



The Trinity Bell



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The Vicar's Voice

Phlebitis, something of a blood clot that holds everything warm above it and everything below it becomes cold and uncomfortable. Churches have little “clots” every now and then – they stop up the flow of health and vitality and leave everything down the road to become

cold and miserable. Trinity members do not abide “clots” in the flow of our life blood. There is so much ministry happening accompanied by joy, that the warmth of the flow from the heart of God is expected to flow into and *through* every ministry of the church.

We have many active and vibrant committees which keep the many activities of the parish flowing with vitality. Ministry is done through these committees and their faithful members, and funds are raised through many of them. We have a Mission Board [soon to be a Vestry] which is on top of the key items of ministry and facility with fiscal wisdom and prayerful action. We have a commendable office staff, and also a wonderful organist, a music director who knows music forward and backward [though forward sounds better], and we are blessed with two Deacons who love and are loved by Trinity. So do not think for one moment that this Vicar will allow any kind of “clot” to block the free flow of blessing that is producing happiness, joy, expectation, and anticipation in this place.

Now, we get to welcome some Keystone Heights members of St. Anne’s as they close. I am deeply appreciative that so many of you are willing to celebrate their ministry and history of Sunday, September 27th at 10:00AM. We will make an excellent meal

for them as well. Everything the Scriptures cause them to expect to see among the redeemed of God, I want them to see among us.

Oh, and about that phlebitis – it was in my right leg – attacked after the early service on August 23, and sent me to bed with a hot compress. Aging is not what it is cracked up to be no matter what AARP says.

Let us young and older stand ready to be part of the wondrous flow of God’s grace and blessings to the people who attend Trinity.

Under the same wing, *Fr. Jeff Mackey+*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

ONE SERVICE 10:00AM

IN THE PARISH HALL

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

*To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*

Ecc. 3:1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

**THE FINAL SERVICE
AND A CELEBRATION OF
THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANNE’S CHURCH**

**ONE SERVICE 10:00 am
AT ST. ANNE’S CHURCH
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

**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**

Staff

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
6:30 pm Wednesday Evening**

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ECW

There will be a meeting of the ECW on September 15th beginning at 10:00 AM either in the Wicker room or the Parish Hall. Come and bring your ideas for projects and possible programs for this coming year. See you there.



CURSILLO

The next Ultreya will be held on Friday, Sept. 4th at Holy Trinity in Gainesville. Clay and Kelly O'Neal, the Trinity Cursillo representatives will soon be announcing a date for a palanca party for the upcoming October Cursillos. Trinity will be the host for the October Ultreya.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 1	Alex Addington
Sept. 3	Virginia Smith
Sept. 5	Sheila Lowry
Sept. 6	Phil Payne
Sept. 7	Pat Poppell, Margaret Rice, John Wick
Sept. 8	Chris Fonvielle
Sept. 9	Jack Rice
Sept. 10	Kathi Warren
Sept. 11	Craig Lee
Sept. 12	Sid Mason
Sept. 12	Stephen Stegall
Sept. 14	Zac Eaton
Sept. 20	Carolyn Melvin
Sept. 22	Mary Rynd
Sept. 30	Megan Arenberg



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.

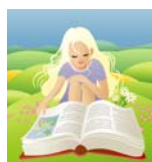
Book of Common Prayer p. 830

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Sept. 9	Marilyn and Ken Blair
Sept. 28	Liz and John Middleton



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.



CALLING ALL PRE-K CHILDREN!!

Don't miss this exiting and new Sunday School program offered for our "little ones" beginning September 13, 2009. Sunday School begins at 10:30a.m. located in the Youth Room. Ages for the Pre-K Sunday School are 3-year olds to 5-year olds.



A Message From the Sr. Warden

The story of Trinity is beginning a new chapter. We're about to end the one on our road to becoming a Parish. The requirements are soon to be finalized and will be in the hands of the diocese. Then all we have to do is wait for the annual convention the last week of January when everyone will travel to Camp Weed for the big celebration. What an occasion that will be!

