



# 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

When I was a child growing up in Valdosta, Georgia, our family attended a tiny Methodist Church on the southwest side of town. Brother Herndon has long since gone to be with our Lord; however, this man was dear to my heart. During the service, he would let us come up front and play. Raising his voice to be heard above us, he made sure the adults heard the message. After a particularly rowdy morning racing our cars up and down the altar rail, one of the adults asked how he could stand the noise. Brother Herndon humbly replied, "If I can't preach over them, then I don't deserve to be here." Noisy children didn't faze him; in fact, I suspect the sound of children in church was music to his ears.

Trinity Episcopal will experience that same music and boundless energy in just a few weeks. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Attending a recent memorial service in Rochelle, Georgia, the preacher made no apologies for the roller coaster tracks that ran from the balcony to the wall behind the altar. I have also given permission to our VBS committee to decorate the Parish Hall as they see fit. We will probably be worshipping with banners and streamers hanging from the ceiling, but the sounds of laughter and the joy on our children's faces will make it all worth while as the kids lead the service the first Sunday in August.

Of all my childhood memories, there is none more precious than Vacation Bible School. We played games; finger painted, cut out figures from construction paper,

learned Bible stories and had a snack of red Kool-Aid and sugar cookies! Church was good! Church was safe. Church was fun! God is good! Jesus loves me!

No matter how rough the road that lays ahead, VBS is a time to let the children know that God cares about them. It's a time when we make good memories that provide strength in time of trouble. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so! Course, lest you forget, there's always the juice and cookie! Come to church, have fun! Make some noise! If I can't preach over you, I don't deserve to be here.

Tony+

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School will start on the last Sunday of the month, July 29. It will be held on the evenings of the 29, 30, and 31. There will be a big celebration/ graduation service during the first Sunday, August 4th. The children will have an opportunity to show us all what they've learned and to sing a song or two for us. If you would like to register a child for summer camp, please call the office.**

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON:  
SUNDAY, JULY 7th**

**Mother Michael will be our Celebrant  
Light Refreshments After the Service**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

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

**Members of the Vestry**

**Virginia Smith, Senior Warden '15  
Eric Beshore, Junior Warden '15  
Laurie Alsobrook 2014  
Anne Lowry 2015  
Vi Paul 2016  
Paul Stegall 2014  
Bob Tickel 2016**

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**Margaret Rice, Choir Director  
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**Jean Stegall,  
Financial Administrator  
Linda Wilcox,  
Parish Administrator  
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**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday**

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**"TRINITY BELL"**

You might notice that there is no financial report in this month's edition of the "Bell". There was no Vestry meeting held in June so no report was available.

If you have news of plans for the coming months, announcements, or reports, or would just like to write an article for the "Bell", the deadline is the 15th of each month. Communication is what helps us work and play together and we're always delighted to see new things each month. If you have something you'd like to see on our pages or ideas for new columns, please get in touch with Linda or Father Tony.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

July 5	Cinnie Brown
July 9	Ann Andre
July 11	Pat Nahikian
July 13	John Katterhenry
July 17	Terrell Bothwell
July 20	Ed Clarkson, Rodney Paul, Adam Olalde
July 24	Leo Lowe
July 25	Greg Spires
July 27	Jean Stegall
July 28	Ann Payne
July 30	Diane Connors, Laurel Wagner



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**



July 7	Jean and Ted Giesel
July 20	Pat and Kathi Warren
July 31	Mimi Shaughnessy and husband

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**



If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo or attending a Cursillo weekend, please speak with Clay O'Neal, Linda in the office, Father Tony, or anyone who has already attended a weekend.

Ultreyas are get-togethers of all those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and others who may be interested in attending. They include a pot luck dinner and celebration of the Eucharist. The next Ultreya will be Friday, August 7th at Holy Trinity in Gainesville. There won't be an Ultreya during the month of July.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN



A leap forward for mankind was the birth of the United States and the formation of an equal society. It was Thomas Jefferson and other members of the committee which drew up the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. From Jefferson we can learn how to celebrate freedom and the responsibility of it. He regarded the religious freedom as a human right. It is important because it allows people to seek God out of love rather than coercion. Today we have the freedom to share the Gospel and to worship freely. Freedom of religion is something to be thankful for and worth defending. As we celebrate this July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, may we take a little time to reflect and give thanksgiving for our freedoms here at Trinity.

