



The Trinity Bell



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Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church

October 2015

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

First Sunday marks the beginning of our annual pledge drive. Please pray for God's direction as we prepare the budget for 2016.

Saturday, October 24th features our Outreach Committee's annual fundraiser, *Melrose, Live!* The variety show will feature talents from across the community, including singers, dancers, comedians, musicians and other entertainment as well. Snacks are provided! An appreciation offering of \$8 is accepted, \$4 for children. *Melrose, Live!* not only raises money for our outreach ministries, but is a key event for bringing the Lake Area community together.

During September, your vestry and clergy completed a Mutual Ministry Review (MMR). Doug Walker, the Bishop's Deputy for Advancement & Stewardship provided seamless leadership as the facilitator of the meetings, which were very productive and enlightening. Using the SWOT acronym, we outlined our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to Trinity as a healthy, thriving congregation.

Our strengths included the willingness of our congregation to participate and serve, Trinity's big heart for outreach both locally and abroad, great church family, leadership, and history. Other strengths included our youth, programs like Alpha, our book studies like Michael Curry's *Crazy Christians* and our overall discipleship training.

Trinity's weaknesses, the things that need improvement, are evangelism, greater youth presence, greater fellowship with the wider community, communi-

cation, stewardship, newcomer welcome and engagement.

The opportunities we have for interaction with the wider community are enormous! They include the Good News Club at Melrose Elementary, the Melrose Senior Center, developing youth and senior transportation, utilizing the Parish Hall, the Thrift Shop!, our ecumenical events during Lent, Boy Scouts, the local senior facilities, the Veterans assisting living, the Ephesians 4 pastor's prayer group, Merry Melrose Parade, with the Nativity Walk and Low Country Boil, and the most recognized and profound ministry, Thanksgiving in the Park. All of these are ways we can and do make an impact in Melrose and the Lake Area community.

Threats! Even the mention of that word is unnerving. What are some of the issues that slow us down or hold us back? Finances, an aging congregation, the limitations of our facilities, shifting demographics and decreasing attendance are some of the things that raise concerns, yet we also see these some of these obstacles as opportunities.

Trinity is very blessed! We are a healthy, happy, thriving community – worshipping our Lord and doing a lot of good works in the community. The Mutual Ministry Review was very positive. The MMR identified three major areas that we will work on as a whole: Communication, Evangelism, and Stewardship. There are also other areas that we still need to discern. So stay tuned! And keep Trinity in your prayers as we meet the challenges of following God's call and living out our witness as a warm and welcoming congregation making a positive difference in the wider community.

Warmly, Tony+

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

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

Members of the Vestry

**Senior Warden
Donna Eichelsderfer 2017
Bob Hood, Jr. Warden 2017
Jeanne Homany 2018
Laurie Alsobrook 2018
Vi Paul 2016
Clay O'Neal 2017
Bob Tickel 2016
Carol Pettie, Treasurer
Judy Davis, Clerk**

Clergy

Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

Music

**Margaret Rice, Choir Director
Figg Poncher, Organist**

Office

**Figg Poncher,
Financial Administrator
Linda Wilcox,
Parish Administrator
and Editor of the "Trinity Bell"**

Service Times

8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday

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Monday thru Thursday**

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



A CALL FOR YOUR HELP



As you might notice, this is a light edition of the "Trinity Bell". We have had very few submissions of reports, announcements or general information which our committees and organizations would like to have published and advertised to the entire congregation. The deadline for the "Bell" is the 15th of each month which gives us time to format, print, fold, seal and sticker in time to be delivered before the first of each month. (You'd be amazed at just how long that takes.) Thanks for your help!

NEWS FROM THE ECW

The next ECW meeting will be at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 6th at 10:00am in the Wicker Room. All women of the church are welcome to attend and to hear about upcoming plans.



BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 7	Betty Griffith
Oct. 9	Kris O'Neal
Oct. 10	Liz Middleton and Walton Smith
Oct. 12	Mike Kreska
Oct. 18	Randy Denson
Oct. 28	John Hill-Morrow



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*

ANNIVERSARIES



Oct. 9	Jane and Robert Menzen Laurie and Larry Alsobrook Virginia and Walton Smith
Oct. 18	Ann and Eric Beshore

CURSILLO

There will not be an Ultreya during the month of October because of the two Cursillo weekends. The Men's Cursillo weekend will be Oct. 8-11 and the Women's will be Oct. 15-18. The Welcoming Ultreya, to which all are welcome, will be held at Camp on Nov. 7th. Kasey Harder and JoAnn O'Grady are Babe Chicks from Trinity and Will Flynn, Bob Hood, and Linda Wilcox will be serving on the men's and women's teams. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Trinity Bell Report for the month of August & YTD, 2015

	August	Actual	August Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
Total Revenue	\$ 15,391		\$ 13,969	1422	\$152,040	\$133,630	18,410
Total Expense		18,393	18,651	258	154,559	142,212	(12,347)
Surplus / (Deficit)		(3,002)	(4,682)	1,680	(2,519)	(8,582)	6,063

Collections	August	August	Over/Under	Jan-August	Jan-August	Over/Under
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledge Offerings	\$9,030	\$10,206	(\$1,176)	\$98,250	\$95,923	\$2,327
Non-Pledged Offerings	1,135	1,314	(179)	13,965	15,963	(1,998)
Growth Income	50	516	(466)	6,135	4,128	2,007
Plate Offerings	419	375	44	3,292	3,000	292
Priest Fund	<u>1,125</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>6,725</u>	<u>7,336</u>	<u>(611)</u>
Net Income	\$11,759	\$13,328	(\$1,569)	\$128,367	\$126,350	\$2,017



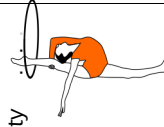




Variety Show
Sat., Oct. 24, 2015
 7:00pm
Come and Enjoy a Fun-Filled Evening
Local Talents Will Shine!
You will be entertained by
 Dancers
 Singers
 Musicians
 Comedians
 And Others
Everyone is Invited!
\$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children under 12
Dessert and Drinks Included
For more information or tickets
Call or Come to
Trinity Episcopal Church
204 SR 26, Melrose, Fl.
352 475 2177



October 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 First Sunday One Service 10:00am Lunch Following</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10am ECW Meeting Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon</p> 	<p>7 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service 7:00pm Vestry</p>	<p>8 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner And Video Series with Father Tony 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>9 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>10 9am- noon Thrift Shop ECW Craft Sale 10 - 2</p> 
<p>11 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast Adult & Youth Classes 12:00 Lunch</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon</p>	<p>14 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service 7:00pm Vestry</p>	<p>15 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner And Video Series with Father Tony 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>16 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>17 9am- noon Thrift Shop</p>
<p>18 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast Adult & Youth Classes 12:00 Lunch</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon</p>	<p>21 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service 7:00pm Vestry</p>	<p>22 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner And Video Series with Father Tony 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>23 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>24 9am- noon Thrift Shop 7:00pm Variety Show</p> 
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SERVERS' SCHEDULE October, 2015



DATE	SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
04-Oct-15	Single Service 10 AM	Bob Hood	Sharon Jax	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn Margaret Kidd
11-Oct-15	8:30	John Katterhenry	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Vi Paul
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Annette Kusler		Elaine Ashley
18-Oct-15	8:30	Bob Hood	Brian McCrea	Brian McCrea	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
25-Oct-15	8:30	John Katterhenry	Mary Rynd		Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Liz Middleton	Liz Middleton	Elaine Ashley
Altar Guild	Betty Griffith, Ann Powell and Laurie Alsbrook				
Lock Up	Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith				

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.

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Oct. 3** **Blessing of the Animals**
10am Heritage Park
- Oct. 4** **First Sunday 10am**
- Oct. 6** **ECW Meeting 10am Wicker Room**
- Oct. 10** **ECW Craft Sale 10am-2pm**
- Oct. 13** **PH in use pm**
- Oct. 24** **Variety Show**
- Oct. 31** **Men's Breakfast**
Halloween



REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Breakfast

10:00am Children's Sunday School
Adult Christian Formation
Noon Lunch

1st Sunday of the Month

One Service only at 10:00am
In the Parish Hall
Lunch Following

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's Pizza

Wednesday: 6:30pm Eucharist **Thrift Shop**

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

Access Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm