



The Trinity Bell



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The Rector's Ruminations

Briefly my friends, I have been asking myself if I am doing what I planned to do for Lent. Have you been asking yourself similar

questions? Lent is a continuum of questions, answers, and affirmations. Literally meaning, "spring," it is a season that never promises what tomorrow may hold. Spring is the youth of Mother Nature, and who can predict what youth will do? There is the guarantee of unpredictability. Isn't that just like the journey of life? Every turn yields...another turn! The "straight and narrow" that is preached to us as *the way* by fundamentalist-minded brothers and sisters, alas, turns out to often be crooked and so wide that we cannot find the middle-of-the-road.

Lent clarifies for me many, many things while it also clouds the future for me at times. Clouds shroud the future but Christ clarifies *through* the clouds. Days may not clear, but God leads his children along...and that includes you and me!

I continue to pray for each person on our mailing list daily that you will have a holy and productive Lent – for your good and for the glory of God!

Yours in Christ,

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010**

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE AT
10:00AM**

IN THE PARISH HALL

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IS ALWAYS A
WONDERFUL TIME TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, EXTENDED FAMILY
OR VISITORS TO ATTEND CHURCH WITH
YOU AND TO STAY FOR THE JOYFUL TIME
OF GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WHICH
ALWAYS FOLLOWS!**

SCHEDULE FOR EASTER WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 8:30 & 11:00AM EUCHARIST

MONDAY: WAY OF THE CROSS 6:00PM

TUESDAY: RITE ONE EVENSONG 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY: TAIZE SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 6:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE NOON AND 6:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY NO SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

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ECW

The ECW will meet on March 2nd in the Wicker Room beginning at 10:00 AM. Our speaker will be Jennifer Pritchett. Those on the Nominating committee are Ginny White, Betty Zowarka, and Cinnie Brown. If you have a person whom you would like to nominate please let one of these three ladies know. We will be voting on the slate for the officers in April. Those to be elected are president, vice president, secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Soup suppers are here. Please let Cinnie know how you can help with soup, bread, fruit or anything else. We will also serve dinner at the Chapel at the University of Florida on Sunday, May 2nd.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on March 2nd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



3/2	Sharon Cook	3/4	Chip Gray
3/10	Joyce Chesnut	3/11	Val Thomas
3/12	Morgan McNichol	3/15	Bob Nahikian
3.17	Marilyn Blair	3/18	Bill Chesnut
3/20	Larry Alsobrook	3/22	George Bothwell
3/25	Elaine Ashley	3/26	Pat Warren
3/26	Jennifer Lowe	3/27	Logan Middleton

O 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



3/6	Jo and Jamie Welsh
3/23	Cathy and Paul Stegall
3/30	Pat and Bob Nahikian

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

The next Ultreya will be held on Friday, March 5th right here at Trinity. *"Together at Cursillo, we explore the Christian faith in all of its aspects: Our study, our prayer, our actions as Christians, what it really means to be a part of Christian community. I would like to emphasize to all of you who read this is how strongly I support the discipline of Cursillo in this Diocese and how much I want every one of you who have not experienced Cursillo to pray about your attendance at a weekend in the near future."* Bishop Howard. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please speak to Clay O'Neal, Pat Nahikian, or anyone who has already attended Cursillo.



A Message From the Sr. Warden!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW IT ALL HAPPENS EVERY SUNDAY...
IN OUR CHURCH AND THE FIRST SERVICE EACH MONTH IN THE PARISH HALL

The Altar Guild's linens are spotlessly cleaned, pressed and laid out to perfection. The altar is set with the Priest's Prayer Book (altar missal) The Lectionary Book on the pulpit is opened and marked. The candles are filled with oil,ready to light. Communion silver is polished to a brilliant shine. The Credence Table is set with chalice, wafers and wine. The Eucharist offerings are prepared and ready to be brought forward. Beautiful displays of flowers have been created to captivate our senses and enhance our worship. The Chalice Bearers are dressed in their robes. The Lay Readers have practiced what they are to say. Acolytes know their tasks at the altar. Bulletins are distributed by Ushers while Greeters welcome visitors and members. Father Jeff and the Deacons have slipped on their vestments. The Choir has prepared their music for the second service. Organ music permeates our surroundings. The Bell rings and another service of worship and Thanksgiving to God for all his many blessings begins at Trinity.

This is what Stewardship is all about. After the service on Sunday March 7th we will have our second Ministry Fair. Eighteen organizations and committees will be represented, You will be encouraged to ask questions and hopefully inspired to sign up as a volunteer.

Through sharing your gifts of time and talent we are able to continue the important ministries of Trinity....inside our doors and outside to the Community.

