



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

Beloved,

This Lenten season has been phenomenal! The incredible faithfulness of this congregation is filling not one, not two, but three Lenten studies with vibrant discussion of our Christian faith. The Lenten dinners with St. Mark's, Starke continue to be a huge success. And the ecumenical luncheons among the area churches have seen record numbers as congregations come together to share a meal and hear the message proclaimed. People are hungry for God's word and eager to see his hand at work in the world around them. The recent tragedies here at home with the senseless death of a teen and abroad with the unfathomable loss of an airliner have raised our awareness of just how fragile life can be.

Holy Week offers us a time to face our vulnerabilities and remember that our Lord has been there. He knows our struggles and has felt our pain. On Monday evening, we will celebrate Choral Evensong, the sung version of Evening Prayer that connects us with the past while propelling us into the future, reminding each of us to be faithful in our daily disciplines.

Tuesday evening's worship features a Taizé service using the profoundly simple, moving songs of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. Founded in 1940, the Taizé Community incorporates over a hundred catholic and protestant brothers from thirty different countries. A hundred thousand young people from a round the world journey to France each year to join in the life and worship of the Community.

Wednesday evening will feature the ancient service of Ten-ebrae, a Service of Shadows, recounting the Shadows of Loneliness, Desertion, Accusation, and Mockery that end in the humiliating death of Jesus on the cross.

Our Maundy Thursday service will include an opportunity to experience the powerful ministry of the foot washing ceremony. On this evening, after the Eucharist, the altar is carefully and lovingly stripped bare and the tabernacle emptied. We hear the words of Psalm 22, Deus, Deus, meus... My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?! Afterward, we will leave the church in silence.

Good Friday will include two services of the Stations of the Cross. The noontime service will begin outdoors and make its way to the foot of the Cross. The evening service will be in the Sanctuary and will also allow for prayers at the Cross.

Holy Saturday, the Great Sabbath, the day Christ rested in the tomb is a day of reflection and preparation for the Easter Feast to come. Color some eggs! Buy a bright hat! Celebrate this Joyous Saturday as we await the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Waking up to the empty tomb, the joy and wonder of our risen Savior, we celebrate the light of Christ that lives in each of us. The forgiveness of sins! The redemption of the world! The restoration of all things in Christ, who died and rose again for us! Glory in this month and enjoy all the blessings God has showered on us. Let the light of His love take away our darkness as we live into the fullness and joy of his grace.

Warmly, Tony+

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Jesus Christ**

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

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ECW NEWS



ECW will hold it's April meeting on Tuesday, April 1st. We will meet in the Wicker Room at 10:00 a.m. Joyce King will present our program. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship. Also, remember that our May meeting will be our annual luncheon. Hope to see you there.

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY TRINITY BELL
IS APRIL 14th**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/4 Paul Stegall, Marion Mathis
- 4/8 Peggy Alseth
- 4/12 Linda Wilcox
- 4/14 Marian Paul
- 4/18 Jean Marshall, Russell Mathis
- 4/19 Phill Thompson
- 4/25 Karen Wacha, Caleb Currie
- 4/27 Jean Giesel
- 4/30 Ginny White



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

- 4/1 Marian and Tim Paul
- 4/1 Joyce and Bill Chesnut
- 4/17 Margaret and Dave Kidd



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 held on April 13 at 4pm at Holy Trinity in Gainesville.



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

We are in the midst of a fund drive which will allow us to continue to support a full time priest. As you are aware the vestry knew that we could only maintain a priest for one and a half to two years when we called Father Tony. He graciously accepted our call at a salary \$4000 less than Diocesan standards. We were to make up that difference after a year. This has not been possible and Father Tony and Ann have been very understanding.

We had anticipated more growth during the years when we started down this path. It did not happen. The downturn in the economy affected our stewardship campaigns. We lost some friends through moves, illness and death.

Today Father Tony is challenging us with new opportunities ...working to establish programs for our youth, interacting with our community and engaging in much pastoral care, educational studies all to enhance our personal growth in spiritual relationship with God.

It is a joy to hear the laughter as more young people are gathered in the classroom or outside. The growth is beginning to happen. We have wonderful, strong leadership now, and a teacher who is present for whatever our needs may be. He has become a familiar and admired face in the community

At this time we have received 18 pledges for \$14,760.00 toward the Full Time Priest Fund. We are so blessed, and the future of Trinity is so important and special for each of us...please be prayerful as we each do our part in making this happen.

Virginia

JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



Now that we have reached the mid-point of Lent, my hope is that everyone has been taking advantage of the many opportunities available for spiritual growth, thoughtful reflection, and great fellowship on your journey to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The worship committee is planning many things to enhance our journey during Holy Week this year. I hope everyone will participate in as many as your schedules allow.

