

The Trinity Bell



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The Vicar's Voice

One of the best things in the world is to find encouragement from one's spiritual advisor. I find this from Bishop John Howard. Just this week I was privileged to spend almost three hours with him. His wisdom, kindness, courage, and commitment are so very conspicuous. He gave spiritual and vocational direction (telling me I must stay in the Diocese of Florida until retirement time) and causing many issues to be settled in my mind and for the good of Trinity Church. Men and women, I want you to know how much he adores TEC. He is well aware of what is happening here, he prays for us, and he is unswervingly supportive of our growth and expansion. He supports our vision to expand our facilities and has all but guaranteed that we will be a parish (Convention needs to vote affirmatively).

So with this kind of Diocesan support and encouragement, we are thrust ahead into the future with a kindness and consideration that few of my colleagues in other dioceses share.

I sincerely hope you are having a lovely summer, and that during these months God is leading some of you to say "yes" to the Nominating Committee for positions on The Mission Board and for Diocesan Convention.

Under the same wing,

Fr. Jeff Mackey, +

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

ONE SERVICE 10:00AM

IN THE PARISH HALL

**THE CHILDREN OF TRINITY
WILL BE SINGING**

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

GIGGLESOME

When construction began on a bar in a small town, the local church started a prayer and petition campaign to stop it. One week before the bar was to open, lightning struck it and it burned to the ground.

The bar owner filed a lawsuit against the church, on the grounds that their activities were responsible for his loss. The church, through its lawyers, denied any responsibility. When the case went to court for the first hearing, the judge looked over the paperwork and said, "I don't know how I am going to decide this. We have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer and a church that doesn't!"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

ONE SERVICE 8:00 am

IN THE CHURCH



**WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION
AND INFORMATION MEETING**

PARISH HALL AT 5:00PM

**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
George Bothwell, Treasurer
Linda Wilcox, Clerk
Terrell Bothwell
Kristi Gregory
Ed O'Bryan
Vi Paul
John Wick**

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Clergy**

**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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 2 Sarah Garcia
Aug. 5 Ed O'Bryan
Aug. 9 Luke Duncan
Aug. 11 Joshua Stegall
Aug. 12 Kathy Nash
Aug. 14 Dan Wilcox
Aug. 16 Bonnie Brown
Aug. 18 Morgan Garcia, Jacob Lowe
Aug. 24 Danny Ethridge
Aug. 25 Ann Beshore, Paige Davis
Aug. 27 Wes Connors
Aug. 28 Jennifer Williams
Aug. 30 Michael Currie, Ginny Fonvielle



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.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Recently, the girls softball team of the Melrose Sports Association won the District 5 Championship and is being sent to the State Play-Off at Ponte Vedra. Trinity Men's Group was asked to donate to this community project of support and did so both individually and as the Trinity Men's Group.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Aug. 1 Ann and Phil Payne
Aug. 13 Penny and Alan Pankratz
Aug. 28 Debbie and Mark Brown
Aug. 30 Jean and Terry Marshall



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

Father Jeff will be the Celebrant at this month's Ultreya which will be held at St. Mark's in Starke on Friday, Aug. 7th at 7:00pm. There will be a pot luck dinner, and if you haven't attended a Cursillo weekend but would like to know more, you're welcome to come along! We usually car pool so just ask someone who's already been to Cursillo and join the fun!



Junior Warden's Report – Building and Grounds Vision

Well, Ann and I are off on vacation in the Rockies, so I do not have anything concerning the physical plant to report. We miss you all and appreciate hearing Father Jeff's messages via the internet (Thank you, Craig). We have had to deal with some strange weather from what we are used to in Melrose. In the mornings it is in the lower 40s and in the afternoon it is in the 70s. The humidity is so low you feel like you are drying out. The bugs are almost non-existent. Just the opposite of Melrose in the summer. We look forward to returning in the fall and anticipate continual growth and development at Trinity.

Eric Beshore

Junior Warden, eabeshore@comcast.net

*During Eric's absence we are blessed to have Jim White taking care of our maintenance concerns.

SIMPLE PRAYER BOOK WORSHIP

Beginning on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00pm, our Wednesday night service in the Parish Hall will change to 6:30pm. The service will be a contemporary setting and a gentle mixture of contemporary hymnody and praise songs, free prayer time and healing prayers. Father Jeff will also lead a discussion on Paul's Letter to the Colossians. This new worship setting will be a wonderful time to invite others to come and experience "Mere Episcopalianism". So think now about who you might bring to join us in this welcoming introduction to Trinity and the Episcopal Church.



SR. WARDEN'S REPORT

It was wonderful to be a small part of VBS...such a joy each evening watching the children singing, listening to Bible stories, playing games, doing crafts and anticipating refreshments. It would not be possible to have such a meaningful week were it not for the dedicated volunteers who arrived each evening prepared and ready to give their full attention to each child and to share their love of Jesus with them. I also want to thank the parents who entrusted their children to our care.



