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## **STUFF THE BUS - Update**

Join Altrusa International of Gainesville in providing new school supplies, personal hygiene items and food to our most helpless of the homeless – the children. Donation Items can include non-perishable single-serve items such as crackers, pudding, canned meats, fruit cups, mac & cheese, canned ravioli, juice boxes, shelf milk; personal hygiene items like travel or hotel size soaps, shampoo, toothbrushes, combs; gift cards from grocery stores, pre-paid gift cards, etc. If you think it, they probably need it. Look for the yellow 'Stuff the Bus' boxes in the hallway by the kitchen and in the Lillycrop room. More detailed lists are posted near the



## **FROM BAROQUE TO JAZZ!**

**Ruth Lewis, *harpsichord***

**Sunday, September 13  
at 3 p.m.**

The eighth season begins with an afternoon of music that spans the centuries. Come and bring a friend to hear this amazing Gainesville musician, as she returns to the concert stage! A reception (wine and hors d'oeuvres) follows the concert.

## A message from our Rector

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

WOW! What a wonderful Rally Day, and church year kick-off we had on Sunday. The power and energy of the Holy Spirit were felt both in the church during the service, and in Page parish hall. Many of you also brought a friend with you as we highlighted the event as a "bring a friend to church," Sunday.

Dee Dugger and her team did a marvelous job preparing the lunch and arranging the parish hall set-up and space.

Also many thanks to those of you who spent time preparing posters and information about your upcoming ministry offerings and church school sign up. Most of the tables also had scrumptious hors d'oeuvres for us to eat while reading about upcoming opportunities. Rally Day introduced us to Music and Christian Faith Formation ministries, and many of you signed up.

Because we have over 46 ministries at Holy, in September we will have three Ministry Fairs, September 13, 20, and 27<sup>th</sup>, during which the ministries have a display and offer an opportunity for each of you to find a match for your talents.

This year we are trying something new that we are calling, "Spotlight on ministries. Throughout the church year, each Sunday, we will "spotlight" one ministry, giving them a chance to communicate with parishioners about their program, to provide refreshments for coffee hour, and to be prayed for during Prayers of the People. The focus of the stewardship insert will also be tied to the particular ministry.

There is another reason for Holy Trinity to celebrate! Those of you who have visited our website---[holytrinitygnv.org](http://holytrinitygnv.org)---will soon be pleasantly surprised to see an entirely new design. The Web team has been working on this throughout the spring and summer, and in September we'll be treated to a whole new look for Holy Trinity. Thanks to all the Ministry Chairs for contributing information and pictures for the new site and thanks to the Web team: Kristen Bryant, Todd Reeger, Tim Hoskinson, Harvey Ward, Lee and Ann Mullally, and Carolyn Horter who have worked with the Redfin design group to make this happen. Thanks also to St. Elizabeth's for the initial grant that has made this possible. Going forward, Tim Hoskinson will serve as our Web Administrator, keeping the site updated to reflect our dynamic parish.

For the past few years, our director of music and organist John Lowe, and I have been working on new and creative ideas to put in the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celtic service rotation. John came up with the idea of "Sunday Evening Surprise." These services begins this fall and features a once-monthly offering at 6 p.m. The offerings will include Compline, Celtic Worship, and Chorale Evensong; and the newly created JAZZ VESPERS! The website, newsletter, and weekly email will all showcase which of these events will happen in a certain month, so be sure to keep checking and then come and bring a friend to the SUNDAY EVENING SURPRISE! service.

Last but definitely not least, I thank Mary for 16 years of love and service to the people and clergy of Holy Trinity Parish. Please come for a wonderful celebration in her honor in Page Parish Hall on September 27, at noon. For those that want to contribute to a fund, please contact Harvey Ward at the church office. Merle will remain our sexton at Holy Trinity.

God bless each one of you for all your ministries at Holy Trinity Episcopal church,

The Rev. Louanne Loch+  
Rector



# Holy Trinity Sunday School News

## A Message from Kristen

Oh! The anticipation of a new program year! We have many wonderful events planned, and look forward to seeing friendly faces (new & old) at all of them. During Christian Faith Formation on Sundays, Children & Youth will journey toward an understanding of their faith and the Episcopal Liturgy.

We have many special events planned as well, including the Fall Festival, Parents Nights Out & more!

See you there!

Grace & Peace,  
Kristen



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☺ **FAMILY SERVICE**, September 13, Page Parish Hall
- ☺ **GIRL SCOUT FIRST MEETING**, September 17 at 6 p.m., in Page Parish Hall
- ☺ **Night of Joy**, September 11-12, Youth Event at Disney
- ☺ **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION HOUR**, continues 9:15 a.m.
- ☺ **HT YOUTH PROGRAM**, continues at the Episcoplace at 103 N. Main, 9:15 Pizza & Prayer is at 12 p.m.

## CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS!

**Children's Christian Faith Formation has begun!**

Infant/Toddlers: Room 119

PreK/Kindergarten: Room 201

1st & 2nd Grades: Room 211

3rd & 4th Grade: Room 210

Club 56 (5th & 6th Grades) Room 216

**HT Youth Program** is at 9:15 a.m. and is held in the new youth space at 103 N. Main. The HT Youth are also welcome to Pizza & Prayer at 12 p.m. for fellowship.

**JOIN GIRL SCOUTS, 9/17, 6 p.m.**  
**(Kindergarten—7th Grades)**

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Check out what it is like to be a Girl Scout at our Information Meeting on **September 18** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Girls will meet leaders, make a craft, learn camp songs, and, most importantly, make friends.



**WHAT'S THE STORY, MORNING GLORY?**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)**

**Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!**

This special event is designed to bring people together from all different walks of life. Whether you still live with mom & dad, are starting your career, in adulthood or enjoying retirement—this event is for you!

The evening begins with breaking bread with one another of a home-style baked chicken dinner. The fun begins over dessert of peach cobbler and vanilla ice cream!



We'll end with a quick devotion before heading home having made lots of new friends!

**Family Service, 9/13 at 10:30 a.m.**

Come to the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, to enjoy Rite II Eucharist where children can participate in the service, dance in the aisles, sing fun hymns and just be themselves! Family friendly "Milk Hour" will follow.



**From the Parish Library***Jane Mitchell***Holy Trinity Parish Library, Gainesville, Florida****Library Hours: Sunday Mornings; Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.*****Church, a Generous Community: Amplified for the Future***, by C. Andrew Doyle. 2015.**283.73 DOY CHU**

"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

***The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald**

In the preface to his new book ***Church, a Generous Community: Amplified for the future***, Doyle reiterates Fitzgerald's caveat but adds a note of hope: "while we beat on against the current of the past and its church . . . I am here to tell you there is an exciting movement forward into our future. . . . Jesus is in the boat ahead of us . . . he invites us to beat against the past and come along . . . [and] make our way across to the other side."

Influenced by his training as a painter, Doyle draws on sources from theology, business, economics, the sciences and the humanities to present a proposal for the church to move forward. He acknowledges that many are fearful of a world that is volatile, uncertain, chaotic, and ambiguous. Yet, he urges Christians to embrace the digital age and envision the church of the future. Doyle stresses that starting from scratch is counterproductive. Lessons learned, values held, accomplishments made are not to be set aside but used as cornerstones for growth. In the past few decades, growth in the Episcopal Church has declined and the average age of members is well past 40. In 500+ pages, he presents "a historical and futuristic view of the potential God has in store for the denominational Church" (Doyle). His vision extends to all aspects of church life—evangelism, mission work, vocations, spiritual growth, stewardship, and community outreach. He calls upon leaders and lay persons to read his book and form discussion groups in order to implement proposed changes and include their own contributions toward building a dynamic church centered on Christ's teachings and their relevance to today's world.

"In language as direct and loving as that of St. Paul, Andy Doyle calls us to *be* Church outside the

Many thanks to Holy Trinity and my wonderful church family for the birthday cake in July celebrating my 90th birthday. Also, my heartfelt thanks to my church family for the beautiful cards and well-wishes. You have helped to make this a happy year for me.

*Pete Vickers*

## Prayer Calendar



- September 6 *In the world:* Province III of the Episcopal Church (Mid-Atlantic)  
*In Holy Trinity Church:* Vergers, Outreach Commission, Handbell Choir,  
 Welcoming  
 Team  
*In our community:* Parents, Grandparents, Foster Parents, and all members of families.
- September 13 *In the world:* The Extra-Provincial Diocese of Venezuela  
*In Holy Trinity Church:* Youth Committee, Volunteer Youth Leaders, and Parish  
 Photographers  
*In our community:* All who do volunteer work.
- September 20 *In the world:* The Province of Ontario of the Anglican Church of Canada  
*In Holy Trinity Church:* Parish Life Commission, Centering Prayer Group, Streetside  
 Breakfast  
 Hosts and Welcomers

## Holy Trinity Episcopal School of Gainesville

A longtime dream and goal of the Holy Trinity community was a new school. This became a reality in the spring of 2014 when Holy Trinity Episcopal Church opened a brand new school to serve the children and families of Gainesville. The school had been in operation since the early 1970s when it was started by Ann Page as the Holy Trinity Child Caring Center.

Today:

- We own a building that accommodates all of our children in one location.
- Provides weekly Chapel for those children old enough to attend.
- Provides a safe, loving, and high quality learning-based and faith-based environment by our teachers.

On July 25, the Parent Group of the School and the Board of Trustees organized a Fund Raiser to raise money to provide our teachers with an opportunity to attend the National Association for Educators of Young Children Conference in Orlando to further their growth and education.

Thanks to the parents of the school, Board of Trustees, Community members and members of the church, we were able to raise \$2,000.00 to help with this project. We are most appreciative of all that supported the Holy Trinity Indie Craft Show.

Music for the month of September		
6	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Christopher Tye— <i>Give almes of thy goods</i> G. F. Handel— <i>Lord, I trust thee</i>
13	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eric Thiman— <i>King of glory, King of peace</i> William H. Harris— <i>Come, my way, my truth</i>
20	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Pierre de la Rue— <i>O salutaris hostia</i> Martin How— <i>Day by day</i>
27	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	David Willcocks— <i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i> Peter Hurford— <i>Litany to the Holy Spirit</i>



***Celtic Evensong  
& Holy Eucharist***

Fourth Sundays at 6 p.m.  
*September 27*

*“Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those*

**Meeting Highlights of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, August 18th, 2015**

- \* Began the meeting with an opening prayer and meditation liturgy
- \* Approved the May 2015 meeting minutes
- \* Reviewed the May, June, and July financial reports
- \* Discussed the importance and impact of special Ministry Spotlight Sundays and how vestry liaisons can assist
- \* Received a report from the Stewardship and Finance committees
- \* Received an update on the status of the new Holy Trinity website
- \* Received an update on the search progress

**Your Holy Trinity Legacy**

A wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy of faith for our parish—a way to continue your support for the church indefinitely—is to make provision for Holy Trinity in your estate planning. There are many ways to do so, but the following sample wording would be appropriate: “I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount, percentage, or item of property to be donated) to the Holy Trinity Episcopal Foundation, Inc., or its successor organization, a Florida nonprofit corporation as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with headquarters located at PO Box 357399,

## Tidbits from the Holy Trinity Archives, September 2015: Mary Hitchner, Parish Administrator

By Carolyn Horter, Historiographer



For the past 16 years, our beloved parish administrator, Mary Hitchner, has helped us manage the amazing number of ministries that we have at Holy Trinity. Recently, Mary has announced that she is retiring next month on October 1. We are planning a reception in her honor, to be held on Sunday, September 27, after the 10:30 service.

As parish historiographer, I want to give you a bit of her background. Mary was born in Sidney, NY, on March 27, 1951. After graduation from high school in Sidney in 1969, she worked as a clerk for Elliot's Pharmacy. Soon Merle entered her life, and the two were married on November 27, 1971. Daughter Erica joined them in 1985 and daughter Michelle in 1991. In 1999, Merle and Mary moved the family to Interlachen, FL, to be close to Merle's parents.

Mary came to work as secretary for Holy Trinity in 1999 when the Rev. David Pittman was rector. Subsequently, she served the next rector, the Rev. Dr. Gordon Tremaine, and then the interim rector, the Rev. Kerry Robb, who moved her into the position of Parish Administrator. The Rev. Louanne Loch, rector since 2007, kept her in this position. Several years ago, Merle joined her at

Holy Trinity, taking the position as sexton.

Parishioners are accustomed to Mary's cheery voice answering the phone, her hearty laugh and pleasant manner toward everyone as she has helped us with a multitude of tasks. Mary describes herself as a "people person" who has enjoyed her interactions with parishioners. Other "favorites" in her job have been producing the newsletter and various other publications.

Looking to the future, Mary hopes to kick back, rest, enjoy her home and family, and "smell the roses." At home in Interlachen, she enjoys supporting the local fire station association (as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary) and helping her father-in-law who lives across the street from the family.

As historiographer, I thank her for what she has done in support of the Archives program---providing hard copy and digital; helping with hardware and software; and supervising my moves to three different locations. She has been a tireless partner in the endeavor to preserve Holy Trinity's history.

Since 1999, Mary has lovingly served all clergy and parishioners. For those 16 years, it has been our pleasure to have Mary as our "right hand" in our various ministries in the parish. Now we are happy that she will have time to enjoy retirement.

## Fall Mini Bazaar Sale: Sundays September 13, 20, and 27 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Page Parish Hall

Our Bazaar Ladies will be offering lovingly made decorative Fall items for sale. These unique designs include Gator themed objects as well as Autumn and Halloween motifs. Don't miss this opportunity on September 13, 20, and 27, after the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the Parish Hall.



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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***REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015***

- † Monday, September 7: Labor Day—Office Closed
- † Sunday, September 13: Family Service 10:30 a.m. —Page Parish Hall
- † Wednesday, September 16: Food, Fellowship, & Fun. 5:30 p.m.—Parish Hall
- † Sunday, September 20: Parish Ministry Fair—Page Parish Hall
- † Sunday, September 27: Parish Ministry Fair—Page Parish Hall