr. Jeffrey Mackey+*

## THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers, many expressions of sympathy at the passing of my father, Albert Webster. Though there is pain in the separation, the hope of resurrection and reunion with our Risen Christ as well as a life well lived, takes the sting of death away.

*LaVonne*

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**NEWS FROM THE ECW**

The ECW will have their annual Christmas celebration at Pat Poppell's on December 9th. Please meet at the church at 10:30 AM to carpool to her house. We will have a short business meeting, Fr. Jeff will celebrate the Eucharist; and then, we will enjoy a fabulous lunch. All ladies in the church are invited.

The January meeting will be January 6, 2009, and will be a business meeting at the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM.

Everyone have a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**



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|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Dec. 1  | Bill Sohl, Jr.      | Dec. 20 | Betty Kreshka     |
| Dec. 2  | Jerry Thomas        | Dec. 21 | Cole Booth        |
| Dec. 6  | Richard Harris      | Dec. 24 | Jim Swarr         |
| Dec. 8  | Jonathan Arenberg   | Dec. 25 | Lillian Noel Paul |
| Dec. 9  | Suki Hoffman        | Dec. 27 | Kristi Gregory    |
| Dec. 10 | Jim White           | Dec. 30 | Eric Beshore      |
| Dec. 14 | Michael Davis       |         | Laurie Alsobrook  |
| Dec. 15 | Donna Eichelsderfer |         |                   |

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.



**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Because of all the other activities during the month of December, the Daughters of the King will not meet again until January. As always however, the members of the DOK will continue to keep Trinity, it's clergy and it's members in our prayers.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**



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| Dec. 9  | Vi and Rodney Paul          |
| Dec. 22 | Donna and Jim Eichelsderfer |

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, Dec. 5, at St. Joseph in Newberry, 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.

### **Message from the Senior Warden Dec. 2008**

While at the annual Warden's & Vestry Conference last March at Camp Weed, I attended a session on "How To Improve Vestry Meetings." When the session ended, I went up to thank the presenter for doing a good job. In the process of our idle chit chat, I mentioned that I had been senior warden for over three years and without clergy for most of that time. He was quite surprised at my remarks and ended our chat with a "I'll pray for you" remark. As my four year's as Trinity's Senior Warden ends, I know that many of you have prayed for me during my term. My thanks go out to you and those that have sent me notes, called to voice support, and approached me after church services with words of encouragement. Believe me, all of those messages were deeply appreciated.

The last four years at Trinity have been interesting, exciting and rewarding. My role and the role of the mission board during these times was always to keep things running as smoothly as possible in meeting the spiritual and operational responsibilities of the church. We on the board were not so concerned with visioning or planning for the future as we were in keeping focused on meeting the needs of our congregation on a day to day basis. Looking back, I think we did a pretty good job.

There is a long list of organizations and individuals who have worked tirelessly to keep things running smoothly at Trinity. I will not, therefore, attempt to list them here. Let it suffice to say all of your efforts have been very much appreciated. Thank you, thank you. One person does deserve special recognition as my term ends. My wife, Penny. She has been active in church activities including the altar guild, Daughters of the King, ECW and has been present in the church office every Thursday assisting Linda in preparing the weekly church bulletin and monthly Trinity Bell. Most importantly, however, she has been my sounding board and given me words of advice and encouragement in performing my duties as senior warden. At times I might not have liked what she had to say, but I did appreciate her input. And, more often than not, she was right!

Fr. Mackey has now been on board for five months. He has brought a new level of much needed excitement to Trinity. He also brings with him a list of challenges that Trinity must meet as it moves forward into the future. Talking about growing our church is one thing. Doing it is another. The support of the congregation at our church has been overwhelming. Let's hope it continues as we start 2009.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Alan G. Pankratz, Senior Warden

### **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY**

As chairman of the Celebration Committee, I would like to thank all of you for your part in making The Celebration of New Ministry for Fr. Jeff such a wonderful evening. Each of you through your time, your talent, your treasure, and/or your prayers helped to make this celebration of the institution of our first full-time vicar a memorable and grace-filled evening. The joy on the Bishop's face and his love of Fr. "Jeffrey" was a message to us all. If you were unable to attend, be assured that you were

with us in spirit. I would like to give a special thanks to the committee who worked so hard to coordinate all of our efforts: George Bothwell, Donna Eichelsderfer, Fr. Mackey, Kelly O'Neal, Margaret Rice, Jean Stegall, Kathi Warren, and Linda Wilcox. May our ministry together be led by the Holy Spirit and be a blessing to each of us, as well as to all in the lake area region.

Ann Beshore, chairman  
Celebration Committee



**The deadline for the  
January Bell is  
December 22st.**

### **GIGGLESOME**

A priest was vested in his surplus and cassock ready to process at the beginning of the Christmas service. His surplus was very ornate and he was swinging the incense pot which had smoke coming from it. A lady touched him on the shoulder and said, "Darling, I love your dress; but your purse is on fire!"



## TREASURER'S REPORT



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

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 11,454	\$ 12,079	\$ 124,536	\$ 120,788
<b>Expense</b>	18,540	17,231	126,984	126,486
<b>Income less Expense</b>	\$ (7,086)	\$ (5,152)	\$ (2,448)	\$ (5,698)

## STEWARDSHIP

A church marquee read that as Christians we are called to give to God "what is right, not what is left". God calls us to offer our "first fruits, not the "leftovers." All that we have in life is a gift from God. Faith filled, first fruits giving are an opportunity to return to God a small portion of his abundant blessing in our own lives.



## YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS

The youth group is raising money to provide some of the less fortunate kids from Melrose Elementary School with Christmas presents once again this year. We are looking forward to a promising Christmas shopping spree for the kids. Our annual trip to Walmart in Starke will be on December 14th, which means we would need any donations by the end of the 8:30 service that Sunday. We now have 11 regular members of the group, so we know that the gifts for each of the kids will be very imaginative and thoughtful! When we return from shopping, all of the gifts will be wrapped and labeled and returned to the school where they will be given to the parents of the children. The youth group is also happy to report that they have met their pledge to the Priest fund for this year and will now start to work on next year's commitment! Bible study at Betty's Pizza has been a wonderful process this year, and we've been blessed to even have a few parents drop in to join us every now and again. We've been able to come to a Wednesday night service, and some of us were able to volunteer our time for Thanksgiving in the Park. This has been an exciting year for the group so far with many of our members coming from outside of Trinity, and we're looking forward to even more excitement in 2009 as we grow along with the church! As always, thank you for your wonderful support of our group.

## THRIFT SHOP

"Many hands make light work". In these hard economic times our thrift store is being more and more used. We could really use some more hands to help with sorting as well as help when the shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would be willing to volunteer, even one day a month, please speak to LaVonne today or phone her at home after 2:00pm




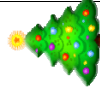



## FALL BAZAAR AND QUILT SHOW

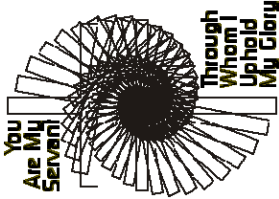
Thank you, thank you, thank you!! Our Fall bazaar was a great success due to all the wonderful members of our church. We couldn't have done it without all your help. And if you couldn't help this year...we appreciate your purchases at the bazaar! Last year we made a little over \$2,000. This year we made over \$3,000. What's going to happen next year?? And we are already thinking about next year, so if you have any ideas let us know. All Glory to God!



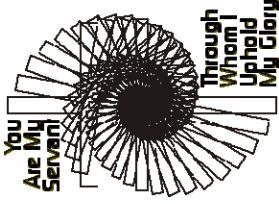
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>7 Advent 2</b> First Sunday Service 10:00am Parish Hall Lunch Following <b>Organ Concert 5:00pm</b>	1 7:00 pm Scouts	2 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	3 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	4 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00pm AA~Wicker	5 Ultreya At St. Joseph's in Newberry	6 Thrift Shop 9am-12
<b>7 Advent 2</b> First Sunday Service 10:00am Parish Hall Lunch Following <b>Organ Concert 5:00pm</b>	8 7:00 pm Scouts	9 ECW Christmas Luncheon 10:00 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	10 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	11 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00pm AA~Wicker	12 PH in Use	13 Thrift Shop 9am-12 <b>Merry Melrose Christmas Parade</b> PH in Use 
<b>14 Advent 3</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School Christian Formation	15 7:00 pm Scouts	16 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	17 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	18 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00pm AA~Wicker	19	20 Thrift Shop 9am-12
<b>21 Advent 4</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School Christian Formation	22 7:00 pm Scouts	23 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> Family Service 6:00pm Evening Service 10:00pm	25 <b>A Holy And Happy Christmas</b> 	26	27 Thrift Shop 9am-12
<b>28 1st Sunday After Christmas ONE SERVICE 10:00AM</b> Holy Eucharist Refreshments following	29 7:00 pm Scouts	30 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>Happy New Year!</b> 		



## SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER 2008



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Chalice Bearer	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Dec 7 First Sunday	<b>One Service 10AM</b>				Jerry Thomas	Suki Hoffman	Rodney Paul	Donna Eichelsderfer
Dec. 14 Advent 3	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Alan Pankratz	Alan Pankratz	Penny Pankratz	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Laurie Alsobrook	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Dec. 21 Advent 4	Craig Lee Kristi Gregory	Joyce Chesnut	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul	Craig Lee Kristi Gregory	Marilyn Blair	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
Dec. 28 1st Sun. After Christmas	<b>One Service 10AM</b>				Pat Poppell	Mary Rynd	Kristi Gregory	Cinnie Brown
Altar Guild	Cinnie Brown* Vi and Rodney Paul Jo Welsh							
Mission Board	Terrell Bothwell and Vi Paul							

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.



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

Source: “A Survey of Christian Hymnody” by W.J. Reynolds and M. Price, 4<sup>th</sup> edition edited by D.W. Music and M. Price

**USHERS, GREETERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

It will soon be time for me to begin work on the schedule for the months of January, February, and March. If you know of dates that you will not be available to serve, please let me know within the next few days. You may call me, or email me. Thank you.

Ann Beshore, scheduler

**NEW BOOK STUDY**

There is interest in a study of the book of Isaiah. The sessions would be three six week sessions with breaks in between. Father Mackey will be leading the lessons. We will study Isaiah in “thirds” with the following dates being the first trimester:

<u>Tuesdays 10:30AM</u>	<u>Thursdays 7:00PM</u>
February 10	February 12
February 17	February 19
February 24	February 26
March 3	March 5
March 10	March 12
March 17	March 19



Out of my mind...

I have been reading six books recently. The first of the six sent me to used bookstore to secure the other five since they supported the thesis of the first book. The thesis of the first book is that Western Christians tend to be non-thinking people. The other five books are secular books that show that Western people are becoming less and less a thinking people. But I am particularly taken with the first volume. I have always told my family, that, when I die, if some people might say, "He made us think," I would go to my grave feeling that I did some good work (I would even like that on my tombstone). I have decided to edit this just a bit and say, "He made us think about God..." If that could ever be said, I would be a successful priest. But be that as it may, the thinking is the important thing. The world has, for the past two centuries viewed Christians and the Church, more and more as people of lesser intelligence and with non-rational and anti-intellectual bent. This is often true of local churches. "Check your brains at the door," has been an insult thrown at churches for decades. It is my goal, that there is little sense coming to worship unless we bring our brains with us! Paul in Philippians chapter two, lists numerous virtues, and when he finishes his list, tells his readers to, "think on these things." In the same context we are told to, "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." It is a thinking thing.

Two of my favorite preachers are Steve Brown and Ravi Zacharias. I know Dr. Brown only through his radio broadcasts (out of Orlando) and Dr. Zacharias by having spent six weeks with him traveling through his native India with him in 1985. Both these men are thinkers. Dr. Brown ends every sermon with the words, "Now you think about that!" and I am taken with the emphasis that the information, the truth, the encouragement of the sermon should be carried out of the church and into the world. Dr. Zacharias has two radio broadcasts each week known as "Just Thinking," and "Let My People Think." What wonderful calls to the Church and to each of us. We have, I believe, just come through a presidential campaign where thinking was not in the forefront. *Ad hominem* attacks and arguments trumped substantive and thoughtful argument and dialogue. Is it any wonder that we are in the emotive-content-less condition we are in? Well, enough of my political pontificating.

My point is, I want people to think at Trinity Church; to think about God who loves them; to think about Jesus who is God incarnate; to think about Holy Spirit who indwells them; to think about God when all of life seems to be tumbling in; and to think about God when people insult and endeavor to thwart our Christian testimony that there is indeed a God and though we cannot fathom God's immensity and mysteriousness, we can still trust God's beneficence and providence.

So, I would like to suggest a few thinking books for your Christmas giving (and receiving). If you are like me, I need practically nothing. But I do need books – so I tell the family to "give me books (or money for books) or give me death..." (Apologies to Patrick Henry). Here are my suggestions:

*The Ragamuffin Gospel*, Brennan Manning  
*When Being Good Isn't Good Enough*, Steve Brown  
*Beyond Opinion*, Ravi Zacharias  
*The Grand Weaver*, Ravi Zacharias  
*The Yellow Leaves*, Frederick Buechner

And if you really want something heavy, the first book that sent me on this intellectual quest is by David F. Wells, [\*God in the Wasteland: The Reality of Truth in a World of Fading Dreams\*](#). It is quite a journey. He has raised my ire and challenged by intellect.

And so, friends and Trinity family, let's think through the life God has given us. It might just blow our minds!