The Good Ole Summertime Dinner and Silent Auction last Friday was such a wonderful evening...festive decorations, good food, fellowship of old and new friends, surprise of those getting the baskets they wanted...especially some children. There were so many who made the evening special...from preparing baskets, readying them for auction, organizing their presentation, planning and serving a wonderful dinner, cleaning up the kitchen and putting the Parish Hall back in order. Thank you Father Jeff for being our MC with quite a bit of wit. We will all be waiting the figures from our Treasurer George after all bills are paid. I think it's going to be a surprise.



After lunch on the 1st Sunday in August, there will be a brief rest from a very steady series of activities at Trinity. Some will be using this time to envision fresh ideas and plans for the Fall. Others will be busy taking on some needed organization and cleaning in the kitchen and other areas of the Parish Hall. Also, I was told the "dust bunnies" were taking over the Thrift Shop. This is all about being good stewards. If anyone has time and the desire to help, let Linda or myself know; and we will provide you a contact. Hope to hear from you. Virginia Smith, Sr. Warden





TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity Episcopal Church Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended June 30, 2009



	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 14,492	\$ 14,381	\$ 94,961	\$ 86,285
Expense	<u>14,209</u>	<u>16,402</u>	<u>97,088</u>	<u>98,414</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ 283</u>	<u>\$ (2,021)</u>	<u>\$ (2,127)</u>	<u>\$ (12,129)</u>

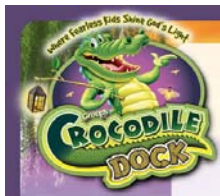
OUTREACH AT TRINITY

The Outreach program at Trinity needs your help! While we are blessed to be able to support a number of programs, both locally, nationally and internationally, we always welcome great new ideas. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact Terrell Bothwell, Donna Eichelsderfer, Pat Poppell, Ginny White or Linda Wilcox. Thanks for your continued generous support of this ministry



ARE YOU A LITTLE CRAFTY?

On Monday, August 17th at 10:00, our craft class will be taught by Janet Robinson, who is the Altar Guild President for our diocese. She will teach a class about stitching on paper. Stitching on paper is an old craft that comes from the Netherlands. With paper crafting currently a multibillion dollar industry, card making continues to grow. Craft class participants will learn how to read patterns by working a simple 8-pointed star before moving on to a heart design and eventually a cross. Other patterns, such as a butterfly and a seashell, will be available if you wish to work on more cards at home. All supplies for the class will be furnished. Previously, the class made cards for the bazaar using the star pattern. We found it similar to the old sewing cards that we did in elementary school. It is not difficult at all to learn, and it would be something to use at home to make special cards for others. We hope many of you will come to support our guest and learn a new skill.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Attendance at VBS this year was the best yet - about 35 adults helping out and 40 kids with about 25 on any one night this year! Crocodile Dock materials included songs, crafts, games, snacks, drama and movies that all supported a daily verse from the Bible. We added a few features: Laurie Alsobrook taught us the song "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" that followed the stories perfectly, and Thursday night "Skeeter" made a big catch in the swamp - former Gator quarterback Doug Johnson, who delivered a personal testimony and the daily Bible Story. On Friday, our kids decorated wooden cross necklaces - one to keep, another to give away to a Camp Weed camper at Camp St. Elizabeth (children of incarcerated parents). A sincere thank-you is offered to everyone who supports our VBS program in prayer, donations, and/or time. Truly a fun and enlightening event each summer, this program extends beyond our doors and reaches kids all over the Lake Region! Keep the Faith, and keep talking about It!

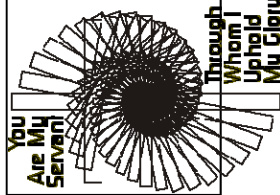




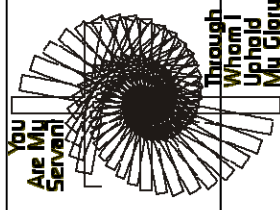
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">CELEBRATING WITH OUR FRIENDS IN THE DIOCESE</p> <p>Through the years and circumstances, Trinity has been blessed to have many priests serving with us. This month two of our good friends are celebrating very special events. Father Dale Warner and his wife Lempi are being honored for their long years of service at a Celebration at St. Michael's Church in Gainesville on Aug. 9th, and Mother Michael Armstrong is being instituted as the new rector of St. James Church in Lake City on Aug. 12th. We have slightly revised Trinity's schedule on those dates so that those who might wish to attend those celebrations won't be concerned about conflicts.</p>						
<p>2 FIRST SUNDAY ONE SERVICE 10:00am Lunch Following</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Access 10am-2pm 10:00 Outreach Mtg. 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>5 Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p>6 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>7 Ultreya at St. Mark's In Starke 7:00pm</p>	<p>1 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>9 ONE SERVICE 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>10 Boy Scout Court of Honor PH</p>	<p>11 10am Staff Mtg Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm Mission Board</p>	<p>12 Mother Michael's Insti- tution at St. James Lake City</p>	<p>13 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>8 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>16 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>17 10am Craft Class</p>	<p>18 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>19 Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p>20 Access 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Closed 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>21 PH in Use PM</p>	<p>22 Thrift Shop Closed</p>
<p>23 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>26 Evening Service 6:30 DOK Meeting</p>	<p>27 Access 10am-2pm Thrift Shop Closed 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Thrift Shop Closed ECW Summer Mtg. At Camp Weed</p>
<p>30 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>31</p>					



