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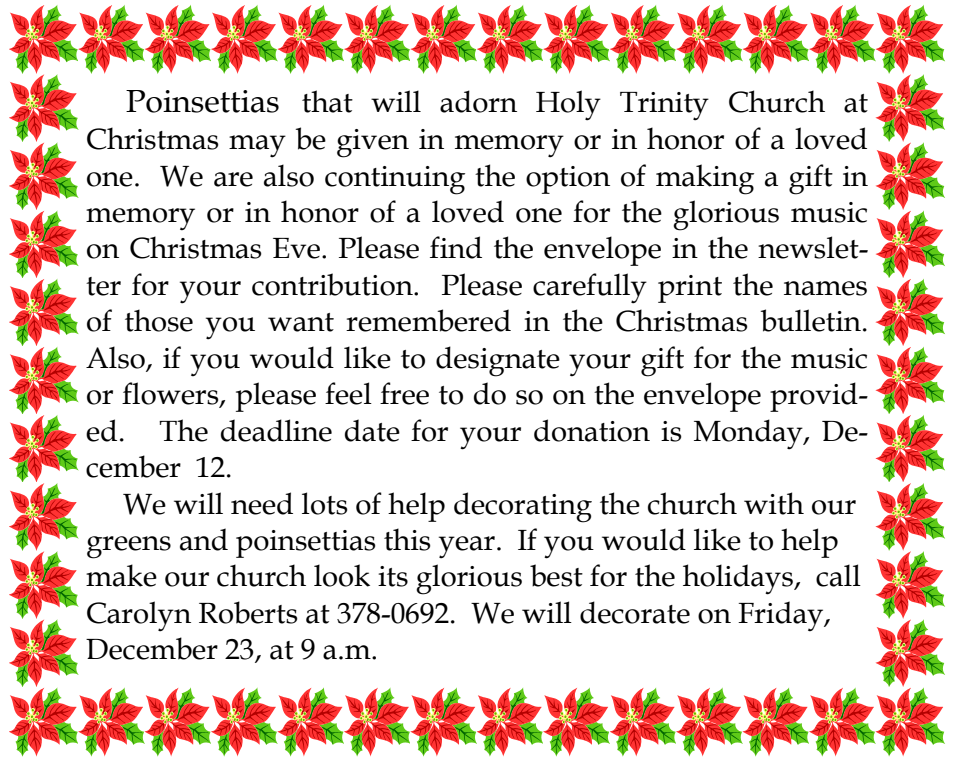
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Christmas Music & Memorial Poinsettias

Mary Hitchner



Poinsettias that will adorn Holy Trinity Church at Christmas may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. We are also continuing the option of making a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one for the glorious music on Christmas Eve. Please find the envelope in the newsletter for your contribution. Please carefully print the names of those you want remembered in the Christmas bulletin. Also, if you would like to designate your gift for the music or flowers, please feel free to do so on the envelope provided. The deadline date for your donation is Monday, December 12.

We will need lots of help decorating the church with our greens and poinsettias this year. If you would like to help make our church look its glorious best for the holidays, call Carolyn Roberts at 378-0692. We will decorate on Friday, December 23, at 9 a.m.

Insert—D.O.C.C. & Vestry and Delegate Elections

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2011 AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, December 11

4:00 PM—"Yuleslide" Concert

6:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service

8:00 PM—A Service of Compline

Saturday, December 17

7:30 PM—*Messiah* Sing-A-Long

Tuesday, December 20

12:15 PM—Advent Organ Recital

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM—Christmas Pageant,
with Holy Communion

7:30 PM—Music for Christmas



December 24 cont'd

10:30 PM—Music for Christmas

11:00 PM—Festival Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 25

10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

6:00 PM—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Friday, January 6

6:00 PM—Epiphany Service/Potluck

A message from our Rector

The Reverend Louanne Loch

Dearly Beloved,

We have just entered the great season of thanksgiving, expectation, and hope. During Advent we are called to prepare our hearts for the Christmas season as we celebrate the incarnation of God in Christ who came to us in human form. The word Advent means “coming” in Latin.

The first Sunday in Advent also marks our Church New Year as we move from year A to year B in our three-year liturgical calendar. For those new to the Episcopal church, Advent is celebrated on the 4 Sundays before Christmas. You will notice a change in our church colors from green to blue and the addition of an advent wreath below the lectern. Each Sunday before the service begins, we will also have a special prayer as the acolyte lights one of the 4 Advent candles.