As most of you know we have been having a problem with vandalism of the church property. We have replaced the light at the North end of the Parish Hall which was not able to be fixed. We have also added motion detector lights on the SE & SW corners of the Office/Thrift Store complex. The lights on the Trinity sign & the Flag have been replaced as they were broken and not repairable. I would like to ask everyone to be aware of the lighting when you are on the Church grounds at night. If you see a problem with them please let me know so I can fix the problem.

An ongoing concern we are working on is the Pipe Organ in the Church. As everyone knows we are having to adjust our heating and cooling to protect this Historic Organ. I apologize for the fact that we MUST run the fans 24 hours a day. This is necessary to keep the hot air from pooling at the top of the church which then damages the valves of the organ. Numerous times lately someone has turned off the fans which has hampered our efforts. We had to have the organ repaired again this month and it was necessary to "dip" into our Repair & Maintenance Reserves to pay for the work. We also received an electric bill which was 3 times above normal. I would ask that anyone who adjusts the temperature on the AC unit please remember to push the reset button when you leave the church or it remains on the setting you changed it to.

I would like to thank Rodney Paul for picking up a load of cypress mulch that he and his son spread in the flower gardens around the property. I also would like to thank Rodney for his time cleaning and mowing the grounds and blowing the leaves off the walks during the past month.

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

Melrose, FL

Pledged & Non-Pledges Offering
For the Month of February and YTD, 2014

	<u>Actual</u> February	<u>Budget</u> February	<u>Over/Under</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u> <u>Budget</u>
Pledges Offerings	\$8,149	\$8,833	(\$684)	\$15,735	\$19,052	(\$3,317)
Non-Pledged Offerings	1,857	2,048	(191)	2,987	4,119	(1,132)
Plate Offerings	<u>337</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>42</u>
Net Income	\$10,343	\$11,131	(\$788)	\$19,264	\$23,671	(\$4,407)

For the month of February we had an Operating Surplus of \$2,955. This is due to moving \$10,874 from the Reserved Priest Fund.

Our Pledged Offerings are under Budget YTD by \$3,317 and Non Pledged YTD are under Budget by \$1,132.

Please catch up with your contributions.

Our Priest Fund Pledge is in progress. The current Reserve Priest Fund is almost depleted. Please consider what Trinity means to you and give generously.

Carol Pettie
Treasurer

THE DAY AFTER EASTER

It began hundreds of years ago. A monk, whose name has been lost in history, was pondering the meaning of the events of holy week, with its solemn observances of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the astonishing, earth-shaking events of Easter. "What a surprise ending," he thought. Then suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, he had a new insight. His hearty laugh startled his fellow monks, breaking the silence of their contemplation.

"Don't you see," he cried, "It was a joke! A great joke! The best joke in all history! On Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified, the devil thought he had won. But God had the last laugh on Easter when he raised Jesus from the dead."

The monks called it "the Easter laugh." The idea spread rapidly, and the day after Easter became known as a "Day of Joy and Laughter" in Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant countries. In homes and churches, it became common to celebrate God's great joke on the devil with joke-telling sessions. It became the custom even in monasteries. Especially in monasteries.

Recently, the Fellowship of Merry Christians, the publishers of "The Joyful Newsletter," began to urge churches and prayer groups to revive this very old custom and hold Easter Monday parties or to have Holy Humor Sundays the week following Easter. Joy, joy, joy!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 First Sunday One Service 10am Lunch Following</p>  <p><i>Announcements!</i> Ultreya 4pm Holy Trinity</p>	<p>7 Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>1 Access 10am-2pm 10am ECW Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm A/Anon</p>	<p>2 Lenten Soup Supper At Trinity 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 4:00 Book Study 6:00 pm Poetry Club Forum Room 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>4 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>5 9am – 12 Thrift Shop</p>
<p>6 First Sunday One Service 10am Lunch Following</p>	<p>7 Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>8 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm A/Anon</p> 	<p>9 Lenten Soup Supper At St. Marks 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 4:00 Book Study 6:00 pm Poetry Club Forum Room 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>11 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>12 9am – 12 Thrift Shop</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday One Service 10am Refreshments Following</p>  <p><i>Announcements!</i> Ultreya 4pm Holy Trinity</p>	<p>14 Evensong 6:00pm Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>15 Taize Service 6pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm A/Anon</p>	<p>16 Tenebrae Service 6pm</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 6:00 pm Poetry Club Forum Room 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>18 Thrift Shop Closed Good Friday Services Noon and 6pm</p>	<p>19 Thrift Shop Closed</p>
<p>20 Easter Day One Service 10am Refreshments and Egg Hunt Following</p> 	<p>21 Scouts 7pm Office Closed</p>	<p>22 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm A/Anon</p>	<p>23 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</p>	<p>24 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 6:00 pm Poetry Club Forum Room 7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>25 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>26 Men's Club 9am – 12 Thrift Shop</p> 
<p>27 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast 10:00 Sunday Classes 11:45 Refreshments</p>	<p>28 DOK 6pm</p>  <p>Scouts 7pm</p>	<p>29 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Pizza and Gospel 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm A/Anon</p>	<p>30 Eucharist and Healing Service 6:00pm</p>			



SERVERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 2014



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
6-Apr-14	Single Service 10AM	Chris Greenfield Sharon Jax	Jeanne Eaton	Eric Beshore Clay O'Neal	Ann Beshore Kelly O'Neal
13-Apr-14	Palm Sunday Single Service 10AM	Paul Stegall Rodney Paul	Joyce Chesnut	Robert Menzen Eaton	Jane Menzen Joyce Chesnut
20-Apr-14	EASTER Single Service 10AM	Bob Tickle Sharon Jax	Laurie Alsobrook	Will Flynn Rodney Paul	Carol Flynn Vi Paul
27-Apr-14	8:30	Paul Stegall	Mary Rynd	Clay O'Neal	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Liz Middleton	Liz Middleton	Cinnie Brown
Vestry	Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith				
Altar Guild	Cinnie Brown, Vi and Rodney Paul and 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.

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

In the Roman Catholic Church, "tenebrae" is the name given to the celebration, with special ceremonies, of Matins and Lauds, the first two hours of the Divine Office, of the last three days of Holy Week. Originally celebrated after midnight, by the late Middle Ages their celebration was anticipated on the afternoon or evening of the preceding day in most places.

The structure of Tenebrae is the same for all three days. The first part of the service is Matins, which in its pre-1970 form is composed of three nocturns, each consisting of three psalms, a short versicle and response, a silent Pater Noster, and three readings, each followed by a responsory. Pre-1970 Lauds consists of five psalms, a short versicle and response, and the Benedictus Gospel canticle, followed by Christus factus est, a silent Pater Noster, a devotional recitation of Psalm 50 (51), Miserere, and the appointed collect.

The principal Tenebrae ceremony is the gradual extinguishing of candles upon a stand in the sanctuary called a hearse. Eventually the Roman Rite settled on fifteen candles, one of which is extinguished after each of the nine psalms of Matins and the five of Lauds, gradually reducing the lighting throughout the service. The six altar candles are put out during the Benedictus, and then any remaining lights in the church. The last candle is hidden beneath the altar, ending the service in total darkness. The strepitus (Latin for "great noise"), made by slamming a book shut, banging a hymnal or breviary against the pew, or stomping on the floor, symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death, although it may have originated as a simple signal to depart. Following the great noise, the candle which had been hidden from view is returned to the top, signifying the return of Christ to the world with the Resurrection, and all depart in silence.

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Please note that all of the services for Holy Week and Easter are listed on the back page and in each copy of Colossians. There will be three 10:00am service Sundays during the month, first Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter. Mark your calendars so you won't miss any of these special days.

CAMP WEED'S BIRTHDAY AND HOLY SMOKE BAR B QUE

Bring the family and re-unite with old friends at the upcoming Diocesan Homecoming event! Friday evening, May 2nd, is a time for adults to gather for a beer tasting and jam session with camp songs. Saturday, May 3rd, is for children of all ages as there will be pony rides, hayrides, camp activities, and the Holy Smoke BBQ Throw-down. Skydivers will bring in the bread and wine for the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Howard. Last year the Trinity Bar B Que team took second place and this year they're aiming even higher! If you've never been to the camp, this is a perfect opportunity to bring the family and experience the beauty and fun, and to enjoy some exciting events and delicious food.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR LOW COUNTRY BOIL

On Saturday, May 11th, Joe Chamberlain, the Director of Camp Weed will come to Trinity with his huge kettle and prepare a Low Country Boil for us once again. Last year's event was not only fun but delicious and there were many requests for Joe to come again. The 11th is the day before Mother's Day, so you can celebrate with a very special treat!

CHORAL PROGRAM

Our Trinity Choir, along with members of choirs from several other churches in our area are going to present a choral program on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 in the afternoon. The program will be held at Keystone Methodist church and will be a wonderful combination of songs from the musical traditions of several different faiths. You will have an opportunity to experience everything from chants to contemporary music to some of our traditional hymns. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Come and spend a happy afternoon surrounded by music and joy.

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SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

APRIL

- Apr. 2 Lenten Dinner at Trinity**
Miguel Rosada—"Hispanic Ministry"
- Apr. 4-6 Diocesan ECW Retreat**
- Apr. 6 First Sunday**
- Apr. 9 Lenten Dinner at St. Mark's**
Sue Carmichael "Urban Ministry"
- Apr. 13 Palm Sunday**
- Apr. 14 Evensong 6:00pm**
- Apr. 15 Taize Service 6:00pm**
- Apr. 16 Tenebrae Service 6:00pm**
- Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday**
- Apr. 18 Good Friday**
- Apr. 20 Easter Sunday**
- Apr. 21 Office Closed**
- Apr. 27 Choral Program**

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