The new chapter being written now begins with the closing of St. Anne's Church in Keystone, a very difficult decision for Bishop Howard. This will happen on Sunday, September 27th. We will not have a service at Trinity that Sunday as we join with the members of St. Anne's at their 10:00am service to celebrate the years of history and ministry of that beautiful church. Our hearts and prayers are with the members of St. Anne's, and we understand that this is a sad and difficult time for each of them. But our primary task is to let them know that we would welcome them in love at Trinity; and their gifts and talents would be well received here. After all, we are each on the same page, seeking a church alive in the Spirit and alive in the community, one that ministers to the needs of others, teaches God's love to the young and old, gives thanksgiving for our many blessings, and strives for grace in all that we do and say.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Trinity is honored to be hosting, along with the members of the DOK from St. Anne's and St. Mark's in Starke, the Diocesan Fall Assembly on September 19, 2009 right here at Trinity. Daughters of the King from all over the Diocese will be participating in this event. On Saturday, August 15, we had Daughters from all three chapters making rosaries as gifts for those attending the Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Gregory or Margaret Kidd.



DO YOU DARE CHALLENGE THE IRON CHEF?!

On Friday, September 25th, at 6:30pm Trinity will hold our 2nd Annual Iron Chef Challenge Dinner; and the "Not So Secret Ingredient" this year will be....RICE! Our reigning Iron Chef thinks he will once again take the Chef's Hat and challenges all who dare to compete against him! For those of you brave enough to challenge the Iron Chef, your dish will be judged on taste, presentation and creativity. For those of us who cower at the thought~~ you can become a taster for a \$5.00 ticket (children under 10 are free) and you can become a judge by voting (with your coins and folding money) for your favorite dish. Entries can be anything from appetizer to dessert, and last year we had an amazing array of choices. Brave challengers should call Linda in the office to make yourselves known. All others can purchase tickets from Virginia. This is a great evening to bring your friends who are gourmets, culinary experts, or those who just enjoy a fun night out!

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Our Wednesday evening service is a contemporary setting and a gentle mixture of contemporary hymnody and praise songs, free prayer time, healing prayers, and Holy Eucharist. Father Jeff also leads a discussion on Paul's Letter to the Colossians. The service starts at 6:30pm by the altar in the Parish Hall. This service is a gentle way to introduce newcomers to the Episcopal Church if there's someone you've been wanting to invite, and the atmosphere and dress is casual.

GIGGLESOME

A young boy called the pastor of a local "corner" church to ask the pastor to come by to pray for his mother who had been very ill with the flu. The pastor knew the family and was aware they had been attending another church down the road. So the pastor asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Brother Simon down the road to come by to pray with your mom?" The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever this is that Mom has."



TREASURER'S REPORT



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

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 13,328	\$ 14,381	\$ 108,289	\$ 100,666
Expense	<u>18,290</u>	<u>16,402</u>	<u>115,294</u>	<u>114,816</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ (4,962)</u>	<u>\$ (2,021)</u>	<u>\$ (7,005)</u>	<u>\$ (14,150)</u>

Recently, a new member of our congregation asked why Trinity was running a deficit. A great question. For those of you who weren't here in 2006, and as a refresher for those of you who were, let me provide the following response.

On October 11, 2006, the Trinity Mission Board unanimously committed to hiring a full-time priest. It was projected that long term growth would be necessary to support a full-time priest. Growth takes time. As a result, a five year plan was developed which forecast Trinity's expenses would exceed its income for approximately three years. A pledge drive supporting the employment of a full-time priest was initiated. Forty-nine parties made up to a five year pledge to financially support the plan. We are about two and one-half years into the pledge drive and fourteen months into the deficit years. The funds collected have been set aside to offset expenses during the lean years. When you read the Income Statement, if the actual year to date deficit is less than the budgeted year to date deficit, we are on track.

