

The Trinity Bell



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The Vicar's Voice

I have been looking over the entire scope of our Church's ministry as Trinity Church and must admit that we are an active parish. We have many blessings for which to thank the Lord, and a few concerns that will continue to nip at our heels as we move ahead. I am particularly

concerned with the income level for 2009. We are projecting a significant deficit at the end of the year, and the cash flow has already begun to be impacted. Might I gently ask you to pray through the possibility of adding to your giving or of taking a special amount from your assets and making a gift to help bring us up to the income projected by our Treasurer?

Knowing the conditions of the times [how can we not know with the ubiquitous news poles on television?] I am well aware of each of our financial downturns. But the call of the Lord is conspicuous on the work of Trinity, and I urge your extra stretch to make our income column look as strong as our expense column! Our Treasurer thanks you, and I your Vicar thank you.

There have been several concerns about what my vacations and continuing education times look like. There is a "Letter of Agreement" between the Mission Board and me that gives me four [4] weeks of vacation with four [4] Sundays, and two [2] weeks of Continuing education with two [2] Sundays. The Diocesan norm is 10 days of personal spiritual retreat a year, usually taken 5 days for Lent and 5 for Advent. I am cognizant of the congregation not wanting me to be away on Sundays, and will, of course, keep to the minimum the number I take.

Since my "Letter of Agreement" runs July 1 through June 30, I will have 1 more Sunday this Agreement Year. I will take it in June. There is one more week of Continuing education, but it will not include a Sunday.

Please know that the "Letter of Agreement" also calls for two days off a week. I take Monday as my scheduled day off, and allow the church's schedule to dictate the other day I may take for myself. All of that said, I wish you to know that no "day off" keeps me from your emergencies; and if you cannot reach me in the office, the Vicarage number is for your use, (352) 475-3956. Please do not hesitate in a need to call me.

Your Vicar is yours as needed. Please remember that!

Peace and Blessings,

Fv. Jeff Mackey+

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

TWO SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

ONE SERVICE 10:00AM

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING
EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN**

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

Members of the Mission Board

**Virginia Smith, Sr. Warden
Eric Beshore, Jr. Warden
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Ed O'Bryan
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John Wick**

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**The Rev. Jeffrey A. Mackey, Vicar
Pat Nahikian, Deacon
Valerie Thomas, Deacon**

Music

Margaret Rice, Choir Director

Office

**Jean Stegall,
Financial Administrator
Linda Wilcox,
Parish Administrator
and Editor of the "Trinity Bell"**

Service Times

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

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NEWS FROM THE ECW

The ECW will meet on April 7th at 10:00 AM in the parish hall. Our program will be presented by Joyce Chestnut. She will speak about her time with the US Park system and the parks she has been associated with. This should be an interesting program for those who like the outdoors and to travel. We will have a short business meeting with planning for the young people who are graduates from Trinity this year. The graduates will be honored on May 3rd after the 10:00 service. May is our last meeting for the year. It will be a luncheon at Ginny White's. All ladies from the church are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Our next meeting will be in September. Have a great and enjoyable summer. Margaret Kidd, President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Apr. 3 Ramona Woods
- Apr. 4 Paul Stegall, Marion Alsobrook
- Apr. 6 Tom Allensworth
- Apr. 7 Alan Pankratz
- Apr. 12 Debbie Ethridge, Linda Wilcox
- Apr. 14 Marian Paul
- Apr. 18 Jean Marshall
- Apr. 24 Russ Eaton
- Apr. 25 Karen Wacha
- Apr. 27 Jean Giesel, Chrissy Brown, Laura Cook
- Apr. 30 Ginny White

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:



- Apr. 1 Marian and Tim Paul
- Apr. 1 Joyce and Bill Chesnut
- Apr. 17 Margaret and David Kidd

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

Congratulations to Richard Harris and Dan Wilcox who have just completed a Cursillo weekend! Due to Holy Week and Easter there will not be an Ultreya held this month. Next month on Friday, May 1st, the Ultreya will be at St. Luke's in Live Oak.



Junior Warden's Report – Building and Grounds Vision

The Bible tells us that without a vision the people perish. In a similar manner without a vision the physical assets of the Church perish. As I take on the leadership responsibility for your Church's building and grounds, I would like to explain my vision as part of a process toward a shared Trinity vision and strategies to attain the vision.

Since 1881 Trinity has functioned as a mission church and over the years through the sacrifice of countless parishioners and the community acquired an excellent physical plant. As we work thorough the Diocesan process of attaining Parish Status in Jan 2010, I would like to see a renewed emphasis on stewardship of our physical assets. We should always be proud of where we worship, fellowship, and provide community outreach. If you detect anything that is detracting from your total Pride in Trinity, it needs to be addressed. So my vision is for all Parishioners to have such pride in Trinity's facilities that they become a witness to all visitors of our commitment to God. To this end I have initiated the following action:

1. Established a **Building and Grounds Committee** to quarterly advise me on facility needs, priorities and execution strategies. Membership includes ECW Representative -Jean Giesel, Men's Club Representative - Rodney Paul, Past Junior Warden - Jim White and Resident Gardener Kathi Warren.
2. Development of a consolidated physical plant requirements list that will permit coordination of all maintenance, repair and upgrades.
3. Development of a methodology to match volunteer service to physical plant needs. It is envisioned to match volunteers to physical plant needs in a centralized manner but permit decentralized accomplishment of work by volunteers to best meet their time constraints.

