The Trinity Bell

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The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

A Word from Father Tony

Dear Trinity Family,

How Orthodox are you?

A recent poll reveals some surprising results concerning our understanding of the basic doctrines of Christian faith. In his article, "New Poll Finds Evangelicals' Favorite Heresies," Kevin P. Emmert writes "many American evangelicals hold unorthodox views on the Trinity, salvation, and other doctrines." How do Episcopalians fare? How would you view the following statements? Do you agree, disagree or don't know? (Yes, no or not sure?)

God the Father is more divine than Jesus.
Jesus is the first creature created by God.
The Holy Spirit is a force, not a personal being.
The Holy Spirit is less divine than God the Father and the Son.
People first seek God and then he responds with grace.
People must contribute their own effort for personal salvation.
God loves me because of the good I do or have done.

Ligonier Ministries commissioned LifeWay Research to conduct a "benchmark study" to determine what Americans believe about God, Goodness and Sin, Salvation and Religious Texts, about Heaven and Hell, the Church and Authority. The good news is that almost two-thirds of Americans believe that God is a perfect being who cannot make a mistake and that our Lord Jesus is fully God and fully Man. Sixty-nine percent believe "the Holy Spirit indwells every true Christian." However, sixty-four percent believe the Holy Spirit is a "force" rather than a "personal being." I suppose this could be in part due to the huge influence of the Star Wars movies on popular culture. ("May the force be with you!")

According to the study, one of the "most troubling findings in the survey is the lack of understanding Americans have regarding sin and the total depravity of human beings." Again, two-thirds believe that although we all sin, still, "most people are by nature good," leading us to believe that "the good in people can outweigh the bad." Episcopalians certainly understand the corruption of the human condition through the sin of Adam. We do not deny the sinful nature in each of us that deserves God's wrath. Yet, we rejoice with the Apostle Paul in the assurance that "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1 NIV) In the blessed waters of Holy Baptism we have died with Christ and risen from the waters to the hope of everlasting life in Him. By the seal of the Holy Spirit we are marked as Christ own forever! Paul says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2Cor. 5:17-18 NIV)

An astonishing seventy-one percent of Americans believe "an individual must contribute his/her own effort for personal salvation." Nearly two-thirds also believe that they must first seek God in order to receive His grace. This simply is not true! Paul says it best, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV) There is nothing you or I can do to earn God's love. There is nothing we can do to secure God's forgiveness. Jesus did it all for us in his death on the cross at Calvary.

As for the statements at the top of the page, I trust you know that none of them is true. Even more important is knowing that you are loved – unconditionally! As Paul says in Ephesians, "We know it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God!"

Warmly, Tony+

The First Sunday December 7
One Service at 10:00am

Lunch Immediately following the Service

Head of the Church
Jesus Christ

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard
Bishop of Florida

Members of the Vestry

Virginia Smith, Sr. Warden 2015
Bob Hood, Jr. Warden 2017
Donna Eichelsderfer 2017
Anne Lowry 2015
Vi Paul 2016
Clay O'Neal 2017
Bob Tickel 2016
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Margaret Rice, Choir Director
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Parish Administrator
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Service Times
8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday

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DEADLINE FOR THE NOV. TRINITY BELL IS OCT. 15th

NEWS FROM THE ECW

It was cold outside, but not on the inside! Over 100 women and a few men were gathered in Mandi's Chapel at Camp Weed to listen to a very inspiring talk by our Bishop, John Howard. After the Eucharist, Bishop Howard installed the new officers. Our own Linda Wilcox is the new President of the Diocesan ECW for the next three years. Congratulations Linda!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 10am in the Wicker Room and our usual Christmas luncheon will evolve into an Epiphany luncheon at Diane Conners home on Sat. Jan. 10th. We will have more information and directions at the next meeting. It should be an fun and interesting luncheon. See you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 3	Robert Menzen
Nov. 5	Elaine Wick
Nov. 8	Cathy Stegall
Nov. 9	Brian McCrea
Nov. 13	Elston Kussler, Joyce King
Nov. 14	Terry Marshall
Nov. 16	Kelly Curry, Bette Zowarka, Ken Blair
Nov. 17	Cheryl Katterhenry, Ginny Garnar, Ted Giesel
Nov. 19	Robert Tickel
Nov. 21	Carol Flynn

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. *BCP p. 830*

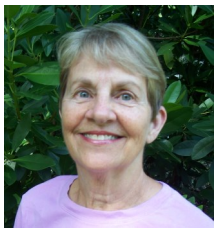
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 23 Chip and Amanda Gray

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

An Ultreya, a part of Cursillo, is a get-together of all those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and others who may be interested in attending. They include a pot luck dinner and a joyful, music filled celebration of the Eucharist. The next Ultreya will be held on November 9th at 4pm at St. Luke's in Live Oak. There will be no Ultreya in November because of the two Cursillo weekends. Men's Weekend will be Oct. 2-5 and Women's Weekend Oct. 9-12. The next weekends will be held in March. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Father Tony or anyone who has already attended a Cursillo Weekend.