Virginia Smith, Sr. Warden



Report From the Junior Warden

Our new sexton, Bill Fairhurst, has now officially taken over the custodial services and started on some minor maintenance. For now he will be working all day on Friday and Saturday mornings. I hope you have started to notice the change in the cleaning. Bill is also starting to repaint the Gano-Norton Building exterior. He has the columns repainted with the first coat and is working on the doors.

Bill's effort to paint the doors and the effort to repaint the Parish Hall brings up an issue we all need to be alert to – Tape on doors and walls. Bill is spending lots of hours trying to prep the doors for painting because of the masking tape, scotch tape and duct tape residue that must be removed. Additionally, we do not want to repaint the walls and doors to then have things taped that damage the new paint. So PLEASE do not tape notices, instructions or what ever to the doors and walls. If you need to place something on the doors put it in a plastic sleeve and use magnets to attach to the door. Better yet do not fasten things to the doors! If items are found taped on door and wall they will be removed immediately by the sexton or me. We are making a concerted effort to freshen up Trinity and we need everyone's support to keep Trinity looking first class.

Have you been in the kitchen lately? Check out the wonderful tile work that has been installed as a back-splash by Ted and Jean Giesel with their donated tile and the financial support of the ECW. With this effort we only have one last step to accomplish in our refresh of the kitchen – Paint the walls and ceiling. If anyone is interested in leading this effort let me know.

First Sunday meals require extra effort by all. For some months now there has been a rotating group of women organizing the food and kitchen cleanup. However, there has not been a complimentary group of men to put the chairs and tables away, sweep the hall and take out the trash. So men, your assistance is needed. Is anyone willing to step up and organize this effort? If there are sufficient volunteers they would only have to help a couple of times a year. Sign up for this new ministry at the Ministry Fair the first Sunday in March. The women of the church have their part under control and are challenging the men to step up!

Eric Beshore, Junior Warden eabeshore@comcast.net



TREASURER'S REPORT



**Trinity Episcopal Church
Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2010**

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 17,281	\$ 15,758	\$ 17,281	\$ 15,758
Expense	<u>20,610</u>	<u>16,765</u>	<u>20,610</u>	<u>16,765</u>
Income less Expense	<u>\$ (3,329)</u>	<u>\$ (1,007)</u>	<u>\$ (3,329)</u>	<u>\$ (1,007)</u>



**Daylight Savings Time
Changes at midnight on
Sat., March 13th.**

**Don't forget to set your clocks
to be in time for church!**

TRINITY MINISTRY FAIR

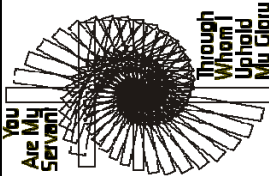
On March 7th, which is a first Sunday, the Stewardship Committee will host it's second annual Ministry Fair. This will be an opportunity for you to see all of the organizations, clubs and committees of Trinity, and to see which might appeal to your heart and abilities. You may be interested in teaching Sunday School, working with the Outreach Committee, helping with Vacation Bible School or stretching your wings with the Evangelism Committee. Each group will have someone available to give you more information and there will be sign up sheets available if you find something you might be interested in pursuing.

If you are already a member of one of our groups, this is the time to sign up again for the coming year. Come and see which ministry touches your heart and where you would like to help. In God's house, there's just the right place for each one of us.

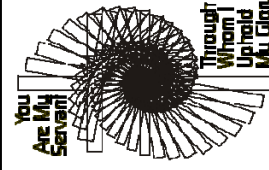


COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Every year many of the churches in the surrounding community get together and sponsor a luncheon which is held at one church with a clergy speaker from another church. This year Father Jeff will be speaking on March 10th at Keystone Baptist Church. Trinity will host the luncheon on March 17th and we will be expecting about 150 people on that day. Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheons and there is no fee but a free will donation is requested to offset the expense of the lunch.



SERVER'S SCHEDULE MARCH 2010



Date	Service	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Intercessor	Lector	Usher	Greeter
7-Mar-10	One Service 10AM	Elena Lowe	Elena Lowe			Laurie Alsobrook	Jim White Jim Zowarka	Ginny White Bettve Zowarka
14-Mar-10	8:30	Paul Stegall	Morgan Garcia	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Phil Payne	Danny Ethridge	Debbie Ethridge
21-Mar-10	11:00	Elena Lowe	Elena Lowe	Suki Hoffman	Suki Hoffman	Russ Mathis	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
	8:30	Craig Lee		Craig Lee	Craig Lee	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Joyce Chesnut
	11:00	Kristi Gregory		Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Margaret Rice	Liz Middleton	Joyce King
28-Mar-10	8:30	Rodney Paul	Morgan Garcia	Rodney Paul	Rodney Paul	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Vi Paul
	11:00	Elena Lowe	Elena Lowe	Pat Poppell	Pat Poppell	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Linda Wilcox
Cinnie Brown, Jean Stegall and Janet Macnichol								

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...

