



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

In my office is a portrait of Charlie and Shirley Norton looking on with an approving smile, giving us their continued blessing. On my desk is Ann Payne's favorite photo of the Church. Taken by her daughter, Maggie, the picture shows the east side of the sanctuary artfully draped by a large branch of the live oak tree.

The Gospel of Matthew says there were forty-two generations from Abraham to Jesus. Forty-two generations of God's children whose lives are woven into the timeless stories of faith and history that reveal God's plan of salvation.

If you count forty years as a generation, then nearly fifty generations have passed since the incarnation of our Lord. Each Sunday, at least five of the latest generations come together to worship and serve our Lord. Some think of them as "Great" and "Grand," Mom and Dad, baby and grandbaby, great-grand or even great-great grandbaby. Every generation is unique and has faced or will face its share of struggles.

Charlie, Shirley and Ann were members of the "Greatest Generation" (coined by Tom Brokaw.) Born in the 1920's, this is the generation that grew up during the Depression and readily served during World War II, making huge sacrifices both at home and abroad to save the world from tyranny. It's hard to believe that those remaining, the Great-greats among us, are in their ninety's now.

Even harder to accept is that their children, the Baby Boomers, are fast approaching retirement. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were only twenty?! The "Boomers" or "Me" generation experienced the huge cultural changes of the '60's and 70's that resulted in a broad rejection of the Establishment and a growing distrust of government.

Boomers included the Hippies, the Jesus Freaks, Civil Rights marchers and anti-war protesters. The War in Vietnam, the Cuban Crisis, Integration, and the race to the Moon are just a few of their defining moments. The assassination of JFK, MLK, the fall of Richard Nixon and an unpopular war caused disillusionment. Church attendance peaked in the mid-60s and the numbers have fallen ever since. As an aside, with the introduction of "New Math" in the schools, the "Me" generation was the first to be smarter than their parents, who could no longer help them with their homework..

The Boomers' children are "Generation X," or the "MTV generation." Most were teenagers during the 1980's, which is marked by the birth of the Internet. This generation is also known as the Boomerang generation, because a number have returned home to roost. With parents working fifty and sixty hour weeks and relaxing on the weekend, many "X"rs missed out on the experience of Church and Sunday school. Now in their 30's and 40's, some are returning to Church to explore the faith experience they missed. They need to hear our stories of God's presence in our lives.

Born in the '80's and 90's, "Generation Y" are the children of late Baby Boomers and early Generation X who grew up in the stability and prosperity generated during the Reagan years. As for my own boys, Scouting, baseball, Nintendo and our Episcopal youth group shaped their teen years. This generation is now in the 20's and early 30's and is largely missing from the church. As singles, young professionals, and/or young families with children, this is perhaps the hardest generation to attract to church. Just love them! Invite them! Give them something to do.

Today's young adults are called "Generation Z," the "Google" or "Virtual" generation." Like the Silent Generation of the 40's and 50's, they live in a land of flux, a time that is yet to be defined. They live in a culture that is increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. New technologies, global challenges and fragile economies will shape their future and the future of their children. Life may become more precarious for them. They have been brought up with an onslaught of vivid color, music, and fast paced video scenes. The average attention span today is 8 seconds. The Church is working hard to find new ways to reach the youth. This is why Trinity is participating in the Diocesan Youth Presence training.

The Good News is that in every generation, Christ prevails. The Good Shepherd is continually here to lead us, guide us and carry us into the abundance of God's grace and love. For the Greats, the Grands, Moms and Dads, children, grandchildren, and those yet to be born, the Church professes the hope of Christ in every generation.

Warmly, Tony+

THERE WILL BE 3 ONE SERVICE SUNDAYS IN JUNE

- June 1** **First Sunday of the Month**
- June 8** **Pentecost Sunday**
- June 15** **Trinity Sunday**



**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

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Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

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**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY
TRINITY BELL IS JUNE 15th**

USHERS, GREETERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I can't believe it is June already. I will be making out the Server Schedule for the months of July, August, and September within the next two weeks. Please check your calendars and let me know if there are any dates during these months that you will not be available to serve. Thank you. Your generous donation of your time and effort are a blessing to our church.
Ann Beshore



ECW NEWS

The June luncheon at Vi Paul's home has been canceled. The first meeting in the Fall will be on Sept. 9, the second Tuesday in September. Installation of new ECW officers will be held on the first Sunday Service in August. Have a great summer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 4	Mary Jo Clarkson
June 5	Dottie Durham
June 6	Edna Spratt
June 13	Felicity Trueblood
June 14	Elena Lowe
June 20	John Middleton
June 22	Marika Brokas
June 30	Debbie Brown



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

June 15	Carol and Will Flynn
June 22	Mary and John Rynd
June 23	Diane and Wes Connors

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 June 8 at 4pm at St Bartholomew in High Springs. Cursillo is a 4 day weekend with 15 short talks, group discussions, lots of good food, time for spiritual direction if desired, and a wonderful time to renew and deepen your relationship with Christ. If you are interested in attending a weekend, speak with Fr. Tony, Clay O'Neal, Linda in the office or anyone you know who has already attended Cursillo.