*Fr. Jeffrey Mackey†*

### OATMEAL BIBLE HOUR



Billed as, "The Oatmeal Bible Hour high-fiber, low-fat alternative Christian worship, for people with a taste for adventure, David Golden will be giving an organ concert here at Trinity on Sunday Dec. 7th at 5:00pm. This should be a delightful event and a wonderful opportunity to hear our beautiful pipe organ.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Al Burt, a much loved member of the Trinity family passed gently into the arms of God on Saturday, November 30th. There were several articles in the Gainesville Sun and the Miami Herald, and other newspapers reporting on Al's death, his many accomplishments in the field of journalism and his great travels to "get the story" and report the news. They mention his years working for the Miami Herald, the books he wrote, the dangers he faced and the honors he was awarded.

But here in Melrose and at Trinity, we remember Al not only for his hard work, but also for his warmth, his generosity of time and kindness, his willingness to always lend a helping hand and for his laughter. Among his many endeavors, Al served as the president of Historic Melrose Inc. during the time when they were working to acquire Heritage Park. He spent untold hours researching the information needed, and today our entire community benefits from the natural beauty of a mid-town park. And, in memory of the fun Al always created, Historic Melrose is naming the playground at the park for Al and his wife Gloria. The children's area at the Melrose Library Association also owes a debt of gratitude to Al because he was one of the main fund raisers for the library during the time they were establishing that new wing.

Here at Trinity, Al served in many capacities. He served on our Mission Board, documented the history of the church for newcomers and visitors, funded the landscaping of the grounds around the Norton-Gano building and was always interested and supportive of Trinity's program's and activities. He made note cards for the ECW to sell as fund raisers, sat in the church in his wheelchair to give oral histories to visitors during "Merry Melrose", and, as recently as this November, sent support for "Thanksgiving in the Park".

Al's faith in God and love of his precious wife Gloria were always obvious, and an example to all who knew him. Al will long remain in our hearts and, with a smile, in our memories.

### OUTREACH

#### ECW VISITS RODEHEAVER

In February, the ECW will take a field trip to the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch in Palatka. One thing that they can always use are toiletries. A box will be placed in the church office if you would like to send an item to them. Suggestions are: toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, floss, toothpaste, mouthwash, fingernail brushes, shaving supplies, etc. (No aerosol cans are accepted). Our ECW members will deliver the supplies when we visit on February 3rd. Thank you.

#### AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Once again this year **African Team Ministries** sent us a beautiful sampling of their handcrafts and jewelry. We were able to display their items on a first Sunday and at our Fall Bazaar, and you were generous in your appreciation and purchases. We were able to send them a check in the amount of \$555.00 which will go to aid children in African countries who have been orphaned. Your assistance helps with food, medicines and education. Thank you!

#### TACACHALE CHRISTMAS PARTY

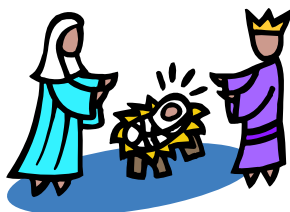
On December 19th, the Outreach Committee will bring some of the joy of Christmas to the cottage we sponsor at Tacachale. The 14 residents will enjoy goodies for a Christmas party, and we'll have small gifts for each of them. Although most of the women in our cottage are non-verbal, you can certainly tell by the light in their eyes and their giggles that they enjoy the attention and treats when we are able to bring them a small bit of love from our Lord and from Trinity.

#### THANKSGIVING IN THE PARK

Our first annual "Thanksgiving in the Park" was a tremendous success! With the help of many, many helping hands and hearts, we were able to feed over 230 people who came to share Thanksgiving with us in Heritage Park. The following day we shared a second blessing as we took extra food, from the abundance given, over to a grateful St. Frances House in Gainesville. What more beautiful way to thank God for our blessings than to share them with others?!

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DECEMBER

#### SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 5      **Ultreya at St. Josephs, Newberry**
- Dec. 7      **First Sunday One Service 10:00am**  
**Lunch by Men's Club**  
**Organ Concert 5:00pm in Church**  
**By David Golden**
- Dec. 9      **ECW Luncheon Pat Poppell's**
- Dec. 13     **Merry Melrose Christmas Parade**
- Dec. 19,20   **Madrigal Dinner by**  
**Lake Area Singers**
- Dec. 24     **Christmas Eve Services**  
**6:00pm Family Service**  
**in the Parish Hall**  
**10:00pm Evening Service**  
**in the Church**
- Dec. 25     **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Dec. 28     **One Service 10:00am Parish Hall**  
**Children will present a pageant.**

#### 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