In 1994 I met with my first Lent, Holy Week, and Easter as a priest in the Episcopal Church. How excited I was to prepare to say Mass on Passion Sunday, several times through the week, and also once on Easter Sunday. A priest, if he or she is worth their weight in feathers [or anything else], will consciously prepare – we are so challenged by our Bishop in Godly admonitions by letter and by pre-Lenten retreats [which I attended on February 18 & 19th]. Prepare, read, study, pray, meditate, search yourself, confess your sins, and on and on. I was working so very hard to do this all rightly in light of my first Spring as a priest. Then on the Saturday morning prior to Passion Sunday, I was rushed to the hospital with a 107 degree fever as a result of kidney stone surgery which opened me to strep and staph infections. By Tuesday of Holy Week things were so bad, the fever so high, that an infectious disease specialist was flown into Utica, NY from New York City's Mt. Sinai Hospital. He concluded that he had no idea what was wrong with me.

Wednesday passed and the fever lowered, and by Maundy Thursday I was back in my right mind [so to speak]. The hallucinations had ceased, and at two o'clock in the afternoon my boss, Father James Cardone came into my room with a home communion kit and said, "Sit on the edge of the bed and lead LaVonne and me in the Maundy Thursday liturgy and Mass. You must do this as your first Maundy Thursday as a priest." I struggled through. That evening my wonderful male nurse told LaVonne, "Mrs. Mackey, we almost lost him...." She shared that with me later. I was released on Saturday and processed with the Easter Procession on Sunday morning. I looked like death itself, but I was there for the resurrection.

Ash Wednesday two weeks ago reminded me of my dust-origin again. Twice in 38 years of ministry I have missed a Holy Day. What was God saying to me? I didn't know in 1994 and I don't know in 2010. But I was given a hint by Father Dale Warner as we were on retreat together with our Bishop on Thursday and Friday. Father Dale said, "Jeff, I was wondering if I would have an altar for Ash Wednesday, and then your call came. Thank you for thinking of me." My dust-orientation made way for a brother in Christ to be the celebrant and preacher. And I so very much trust dear Father Warner. He is a true friend. He is one of us at Trinity, and we rejoice and celebrate that. My message for Ash Wednesday will have to wait a year (D.V.). Are we not fortunate to have multiple clergy to serve us so very well?

"I will supply all of your needs according to the riches of Christ's glory," is more than rhetoric. It is Christian hope. And we never "hope in vain." Thanks to those who missed me – thank God all the more that you did not miss Ash Wednesday. There were no ashes for me, just as there were no palms for me in 1994. But I was burning with a desire to be with you which was more painful than a cross of ashes on my brow.

Would to God we grew younger and healthier as we pass the years. Would to God that all pain and sickness were over and past – oh – forgot, these are reserved for the Future, and we cannot demand them today.

Just thought you would like to know,

Fr. Jeff Mackey +

GIGGLESOME

An aging man lived alone in Ireland. His only son was in Long Kesh Prison, and the father didn't know anyone else who would spade up his potato garden for him. The worried old man wrote to his son about it, and received this reply, "For HEAVENS SAKE, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the GUNS!!!!!" At 4 A.M. the next morning, a dozen British soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden, but they didn't find any guns. Confused, the man wrote to his son telling him what happened and asking him what to do. His son's reply was: "Just smile and plant your potatoes."

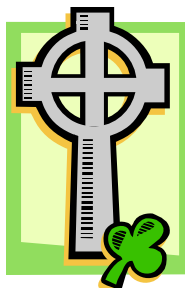
What do you get when you cross a pillowcase with a stone? A Sham Rock

What is out on the lawn all summer and is Irish? Paddy O' Furniture



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SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

- March 2** ECW Meeting - 10:00am
- March 3** Soup Supper at St. Mark's
Sue Carmichael Speaker
- March 5** Ultreya here at Trinity - 7:00pm
- March 6** DOK Quiet Day
- March 7** First Sunday and Ministry Fair
- March 10** Soup Supper at Trinity - 7:00pm
- March 13** Welcoming Ultreya at Camp Weed
- March 14** Vestry Retreat at Trinity
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 20** Memorial Service for Hank Chaires 1:30pm
- March 21** St. Dominick's Forum 5:00—7:00pm
- March 27** Work Day with Camp Blanding Cadets
- March 28** Palm Sunday

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
- 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 and Thursdays 10am—2pm