



# 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,

Last Sunday, in *Colossians* we introduced the Alpha program, which we will host during September and October. Several folks have shown further interest in Alpha and have asked me to explain how it works. Alpha is a great program that is open to everyone in the community – no matter their faith or their background. Alpha offers an intriguing look at Christianity through a series of video presentations by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican priest and vicar at Holy Trinity Brompton, a vibrant church family of nearly 4000 members located in the heart of London. Nicky’s wonderful British accent is one of the things that keeps you riveted to the screen!

Each week we will have dinner together in the Parish Hall, watch Nicky’s presentation and engage in table discussion afterwards. Each table will have a facilitator and everyone will have a small, fun and informative *Explore Life* workbook to help move the conversation. There will be a weekend retreat (Friday/Saturday or simply Saturday) during the Alpha course where we will get away to a quiet place and have time to process and absorb all the Holy Spirit has for us. The only expense for the entire course is the weekend event, which we will strive to keep to a minimum.

Alpha is a great way to reconnect with our faith in a new and refreshing venue and a great time to invite our neighbors to come and see what is happening at Trinity! Alpha will be Thursday evenings, 6 p.m., beginning Au-

gust 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to register and encourage your friends and neighbors to come.

Warmly,  
Tony+

P.S. During my visit for the 4th Friday for Life food and social services outreach at St. Andrew’s Episcopal in Interlachen last Friday, I asked Mother Diane how we could help her. Besides keeping them in prayer and signing up to be a volunteer, there is much need for toiletries: little traveling sizes of shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, tissues, combs, brushes and children’s underwear.

Our Outreach Committee will take your donations and re-package them in small re-sealable bags to give to the elementary schools for children in desperate need. As a way to support Mother Diane and be a part of the great work 4<sup>th</sup> Friday is doing for our larger community, please collect these items and place them in the basket in the sanctuary. Each week we will bring the basket to the altar for a special blessing and prayer for the children.



**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON:  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

**Vacation Bible School Presentation  
And  
Lunch Following**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

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

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

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

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**"TRINITY BELL"**

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**

Aug. 2 Sarah Garcia  
Aug. 10 Mark Barrow  
Aug. 13 Keelin Gardiner  
Aug. 15 Will Flynn  
Aug. 18 Morgan Garcia, Jacob Lowe  
Aug. 25 Ann Beshore, Paige Davis  
Aug. 27 Wes Connors  
Aug. 28 Jennifer Williams  
Aug. 30 Michael Currie



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*



**IRON CHEF DINNER**

Our Iron Chef Dinner won't be held until October but we thought we'd give you time to get out your cookbooks, check online and put on your thinking cap. The "secret ingredient" is Apple, so see what you can come up with to make Johnny Appleseed proud!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Aug. 15 **Bettye and Jim Zowarka**  
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**



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.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN



Vi Paul, Linda Wilcox, Bob Tickel, Father Tony and myself recently attended the “Flourish in Faith Stewardship Conference” via webcast at Holy Trinity in Gainesville. The keynote speakers were very engaging and challenged us to try some fresh new ideas. We came away with new energy and vision for Trinity.

This years stewardship drive promises to be exciting and to have a new focus. We know that we will have a celebration at the end of the drive to rejoice in our partnership in God’s ministry. I ask that you begin being prayerful as we approach this very important ministry at Trinity.

### **Some things to think about:**

How would it affect our community if Trinity were not here?

How does it affect our community with the presence of Trinity?

Is Trinity ready to blossom in stewardship?

Are we looking to plant the seeds of faithful giving?

How BOLD are we?

*Virginia*

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Daughters of the King will start a new course of instruction starting on Monday, August 19th. The training lasts for ten weeks and new members will be installed on the first weekend of December.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

An Order is a community under a religious rule; especially one requiring members to take solemn vows. We don’t just enroll as members and attend meetings; we take life-long vows to follow the Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service. If you would like to join the DOK, or if you are interested in learning more, please call Kristi Gregory or Margaret Kidd.

## JR. WARDEN’S REPORT



Rain, Rain, Rain has certainly kept the grounds growing this summer The current lawn tractor is still going fortunately. This past month we had two flat tires and some engine issues. The lawn tractor fund is now at \$500 with a goal of \$1,800. Thank you all who donated. We would like to meet our goal by spring. That would allow us to take advantage of the spring sales. We cannot make it another year

Remember over the summer Rodney Paul is 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.

Ann and I have been enjoying a wonderful summer high (9,300ft) in the mountains of Colorado. We think of you all often and trust your summer is going well

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  
[eabeshore@comcast.net](mailto:eabeshore@comcast.net)

## WOUNDED WARRIOR RETREAT LETTERS

The next Wounded Warrior Retreat will be held at Camp Weed August 16th - 18th. Please write notes to these heroes expressing your gratitude for their service, you can't imagine how much those notes mean to them. Letters must be received at the Diocesan office no later than Friday, August 9th or you may turn them into Trinity's office by Monday, August 5th and we will see that they get to the Diocese. Here are the names of those attending: Brett Bell, Kevin Crowder, Austin Davis, Mario Engleman, Miles Guthrie, Matthew Harris, James Hicks, Matthew Horn, Brett Jenkins, Joe Moore, Pablo Rosario, Joseph Santoscoy, William Schnarr, Ruben Wright, Blen Young.

## GIGGLESOME

We must really perplex God: he made us a perfect world and we have to change it. Imagine the conversation The Creator might have had with St. Francis on the subject of lawns.

**GOD:** Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles, and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees, and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

**ST. FRANCIS:** It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

**GOD:** Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds, and bees, only grubs and sod-worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

**GOD:** The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it – sometimes twice a week.

**GOD:** They cut it? Do they then bail it like hay?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

**GOD:** They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

**ST. FRANCIS:** No, Sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

**GOD:** Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Yes, Sir.

**GOD:** These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

**ST. FRANCIS:** You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

**GOD:** What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

**ST. FRANCIS:** You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

**GOD:** No. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

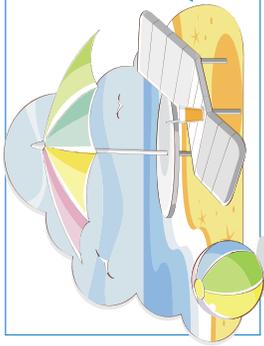
**ST. FRANCIS:** After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

**GOD:** And where do they get this mulch?

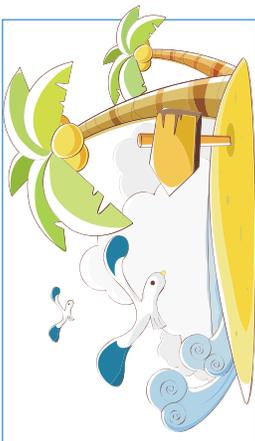
**ST. FRANCIS:** They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

**GOD:** Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

**ST. CATHERINE:** Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a real stupid movie about ...

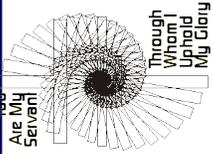


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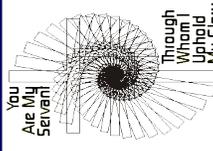


Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>4 <b>First Sunday</b> One Service 10:00am VBS Presentation Lunch Following</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm Al-Anon PH in in use pm</p>	<p>7 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</b></p>	<p>1 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>On the first Sunday, August 4th the children who have attended VBS will have a presentation for us all to show the things and sing some of the songs they have learned. This should be fun and exciting for us all. We will be able to see our work in motion. Lunch will follow the service. Don't miss this fun morning when you can see first hand the work of Trinity volunteers and God's love on the happy faces of the children.</p>	<p>8 10 - 4 Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>9 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>2 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>3 Thrift Shop 9am-12</p>
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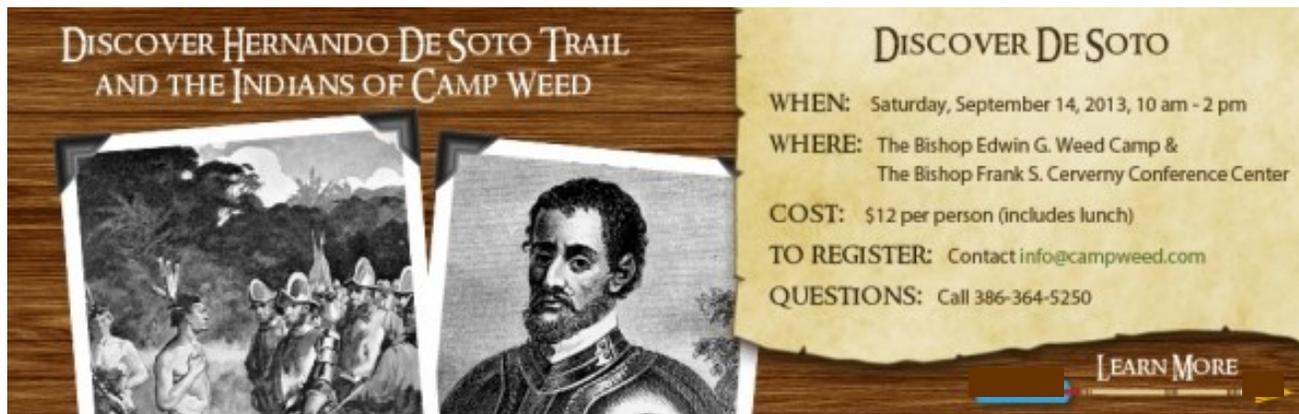