To make this commitment a success, **ALL of US** must pitch in, each in our own way, to help Trinity grow. If you ever have questions about our financial status, please don't hesitate to ask.

George Bothwell, Treasurer



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT TRINITY THRIFT SHOP

With the current economy, it seems that the thrift store is busier and busier. And the donations keep piling in. We need help sorting, pricing and placing items. The thrift store is open Thursdays and Saturday mornings. We need extra help on those days, but anytime the church office is open, volunteers may help sorting. So if you are interested in helping, please speak to LaVonne Mackey or Christine Patience. We will put you to work. We are an equal opportunity ministry. Men volunteers are welcome!

FALL BAZAAR

Are you getting ready for our Fall Bazaar? Do you know what you'll be making for the bake sale? Have you found those old books you've been hanging on to? Are you a jam or jelly maker? Or are you making plant cuttings for our plant sale? Whatever you can do we really appreciate it. On Tuesday, September 21, we will be having craft class at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. This month we are going to make necklaces from our church bulletins; so if you missed this class last year, come and join us. We are also going to finish the cards we made at our last class. This is a great time of fellowship and fun, and we welcome all, young and old, men or women!





ELECTIONS COMING SOON

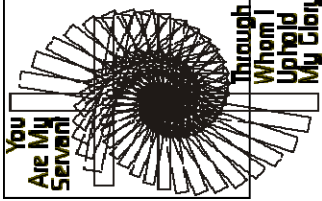
Immediately following the October 4th First Sunday service, we will hold elections for two new Mission Board Members (soon to be Vestry) and one Convention alternate delegate. The nominating committee will publish the list of nominees in coming bulletins. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.



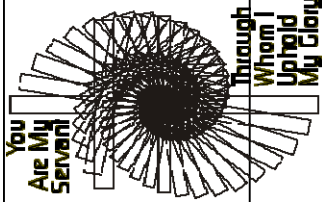
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY ONE SERVICE 10:00am Lunch Following</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day Holiday Office Closed LABOR DAY</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10:00 Outreach Mtg. 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ultraya at Holy Trinity In Gainesville 7:00pm</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Welcome St. Anne's At the Vicarage</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10am Outreach Mtg. 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon Wicker</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 Staff Meeting Evening Service 6:30 7pm Mission Board</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker PM Parish Hall in use</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am Craft Class DEADLINE FOR THE "TRINITY BELL"</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon Wicker</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Thrift Shop 9am DOK Diocesan Fall Assembly</p> 
<p>27</p> <p>ONE SERVICE At ST. ANNE'S 10am Keystone Heights Lunch Following</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI-Anon Wicker PM Parish Hall in Use</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Iron Chef Challenge Dinner 6:30pm</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Thrift Shop 9am ECW Shower for Marion Alsbrook 4pm Kathi Warren's</p>
<p>Immediately following our Oct. 4th First Sunday Service, we will hold a brief parish meeting during which we will hold elections for our two new Mission Board members (soon to be Vestry) and one Convention alternate delegate. Lunch will follow the meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting and have your vote counted.</p>						



SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 2009



Date	Service	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
6 Sept 09	One Service 10AM	Jerry Thomas Morgan Garcia	Morgan Garcia	Jerry Thomas	Joyce Chesnut	Jennifer Williams Alan Pankratz	Jeanne Eaton Penny Pankratz
13 Sept 09	8:00	Paul Stegall	Morgan Garcia	Paul Stegall	Mary Rynd	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
20 Sept 09	8:30	Elena Lowe	Elena Lowe	Suki Hoffman	Liz Middleton	Ed O'Bryan	Troy McGee
	11:00	Craig Lee		Craig Lee	Phil Payne	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul
27 Sept 09	One Service At St. Anne's	Kristi Gregory		Kristi Gregory	Laurie Alsobrook	Jim Zowarka	Betty Zowarka
	10:00						
Altar Guild	Debbie Brown, Betty Griffith and Ann Beshore						
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.