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

May was a wonderful month at Trinity. Many of us traveled to Camp Weed to be a part of the 90th birthday of the Diocese of Florida. Our "Swine and Roses" team took second place in the competition for the best barbecue ribs. For the first time a precious group of young people from Trinity entered the competition for the best hamburger and won first place. The surprise on their faces and excitement following the announcement was a moment of joy to treasure. Father Tony was like a mother hen taking care of her brood watching the youth while swimming at the pool, gathering them for lunch and following with them to see the horses for rides. At the end of the afternoon he loaded the happy bunch in the car for the trip home.

The 2nd annual Low Country Boil was such a delicious evening. It was well attended and we again thank Joe Chamberlain from Camp Weed for bringing his huge kettle and making it possible. Our men did a great job in the kitchen preparing all the vegetables. We all enjoyed Will Flynn and Mark Fletcher playing their guitars and entertaining us with familiar country songs.

A crisp and clear Sunday morning found many of us worshipping in Heritage Park for the 8:30 service. It was a time of singing songs of praise, welcoming each and everyone and thanking God for all of our many blessings. There were several dogs in attendance Moose even came to the parish hall afterwards for doggie treats.

I know school will be out for the summer soon and some will be taking vacations. Others who are retired will be leaving for months to their vacation homes in other states. We wish you safe travels. There are some very dear people who have been missing from us for awhile. Several have been ill and are recovering. It is so easy to enjoy the delights of summer... and not come to church. Please know that when you are not present with us you are missed. Many events are on the June calendar. There will be three services in the Parish Hall First Sunday, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The worship committee has great plans for these services... including of course good food and fellowship. Trinity is truly a blessing in our lives.

Virginia

JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



As summer progresses and with some rain, hopefully, the grass will grow and maintenance will require more effort. Rodney Paul has been doing the yard work keeping the grounds mowed and looking great. Bill Fairhurst, our Sexton, also helps by blowing the sidewalks when he can to keep things looking good. If anyone would like to help with this let me or Rodney know.

Bill and I recently scrapped, primed and applied two coats of paint to the front of the Church. Hopefully this will limit the problem of the paint chipping off. The metal tops to the carriage lights on either side of the entrance have rusted to the point of needing replacement. We are considering having new ones made and looking at flea markets and antique shops for replacement lights. If you know of anyone who might be able to fabricate the tops please let me know.

We also have another door/lock set that is broken in the parish hall. Do to the age we are having trouble finding parts but still working on it. The next project is the ramp on the west side of the church.

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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Melrose, FL**

**Pledged & Non-Pledges Offerings
For the Month of April and YTD, 2014**

	<u>Actual</u> April	<u>Budget</u> April	<u>Over/Under</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u> <u>Budget</u>
Pledges Offerings	\$7,821	\$10,566	(\$2,745)	\$36,724	\$40,127	(\$3,403)
Non-Pledged Offerings	2,690	1,898	792	7,396	8,271	(875)
Plate Offerings	<u>444</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>1,234</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>234</u>
Net Income	\$10,955	\$12,714	(\$1,759)	\$45,354	\$49,398	(\$4,044)

For the month of April our revenues and expenses were almost equal.

Pledged Offerings were woefully under expectations. (Y-T-D the Pledged Offerings are short by \$3,403). Those who have not kept their pledges up-to-date, please do so.

The Priest Fund received \$2,061 the month of April. Thank you for all who have generously contributed.

Trinity continues to be a behive of activity and we are blessed to have this Church in our community.

Carol Pettie
Treasurer

MAY WAS A BUSY MONTH AT TRINITY



1st Place



Camp Weed 90th Anniversary and Holy Smoke BBQ Competition



2nd Place



Service in the Park

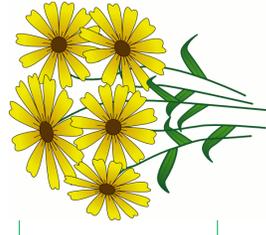


Low Country Boil





June 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday One Service 10am Lunch Following 9:00am Youth Class	2	3 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	4 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm	5 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	6 2-5pm Thrift Shop	7 9am – 12 Thrift Shop
8 Pentecost Sunday One Service 10am Refreshments After 9:00am Youth Class	9 Vestry retreat 6-9pm	10 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	11 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm	12 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	13 2-5pm Thrift Shop	14 9am – 12 Thrift Shop
15 Trinity Sunday One Service 10am BBO Lunch Following 9am Youth Class	16 Vestry retreat 6-9pm	17 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	18 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm	19 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	20 2-5pm Thrift Shop	21 9am – 12 Thrift Shop
22 8:30 & 11:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast 10:00 Sunday Classes	23	24 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	25 Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm	26 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA	27 2-5pm Thrift Shop	28 9am – 12 Thrift Shop
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SERVERS' SCHEDULE JUNE 2014