## SERVERS' SCHEDULE JULY 2013



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
4-Aug-13	Single Service 10AM	Bob Tickle	Liz Middleton	Rodney Paul Liz Middleton	Vi Paul Joyce King
11-Aug-13	8:30	Rodney Paul	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Suki Hoffman	Lauri Alsobrook	Will Flynn	Bettye Zowarka
18-Aug-13	8:30	Paul Stegall	Marika Brokas	Robert Menzen	Kathi Warren
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Annette Kussler	Kristi Gregory	Margaret Kidd
25-Aug-13	8:30	Rodney Paul	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Vi Paul
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Sharon Jax	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
VESTRY	Paul Stegall and Laurie Alsobrook				
Altar Guild	Kathi Warren 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.



## Discover DeSoto and the Indians of Camp Weed

*Join us as we relive this day!*

Each year we provide a program of discovery and education at Camp Weed. Come explore an actual site which has produced numerous artifacts from the period. Enjoy a treasure hunt and lunch like the indigenous people would have had and grown on our grounds in 1539. This fun and educational day is suitable for adults and children 7 and older. Young people must be accompanied by an adult.

The De Soto Trail symbolizes the dramatic clash of two societies, the old world of Europe and the New World of the American Indian. Their encounters had very dire consequences for both societies and shaped the course of American history for the next 500 years.

### **Hernando De Soto Trail of 1539 - 1540**

*It's September 12, 1539 . . .* Imagine you are a member of an Indian tribe which inhabited the lands around White Lake and Peacock Lake. They called themselves the Utina tribe. On this fateful day the members of your tribe are shocked to see a horse for the first time! These horses, 200 of them, each had a rider. Some of your friends thought the riders and the horse were one animal! Then they noticed a material the men were wearing. It was like nothing they had ever seen. It was armor. The men also had weapons made of metal and these men had beards. Following behind the huge parade of 600 people were strange animals with snouts! The strange animals were the first pigs ever to walk the land around Camp Weed. The air was thick with drama, these men had taken captive several Indians from the Ichetucknee area on their way westward. One of the captives was the Chief of Ichetucknee's daughter. The Chief wanted his daughter to be freed. De Soto captured the Chief and there was a battle...

### **The De Soto Trail Journal**

Hernando De Soto's army has stopped at a small abandoned village not far away. We have been forced to remain in this village for three days now. Torrential rains have halted our progress. We will remember this spot as Muchas Aguas, Many Waters. "These Christians arrived at a town that they called 'Many Waters' because it rained so much they could not leave from there on Saturday or Sunday. They left the following Monday, the fifteenth of that month and found a very bad swamp and all the roads very difficult and they spent the night at Napituca, which was a very pleasant town, well situated and with much food." *Account by Rodrigo Rangel, The De Soto Chronicles.*

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

Our Spring UTO has been counted, and we were able to send a check for \$418.12. This is really great, and I want to thank all of you who contributed. This amount was contributed by 12 people. Just think what we could do if more people would get involved! It just means dropping a coin in a box and saying, "Thank You, God." Every one of us is so blessed in our country, so it is so easy to be thankful. Make it a practice to do this, and it will soon become a habit! Start the practice now before our November ingathering.

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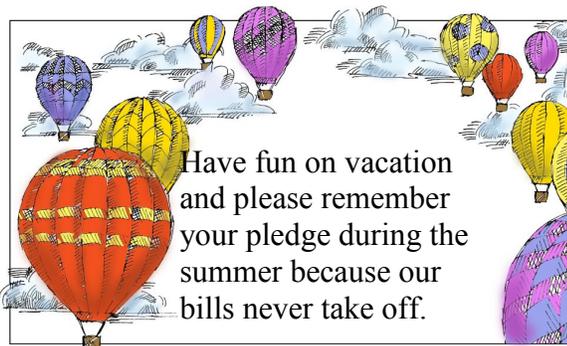
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**Be Extra Careful Driving. Our  
Children are Back in School.**

### SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

#### AUGUST

- Aug. 4**      **First Sunday One Service at 10 am**  
**VBS Presentation**  
**VBS will prepare lunch.**
- Aug. 19      DOK Training Starts
- Aug. 26      DOK Meeting
- Aug. 29      Alpha Course 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