Advent is a time to slow down, and it offers us spiritual relief from the pressures of daily life. It also provides an antidote to the commercialization of the holiday season. During Advent I will encourage all of us to slow down and prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of Christ and the true celebration of the Christmas season (December 25-January 5.)

It is important that we mark this Advent season with prayer and spiritual discipline. Some of us will light our own Advent wreaths in our homes. Many of us made wreaths at the intergenerational Advent event last Sunday in Page Parish Hall. Others of us will bring out the traditional wreaths we use each year. Several of us also have Advent calendars to help us remember to pray and read scripture.

One important way to give thanks to God in this season is to prayerfully consider a financial commitment to God’s service through our church. Our pledge drive is now in full swing, with Wayne Castello, Stewardship Chair, and Harvey Ward getting out the message so that we can continue to do God’s work at Holy Trinity WITH your help. We at Holy Trinity have been truly blessed, and we have given much to our church, our programs for children, youth, and adults, and to those in our community and beyond who are much less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Advent contemplation of our many blessings provides an opportunity to remind ourselves in the words we use at the 8a.m. service: “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.” God has entrusted us with “talents” so that we use them to increase God’s Kingdom. Our faith calls us to return those blessings in our service to God’s people.

Please commit to pledge a portion of your income to God’s church. Such giving brings us true joy and enables us to continue our programs and do more for the furtherance of God’s kingdom. If you have yet to pledge to the church, please make your prayerful commitment to do so in the coming weeks. If you are new to the church or wish to discuss your pledge with a member of the clergy or with Harvey or Wayne, please contact us at 352-372-4721.

May God continue to bless each one of you for the gifts you bring to Holy Trinity as we work together for the furtherance of God’s Kingdom. Have a blessed and Holy Advent and Christmas.





Holy Trinity Church School News

A Message from Kristen



What a precious sight as the HT Kids processed as their favorite Saint for All Saint's Day! Our blessed Saints were: Caroline Cauthon, Sophia Jobses, Katrina Bryant, Elsie Griffin, Resli Ward, Linda Mentz, Veronika Breheny, Claire Cauthon, Lela Ward, Sam & Eliana Gallagher!

Also, many of you were

duced to our Girl Scouts as they presented their Veterans Quilt. I can still hear the collective "awwww!" as I unfolded it. I cannot wait to see what other precious memories are made in the coming days this season!

Grace & Peace,
Kristen



UPCOMING EVENTS



- ☺ **FAMILY SERVICE**, is on December 4. "Milk Hour" will be sponsored by the Children's Ministry.
- ***January Family Service is **CANCELLED** this year, since it falls on New Year's Day. ***
- ☺ **Church School Christmas Party!** Parents, children, teachers, helpers—Please join us for a celebration of Christ's birth after Family Service (11:45 a.m.) on 12/4.
- ☺ **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**—December 11 and 18 at 12 p.m.
- ☺ **Christmas Pageant** is on Saturday, December 24 at 4 p.m. Children with named roles should arrive at the church by 3:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Join us on Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church as all children are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant.

Only a few of the major roles will need to be rehearsed; many parts will be assigned Christmas Eve. Costuming will be pro-




Epiphany Service & Dinner

Bring a side dish to share and enjoy this simple opportunity to worship together, break bread together, and enjoy the "royal" fellowship of your church family.



Children: In the Anglican tradition of Twelfth Day, please dress up in your favorite, king, queen, princess or knight's clothing.

Wednesday Nights United!

 Wednesday Night Dinners and program will continue through December 14, when they will suspend until the New Year!

Baby/Toddler childcare for Holy Trinity families is available at FUMC. Go to the back entrance with the white steps, on NE 2nd Street (across from Roper Park).



Wednesday Children & Youth Programs:

Children will learn core values through the fun of dramatic play in "252 Basics." Meets in Room 200.

Youth will enjoy Faith through Media. How have some TV shows handled questions of faith and how can the answers they give influence our relationship with God? Meets in



Solemn Communion

2nd & 3rd Graders, this class is for you! It is a seven-week program that meets at 9:15; it focuses on 2 questions: Who is Jesus? What is the Holy Eucharist? Parent Info session is at 9:15 on 1/29 in Room 200. Children must be baptized to participate. *Next baptism date: 1/8/2012.*



Church School Suspended 12/25 & 1/1

We are suspending Church School at 9:15 on December 25 & January 1 for the children because of Christmas Break. Nursery and toddler care will be available on January 1 at the 10:30 service, but will not be available on December 25. Church School will resume as normal on January 8.

From the Parish Library

Joan Bearden

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH LIBRARY**

Gainesville, Florida

Acquired November 2011

The Book of Saints: The Stories of 100 Saints We Revere Today, by Rodney Castleden. 2006. The saints' biographies are arranged by feast day. 270 CAS BOO

Historical Books: The Saint John Bible. 2010. This is the next to last volume to be published of this splendidly handwritten Bible. The illuminations are magnificent. 220.5204 SAI vol. 2.

Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching. The library has been given about half the volumes of Old Testament and a complete set of New Testament volumes. The volumes are not shelved as a set. Each is with similar volumes. i.e., the Genesis commentary is with the other Genesis books.

Body in the Sleigh, by Katherine Hall Page. 2009. Faith and her family get away to their cottage in Maine for the Christmas season but the tranquility is broken when she finds a body tucked among the mannequins in a local holiday display. Mys PAG BOD-SL

Audios

The Apostle Paul, by Luke Timothy Johnson. 2001. Produced by The Teaching Company. 6 audiotapes with a guidebook. Lectures are devoted to Paul's letters and his influence. Audio 225.9 JOH APO

The Bible and Western Culture, by Michael SUGRUE. 1996. Produced by The Teaching Company. 2 parts, each with 6 audiotapes. A guidebook accompanies each part. Lectures include: "The Gilgamesh Epic," "Genesis: Introduction to Biblical Study," "Job and the Problem of Evil," "Luther and the Reformation," "Milton: *Paradise Lost*," "Nietzsche and the Death of God." Audio 291 SUG BIB

God and Mankind: Comparative Religions, by Robert Oden. 1995. Produced by The Teaching Company.

4 audiotapes and a guidebook. Lectures include: "Why Nothing is as Intriguing as the Study of Religion," "Pondering Divine Justice: Do We Suffer for Naught?," "Religious Rituals and Communities." Audio 291 ODE GOD

The New Testament: An Introduction, by Elizabeth McNAMER. 1994. Produced by The Teaching Company. 4 audiotapes and a guidebook. Lectures are devoted to the world of Jesus, the gospels, the letters, and Revelation. Audio 225 MCN NEW

The Old Testament: An Introduction, by Robert Oden. Produced by The Teaching Company. Part 2 only (4 audiotapes and a guidebook). Lectures include: "God of the Patriarchs and Yahweh," "Prophecy in Israel and the Ancient Near East," "Apocalyptic Prophecy and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Audio 221 ODE OLD

Videos

The Apostle Paul by Luke Timothy Johnson. 2001. Produced as one of *The Great Courses* by The Teaching Company. 3 videotapes and a guidebook. Lectures include: "How Should We Read Paul?," "Problems of Early Christianity," "Paul's Influence." Video 225.9 JOH APO

The Historical Jesus by Bart D. Ehrman. 2000. Produced as one of *The Great Courses* by the Teaching Company. 2 parts each with 3 videotapes. A guidebook accompanies each part. Lectures include: "The Many Faces of Jesus," "Fact and Fiction in the Gospels," "The Coptic Gospel of Thomas," "The Early Life of Jesus," "Jesus and the Roman Rule," "How Was Jesus Received?," "Death and Resurrection of Jesus." Video 232.9 EHR HIS

Journals

Biblical Archaeology Review, November/December 2011. Interesting article: "The Origin of Israelite Sacrifice"

Christian History, Issue 101. Cover article: "Healthcare and Hospitals in the Mission of the Church"

Christianity Today, October 2011. Cover article: "How to Read the Bible"

Prayers for lighting the Advent Wreath

<p><i>The First Sunday in Advent</i> Light one purple candle Read Isaiah 60:2-3 Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>	<p><i>The Second Sunday in Advent</i> Light two purple candles. Read Mark 1:4 Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way. We who like sheep have gone astray have found the way to you through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>	<p><i>The Third Sunday in Advent</i> Light two purple candles and the rose candle. Read Isaiah 35:10 Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who brings us great joy. We who have walked in the shadow of the valley of death have found life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>	<p><i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Light three purple candles and the rose candle. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. We who live in discord and strife have found peace in the promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>
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On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day
Remember, it isn't Christmas Eve until sundown on December 24! Light all the purple candles, the rose candle, and the white candle.
Read Luke 1:68-79 and Luke 2:1-20
We praise you, Lord God, because on this day, your Word became flesh in our Savior Jesus Christ, was born of a woman, and walked among us. Help us to imitate your incarnation, by manifesting our faith in our conduct as well as in our speech. To you, O