Out of my Mind...

Dreams...Freud and Jung analyzed them; some people make them into nightmares, and some of us do not dream at all [or at least do not remember them].

But then there are dreams of alertness...dreams we have when we are wide awake and thinking of what things are and what they can become with the correct effort and energy. LaVonne and I once bought a house that was sad in appearance but strong in structure. We each saw the potential and when the sweat equity and the minor investments were made, a lovely little gem seemed to grow out of the hillside.

I am not convinced that a person can be a parish priest unless they have an uncanny, God-given, extraordinary ability to dream. A priest dreams of his or her people and their growth and potential in Holy Spirit. He or she looks at the congregation and dreams of new members and future expansion and development and new members and programs that will minister to every member of the family. There are dreams for facilities to shine and improvements to be consistently made, for that which is good to become better and that which is better to become the best.

I pray that you understand my deep desire and repeated dreams that Trinity Episcopal Church, Melrose, Florida be the best parish it can possibly be. The best in visual attractiveness; the best in preaching and teaching the Gospel of Grace; the best in intimate and extensive fellowship; the best at outreach; the best at doing whatever we can to continue to impact this intersection of four Florida counties. "*The Santa Fe Lake Episcopal Parish*" is not a stretch. It might even become a promotional handle for us.

So I ask you to abide my dreams. I have a dream that will make Trinity a solid parish of 300 persons in eight years; that we will have a thriving and enlarged outreach center including an expanded Thrift Store; that we will be able, by God's grace to move St. Anne's church building to our Park Street Lot and make it our church for larger gatherings; that people will continue to flock to us to use our Parish Hall for all types of religious and civil events. I have many more dreams. But LaVonne tells me it is time to go to sleep – but who can sleep when there is so much to dream about?

Members and friends of Trinity, you have captured not only my canonical commitment to you, you have captured my imagination as well. We'll never be Robert Schuller and the Crystal Cathedral, but we can be "*The Santa Fe Lake Episcopal Parish*" to the glory of God!

I invite you to dream with me.

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff Mackey +

It's Kairos Cookie Time Again.

On Sept. 17-20, 36 more inmates will be provided a LIFE-CHANGING experience at New River East Correctional Institution in Raiford. So, once again, we are asking for your prayers and cookies and "green agape" (financial scholarships for the participants).

PRAYERS: Please start praying now for the 36 inmates and 29 inside team members (including Jim Swarr and Ed Clarkson) who will be attending. Especially pray during Sept. 17-20.

COOKIES: must be in unopened sealed containers from the store. Any kind is OK, the best are deli-type, fresh-baked. Please bring to the office NLT Tues., Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

"GREEN AGAPE": It costs approximately \$200 now to fund each of the 36 men. All financial contributions are tax-deductible.

CLOSING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 2:00 P.M.: Marilyn/Ken Blair will caravan from Hitchcock's at 1:00. Let the Blairs know by NLT this Wed., Aug. 26 if you wish to attend, so that paperwork can be completed on time.

A TESTAMONIAL FROM THE MOTHER OF A KAIROS PARTICIPANT IN PRISON:

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving my son a time he will never forget. I hope you know that when you gave my son that gift, you also gave it to me."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

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SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

- Sept. 4 Ultreya at Holy Trinity
- Sept. 6. First Sunday—One Service at 10:00am
- Sept. 7 Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sept. 8 Outreach Meeting 10:00am
- Sept. 9 Mission Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Sept. 14 Vicar's Welcome Dinner 6:00pm
- Sept. 19 Fall Assembly of the DOK at Trinity
- Sept. 21 Craft Class 10:00am
- Sept. 25 Iron Chef Dinner 6:30pm
- Sept. 27 Final Service and Celebration of the
History and Ministry of St. Anne's
10:00am
No Service at Trinity

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