

# The Trinity Bell



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## *The Vicar's Voice.*

I have just exhaled after our Lenten, Holy Week, and Resurrection Day events. How incredibly deep and meaningful it all was for your Vicar. I was reminded again of the exhaustion that follows spiritual

intensity – it is equal to physical work, for sure (ask those who spent the day in silent retreat – they were quite tired at the end of the day!). To do spiritually intense, purposefully directed encounter with the things of God can and does impact us, body, soul, spirit, and mind.

Our Easter season is no less intense, but it is a time to sense and celebrate release and new life in Christ. The promises of “abundant life” are real and to be experienced by the people of God. And the church is the people of God!

I wanted you to know, that as a result of the Mission Board retreat last October, a By-Law Committee is at work readying us for the future; a Job Description Committee is almost finished with their work to get us organized and accountable; and a Building Committee is meeting regularly to plan, pray, and prepare for the continued growth we are experiencing. Please pray for these groups.

Last Friday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) Bishop Howard called me to appoint me the chair of the Board of Examining Chaplains for the Diocese of Florida. After our discussion he closed with, “You are still on track for Parish status are you not?” I affirmed that we are.

Presently, I am taking the necessary paperwork to the Mission Board on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for their

affirmative vote. Then on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> we will have a petition signing by all confirmed members of Trinity over 18 years of age. We need a minimum of 55 signatures and we estimate that we have 115 on the membership rolls. I trust you will be excited to add your name to the petition to the Bishop for Parish Status. If the Bishop and the appropriate ecclesial bodies agree with our application, we would then be voted on at Diocesan Convention in January 2010, and the next day have our first congregational meeting as a Parish with a Rector and Vestry! Please be in prayer concerning these potentialities in our future life together.

LaVonne and I rejoice to be part of Trinity. We trust you sense that and that you know we pray for each of you regularly. We bid you peace.

Under the same wing,

*Fr. Jeff Mackey+*

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009**

**ONE SERVICE 10:00AM**

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

**AND**

**“VOICES OF GRACE”**

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

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

**Members of the Mission Board**

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Valerie Thomas, Deacon**

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**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 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**



May 7 Clay O'Neal  
May 10 Jeanne Eaton, Betsy Livingston  
May 15 Kaitlyn Gutherie  
May 16 Jason O'Neal  
May 25 Bud Norman  
May 28 Vi Paul

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

**ISAIAH'S COMING BACK!**

Father Jeff will resume his classes on the book of Isaiah on Thursday, May 7th. Both the daytime class which is held at 1:00pm and the evening class which is held at 7:00pm will be held on Thursdays this session. If you missed the first session, it's not too late to join with either group. Everyone is welcome.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

May 10 Eric and Margaret Arenberg  
May 20 Chris and Ginny Fonvielle  
May 20 Leo and Jennifer Lowe  
May 22 Jim and Ginny White



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**

The Santa Fe Area Ultreya will be held at St. Luke's in Live Oak this month.

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please speak with Father Jeff or anyone who has already attended a weekend for more information.



### Junior Warden's Report – Building and Grounds Vision

I am sensing a new feeling of pride in our physical plant at Trinity. The grounds and buildings certainly looked great for Easter because you cared!

As usual the Cadets from Camp Blanding did a wonderful work of service in helping us do our yard spring cleaning. What made this event really successful was all of you that volunteered to help lead a work crew of cadets and also brought your tools and equipment. While helping the church freshen up the grounds, all were even more blessed in helping these young men turn their lives around by being a positive role model.

A more quiet movement is underway by a number of the congregation in seeing needs and stepping forward with their talents. Here is just some of the work of these volunteers - Parish Hall windows washed and fans cleaned, sidewalks pressure washed, women's restroom refurbished with new counter, sinks and mirrors, men's restroom new sinks, Parish Hall front doors refinished, new emergency lights in the Parish Hall, movable panels in the Parish Hall steam cleaned and play ground refreshing. Whow!!! That is just fantastic. I think we are learning that if we all contribute a little a lot can be done easily.

So if you see something that is in need of repair or refreshing, send me an email; and I will put it on the three page list I currently have. If you desire to step up to assist in any way, let me know; and I am sure I could find a task that fits your talents and time if you already have not identified an item you want to work on. One word of caution - Please let me know if you are going to do some work so I can coordinate it. We had one unfortunate instance were a volunteer came prepared for a task only to find it already done. Fortunately, this wonderful volunteer found other things that needed doing and did a super job.