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
1-Jun-14	Single Service 10AM	Paul Stegall Bob Tickle	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton Robert Menzem	Margaret Kidd
8-Jun-14	Single Service 10am	Chris Greenfield	Marie Curewitz	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul
				Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
15-Jun-14	Single Service 10am	Rodney Paul	Annette Kussler	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
	11:00			Kristi Gregory	Linda Wilcox
22-Jun-14	8:30	Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Clay O'Neal	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Suki Hoffman	Kristi Gregory	Bill Sho
29-Jun-14	8:30	Chris Greenfield	Joyce Chesnut	Jeanne Eaton	Lynda Luekel
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Laurie Alsobrook	Liz Middleton	Margaret Kidd
Vestry	Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith				
Altar Guild	Amanda Gray, Judy Davis				

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.

PENTECOST



Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. In Acts 1, just before the resurrected Jesus is taken up into heaven, he tells the disciples about the Father's promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which will soon be given to them in the form of a powerful baptism. He tells them to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which will empower them to go out into the world and be his witnesses.

A few days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the disciples are all together when the sound of a mighty wind comes down from heaven, with tongues of fire resting on them. The Bible says, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." The crowds observed this event and heard them speaking in different languages. They were amazed and thought the disciples were drunk on wine. Then Peter got up and preached the Good News of the kingdom and 3000 people accepted the message of Christ! That same day they were baptized and added to the family of God. The book of Acts continues to record the miraculous outpouring of the Holy Spirit that began on Pentecost. Once again we see the Old Testament revealing a shadow of the things to come through Christ! When the disciples received the gift, they became witnesses for Christ.

Interestingly, in the Jewish faith, Pentecost (called Shavuot) is also tied to the giving of the Ten Commandments and thus bears the name Matin Torah or "giving of the Law." Jews believe that it was exactly at this time that God gave the Torah to the people through Moses on Mount Sinai. When the Jews accepted the Torah, they became servants of God. One theory on why Jews customarily eat dairy foods such as cheesecakes and cheese blitzes on Shavuot is that the Law was compared to "milk and honey" in the Bible.

Throughout Jewish history, it has been customary to engage in all-night study of the Torah on the first evening of Shavuot. Children were encouraged to memorize Scripture and rewarded with treats. The book of Ruth was traditionally read during Shavuot. Today, however, many of the customs have been left behind and their significance lost. Traditional Jews still light candles and recite blessings, adorn their homes and synagogues with greenery, eat dairy foods, study the Torah, read the book of Ruth and attend Shavuot services.

Jews celebrated a joyous harvest on Shavuot, and the Church celebrated a harvest of newborn souls on Pentecost.

Adapted from an article in Wikipedia

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION JULY 26, 2014

It's that time of year again, and if you've got the goodies, we've got the baskets! We'll be putting the baskets out on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Please feel free to pick up any basket(s) that calls to you or excites your imagination with a wonderful theme. In the past we've had everything from an apple pie basket to a hurricane basket, from orchids to zebra plants. We have had baskets for each month of the year, for all ages, hobbies and delights. So start thinking now about what kind of unique wonder you might create. The chicken, as always, will be from Fryers, with sides and ice cream (make your own sundae) from Trinity. Start imagining...your basket is waiting for you.....

GIGGLESOME

A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's pretty bad. Both of their cars are totaled but neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left to either one of them but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace."

The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together." "And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine to help celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest.

The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on.

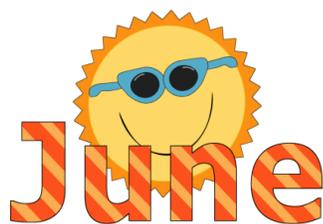
"Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest.

"Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'm going to wait until after the police make their report."

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JUNE 2014

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE

June 1 First Sunday
One Service at 10:00am

June 8th Day of Pentecost
One Service at 10:00am
The Birthday of the Church!
Please wear Red.

June 15 Trinity Sunday
One Service at 10:00am
Trinity's Birthday!

*The June ECW Luncheon has been canceled.

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