So, as we move forward this year, consider Trinity's physical plant. Let me know of any needs you see and also of any way you could assist. The best way to communicate with me is via email abeshore@comcast.net. Remember that many hands make the burden light.

Eric Beshore, Junior Warden



**The deadline for
the May Bell is
April 20th.**



EASTER EVE IN THE PARK

With your help and God's guidance, plans for Easter Eve in the Park have all come together in a wonderful way and almost everything is ready to go. We still need your help with desserts, and if you have coolers that we can borrow for the day, we'll be sure to return them to you. Of course there's always room for a few more helping hands, and most importantly of all we ask for your prayers. Flyers have gone out, posters are up, the newspapers have the news! Hopefully all those who need food for the tummy and love and laughter for the spirit will come to join us on Saturday, April 11th between 4:00pm and 7:00pm for a few hours of celebration in the Lord's name, and Trinity's outreach to the community will be abundant in joy.



SPRING FAIR

On Saturday, May 16th the Fellowship Committee will host Trinity's first "Spring Fair". If you have a craft item you'd like to sell, yard sale items or white elephants you'd like to sell or anything you'd like to sell at your own booth, the cost is \$25.00 to Trinity and you keep all the profits! We'll be opening the booths to the community and are hoping to have a large turnout so come and join the fun and be an entrepreneur for the day!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity Episcopal Church

Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended February 28, 2009



	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 15,556	\$ 14,381	\$ 29,894	\$ 28,762
Expense	<u>16,497</u>	<u>16,402</u>	<u>33,757</u>	<u>32,805</u>
Income less Expense	\$ <u>(941)</u>	\$ <u>(2,021)</u>	\$ <u>(3,863)</u>	\$ <u>(4,043)</u>

OUTREACH AT TRINITY

Trinity's Outreach Committee had a busy month as we once again visited the cottage Trinity sponsors at Tachachale and took gifts, treats, and your love to the women there. We were also able to sponsor a candidate on the most recent Kairos weekend, as well as sponsoring a hot meal for the elderly and homeless who come to St. Andrews Church in Interlachen each week. On a more global level, we're researching "Our Little Roses", a home for homeless girls and orphans in Honduras which will help us fulfill the Episcopal church's commitment to the Millenium Development Goals.

The most exciting outreach event this month, of course, is Easter Eve in the Park which, with your help, we hope will reach out to feed many in our community during this joyous Easter season.

THANK YOU FROM KAIROS

A big thank you from Jim Swarr, Ed Clarkson, and Ken Blair and the 36 New River West Correctional Institution inmates who attended the Kairos #9 weekend. Thank you for your prayers, your cookies (Trinity Melrose provided approximately 29 dozen!!) and financial sponsorship. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus says, "I was in prison, and you came to visit me." Thank you for being part of the team that visited prisoners last weekend.

HELP NEEDED

Many varied ministry opportunities abound right now to help those within our own church family. Luke Duncan has an inoperable tumor on his right lung right under the windpipe, and he will be starting radiation treatments next week. He will need someone to take him to and from these treatments Monday through Friday weekly for at least a month. Help is also needed to build a wheelchair ramp from the front door of his house across stepping stones to the driveway. Prepared meals for the Wildflower group would be helpful as well.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Deacon Pat at 475-3349 (home) or 538-6665 (cell) or call the office.



MINISTRY FAIR

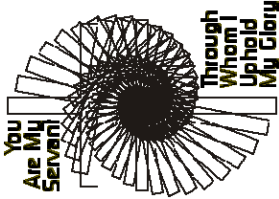
The stewardship committee's desire to approach time and talents in a different way was realized March 1st with the first Ministry Fair. Eighteen different organizations and committees at Trinity were represented. Many were seeking ideas and volunteers to sign up, while others were providing information and answering questions. The presenters gave a great deal of time and thought in preparing their tables, and it was evidenced by the numbers who gathered around. Everyone should have left the parish hall with a new energy and enthusiasm for what helps make Trinity a truly vibrant parish. Thanks to everyone who made the first ministry fair such a success!



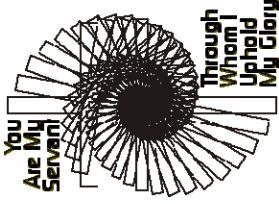
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	6 7:00 pm Scouts	7 Stations of the Cross 6:00pm ECW 10:00am Outreach Meeting Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	1 Soup Supper at St. Mark's Starke 6pm 7:00pm Youth Group	2 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	3	4 8:00 Yard Work Day at Trinity Thrift Shop 9am-12
12 EASTER Holy Eucharist One Service 10:00 Reception and Easter Egg Hunt Following the Service	13 Office Closed 7:00 pm Scouts	14 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm Building Committee Mtg	8 Soup Supper 6:30pm followed by Taize Service in Church 7:00pm Youth Group	9 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	10 Good Friday Services at Noon And 6:00pm	11 Thrift Shop 9am-12 EASTER EVE IN THE PARK 4PM - 7PM
19 2nd Sun of Easter 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	20 10:00 Craft Class Job Description Mtg 7:00 pm Scouts	21 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	15 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	16 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7pm Evangelism Mtg 7pm AA ~ Wicker	17	18 Thrift Shop 9am-12
26 3rd Sun of Easter 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School 4:00pm Memorial	27 6:45 pm DOK 7:00 pm Scouts	28 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker By-Law Committee Meeting 7:00pm	22 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	23 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	24 ECW Retreat at Camp Weed	25 Thrift Shop 9am-12 Men's Club 8:00am-11:00am 
Mama Mia! Don't forget to get your tickets for Trinity's Italian Dinner Friday May 1st at 6:30pm Dinner, Italian Bingo (with prizes) Live Musical Entertainment!						
30 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker						



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ APRIL 2009



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader	Usher	Greeter
5-Apr-09	Jerry Thomas	Joyce Chesnut	Jim White	Ginny White	Jerry Thomas	Jean Giesel	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
9-Apr-09	Mauandy Thurs. 6:00 PM		Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair	Jerry Thomas	Ken Blair		
10-Apr-09	Good Friday Noon		(none)	(none)	Pat Poppell	Pat Poppell		
10-Apr-09	Good Friday 6:00 PM				Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory		
12-Apr-09	Easter 10:00 AM		Jeanne Eaton	Debbie Brown	Paul Stegall	Laurie Alsobrook	Ed O'Bryan	Troy McGee
19-Apr-09	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Mary Rynd	Clay O'Neal	Kelly O'Neal	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Margaret Rice	Jim Zowarka	Betty Zowarka
26-Apr-09	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Joyce Chesnut	Danny Etheridge	Debbie Etheridge	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Suki Hoffman	Liz Middleton	Linda Wilcox
Altar Guild	Cinnie Brown, Vi and Rodney Paul, Jean Stegall							

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.

Out of my mind...

On Sunday, March 15th the sermon dealt with the concept of Christian apologetics. Apologetics is not the art of making an apology, as in “I am sorry I messed up your weekend...” Rather, Biblically, *apologia*, from which we get apology is a work which means a “reasoned response.” It is an answer to a query from a friend as to why you are a Christian. Peter in his first epistle tells us to “*be ready always to give a reason (apologia) for the hope that is in you when someone asks.*” It is a simple thing that does not call for a theological treatise or exposition on your part.

Tell people about your hope in Christ if they ask. If they ask about your church, tell them. An apologetic response is a witness, pure and simple. There is nothing for which to be embarrassed or ashamed. If someone questions you into a corner on an issue you cannot answer, just say, “I don’t know enough about that to address it.” I do it on political issues all the time. I even do it on theological and Hebrew and Greek word questions. [Dr. Payne stumped me the other day, I must admit – but he helped me to learn even more!].

Alas, I am doing much reading and study on apologetics as we move toward using our worship and our worship spaces as places of witness and evangelism. Witness and evangelism is not just about more numbers in the church, but more of the church in our numbers as well.

It is my prayer that the occasional sermon on apologetics and witness will help us all to develop a reason for our hope which we can comfortably articulate to people who ask us about our faith. It is a growing process...join in!

Fr. Jeff Mackey+



ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER



Fri. May 1, 2009

6:30pm

Meat and Vegetarian Lasagna

Salad, Bread and Dessert

Suggested Donation \$10.00/\$5.00 for kids

Come and play Italian Bingo with us and you'll have a chance to win one of our terrific prizes!



Live Musical Entertainment!



Mama Mia!! What a great evening this will be. Bring your friends and come and join the fun.

Tickets should be purchased by April 27th.

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

- Apr. 1 Soup Supper at St. Mark's in Starke
- Apr. 4 Yard Work Day 8:00am
- Apr. 5 **Palm Sunday Two Services 8:30 & 11:00am**
- Apr. 7 Outreach Committee meeting 10:00am
- Apr. 8 Soup Supper at Trinity and Taize Service 6:30pm
- Apr. 9 **Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing 6:00pm**
- Apr. 10 **Good Friday Services Noon and 6:00pm**
- Apr. 11 Easter Eve in the Park 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Apr. 12 **EASTER DAY**
One Service at 10:00AM
Reception and Easter Egg Hunt Following
- Apr. 13 Office Closed
- Apr. 14 Bldg. Committee Mtg 7:00pm
- Apr. 16 Evangelism Mtg. 7:00pm
- Apr. 20 Job Description Committee 7:00pm
- Apr. 26 What's So Amazing About Grace Study 9:45
- Apr. 28 By-Law Committee 7:00pm



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
9am—noon Saturday

Access Program
Tuesdays 10am—2pm