Worship with liturgy, music and prayer

Read and study the Bible

Contribute time and talents

Pledge or give financial support

Christian formation for our children and adults

Socialize and share fellowship at planned events with those within and outside our church doors

Support outreach to those in need locally, nationally and globally

Minister to those who are sick, dying or who have personal concerns

*Virginia*



## JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



With the wonderful afternoon showers we are having the grounds are looking the best in a long time. The current lawn tractor is hanging in there fortunately. We are getting used to not having a reverse gear and avoiding getting into a situation that reverse is needed. It does create additional string trimmer work. The lawn tractor fund is at \$370 with a goal of \$1,800. Two parishioners have volunteered to donate push mowers but due to the size of the grounds we need a lawn tractor. A recent rider of the current mower said "We should have members ride the mower for 5 minutes and they will be happy to donate funds for a replacement."

Over the summer Rodney Paul will be overseeing the grounds for me. The mowing is covered all summer but all the other maintenance work will need volunteers. So if Rodney gives you a call help him out. Even better if you have time and want to help give him a call and volunteer.

Have you noticed something different in the Parish Hall rest rooms? We have added foaming soap dispenser as an experiment. The feedback is very positive. They remove from the counters the soap pumps and definitely minimize soap spilling on the counters. The only issue we had was getting the new dispensers to stick to the wall tile but that has been solved.

I have gotten reports that the Spill Kit in the janitors closet is being used. All who have had to use it are happy to have it. See a spill! Grab the kit! Put wet towels in the janitor closet sink.

Do not hide your talent but let it shine. Lend a hand and be blessed.

Thank you all for your support.

Eric Beshore,  
Junior Warden

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## GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION

Excitement is building and everyone is anxious to see what wonderfully unique and intriguing ideas people will come up with for the basket auction! There are a few baskets left in the office if you'd like to pick one up to fill with your own inspired items. In the past we've had everything from a basket with every kind of rice you can imagine to a book basket, an Italian basket, a fireplace basket and a chocolate basket. If you can think it up, it will make a fun basket. The dinner is scheduled for July 20th so we'd like to have the baskets into the office by July 10th to wrap and make the auction cards. We have lots of cellophane and ribbon and will be happy to wrap the baskets if you don't want to do that part. We just need a list of included items for the silent auction cards from you along with the basket. Tickets will be on sale starting on July 7th. This is usually a very popular event, and it's a wonderful time to invite your friends and neighbors to join in some of the fun here at Trinity. Be sure to get your tickets early!



## HAY DAY, OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Plans are well underway for this year's Vacation Bible School, so tell your friends and neighbors, who have young children, to join us for an exciting time to come and "Grow in Friendship with Jesus"! The dates for VBS this year will be July 28, 29, and 30th for a three evening VBS. The wrap up will be the following Sunday morning, August 4th. Children can be registered by calling the church office (352) 475-2177 with the name, age, grade (they'll be going into), phone number and email. There is never any charge for VBS, and it's a wonderful form of outreach to our community as well as being a fun and memorable Christian education experience for our own families.

## OUTREACH

Bob Tickel is the new chair of the Outreach Committee. If you have any ideas or thoughts for Outreach or are interested in joining the committee, please give Bob a call.

## GIGGLESOME

### Parable For The 4th of July

Once, in the 1820's, a little boy called Sam was playing in the yard behind his house. During his pretend fighting game, he knocked over the outhouse. Now Sam was upset and worried that he would get into trouble so he ran into the woods and didn't come out until after got dark. When he arrived back home, his pappy was waiting for him. He asked suspiciously, "Son, did you knock over the outhouse this afternoon?"

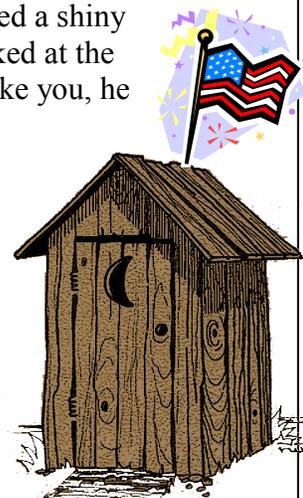
"No, pappy," Sam lied.

"Well, let me tell you a story," said the father. "Once, not that long ago, Mr. Washington received a shiny new axe from his father. Excited, he tried it out on a tree, swiftly cutting it down. But as he looked at the tree, with dismay he realized it was his mother's favorite cherry tree," his pappy paused. "Just like you, he ran into the woods. When he returned, his pappy asked, 'George, did you cut down the cherry tree?' Abraham answered with, 'Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did indeed chop down the tree.' Then his father said, 'Well, since you were honest with me, you are spared from punishment. I hope you have learned your lesson, though.'" "So," the Sam's father asked again, "did you knock down the outhouse?"

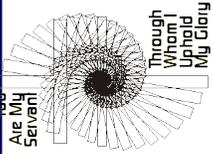
"Pappy, I cannot tell a lie any more." said the little boy. "I did indeed knock down the outhouse."