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thanksgiving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God. Today it seems to have become a secular holiday ... not religious or connected to the church. I am reminded of the Thanksgiving hymn sung in my church growing up ... we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing. It was a favorite because it was about being together with family and friends ... spending time and a meal with people you love ... and, yes, thanking God for our many blessings. Trinity is a church that observes the Thanksgiving holiday ... and shares our blessings. Our doors are opened and God's blessings reach across the street into the Park ... embracing each and everyone in the community who comes to the free turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There is a great deal of preparation for this day ... organizing, volunteering, donating, preparing, serving, delivering ... and cleaning up. Each year more people are reached who need a good meal. Everyone who comes is received with a warm welcome and smiling face. There is music to enjoy, games to play and children's activities. For a few hours much joy and fun is experienced. To me ... this is my Thanksgiving ... being a part of Trinity ... a church filled with loving, friendly, wise, giving and spiritual individuals who truly exemplify God in all our hearts and lighten our lives.

Virginia

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Fall has finally arrived! We are currently making our plans for maintenance of the facilities over the next 6 months. If you have an item you are concerned about please let me know so I can make sure it is listed and plans to address it can be prepared. This is also a time when MANY activities are planned. It is VERY important that the office be aware of your needs so you will have access to the facilities on the days you want. Cleaning and Waxing are scheduled in advance so you will need to schedule the extra set-up time for an event as well as the event itself. We promoting the use of the Parish Hall to the community at large so you may not be able to have extra time to set up for your event unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.

I would like to thank everyone who has made their generous pledge for the support of the Church for the coming year. I also realize that in these difficult times some people have a hard time making a commitment for a monthly pledge. We know that you make donations monthly according to your ability and want you to know we appreciate anything you are able to give in thanks for the blessing of God in your lives.

The Vestry and Treasurer are currently working on the Annual Budget for next year to make the best use of the funds we have been blessed to have. If you have any suggestions on ways we may be more efficient please talk to any Vestry member. One change that is being implemented is in the Kitchen. As of September we spent what was budgeted for the kitchen for the entire year. An area that has become wasteful is the use of paper and plastic products. In the future except for small limited events silverware and either plastic or glass dinnerware is to be used.

If a sponsoring Ministry would like to use paper products for their event they will need to purchase them and reduce the profit from that event It should not take more than 1 hour to do dishes and cleanup with our dishwasher. There is a minimum amount of time involved and it's all part of the joyful fellowship time spent together when working in a ministry.

If you see anything that needs my attention or have any suggestions please let me know. Remember, I and all the Vestry members are here to serve you and welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. -1 Peter 4:10

Thank you all for your support and help,

Bob Hood, Junior Warden
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Trinity Episcopal Church Financials
September 2014

	Jun Actual	June Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
Total Revenue	$ 12,717	$ 13,082	(365.39)	$119,948	$95,739	$ 24,209
Total Expense	17,177	19,845	2,668	118,513	118,894	381
Surplus / (Deficit)	(4,460)	(6,763)	2,302	1,435	(23,154)	24,590

Collections	September Actual	September Budget	Over/Under Budget	Jan-Sep YTD Actual	Jan-Sep YTD Budget	Over/Under Budget
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Pledge Offerings	$11,794	$11,605	$189	$83,231	$89,010	($5,779)
Non-Pledged Offerings	1,825	1,920	(95)	18,185	17,883	302
Growth Income	875	167	708	4,814	1,500	3,314
Plate Offerings	528	250	278	3,415	2,250	1,165
Net Income	$15,022	$13,942	$1,080	$109,645	$110,643	($998)

For the month of September we had a **surplus of $,3645**. Y-T-D we have a surplus of

Because the Pledges are under budget by **$5,779** we have a cash flow problem.

The kindness and caring of our little church continue to uplift me. Because so many in our parish continue to wear more than one hat we can offer programs for our church and those of the surrounding communities. God has truly blessed us at Trinity Episcopal.

Carol Pettie, Treasurer

GIGGLESOME

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door. "Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."
"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.
"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.
The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.
"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"
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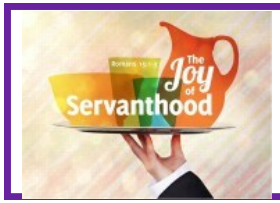
What did the Baby corn cob ask the Mama corn cob? Where's Popcorn?