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The mission of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to bring men to a relationship with Christ. We invite all men of the parish—including young men of high school age--to attend our monthly meetings. In practice, the Brotherhood is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that emphasizes the daily disciplines of prayer, study, and service.

We meet regularly on the first Wednesday night of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 7. This year, we have alternated Bible study with guest speakers; Richard Powell will lead our Bible study for this month's meeting .

Not sure if the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is for you? You'll never know if you don't try! Please join us at least once; there's no obligation, no local dues, and nothing to lose! If you have any questions, seek out a brother during coffee hour. If you can't find a brother, or if you simply want to receive the semi-regular but quirky e-mails, contact the director or vice-director: David Miller, 352-562-5575, dmiller@coe.ufl.edu or Dennis Lloyd, 352-682-4490, dlbookman@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, December 7: BOSA meeting, Parish Library, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10: Stiefel Men's Breakfast, Clock Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4: BOSA meeting, Parish Library, 7:00 p.m.



Music for the month of December		
4	The Second Sunday of Advent	Felix Mendelssohn— <i>Behold, a star from Jacob shining</i> (from <i>Christus</i>) Randall Thompson— <i>The paper reeds by the brooks</i> (from <i>The Peaceable Kingdom</i>)
11	The Third Sunday of Advent	G. P. da Palestrina— <i>Matins Responsory</i> Rosephanye Powell— <i>The Word was God</i> Thomas Tallis— <i>O nata lux</i>
11	<i>Compline</i> (The Gentlemen of the Choir)	D. G. Mason— <i>O nata lux</i> Jacob Handl— <i>De coelo veniet</i>
18	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Willis Bodine— <i>Magnificat in E Major</i> Robert Parsons— <i>Ave Maria</i>
24	The Eve of the Nativity of the Lord	David Willcocks, <i>arr.</i> — <i>Ding Dong! Merrily on high</i> Gerre Hancock, <i>arr.</i> — <i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> Joaquin Nin-Culmell— <i>Fum, Fum, Fum</i> David Hurd, <i>arr.</i> — <i>A stable lamp is lighted</i>

George Frideric Handel's

MESSIAH



Saturday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Continuing a tradition that has become part of the holiday season in Gainesville, the Gainesville Civic Chorus invites you to join in singing many of the beloved choruses from G. F. Handel's magnificent *Messiah*. Over the past twenty years, hundreds have participated in singing this wonderful music, conducted this year by The University of Florida's Will Kesling, and featuring chamber orchestra and John T. Lowe,

A CALL FOR CELTIC MUSICIANS


Do you have musical ability and interest in Celtic Music? A Celtic Worship Service, presented occasionally throughout the year on Sunday afternoon/evenings is the place for you to use your talents! Contact John Lowe (372-4721,

A SERVICE OF COMPLINE



Sunday, December 11
Eight o' clock in the evening
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

The Office of Compline (Night Prayer) is the final service of the day; it places its emphasis on spiritual peace. The half-hour liturgy consists of plainsong chant and anthems, sung by candlelight, presented by members of the Holy Trinity Choir. If you have not experienced this beautiful and peaceful service, plan to attend and invite some friends. *Compline* is offered six times during the 2011-2012 season



The American Guild of Organists Advent Organ Recitals 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Tuesday, December 6
First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, December 13
First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 20

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, Gainesville, FL 32653, to be used for its stated purposes.” If you have any question, please contact any of the Foundation’s trustees or Executive Director Harvey Ward (505-

2011 Financial Stewardship Snapshot/Pledge Update through October

Your October Pledge Offerings:	\$55,760
Your October Other Non-Pledge Donations & Offerings:	\$3,620
Miscellaneous October Revenue:	\$150
Holy Trinity Episcopal Foundation October Pledge:	\$19,856
Total October Revenue:	\$79,386
Total October Expenses:	\$93,604
Net October Total (Revenue less expenses)	<\$14,217>
Net Annual Total through October	<\$15,661>



APPLE HAPPENINGS

Our next APPLE luncheon is Wednesday, December 7, at 11:45 a.m. in Page Parish Hall. Please join us for our Christmas Party with food, music, and fellowship as we anticipate the birth of our Lord.

We welcome all who can join us and encourage all to bring a friend. To make a reservation, call Harriet May, 352-372-8297.

Please remember to bring a canned or dry good for the local food bank at Gainesville Community Ministries.



HOLY TRINITY COUNSELING -

Mary Saxon, LMHC

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ...by appointment. Phone: Church office, 372-4721, ext. 117. Leave message anytime if I am not available; I return calls daily. Office hours vary, according to your appointment needs. My e-mail address is Marysaxon@bellsouth.net. If you are in crisis, please call the Crisis Center, 352-264-6789. Someone is there to help you, 24 hours, everyday, until appropriate appointment can be made.

A Request

Pete Vickers

A female University of Florida graduate student from China desires to live with an American family to improve her language skills and learn more about the culture and traditions of the country. This can be a wonderful opportunity for a family with children, young or teen-age. She is willing to pay rent and help with household duties and gardening. This could also be of help to someone who lives alone. References are available upon request.

For more information, please call Georgia "Pete" Vickers, 352-376-

From the Holy Trinity Holiday Bazaar

Thank you all for coming. Hope you had as good a time as we did! The sock monkeys all have new homes with loving families, wreaths will soon adorn doors, trees will be decorated with handmade ornaments and stockings will be stuffed! And....community efforts to help those

Capital Campaign Update

In recent months, the Vestry has been considering a possible capital campaign in 2012 to help fund the mission and ministries of Holy Trinity, and to make essential repairs and renovations to our property.

The Rev. Doug Ray, Senior Principal of Jerold Panas, Linzy & Partners, has been in Gainesville for several weeks, interviewing a representative sampling of the parish. The Rev. Ray has been asking, "What are the projects and programs that are most important? If a capital campaign is feasible, when should it be launched, and how much could it raise? And will the necessary volunteers come forward to help out?" The final components of the proposed campaign have yet to be decided.

In December, Doug will present his firm's findings in a comprehensive report to the Vestry. This is an important time in the life of Holy Trinity. We'll keep you updated on developments!

God bless you and us all,

Thank you from the HT Gardeners

Gretchen and Polly would like to thank the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for their help on the work day Saturday, November 12.

Our courtyard and other gardens look groomed now. Your help was appreciated very much.

In God We Trust

If you watch television this Christmas season . . . you'll probably see the remake of an old movie . . . one of my favorites . . . Miracle on 34th Street, with Richard Attenborough. You might remember -- but, I don't want to give away the story --- at the end, a judge is asked to decide something.

In the remake, his decision is made simple when a little girl gives him a Christmas Card . . . and a dollar bill with the words, "In God We Trust", encircled on the back of it. I won't give away the ending . . . But, it reminded me that, in fact, the words, "In God We Trust", are still emblazoned on our money.

Some of us have already decided . . . but some of us have yet to decide ... our part -- our commitment of a portion of our money - - to our parish ministry together next year.

Of course, that decision is personal for each of us.

But, for me, that decision is an act of Christian stewardship. Our faith beckons beyond the secular. The gospel of giving is the only gospel that we have.

One helpful way to decide the amount of our gift is a percentage gift. As our guide, we have the Biblical standard of the tithe—10 . . . We simply return to God a percentage of what God has given to us. We all may not be able to give the same percentage—but, what's important is that we try to give a percentage gift.

If you haven't yet done so, please complete and return your Pledge Card.

And, always remember . . . in God we really do trust!

Sweetwater Branch—God's Gift of Water

Holy Trinity Earth Stewardship Commission has helped this effort for almost 10 years!

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park—Woods & Water Cleanup.

Earth Stewardship ministry assists park staff and park volunteers in the cleanup of the Sweetwater Branch. We will target litter and invasive plants. We will work on foot along the Sweetwater Branch at the north end of the park.

Children must be a minimum of age 12, accompanied by an adult.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the north side of Holy Trinity to caravan to start point. Once there we ride in backs of trucks to the 'back country.' We recommend insect repellent, sunscreen, a refillable water bottle, and that you wear a hat, gloves, and rubber boots, hiking boots, or work shoes if you have them. Water and a pair of used light cotton gloves are provided. More info on bulletin board near the church water fountain. We share a simple vegetarian lunch afterwards, so please RSVP if you can join us.



History Tidbits, December 2011: Remnant Windows
Carolyn Horter, Historiographer

Many parishioners have described standing across the street from Holy Trinity Church as it burned on January 21, 1991, and hearing the stained glass windows pop as the heat melted the glass. All of the stained glass windows in the 1907 church perished in the fire, except for the Ascension window that was out for repairs (see June "Tidbits" article) and two small remnants.

The first remnant is familiar to anyone who walks regularly through the "Hallway of Bishops," that passageway connecting the Lillycrop Reception Room to the hallway behind. It's a triangular window now mounted in a light box on the wall above a wooden bench. The "Cleanup Crew" page in the red, spiral-bound Holy Trinity "Panorama" compiled by St. Margaret's and St. Elizabeth's circles in 1991, shows Terrill Nell and another (unidentified) man holding the salvaged window. Parishioners Jim Salter and Cathy Nell have indicated that this window was a "transom" that had been above a door leading from the nave into the garden. When the 1995 church was being furnished, the window was mounted in the light box by John Warrington, a local furniture refinisher.

A second precious remnant was restored and recently installed above the doors leading from the portico into the Lillycrop Room. It has an interesting story: For the past 20 years, this remnant, still charred by the fire, had been carefully wrapped and stored under the bed at the home of Lucille Cairns George. As a child, Lucille, a Presbyterian, had often worshipped at Holy Trinity with her maternal grandfather, Charles Colclough, an Episcopalian and a staunch member of the parish. When the 1907 church was being built, he and his wife had donated windows in memory of their respective parents: The "Angel at the Tomb" (also known as the "Resurrection Angel") in memory of Mr. Colclough's mother, Susan Colclough; the "Madonna and Child" window in memory of Mrs. Colclough's parents, Stephen and Latitia Harvard and their son Louis, all of whom perished in the yellow fever epidemic of 1871. As Holy Trinity was being rebuilt after the fire, Lucille George offered to donate windows: both the "Resurrection Angel" and the "Hand of God the Father" transom above the south door near the pulpit. In 2008, Lucille made it known to Holy Trinity that she had a transom remnant and that she was willing to restore it for the church.

One can only conjecture about how this piece of glass had survived the flames. In the 1907 church, the stained glass windows had been designed with lower transoms that opened for ventilation. Perhaps the metal holding the transom had collapsed, allowing the transom to drop out before the heat could melt the glass. After the fire, Lucille had received a phone call telling her that the transom from one of the "Colclough windows" had been salvaged. Lucille retrieved the transom and kept it safely at her home until 2008 when she decided to restore and return it to Holy Trinity. After a thorough search for the right stained glass craftsman,

Lucille decided on Advent Glass from Fort White, owned and directed by master artisan Truett George (no relation to Lucille George). That restoration was accomplished this last spring, and the window was installed in late August 2011. Now, the restored remnant's beautiful glass catches the morning rays of sun,



Vestry Highlights

At the November meeting, your Vestry:

Received the Asking Budget from the Finance Committee. Work on the budget will continue into the new year, as always.

Reviewed progress and timelines on the new HVAC project

Discussed progress on discernment for a possible capital campaign

Discussed the goals and responsibilities of the Property Committee

The full minutes from this meeting will be posted on the Vestry bulletin board at the church when they are

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTIZED:

November 6, 2011

Madalynn Raye Mann, Luke DiSesa, and Kennedy LaGrande Ward

TRANSFERRED IN:

Beth & Russell Walther from Church of Incarnation, Dallas, TX

TRANSFERRED OUT:

Cynthia Mulrooney to St. Michael's Church, Gainesville

ENTERED INTO LARGER LIFE:



Holy Trinity is ... a commitment

Holy Trinity is, indeed, a commitment. Your commitment. Our commitment. *God's* commitment. We each make a commitment to return a portion of our blessings to God's work through this church. Together, we commit to serving each other and the world around us with all that we have.

You *give*, and together we feed the hungry man or woman who comes to our door on Sunday morning. Some hunger for physical nourishment, some spiritual. Regardless, because of your commitment, they are fed.

You *serve*, and together we reach out to the newcomer, to the children in our midst, to our brothers and sisters no longer able to join us in the pew.

You *love*, and together we open our arms to care for each other in life's difficulties and to celebrate with each other life's joys.

As we each contemplate how we will contribute to the life of Holy Trinity Parish in the coming year, we must be reminded that we are *all* called to give, to serve and to love. Our joyful celebration of the blessings we have been given, our commitment to return a portion of those blessings and our assurance that God continues to bless us is a beautiful cycle. It is, in many ways, the essence of the Gospel. The work of *our* parish continues, generation after generation, because of the commitments *you* make to give, to serve, to love. At Holy Trinity we have the chance to walk Christ's path—to save and change lives—in downtown Gainesville every day. Every day. And because of you ... we are able

Prayer Calendar



- December 4 *In the world:* The Episcopal Church of the United States of America
In Holy Trinity Church: Holy Trinity Child Caring Centers and St. Margaret Circle
In our community: all those involved in the insurance and travel industries.
- December 11 *In the world:* Province V of the Episcopal Church (Midwest)
In Holy Trinity Church: Church School Committee, teachers, and Mom's Night Out Group
In our community: farmers, grocers, and all involved in the food industry.
- December 18 *In the world:* Province IV of the Episcopal Church (Southeast)
In Holy Trinity Church: Office Volunteers and Duval School Partnership
In our community: salespeople, wait staff, and other service personnel.
- December 25 *In the world:* Province IV of the Episcopal Church (Southeast cont'd.)
In Holy Trinity Church: Outreach Commission and Handbell Choir
In our community: teachers, students, and all involved in education.

Cuba Notes

Kathy Navajas

The Cuba committee is in full swing with our *Christmas Cards to Cuba Campaign 2012*. You may see us in the Parish Hall with cards after services in December. If someone from the Cuba committee already gave you a card with a name on it, don't worry about it not having an address or a stamp. Four of us from Holy Trinity will be traveling to Florencia for Christmas so we'll take them with us and thereby save \$100 worth of postage. Feel free to write a little something about yourself, or send a photo or a prayer. Please don't send money with your card. Now that we have a resident rector there, we are supporting his ministry in Florencia and not sending monetary gifts to individual parishioners. Getting a Christmas card from one of us means a lot to the folks in Cuba; just knowing that someone at Holy Trinity took a few minutes to reach out and send a blessing, to think of someone far away and gather them into our Christmas plans is one of our most important acts of companionship. So if you see us, take a minute to write a message, in English or in Spanish. We will be giving the cards to each member of San Juan Bautista, and also to the tiny congregation at Santa María de Perea, just 6 miles from Florencia. Father Andrés is rector of both churches and late this summer we sent him enough money to complete the reconstruction of the church in Perea, which had fallen into ruins during the years when the churches were officially closed. *Muchísimas gracias* to the Outreach Commission, the Cuba Committee, and to the generous donors who helped us raise the \$4000 needed. We are excited about visiting Perea to see how the church looks now, and will come back with photos!

Jane Ellis and her daughter Daphne, and Cari Jiménez and I will celebrate *Navidad* with our friends at San Juan Bautista! We will be there Dec. 21-28. We'll be taking them Books of Common Prayer in Spanish, Christmas decorations, and supplies for Sunday school. As always, if you have a pair of new or gently used shoes, sneakers or sandals, we would be happy to take them. All sizes are welcome.

We are also in the process of inviting Father Andrés and Eldis, San Juan Bautista's music director, to come celebrate *Navidad* with us at Holy Trinity next year. It will be the first time we host visitors from our companion church. Please keep them and us in your prayers as we leap hurdle after hurdle to get non-immigrant visas for them.

In the Spirit of Joyful Expectation,

Let us Prepare our Hearts and Minds to Celebrate Once Again

the Coming of Christ into our World....

**Please join us for silent prayer, walking meditation,
sacred reading of the Magnificat,
and lighting of the first Advent candle**

**Saturday, December 4, at 2:00 pm
In the chancel of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**

Refreshments to follow in the Lillycrop Room



Come be strengthened in God amidst the frenzy of the holidays.

**The Holy Trinity Centering Prayer Group warmly invites all within and beyond
the Holy Trinity community to take part in this sacred event.**

Contact Sr. Ann Case at 373-7067 or email: acase3@cox.net

HTCCC News

Bobbie Hall

Holy Trinity Child Caring Centers announces our new "CLOTHING BOUTIQUE" just in time for Christmas.

Please join us on Sunday, December 11, in Page Parish Hall after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. *Come and stock up on the best bargains of the year.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be ladies' jackets, suits, pants, blouses, and dresses for casual and business attire, as well as a few dressy items. Some items still have the original tags, but all are "showroom" DESIGNER quality. Sizes range from 2 to 16, with some samples of "petites." Children's clothing will also be available.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward replacing cribs and furniture in our Child Care Center to meet our National Guidelines, and the balance will go toward our building fund.

Come join us for refreshments, and please invite your friends to stop by from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. to participate in this Clothing Extravaganza!!! P.S. Dressing Rooms available.



EVANGELISM COMMISSION WELCOMES NEWCOMERS

Over the past six months the Good Shepherds have been meeting and welcoming newcomers to Holy Trinity. The Rev. Loch has been introducing newcomers to HT's Episcopal worship traditions and our many vibrant ministries in her series of special newcomers' classes. Various lists of names and contact information have been compiled to issue invitations to EIGHTY newcomers for the semi-annual 2011 Fall Newcomers Party.

And then ... on November 7 (11/7/11, a date that rhymes with heaven-heaven-heaven!), the Evangelism Commission hosted a heavenly dinner for Holy Trinity's Newcomers at the home of Kevin and Barbara Fennelly. Over twenty-five newcomers were joined by the commission, members of the vestry, and many of the Good Shepherds for an evening of great food and fellowship. Judy Brashear, chairman of the Evangelism Commission, summed it up by saying, "The Christian love was glowing as so many contributed, so many enjoyed, so much



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Altar Guild

Vandy Thorpe

When you receive the bread and the wine at the Eucharist, do you ever wonder how these elements get there for you?



When you walk back to your seat—restored, forgiven, uplifted—do you ever wonder how many others, over how many years, have experienced this?

When you join Altar Guild, you become part of preparing the Lord's table for the Lord's people. Male or female, young or not so young, the only requirements are dependability and love for the Lord. We will show you the rest.

For more information, call me at 352-332-2060, or email: thorpefam@aol.com

Blessings,
Vandy

Financial Notes

Trish Hunter

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the ministry here at Holy Trinity! We are rapidly approaching the end of the year, and with the holidays just around the corner, we have a few notes and reminders about the financial life of the parish.

Pledge amounts for 2011 must be in the church office or post-marked no later than December 31, in order to apply toward tax deductions for 2011. Contributions received that are postmarked after December 31 will not appear on your 2011 Contribution Statement.

For contributions given in December that are for 2012, please mark your check as a 2012 donation. Contact Howard Haeker or Trish Hunter at the parish office (372-4721) if we can be of any as-

Blue Christmas Service

THIS YEAR'S BLUE CHRISTMAS service is Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m. In this service we'll share in some singing appropriate to the Christmas season, have a candle lighting litany of remembrance, while also recognizing that this is not a season of joy for everyone; we can, with others, acknowledge the "blue" feelings we sometimes feel at this time of the year, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. Come and bring a friend.

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~REMINDERS FOR DECEMBER~

- ✠ Saturday, December 3: Centering Prayer Advent Retreat. 2 p.m.—Church
- ✠ Saturday, December 3: Gainesville Youth Chorus Holiday Concert. 5 p.m.—Church
- ✠ Sunday, December 4: Wendy Offerle's Student Voice Recital. 3 p.m.—Church
- ✠ Wednesday, December 7: APPLE Luncheon. 11:45 a.m.—Page Parish Hall
- ✠ Saturday, December 10: Earth Stewardship Prairie Cleanup. 9 a.m.—Holy Trinity Church
- ✠ Saturday, December 10: Youth Group Christmas Caroling. 7 p.m.—meet at church
- ✠ Sunday, December 11: HTCCC Clothing Boutique Sale. 9:15 & 12—Page Parish Hall
- ✠ Sunday, December 11: Ingathering & Blessing of Gifts. 10:30 a.m.—Church
- ✠ Sunday, December 11: "Yuleslide" Trombone Christmas Concert. 4 p.m.—Courtyard
- ✠ Sunday, December 11: A Service of Compline. 8 p.m.—Church
- ✠ Saturday, December 17: Handel's *"Messiah"* Sing-A-Long. 7:30 p.m.—Church
- ✠ Sunday, December 18: Children's Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal. 12:15 p.m.—Church