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ AUGUST 2009



Through Whom I Uphold My Glory

Date	Service	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
2 Aug 09	One Service 10AM	Jerry Thomas Morgan Garcia	Elena Lowe	Jerry Thomas	Laurie Alsbrook	Clay O'Neal Danny Etheridge	Kathi Warren Virginia Smith
	8:00	Paul Stegall	Morgan Garcia	Paul Stegall	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Jennifer Williams
16 Aug 09	8:30	Craig Lee		Craig Lee	Clay O'Neal	Clay O'Neal	Kelly O'Neal
	11:00	Kristi Gregory		Kristi Gregory	Suki Hoffman	Jim Zowarka	Betty Zowarka
23 Aug 09	8:30	Rodney Paul	Morgan Garcia	Rodney Paul	Danny Etheridge	Danny Etheridge	Debbie Etheridge
	11:00	Elena Lowe	Elena Lowe	Pat Poppell	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Liz Middleton
30 Aug 09	8:30	Craig Lee		Craig Lee	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Donna Eichelsdefer
	11:00	Kristi Gregory		Kristi Gregory	Pat Poppell	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
Altar Guild	Kathi Warren and Terrell Bothwell						
Mission Board	Ed O'Bryan and Terrell Bothwell						

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...

The Christian ministry has always held a basic mystique for me, a mystique that is shrouded in the adventure of it all. When LaVonne and I began ministry October 1, 1971, little did we know that we would pastor churches in New York [3]; Pennsylvania [2]; Alabama [1]; Louisiana 1 ½]; and now Florida! I could not have even dreamed when I began that I would lead groups through Israel, Jordan, Greece, Italy, Switzerland and England. I never would have imagined that I could spend six weeks doing ministry in India with a world-renowned apologist, or that I would have books published. And the thought of ever being a college and seminary dean was farthest from the mind of this young 21 year old who held a funky BS degree in Bible and Christian education. But adventure it has been. The certificates and degrees began to accumulate and the vocation of pastor/priest took twists and turns so thoroughly unanticipated that we often had spiritual and mental whiplash when they were over. But at 57, LaVonne and I are still adventuresome! [She even says life without me would be boring!]

My take on it all is that life without Christ would be boring. Each and every day there is a new wonder, a new "something" that draws out our ability to stand in awe of the ultimately indefinable, the unexplainable, the sublime. And that is where Trinity Church is currently. We have before us a promised increase in ministry through new members, new and increased programs, updating of cosmetics of our facilities [paint, etc.], and increased productivity of our futures committee.

General Convention brought little that will impact Trinity Church directly, and Bishop Howard has debriefed the priests and deacons so that we in turn can debrief you. I would like to do this, among other things on Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 5:00PM in the afternoon. There will be a wine and cheese reception in Yerkes' Hall followed by an informational meeting with the Vicar. I anticipate about an hour to share with you and to answer any questions you might have. Plan to come and enjoy my public planning of our the next adventure!

Bless each of you.

Fr. Jeff Mackey +

THRIFT SHOP SUMMER CLEANING

In order to chase away dust bunnies, cobwebs and other mysterious little things which seem to appear after a few months in the Thrift Shop, the shop will be closed from August 16th until September 2nd. If you have any free time to help with the sweeping, clearing, stacking and freshening, your gift of even a half an hour would be wonderfully appreciated. Christine Patience and LaVonne Mackey would love to hear from you and will happily schedule you whenever you are available.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 109



Boy Scout Troop 109 has just returned from Summer Camp at Camp Daniel Boone in Canton, North Carolina. What an adventure. Evening temperatures were in the 50's and days in the 70's and low 80's. We had eleven boys in attendance. They worked on merit badges ranging from Canoeing and Indian Lore to Communications and Citizenship in the World. They also enjoyed playing in the COLD rushing stream during their free time. All in all it was a terrific Summer Camp. We look forward to going there again in the future.



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SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

- August 2 First Sunday One Service at 10:00am
- August 4 Outreach Meeting 10:00am
- August 7 Ultreya at St. Mark's in Starke 7:00pm
- August 9 One Service 8:00am
Celebration Service for Fr. Dale and
Lempi Warner at St. Michael's 10:30
5:00pm Wine and Cheese and
Parish Meeting
- August 11 Mission Board Meeting
- August 12 Mother Michael's Institution at
St. James in Lake City 7:00pm
- August 17 Craft Class 10:00 Parish Hall
- August 26 Daughters of the King
- Aug. 29 ECW Summer Meeting at Camp Weed

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

Wed. Evening Bible Study

1st Sunday of the Month

One Service only at 10:00am
In the Parish Hall

**Wednesday: Holy Eucharist
and Evening Prayer 6:30 pm**

Thrift Shop

Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday
9am—noon Saturday

Access Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm