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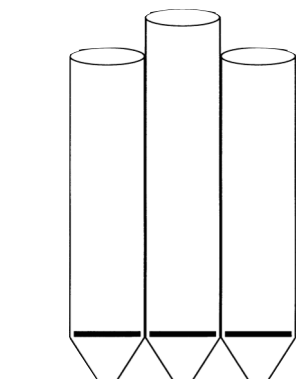
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Annual Parish Meeting



On January 30, we will meet in the church immediately after the 10:30 service to conduct the Holy Trinity Annual Parish Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to report on decisions made at the convention and to give an overview of activities around the Diocese of Florida. We will also be electing delegates to represent Holy Trinity at conventions in 2012-2013.

Because of our average weekly attendance numbers, we are allowed four lay convention delegates. Two delegates each are elected to two-year terms on alternating years. On January 30, we will vote to elect two Diocesan delegates and one alternate after all 3 services.



Music at Holy Trinity presents

TWO-ORGAN SPECTACULAR!

Sunday, February 20 at 3 p.m.

Hear Holy Trinity's own John T. Lowe, Jr. , with Jonathan Casady, Timothy Denton, Peter Kinzie, and The Holy Trinity Choir as the church comes to life with the sound of two organs!

This is a concert you won't want to miss!

PRESENTED FREE OF CHARGE

A message from our Assisting Priest

The Reverend Jeremy Hole

Dear Friends,

Two “recollections” and two consequential reflections:

In 1961, Martin Luther King, Jr., and I joined the faculty of Morehouse College, junior members of the philosophy and history departments. I was in transition from graduate work at Emory to seminary the next year. He was in transition from Montgomery to regional, to national leadership in the civil rights movement before he was assassinated in 1968.

Now I see the word “icon” applied to him in a sense of set-apart, class-by-himself uniqueness, almost “discarnate” from others. But I remember him very much as one among others, even if he was at times first among them. There was collegiality, an interdependence that he shared. I remember one very tense public student discussion, involving the possible use of guns and explosives. It was “saved” from violence by Samuel Cross because Martin simply was not there. And that’s only one very personal recollection of a pattern of the mutual responsibility and cooperation among the leadership of the movement.

But now he is not only a saint, but also an icon, isolated from his neighbors by such a perspective, the way he never was in his real life.

By contrasting coincidence, I recollect Martin Luther King Day in Gainesville twenty years ago on Monday, 1991. It was the day when the church burned down. Everybody came to watch, not in a ghoulish spectator sense, but in the sense of sharing in a corporate, even a family, deathwatch. Members of Holy Trinity or not, long-time, short-time, brand new, appreciative walkers-by, total strangers—everybody came to join, to share as much as possible. Both separately and corporately, we were a crowd of witnesses, not just passive but active as well. For those who were there, remember?

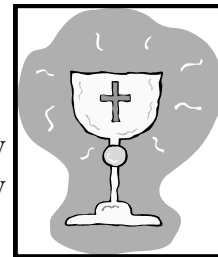
But remember, also, how clear it became that the church was not only, not even basically the building, but the people who were members of the church. And not only the clergy, the vestry, and all the blessed commission and committee members but every single one of us and our God-given corporate ministries—both in-reach to ourselves and outreach to our neighbors in the neighborhood we chose to stay in and be actively involved.

And that is true for all of us here today, as well, whether “the fire” is remembered or not. That original crowd of witnesses were not just passive but active, even as we all are called to be now. So, in the preface to the Sanctus (BCP 380), it says “we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” (Alright, alright: It’s “cloud” not “crowd,” but you get the idea). So that we can also run the race God gives to us, both individually and corporately as members of Holy Trinity Church.

Reflectively,

Solemn Communion

Debra Stinson



The seven-week Solemn Communion class begins on Sunday, January 30, 2011, but it may not be too late for those who are interested in joining. Please register your child immediately by notifying Debra Stinson at (352) 335-7139 or mimistins@bellsouth.net.

Children must have been baptized. If you don't start class on January 30th, you may be able to join on Feb 6. Please contact Debra as soon as possible.

February is "Black History Month"

February is "Black History Month," an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Celebrating Black History began in 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph.D., initiated "Negro History Week." Dr. Woodson, a historian, chose the second week in February because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Holy Trinity hopes to feature a guest preacher sometime in February. More to follow.

Upcoming Theme for the Wednesday Night Program: Eldercare 101

Increasingly, many of us are faced with helping to care for aging parents. The task is often daunting and overwhelming. How does one know where to begin? How does one find the resources and support to provide quality care for one's aging parents? How does one, as a caregiver, cope with the stress and strain of eldercare? Eldercare 101, which will be offered beginning on Wednesday, February 2, will address these and other important eldercare issues. Speakers from the community and parish will address these various issues over five sessions. More details will be forthcoming. This offering is part of the Wednesday Night Program and will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays, February, 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM, followed by sessions for adults and children, which are held from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us for one or more of these valuable sessions!

From the Parish Library

Joan Bearden



HOLY TRINITY PARISH LIBRARY

Gainesville, Florida

February 2011

The Case for Easter: A Journalist Investigates the Evidence for the Resurrection, by Lee Strobel. 2003. The former journalist for the *Chicago Tribune* affirms that Christ really did die on the cross, and not just faint from exhaustion; that he experienced a bodily, and not just a spiritual, resurrection; and that he was seen alive after his death. 232.97 STR CAS

Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell, by John Shelby Spong. 2009. Offering deeply personal reflections on his own Christian journey and priestly career, Spong reviews a lifetime of passionate engagement with biblical study and with questions of faith. 236.2 SPO ETE

On Living Simply: The Golden Voice of John Chrysostom: A Book of Ancient Christian Wisdom, compiled by Robert Van de Weyer 1997. This little book contains extracts from the sermons of John Chrysostom, especially on political and social themes. 252 CHR ONL

Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God, by Sybil MacBeth. 2007. As the author takes particular care to emphasize, this method—most effective for intercessory prayer, but adaptable for other approaches—requires absolutely no skill, merely a desire to connect with God. Amid gentle personal anecdotes, she illustrates each step of the process, providing not just instruction but inspiration, by sharing her own prayer pages as well as those of her students. She even includes a chapter on using one's computer for the process. 248.32 MAC PRA

Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith, by Marcus J. Borg. 2010. The story centers on Kate, a theology professor who is liberal in her beliefs while deeply dedicated to her relationship with Christ. This novel focuses on the dialogues of the professors and students who are examining basic tenets of the Christian faith in a context of education and personal struggle. Fict BOR PUT

Why Does God Let It Happen? by Bruce Henderson. 2010. The problem of evil and the horrors of tragedies cause much of the doubt of God in the world. This book is a spiritual and religious guide that hopes to answer these and other questions: why does evil continue to have

such a powerful presence in the world? and why is there seemingly a lack of intervention from God?

Journals

Biblical Archaeology Review, January/February 2011. Interesting article: "You Have Heard of CSI, Now There's DSI—Dig Site Investigation." The article encourages readers to help solve the case of the missing history.

The Christian Century, December 28, 2010. Cover article: "Ultra-Orthodox in Israel."

The Christian Century, January 11, 2011. Cover article: "The Pursuit of Happiness."

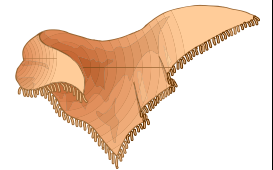
Christianity Today, January 2011. Cover article: "Chasing Methuselah: Exercise, Technology, and Diet Help Us Live Longer than Ever. If Our Destiny is Eternal Life, Should We Care?"

Sojourners, February 2011. Cover article: "Cruel and Unequal: How Our Penal System Mass-Produces Second-class Citizens."

Weavings, February 2011. Issue theme: "Cross Purposes."

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Joan Bearden



We are getting low on prayer shawls for distribution. We have some yarn that can be used for this purpose. Prayer Shawls are delivered to those who are in the hospital. Please see Joan Bearden in the library, if you can help.

Transportation to church needed

Joan Bearden



Dear Parishioners,
Gloria Newton, who lives at The Village, needs a ride to the 10:30 service on Sunday. She has a ride back to The Village after church. Please call Gloria

Birth Announcement

Isabelle Catherine Engels, daughter to Lisa & Nick Engels, and grand-daughter to Linda Kunz, born January 4, 2011.

Congratulations to the happy family!



Prayer Calendar



- February 6 The Province of Armagh of the Church of Ireland
In Holy Trinity Church: Hospital Ministry and St. Elizabeth Circle.
In our community: custodians and sanitation workers.
- February 13 The Church of Ireland
In Holy Trinity Church: Calicifers, Nursery Volunteers, and Downtown Ministry.
In our community: architects, engineers, carpenters, electricians,
 and all involved in building and construction.
- February 20 The Province of York in the Church of England
In Holy Trinity Church: Youth in J2A and Rite 13, Stiefel Men's Group,
 and Habitat for Humanity.
In our community: journalists, reporters, and other media personnel.
- February 27 The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church
In Holy Trinity Church: FOYERS Groups and HIV/AIDS Ministry.

Calling All Couples at Holy Trinity Wed 50 or more years!



The Diocesan Older Adult Ministry is seeking couples in the Diocese who have been married 50 years or more. We would like to invite them to the 5th celebration for them on April 30, held in Jacksonville (St. John's Cathedral) and in Tallahassee (St. John's Church). If you are one of these couples, please let Melody Marshall know by March 1 and you will receive a special invitation. Melody's e-mail address: marshmj@earthlink.net or you may contact her at 352-375-7876. We need your names (first name of both husband and wife), address, phone number, and e-mail address please.

Thank You

Jo Petzold

It is past time to say thank you for all the love and support we received from our parish family this past year. It was a difficult time for us, but we experienced the Love of God through your many acts of kindness. The Altar flowers, phone calls, visits, notes, prayer shawl, and clergy visits, truly kept us going when we were feeling overwhelmed. We thanked God for you each night in our prayers. Now it is time to say thanks to you.

A special thanks also to the staff and volunteers who made the

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Pancake Dinner

Coming Soon

Tuesday, March 8, 2010 5:30 p.m. in Page Parish Hall

Music for the month of February		
6	The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Benjamin Britten— <i>Jubilate Deo</i> Ysaye Barnwell— <i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>
13	The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Charles Villiers Stanford— <i>Beati quorum via</i> David Hurd— <i>Teach me, O Lord</i>
13	<i>A Service of Compline</i>	William Mundy— <i>O Lord, the maker of all things</i> G. P. da Palestrina— <i>Jesu dulcis memoria</i>
20	The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	John Ireland— <i>Greater love hath no man</i> Ola Gjeilo— <i>Ubi caritas</i>
27	The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany... <i>The Transfiguration</i>	Sir David Willcocks— <i>Psalm 150</i> Herbert Howells— <i>Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks</i>

A SERVICE OF

COMPLINE

Sunday, February 13

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 will be offered the second Sunday of each month (September-*

History Tidbits: Have you noticed?

As you look around at our beautiful church, have you noticed Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? These are depicted, symbolically, in the stained glass windows placed strategically in our midst. Just above the south door, near the pulpit, is “the Hand of God” extended downward. This ancient symbol of God reminds us of The Creation, the work of His hands, and is a sign of His blessing extended to all. Above the altar is the likeness of Jesus, God the Son, center of our Christian faith. Above the north entrance, near the lectern, is a dove, representing the Holy Spirit, as it came first to Jesus at his baptism and now to all believers. The large windows above the hand and the dove are identical representations of the Canterbury Cross, signifying our connection to Canterbury Cathedral, England, the mother church for the worldwide Anglican Communion.

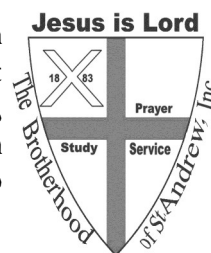
Just below the Christ window is a related primary symbol, the pelican--the wooden carving within the reredos and also the image printed on the cover of our Sunday bulletins. The original pelican medallion, centered in the reredos in the 1907 church, was lost in the 1991 fire; it was re-created in the design of the reredos for the new church. As former Rector David Pittman described: “The pelican . . . is a symbol of the Atonement. A legend held that the pelican would draw blood from its own breast to feed its young. Such loving self-sacrifice is symbolic of God’s loving act in sending His son to die for our sins.”