Then his pappy father spanked Sam boy red, white, and blue. The boy whimpered, "Pappy, I told you the truth! Why did you spank me?"

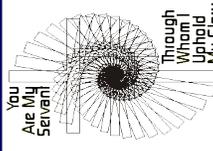
Pappy answered, "That's because George Washington's father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down!"







## SERVERS' SCHEDULE JULY 2013



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
7-Jul-13	Single Service 10AM	Bob Tickle	Margaret Rice	Rodney Paul Jeanne Eaton	Vi Paul Kelly O'Neal
14-Jul-13	8:30	Paul Stegall	Marika Brokas	Robert Menzen	Jane Menzen
	11:00	Suki Hoffman	Suki Hoffman	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
21-Jul-13	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	Jeanne Eaton	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Linda Wilcox
28-Jul-13	8:30	Paul Stegall	Joyce Chesnut	Rodney Paul	Joyce Chesnut
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Marie Curewitz	Liz Middleton	Bill Sohl
VESTRY	Vi Paul and				
Altar Guild	Jean Stegall and Ginny Garnar				

**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.**



## 4TH OF JULY QUIZ

(How many can you answer without looking at the answers?)



1. Which three presidents died on the Fourth of July?
2. What other presidents were near misses?
3. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th?
4. When was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?
5. On what date did most of the signers actually sign the doc?
6. Who was the oldest signatory?
7. Who was the youngest?
8. Which state had the most delegates sign?
9. Who was the last signatory of the Declaration of Independence?
10. When did Abraham Lincoln give his 1863, July fourth address?
11. What other countries celebrate the 4th of July?
12. In what year did July 4 become a paid legal federal holiday?
13. How did Nathan's, Fourth of July, Hot Dog contest begin?
14. What American President was famous for playing golf every Fourth of July?
15. What modern First Lady wore a bejeweled American Flag in her lapel on every Fourth of July? Pat Nixon, Jackie Kennedy, Hillary Clinton or Betty Ford?

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### ANSWERS

(No peeking until you're finished)

1. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third president, both died on the same day in 1836.
2. On July 4, 1850, President Zachary Taylor attended ceremonies for the Washington Memorial and returned to the White House for a bowl of cherries and milk. He became sick to his stomach that night and died five days later. On July 2, 1881, President James Garfield was shot. He died several months later.
3. Two
4. July 8, 1776. Actually, the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall to summon the crowd.
5. August 2, 1776
6. Ben Franklin. He was 70.
7. Edward Rutledge. 26 years old. He owned 50 slaves. Later became governor of South Carolina.
8. Pennsylvania. There were nine.
9. Thomas McKean, January, 1777. He was at one time the president of the continental congress, later became a governor of Pa.
10. On July 7, 1863. On July 4, citizens in Washington were celebrating what appeared to be a victory at Gettysburg and wanted Lincoln to give a speech but he would only issue a short proclamation. He was waiting to get a complete report and for further news out west, where General Grant was laying siege to Vicksburg. He later found out that Vicksburg had fallen on July 4th. Lincoln gave his speech three days late.
11. Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England.
12. It became an unpaid federal holiday in 1870. And a lot of trivia sites say that it became a paid holiday in 1941 but it was actually passed by congress in 1938.
13. It started out as a dispute among four immigrants over who was the most patriotic. And so, that explains why this country is overweight. We are patriotic?
14. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
15. Jackie Kennedy. And the jewelry actually sells on e-bay.

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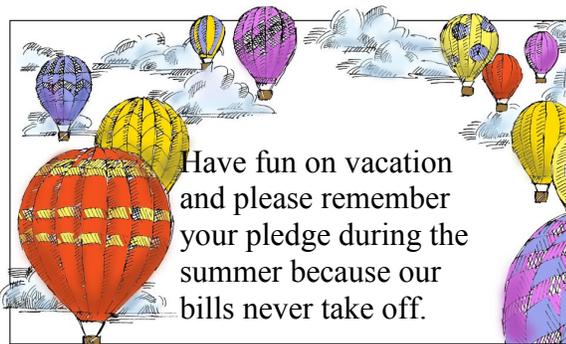


**JULY 2013**

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON**

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- July 4th      Holiday - Office Closed
- July 7        First Sunday One Service 10 am
- July 11      Fellowship Meeting
- July 17      Vestry Meeting
- July 20      Good Old Summertime Chicken Dinner  
                  And Basket Auction
- July 28      Vacation Bible School Starts



Have fun on vacation  
and please remember  
your pledge during the  
summer because our  
bills never take off.

**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