Keep up the good work on God's House,

Eric Beshore, Junior Warden



**The deadline for  
the June Bell is  
May 18th.**



### EASTER EVE IN THE PARK

**Thank You!** - Trinity Episcopal Church, Melrose, Florida...Wonderful, cooperative, helpful, cheerful, experienced. These are just some of the words that describe the people of this church who helped make the Easter Eve in the Park a huge success. Desserts, contributions and oh, those deviled eggs, and all the happy, helpful hands who made it all possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Bette Z.



### GIGGLESOME



A mother was teaching her 3 year old daughter the Lord's prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end "Lead us not into temptation" she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail, Amen".



## TREASURER'S REPORT

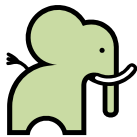


### Trinity Episcopal Church Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2009

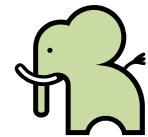
	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 17,489	\$ 14,381	\$ 47,383	\$ 43,143
Expense	<u>13,871</u>	<u>16,402</u>	<u>47,640</u>	<u>49,207</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ 3,618</u>	<u>\$ (2,021)</u>	<u>\$ (257)</u>	<u>\$ (6,064)</u>

## OUTREACH AT TRINITY

Outreach was seen in a big way at our Easter Eve in the Park event on April 11th. We were able to feed about 300 people, and it was a wonderful witness to the community. It proved to be, not only a wonderful outreach event, but, also, a great opportunity for evangelism. Many people who had come into town for the event at the art galleries also stopped by to see what was going on and to enjoy the music provided by the wonderful musicians who played for us and our sensational karaoke singers! We were also able, once again, to provide a second meal by taking all of the left-over food to St. Francis House in Gainesville, for which they were very grateful. During the month of April we were also able to contribute once again to the food program at St. Andrew's church in Interlachen. After doing some research, we contributed to "Our Little Roses" a community for homeless and abused girls in Honduras which fulfills our Bishop's request that we contribute to the Millennium Development Goals. We were also able to grant a request to contribute to the financial support of Suki's Mission Trip on the Mercy Ship to Africa.



## TRINITY SPRING FAIR GARAGE SALE CRAFTS A Booth for Every Purpose Under Heaven!



**Do you have some white elephants sitting in your garage taking up valuable space?**

**Are there lots of undusted knick knacks that you'd like to find new homes for?**

**Are you a crafter, a baker, a candlestick maker?**

**We have just the thing for you.**

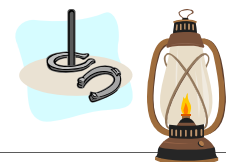
**Booths will be \$25.00 each and a donation of one item to be raffled.**

**The booth holder keeps all of the profits, and it's your decision about what to sell.  
All things great or small are welcome!**

**If you'd like to reserve a space, please call the church office or Donna Eichelsderfer  
as soon as possible.**






**JUNE 13th 9:00AM - 2:00PM HERITAGE PARK**



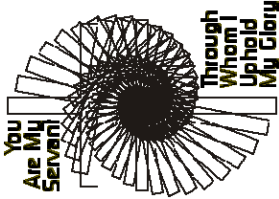


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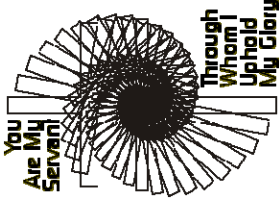


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00am Parish Hall Refreshments 	4 7:00 pm Scouts	5 <b>ECW Spring Luncheon</b> 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	6 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Youth Group	7 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop Isaiah Class 1&7pm 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	1 Italian Dinner 6:30pm	2 Thrift-Shop 9am-12 
10 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	11 <b>6:00 Newcomer's Dinner</b> 7:00 pm Scouts	12 Access 10am-2pm 10am Outreach Mtg 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7pm Bldg Cmte Mtg	13 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Holy Eucha- rist 7:00pm Mission Brd 7:00pm Youth Group	14 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop Isaiah Class 1&7pm 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	8	9 Thrift Shop 9am-12
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<b>31 PENTECOST</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School						

June 7th is Trinity Sunday, and we will celebrate the day with a wonderful service! The Rev. Canon Bob Griffith from the Diocesan office will be here to celebrate with us; and because it is a first Sunday, there will be one service at 10:00am with lunch following. Watch your bulletin as plans for the day unfold and invite your neighbors and friends now to save the date and join us for our special celebration!



## SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ MAY 2009



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Eucharistic Ministers	Reader	Usher	Greeter
3-May-09	One Service 10AM		Eric Beshore	Kathi Warren	Jerry Thomas	Craig Lee	Ann Beshore	Virginia Smith
10-May-09	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Alan Pankratz	Penny Pankratz	Paul Stegall	Pat Poppell	Ed O'Bryan	Troy McGee
17-May-09	Kristi Gregory Lee	Phil Payne	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul	Kristi Gregory Lee	Marilyn Blair	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
24-May-09	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Jennifer Williams	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Liz Middleton	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
31-May-09	Paul Stegall	Danny Etheridge	Jim White	Ginny White	Paul Stegall	Laurie Alsobrook	Jim Zowarka	Betty Zowarka
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...*

I have been reading through the lections for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and find that there is a phrase employed by Luke that shows the magnificent reality that paradox is an integral part of following Christ. We've heard it said that doubt is an element of faith; righteous anger is part of righteous judgment and justice; that every spiritual high is somehow balanced with a spiritual "low" [not the best term but it will have to do]; and that spirituality is quite material and that the physical world is charged with the immense realities of spiritual life and truth.

In Dr. Luke's Gospel, chapter 24 is the phrase, "*While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering....*" Would not the natural mind declare that joy would preclude disbelief and that such joy would squelch questioning wonderment? I would think that joy, as big as it is would trump every other emotion and/or mental state. But obviously this is not so! And in real life, thankfully Luke's record stands.

Each of us has had the peaceful reality of joy while at the same time being plagued by elements of unbelief and worry. Life is not so divisively clear and orderly that I can shut down one emotion when another invades. Joy is the benign invasion of the Spirit of God into a life even when [and particularly when] that life is struggling with disbelief and doubt. And joy obviously co-exists with these other states of being without necessarily driving them out of our consciousness. That is why you have heard me refer to my greatest and most honored mentor the Rev. Don J. Kenyon. He taught me the Bible. He was a deeply committed and real Christian, a man of unparalleled integrity and unsurpassed intellect and spiritual insight. He was the most joyous man I ever met, and yet he was the most melancholy man I have ever met. The two co-existed in a man who knew God and knew that God was not a purist who always left his people with a Cheshire Cat-like grin as if such were the evidence of Spiritual blessing.

So it is, my beloved, when the Spirit of God comes with joy into our lives, we know joy, but we may know other equal and opposite emotions and mindsets as well. [I am sorry it cannot be otherwise, but it just isn't – and we may not be able to handle pure emotion anyway – just think of having joy with nothing to balance it – we would have a spiritual explosion in our hearts and minds, and end up being no use to anyone]. Enough of that.

Allow me to say, that as God's children, just as in Jesus, God's only begotten Son, there is found a coalescing of contrarities which cannot fully be explained but which must be accepted as true and claimed as our own. God puts it all together, in other words. And since God allowed this with the Apostles with Jesus present, it must be acceptable for us.

Let's think about that!

As always, your servant for Christ's sake,

*Fr. Jeff Mackey+*



## **PENTECOST**

Pentecost, fifty days following Easter is revealed in the Canon of the New Testament Scriptures at the beginning of The Acts of the Apostles. The significance of the feast day is that we recognize the coming of Holy Spirit just as Jesus had promised, and the "Spirit is poured out on all flesh." The Apostles and the other followers of Jesus receive a power to witness and to testify to the reality of Jesus Christ as Savior and Messiah, and the Church is born. Ever since, it has been noted in church tradition that it is "the birthday of the Church." The color red is used in worship to represent the "tongues of fire" that lighted upon the heads of the Apostles, a fire that enlightens our hearts and gives us the empowerment to testify to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone heard the Gospel in their own language on that day, a significant prophecy that the Gospel is relevant to all people and that the vernacular is how the Gospel should be shared.

Join us for Pentecost Sunday on May 31st at 8:30AM or 11AM for a Festival Eucharist!

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### SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY

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| May 3  | First Sunday - Graduation Sunday<br>"Voices of Grace" will sing |
| May 5  | ECW Luncheon  |
| May 7  | Isaiah Day and Evening Classes Start                            |
| May 11 | Newcomer's Dinner at the Vicarage                               |
| May 12 | Outreach Meeting 10:00<br>Building Committee Meeting 7:00       |
| May 13 | Mission Board 7:00pm  |
| May 25 | Memorial Day Office Closed                                      |
| May 31 | <b>Pentecost</b><br>(wear red to church)                        |



### 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