Almost every accoutrement in our church building has a “story” to be told. During the next several months, I will share these stories with you in the “History Tidbits” newsletter articles.

Take time to read the brass plaques mounted near most adornments in the church. These give the names of donors who honored loved ones with tangible symbols as the church was rebuilt during the 1990’s. Our beautiful church is

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a missionary and evangelism ministry of the Episcopal Church that emphasizes the disciplines of prayer, study, and service. We meet regularly on the first Wednesday night of the month in the parish library. All men of the church are invited to attend, including youth. Our January speaker was Harvey Ward, who led a spirited discussion on transforming stewardship. Our guest in February will be Margaret Butler, who will speak on her two visits to see the Shroud of Turin.



The Brotherhood is an opt-in organization where you can use your time, talent, and treasure to support Holy Trinity. And, we have a lot of fun doing it! Informative and humorous e-mail reminders of meetings, events, and work details are sent (by blind-copy) approximately 2-3 times a month. For more information, contact:

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DL@upf.com

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, February 2: BOSA meeting, Parish Library, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 12: Stiefel Men's Breakfast, Clock Restaurant, 8:30 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



Holy Baptism

Kaitlan Alexandra Josephs on January 9, 2011

Entered into Larger Life

Dr. Marion Murray Lasley on December 22, 2010

Dr. William Thomas, Jr., on December 25, 2010

Our Sympathy is extended to

Gretchen Von Mering on the death of her father, Otto



APPLE HAPPENINGS

~APPLE MEETING~

We heard about the Cuba trip with Marilyn Peterson, Rev. Louanne, and others in our January meeting. Now we have the opportunity to review and rethink stewardship with Harvey Ward at our February meeting. We welcome newcomers and "old" comers on Wednesday, February 2 in Page Parish Hall. See you at 11:45 a.m.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry at the Gainesville Community

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Winter Meeting

The ECW Winter Meeting is Saturday, February 19, at Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center. The Guest speaker will be the Rev. Amanda Nickles, Vicar, Grace Mission, Tallahassee, Florida. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The fee for lunch is \$12.50. Registration forms can be found on the Lillycrop Room table. Registration forms and lunch fee is due to the registrar by February

Call for Project Grants

Mary Crummer

Holy Trinity groups wishing to submit a request for a modest grant from the Bazaar Committee funds, for specific projects not covered by their budgets, can get forms from the St. Elizabeth mailbox in the hallway by the workroom.

Request forms need to be returned to the same

WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out the recent survey on worship preferences. The comments and responses obviously were prayerfully and thoughtfully considered.

The consensus of the responses was that the majority of parishioners attending each of our three services attend that particular service because the structure and tone of the service fulfills their worship needs. In other words, except for minor “tweaks” that some people mentioned, they are satisfied and happy with the status quo. However, there were a few major items people universally felt needed to be addressed.

- (1) The sound system needs to be fixed. This problem is close to being resolved, as bids have been obtained from two contractors and were presented to your Vestry for action at its January meeting.
- (2) We need to make a more concerted effort to follow up with visitors and those expressing an interest in joining the church. At about the same time the survey was distributed, the Good Shepherds program was begun to make our visitors feel more welcomed and to facilitate prompt follow-up.
- (3) Many felt there is too much noise and activity prior to the services which makes it difficult for private prayer and preparation for worship. The clergy, choirs and other lay participants are making an effort to reduce such distractions before the services.
- (4) There were sufficient requests for some form of music at the 8 AM service to warrant consideration.
- (5) Lastly, there was strong feeling that the 6 PM service needs to be revitalized in order to draw more participants both from within the current parish membership and from the outside community. Your Rector will convene a committee which will address this and other issues and make recommendations to her.

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 (505-5444 or

News from your Vestry

Harvey Ward

Vestry Highlights

At the January meeting, your Vestry:

- Approved a plan to improve the church sound system.
- Reviewed the end-of-year parish financial report.
- Received a report from the Worship Committee regarding the recent parish survey.
- Reviewed plans for Vestry elections.

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

2010 Financial Stewardship Snapshot/Pledge Update

Your 2010 Pledge Offerings:	\$668,377
Your 2010 Other Non-Pledge Donations & Offerings:	\$93,921
Holy Trinity Episcopal Foundation 2010 Pledge:	\$245,300
Miscellaneous 2010 Revenue:	\$7,200
Total 2010 Revenue:	\$1,014,798
Total Yearly Expenses:	\$1,097,853
Net Total (Revenue less expenses)	(\$83,055)

✚ The Vestry anticipated this shortfall and budgeted the use of reserve accounts to

Gala Cubana!

Kathleen Murff-Whiting

In Cuba they call it Lovers' Day ("El Día de los enamorados")! It's our Valentine's Day and we are celebrating the joy of being enamored of one another *Cuban-style* on Saturday, February 12th, with **Gala Cubana!**

If you're single there will be a warm welcome for you! For couples, you could not make a better choice for yourself and your Valentine than an evening of dancing, delicious food and drink, and music by a popular band. Join the crowd of current and future sweethearts who are ready to salsa and cha-cha the night away in a richly decorated venue that will take you to the warmth of the Caribbean, the magical island of *Cuba!*



On Saturday, February 12th, Page Parish Hall will be transformed into a tropical paradise, where lessons in all the Latin dances will be available from 6:00-7:00 PM, along with plenty of liquid refreshment and *tapas* (appetizers). Then one of Gainesville's most popular bands, led by *Gilberto de Paz*, will bring the beat so you can show off those skills from 7:00 until 11:00, while you continue to enjoy sangria and a delicious Cuban buffet supper. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

All ticket sales will support the strong companionship (*compañierismo*) our parish shares with San Juan Bautista in Florencia, Cuba. There will be child care on site for the entire evening, and tickets for the entire gala are only \$ 20.00 per person.

Please see any member of the Cuba Committee during coffee hours or you can go to Galacubana2011@gmail.com to purchase your tickets. Space is limited, so hurry and be a part of the celebration

Downtown Ministry

Melody Marshall

Word has gone out. Holy Trinity is the place for the homeless and working poor to receive assistance obtaining IDs, birth certificates, and prescription medications, provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Referrals come to us from agencies throughout our community such as Gainesville Community Ministry, the Alachua County Housing Authority, the Alachua County Health Department, Helping Hands Clinic, as well as from other groups, organizations and individuals.

When asked recently how one guest knew to come to us for assistance, he said “My uncle.” When asked how his uncle knew about us, he replied he did not know. The word has gone out far and wide. Here are some numbers that may interest you about our work in 2010.

Guests	1,650
Guest visits	1,889
City bus passes	801
Birth certificates	343
Marriage certificates	5
ID vouchers	292
Prescription vouchers	136
Caring bags	151
Homeward bound	21
Clothing vouchers	170

God also blessed us with several monetary gifts in 2010. Because of Lynn Tanny’s work developing the computer program we use to record our data, and thus the ability to be accountable for our ministry, one donor gave us \$10,000 for the third year in a row. Other monetary donations totaled \$7,900, making it possible to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ for another year.

Enough cannot be said for our 16 steadfast volunteers. The sessions go most smoothly if there are at least four, and whenever possible five, each Tuesday and Thursday, as we now average 35 guests seeking aid each day.

Ours is truly a shared ministry. Several volunteers have taken on specific responsibilities such as scheduling the volunteers, making sure there are apples and crackers for our guests, making and filling the caring bags, securing the bus passes, and training new volunteers.

We are especially grateful to Tallulah Brown who has, for the past year, overseen the day-to-day operation of the ministry. Her dedication and hard work has facilitated everyone else’s. Having fulfilled her promise to do this for a year, she stepped down in December but continues to volunteer on Thursdays. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

We are also grateful to you, the parishioners of Holy Trinity, for your support of God’s work with the homeless and working poor in the Gainesville area. Your support has made the ministry a vital part of our parish.

Clothing Donations to Homeless

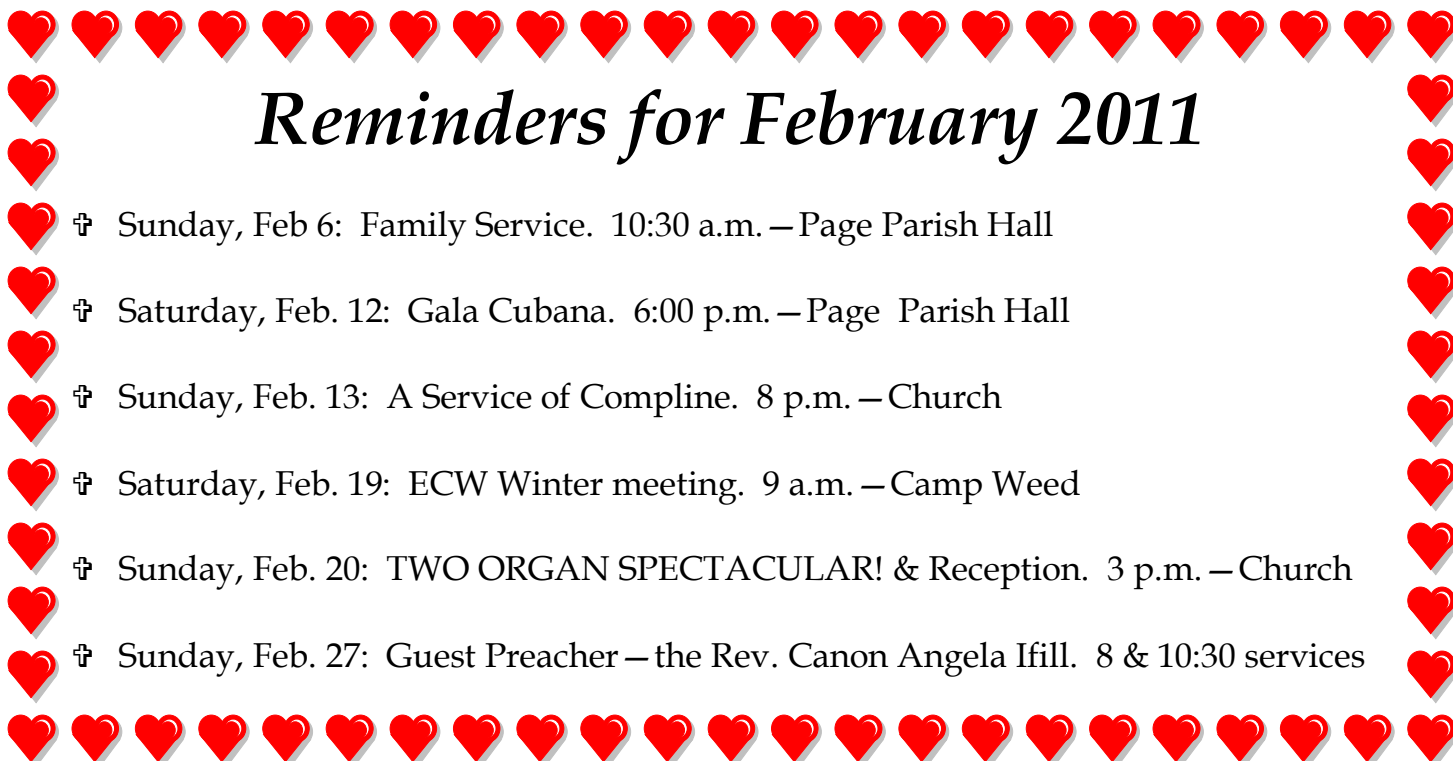
Melody Marshall

Please take clothing you would like to donate for the homeless directly to one of the thrift shops for which we give vouchers. They include: Gainesville Community Ministries, Hospice Attic, or Junior League Thrift Shop. Please do not leave them at Holy Trinity, as we do not have the space to store them and we are not a

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Reminders for February 2011

- ✠ Sunday, Feb 6: Family Service. 10:30 a.m. – Page Parish Hall
- ✠ Saturday, Feb. 12: Gala Cubana. 6:00 p.m. – Page Parish Hall
- ✠ Sunday, Feb. 13: A Service of Compline. 8 p.m. – Church
- ✠ Saturday, Feb. 19: ECW Winter meeting. 9 a.m. – Camp Weed
- ✠ Sunday, Feb. 20: TWO ORGAN SPECTACULAR! & Reception. 3 p.m. – Church
- ✠ Sunday, Feb. 27: Guest Preacher – the Rev. Canon Angela Ifill. 8 & 10:30 services