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am –12 Thrift Shop
2 **First Sunday** **One Service 10am** **Lunch Following** **Ultreya St. Lukes, Live Oak**	3 Scouts 7pm	4 Access 10am-2pm Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00 Al Anon	5 ECW Meeting 10am **Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm**	6 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	7 2-5pm Thrift Shop Closed **Fall Bazaar 2-6pm**	8 9am –12 Thrift Shop **Fall Bazaar 9am—3pm**
9 **Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00** **Meals Following Both Services** **10:00 Classes**	10 Scouts 7pm	11 Veteran's Day **Office Closed** 1:30 Outreach Mtg 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00 Al Anon	12 **Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm**	13 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	14 2-5pm Thrift Shop	15 9am –12 Thrift Shop
16 **Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00** **Meals Following Both Services** **10:00 Classes**	17 Scouts 7pm	18 Access 10am-2pm Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00 Al Anon	19 **Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm** **Vestry 7pm**	20 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	21 2-5pm Thrift Shop	22 9am –12 Thrift Shop
23 **Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00** **Meals Following Both Services** **10:00 Classes**	24 Scouts 7pm	25 Access 10am-2pm Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00 Al Anon	26 Thanksgiving Set Up 3:30pm—6pm **Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm**	27 **Thanksgiving in the Park** **Setup 8:30am** **Serving 11am-2pm**	28 Thrift Shop Closed	29 Thrift Shop Closed Greening of the Hall
30 **Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00** **First Sun. of Advent** **Meals Following Both Services** **10:00 Classes**						



SERVERS' SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 2014

Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
02-Nov-14	**Single Service 10 AM**	Rodney Paul Chris Greenfield	Marika Brokus	Bob Hood Will Flynn	Kathi Warren Carol Flynn
09-Nov-14	**8:30**	Bob Hood	Jeanne Eaton	Clay O'Neal	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Margaret Rice	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
16-Nov-14	**8:30**	John Katterhenry	Chris Greenfield	Rodney Paul	Lynda Luekel
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Marie Curewitz	Liz Middleton	Elaine Ashley
23-Nov-14	**8:30**	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	John Katterhenry	Vi Paul
	11:00	Marie Curewitz	Annette Kussler	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
26-Nov-14	**Thanksgiving 6:00 PM**	Chris Greenfield	Chris Greenfield	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
30-Nov-14	**8:30**	Bob Hood	Brian McCrea	Brian McCrea	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Liz Middleton	Liz Middleton	Margaret Kidd

Vestry	Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith
Altar Guild	Kristi Gregory, Ann Beshore, 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.

SIXTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV. 27, 2014

FREE TO ALL

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WHO: YOU
WHEN: 11:00AM TO 2:00PM
WHERE: HERITAGE PARK IN MELROSE

GOOD FOOD
GOOD FRIENDS
GOOD MUSIC
GOOD FUN

For more information call Trinity Episcopal Church 352 475 2177

Thanksgiving day is just a few weeks away and, as usual, we're getting excited to see what blessings God will shower down on His precious people. We're doing lots of advertising, checking our equipment, happily hearing from those who would like to lend a hand and doing lots of praying! On the opposite page there is a flyer which you might want to cut out and give to a friend or to place in an area where others might see it. Below are the things which will be used on Thanksgiving Day.

BLESSINGS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING IN THE PARK

Food	People
Turkey	Set Up Helpers
Potato Salad	Music Makers
Fruit Salad	Story Tellers
Stuffing	Servers
Cranberry Sauce	Game Players
Rolls	Clean Up Helpers
Deviled Eggs	Prayers!
Tea & Lemonade	Prayers!
Desserts of all kinds	Prayers!

We would like to have the food items the day before so we will be able to prepare it for the coolers to be served picnic style. If you are bringing a turkey and are able to carve it at home before you bring it, that's an additional blessing, but we will have people here on Wed. evening who are able to do the carving. Home cooked is wonderful but store bought is fine if you are unable to attend or have other plans at home with friends or family.

If you would like to help with Wednesday preparations or on Thanksgiving Day, please call the office at Trinity and let us know. If you work for 30 minutes or 4 hours, every gift of time is valued and appreciated.

Thanks for your caring and for you help. God bless you and your family.

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30pm in the church.

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 **Diocesan ECW**

Nov. 2 **First Sunday All Saints**
Confirmation

Nov. 4 **General Election PH**

Nov. 26 **Prepare food for Thanksgiving in the Park**
Thanksgiving Service 6pm

Nov. 27 **Thanksgiving in the Park**

Nov. 30 **First Sunday of Advent**

DECEMBER

Dec. 7 **First Sunday 10:00am**

Dec. 13 **Merry Melrose**
Nativity Walk

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
5:30 Family Service 10pm Choral Service

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Coffee
9:45 - 10:45am Children's Sunday School
Noon Coffee

1st Sunday of the Month
One Service only at 10:00am
In the Parish Hall

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's

Wednesday: 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service

Thrift Shop
Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday
2 pm—5 pm Friday
9 am—Noon Saturday

Access Program
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm