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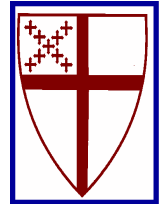
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**First United Methodist &
Holy Trinity Episcopal
to celebrate a
combined service-January 24.**



The Reverend Harold Henderson of First United Methodist Church and The Reverend Louanne Loch of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church invite you to a service of celebration and Holy Communion on Sunday, January 24 (which is Ecumenical Sunday) at 10:30 a.m. We will begin the Liturgy of the Word at the First United Methodist Church (419 NE 1st Street) at 10:30 am, and process to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for Holy Communion. A potluck lunch will take place after the combined service in Page Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to bring main dishes, sides of vegetables, salads and desserts; beverages will be provided. Please join us in celebrating our heartfelt love for our First United Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ!

On January 21, 1991, Holy Trinity suffered a devastating fire, set by an arsonist. Immediately, First Methodist, along with other churches in the area, offered support by providing facilities for Holy Trinity's worship services and parish activities. The very night after the fire, a service was held at First Methodist, a service where people grieved but also dedicated themselves not only to rebuilding the church, but also to continuing its mission within the Gainesville community. For the next three years, Holy Trinity held its 8:00 a.m. services at the Chapel of the Incarnation and its 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. services at the First United Methodist Church.

Many of you may recall that eventful day, May 29, 1994, when the rebuilding after the 1991 fire had progressed far enough to allow Holy Trinity to resume its Sunday services in the Philips Building. As our eminent historian George Bentley's history tells us: "...Holy Trinity began its Communion service at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church. After the Liturgy of the Word the congregation processed down the street to the new Earle Page Parish Hall. At the end of the service there, they enjoyed having refreshments and a tour of the sanctuary building site." (p. 115)

As a permanent mark of the bond between our churches during this difficult time, Holy Trinity (with the help of Ellie Blair) installed a Methodist symbol of the Cross and Flame, which is in the wall above the south portal leading into the Narthex of the new sanctuary. The ties between Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church represent the strength of the greater Gainesville Community. Be with us on January 24 as we celebrate this service and joyous event!

Louanne+

A message from our Assistant Rector

The Reverend John Satula

Dear Parish Family,

I talked with my mom in New York at 6 pm on the Saturday before Christmas. The tree was up and decorated but there was still no sign of the snow storm that had been predicted; the snow storm that had already swept through many of the Mid-Atlantic States. When I spoke with her again at 9PM the snow was falling, steadily and heavily and there were already two inches on the ground. The next morning, there was at least two feet of snow on the ground in some areas of the northeast. As I talked with my mom and friends who live in this part of the country, all I could think about was the last December snow storm I had experienced. It was Dec. 25th, 2002 and I had made the huge mistake of attempting to make the 4 hour drive from Elmira, NY to my hometown of Larchmont through heavy snow. About an hour and a half into the drive the windshield wipers were useless and the snow was already about a foot and a half deep and continuing to fall. With all the other cars on the road I was forced to leave the highway and quickly helped fill-up the Hancock Motel. It wasn't the best Christmas I had had but I was able to make it home the next day and my parents and siblings had each saved a couple of their presents to open until I arrived.

A lot of people have asked me if I miss the snow since moving to Gainesville – my answer has been yes and no. Do I miss the snow? Yes. Do I miss driving in the snow? Definitely not!! Do I enjoy bragging to family and friends while they're being inundated by snow that it's a pleasant 60 degrees here under blue skies? You bet!! Although after my bragging I learned I may be getting some houseguests in January and February. A friend asked me this past weekend as they were watching their car being buried under the snow, if I am enjoying living in sunny Florida. I paused for a moment and quickly reflected on the past six months.

During my welcoming reception, a parishioner spoke with me and said, "John, I truly believe God has called you here. You are truly meant to be here with all of us at Holy Trinity." From that day I have been fully immersed into the life of Holy Trinity and Gainesville--from Youth Mission Trips to Montana and Orlando to seeing orange and blue everywhere and watching Gator Football and Basketball games at the Stadiums. Since arriving at Holy Trinity I am doing some of the same things I did at my last Parish; Celebrating and Preaching, making Hospital visits, attending Vestry Meetings, helping to lead the Youth Group. I am also doing some wonderful new things as well; leading the Family Service, and leading Children's Chapel at HTCCC, where I help to familiarize the children with the Bible through prayers and the retelling of Biblical stories. I am also enjoying life in Gainesville, from cheering for the Gators to taking up Fencing, something I have always wanted to do. I am doing all the things I love in a great place among wonderful new friends. It has been an amazing six months full of exciting challenges, new experiences and at the same time, a familiarity of what has been before.

As I reflected on the past six months and what a wonderful time I am having being at Holy Trinity, I kept thinking of those words spoken to me by that parishioner, "John, I truly believe God has called you here. You are truly meant to be here with all of us at Holy Trinity." I have come to believe these words more and more every day. And they remind me that no matter what we are going through in our lives or where we are, God is not making our decisions for us, God is not forcing us down any path, but God is always with us, guiding us and supporting us. Again my friend asked me, "John did you hear me? Are you enjoying your time in Gainesville?" And I smiled to myself and simply responded with, "Yes, yes I am."

My friends as we continue through this glorious season of Christmas please know that all of you remain in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. John A. Satula
Assistant Rector

Holy Trinity Sunday School News

Gina Cox, Director of Children's Ministries



**** CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** - Beginning January 31, Children's Chapel will begin early, right at 10:30, to coincide with the Solemn Communion Class. This special chapel is NOT just for the children participating in Solemn Communion, but for all the children of the church, aged 1st grade and up. After 9:15 Church School ends, all children "upstairs" can remain there and go right to chapel. They will return to services at the usual time prior to Holy Communion.

**** FAMILY SERVICE**, January 3 in PPH at 10:30. Don't forget to bring something if you can for our Giving Basket. Some things needed this month are dish soap, school supplies, stuffed animals, tuna, peanut butter, white socks, toothpaste, and shampoo. The next Family Service will be held on February 7. No Church School January 3rd.

**** Next Church School Committee Meeting** to be held Sunday, January 10 after church at "12:00-ish" in room 210.

**** A HUGE thank you** to all the incredible, children, families and stage directors who made this year's Christmas Pageant a success. It was a blessing and a joy to celebrate the birth of the Holy Child with each and every one of you!

Arrrrghhhhh!! We'll be setting sail July 19-23 for VBS 2010!

Calling all young people from age 3rd-6th grade, all HT youth group helpers and all adventurous adults who don't mind swabbing a deck!! Mark your calendars for a High Seas Expedition. More information and how you can help coming soon ... you land lubbers!



HT KIDS ARE SON-SATIONAL

****Robby Von Mering-Crowley** took 1st place in the Environmental Science Category for 6th-8th graders for his Science Fair project at Howard Bishop Middle School and will be moving onto the regional competition in February!

****Dagny Von Mering-Crowley** swam a 31 second 50 yard freestyle leg in her MAKOS team's girls 10 and under 200 yard medley relay at the November meet in Orlando!

****Mia Delaney** was student of the month for the entire 4th grade for November at JJ Finley Elementary.

****Jackson Delaney** was one of the December students of the week in 2nd grade also at JJ Finley Elementary.

(Have you had or will you have a special achievement? Let me know before the next newsletter deadline and help us all to celebrate what makes you "SON-sational." Email gina@holytrinitygnv.org)

SOLEMN COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, and BAPTISM

Calling all second and third graders: Classes to explore the Eucharist begin January 31, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 201. Solemn (some may remember it as "First") Communion is designed to give formal instruction and to create a Rite of Passage for your child; so do not worry if your child has been receiving. We also gladly accommodate older children. This seven week class culminates at the service on March 21. Attendance at class and Children's Chapel is mandatory during the seven weeks. Please register your child by January 24 by notifying Debra Stinson (352-335-7139) or mimistins@bellsouth.net, or Gina Cox (gina@holytrinitygnv.org).



During the seven weeks of Solemn Communion, Children's Chapel will begin at 10:30 a.m., and there will be no dismissal during the 10:30 AM service. Children will return to the sanctuary with the instructors prior to Holy Communion. Chapel will be led by Debra Stinson and Dee Dugger.

Children must be Baptized in order to participate. The next Baptism date before Lent is January 10. If needed, please make arrangements with Mary Hitchner as soon as possible at the church office (372-4721).

The Outreach Commission

Kathy Navajas

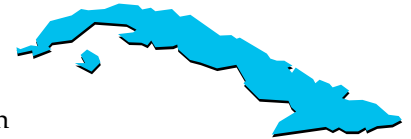
The Outreach Commission has been going through some soul searching about the role of the Commission in the outreach work of the church, which is robust, spirit-filled and parishioner-driven for the most part. The Commission was formed last century under circumstances very different from now, and we feel it's time to think about the role of the Commission in the context of 21st century human resources and social challenges. Apart from the grant process, should the Commission be generating ideas, overseeing the diversified outreach efforts of different groups within the church, educating the congregation, advocating on social justice issues in the community? How do parishioners distinguish between the Outreach Commission and the outreach work done by clergy, the diocese and national church, individuals and groups at Holy Trinity like the St. Elizabeth's Circle?

On January 17 at 12:15 in the library we will have a brainstorming session on these questions and others relating to the future of the Outreach Commission. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. PLEASE COME TO THIS MEETING AND HELP US. If you have ever been involved in the Outreach Commission, or if you think it has or could have an important role in doing God's work, come help us think this through.

From the Rev. Nancee Martin Coffey: The Chapel of the Incarnation wishes to express sincere and hearty appreciation to these generous people of Holy Trinity who provided a Sunday night meal this past year-- Frances Whittier, Dee and Leo Dugger, Rick and Tammy Winkler, Harold and Susan Nugent, Martha Banks, Mary Crummer, Kathleen Pagan, Linda Wilson and Megan Williams, Gene McCall, and APPLE (Adults Pleasantly Pursuing Leisure Enthusiastically). How blessed we are by the support of Holy Trinity!

Cuba Notes

Kathy Navajas



This is a time of major transition at our companion church in Cuba, San Juan Bautista in Florencia. For the first time in decades we have a resident rector: Father Andrés Espinosa, who was installed as rector on October 25 by the sufragán bishop Ulises Aquero. Andrés has been pastoring the congregation for about 16 months, and there is broad consensus that the church and the faithful are in good hands. In addition to being intelligent, articulate, artistic, caring and committed, Andrés seems to be able to get things done in a way no one else has so far. One example of this is that there is finally a rectory in Florencia! Not having one was one of the obstacles to getting a resident rector. For years there have been attempts to arrange permanent housing, but it is against the law to buy or sell a house in Cuba, but Father Andrés made it happen. The house about 4 blocks from the church, on a street where many church members live. It's an older house, with traditional floor tiles for coolness, a tile roof, and interior walls that don't go all the way up to the ceiling, so that hot air can more easily rise and disperse. There is a back yard with a well and a small outer building that Andrés hopes to convert to additional guest rooms for when we visit. In 2006 we raised the money for the rectory and it's been carefully guarded by the bishop in the cathedral account in Havana. This is great good news, because it means stability for the rector, which allows him to better serve the church.

The sad news is that Eloísa Cepero Rodríguez, who held the congregation together for decades, passed away on November 25, 2009, exactly one month after Andrés's installation. This tireless walker and guardian mayor (*senior warden*) was taken to the ceremony in a wheelchair, 30 days before she succumbed to the cancer she had fought for 20 years. There are generations of believers in Florencia because of Eloísa, whose faith and hard work helped the congregation through the years when the churches were officially closed, when being a Christian was grounds for suspicion and persecution. Since the early 1990's, when the churches were reopened, she has guided San Juan Bautista through the hardships of the post-Soviet 'período especial', through the comings and goings of many non-resident rectors, and the founding and flourishing of Cuba Companionship with us. Everyone from Holy Trinity who has gone to Cuba has enjoyed Eloísa's hospitality and welcome. No one in Florencia can remember San Juan Bautista Church before Eloísa, so please keep them all in your prayers, as they find their way forward, celebrating her life, grieving their loss, and following in her footsteps, and Jesus'.

Prayer Calendar



- January 3 The Province of Dublin of the Church of Ireland
In Holy Trinity Church, Folk Choir, Flower Deliverers, APPLE
In our community, plumbers, mechanics, and all who do repair work.
- January 10 The Scottish Episcopal Church
In Holy Trinity Church, Parish Library, Finance Committee and Gainesville Community Ministries
In our community, parents, grandparents, foster parents, and all members of families.
- January 17 Province VII of the Episcopal Church (Southwest)
In Holy Trinity Church, Participants in Megamorphosis, Happening, and Cursillo.
In our community, all who do volunteer work.
- January 24 Province VI of the Episcopal Church (Upper Midwest)
In Holy Trinity Church, Hospital Ministry and St. Elizabeth Circle
In our community, business owners, managers, employees, and the self-employed.
- January 31 The Province of Rupert's Land of the Anglican Church of Canada
In Holy Trinity Church, Calicifers, Nursery Volunteers, and Downtown Ministry
In our community, physicians, nurses, dentists, and other medical care workers.

Young Adults Together

Christina Ford

We'd like to invite young adults (and the young at heart) to come share fellowship and grow in Christ. We are excited to revive this important ministry at Holy Trinity. Although fellowship is important at all ages, it is particularly tricky at this stage in life. Now that we are out of school, it is more difficult to begin and sustain friendships. This is especially true, in a town like Gainesville, that is geared toward serving the needs of college students. We hope that our young adult groups will help foster a caring community for recent graduates, young parents, and young adults who are just beginning to think about putting down roots.

We will have our kick-off luncheon on Sunday January 17, after church at the Top restaurant.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet on **Wednesday night January 13th at 7 p.m.**
The Epiphany Service and Potluck Dinner is the first Wednesday, January 6 at 6 pm.

ALL MEN: PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTOR JOHNSON WITH YOUR E-DRESS. BLIND-COPIED E-REMINDERS ARE SENT OUT FOR EVENTS AND WORK DETAILS. Approximately two e-mails are sent each month. 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!

Doug Johnson
 386.659.1425
doug@aliken.com

Brotherhood Calendar:

- January 13th BOSA Meeting Page Parish Hall 6pm
- January 16th Stiefel Men's Breakfast Clock Restaurant 8:30am



Music for the month of January		
3	The Second Sunday of Christmas	Hugo Jüngst – <i>While by my sheep</i> Benjamin Britten – <i>Carol for a New Year</i>
6	The Epiphany of the Lord	Leo Sowerby – <i>Eternal Light</i> Bruce Neswick – <i>Epiphany Carol</i> Herbert Howells – <i>Here is the Little Door</i>
10	The Baptism of the Lord <i>Holy Baptism</i>	Hector Berlioz – <i>The Shepherd’s Farewell</i> <i>(from L’Enfance du Christ)</i> René Clausen – <i>Set Me As A Seal</i>
17	The Second Sunday after Epiphany	The Holy Trinity Handbell Choir – <i>Kum ba yah</i> Olivier Messiaen – <i>O Sacrum Convivium</i>
24	The Third Sunday after Epiphany <i>Combined service with First United Methodist Church</i>	Music TBA
31	The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany <i>Morning Prayer</i>	Mack Wilberg – <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>

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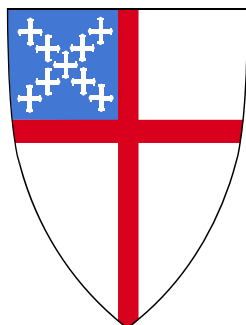
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A SERVICE OF COMPLINE

Sunday, January 31 (note the date change from February 7) at 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, which 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. *This service is offered five times (November 1, December 6, January 3, January 31, and March 7) during the 2009-2010 season.*

Music at Holy Trinity 2009-2010



Choral Evensong

with
The St. John’s Cathedral Choir (Jacksonville)

music of
Healey Willan, Richard Ayleward, and William Byrd

Sunday January 24 at 5 p.m.
Presented free of charge

From the Parish Library

Joan Bearden



HOLY TRINITY PARISH LIBRARY Gainesville, Florida

Library Hours: Sunday Morning: Monday and
Wednesday 10:30-1:30

December 2009

Good Mourning: Getting Through Your Grief, by

Allan Hugh Cole, Jr. 2008. This is a solid and
compassionate guide to grief and mourning.
248.86 COL GOO

Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious

Doctrine, by Peter J. Thuesen. 2009. The author
has written a careful historical account of the
way predestination has vexed and engaged the
church in the United States. 234.9 THU PRE

Santa Clawed, by Rita Mae Brown. 2008. Harry and her
wily pets have to figure out who's killing the
monks. Mys BRO SAN

Silent in the Sanctuary, by Deanna Raybourn. 2008.

This Victorian mystery has a wealthy widow, a
large and eccentric family, an ancestral estate
which is a former monastery complete with
monkish ghosts. Mys RAY SIL

What is the Point of Being a Christian? By Timothy

Radcliff. 2006. This book addresses how we
should be marked as Christians today. What is
the difference made in us as individual
Christians and as community? The author
offers a vision of openness and confidence
created by our life in the Spirit which would
reveal itself in a characteristic joy and courage.
248.482 RAD WHA

Why Go to Church: The Drama of the Eucharist, by

Timothy Radcliff. 2008. The author brings out
clearly the meaning of the parts of the
communion service. 242.34 RAD WHY

Journals

The Anglican Digest, Winter, 2009. Interesting article:
"Meeting Epiphany"; interesting recipe: "
Christmas Bread Pudding"

The Christian Century, December 1, 2009. Interesting
article: "The Wright Way to Read Paul: N. T.
Wright on Justification"

Christianity Today, December 2009. Interesting article:
"String Theory and Heaven: New Scientific
Thinking Bolsters the Case for Life After
Death"

Sewanee Theological Review, Christmas 2009. Issue
devoted to the Anglican-Roman Catholic
dialogue.

Sojourners, December 2009. Cover article: "All Creation
is Waiting: Climate Change and Our Future";
interesting article: "Priests in God's Garden: An
Anglican Bishop Gives a Biblical Vision for
Saving the Earth"

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER...

Transferred In:

Sally Foote
Jen Gresley



Transferred Out

William Hiscock, St. David's. Roswell, GA

Entered into Larger Life:

Arch Roberts
David Huffman
John Ellett

JEAN REID-Vestry Bio

I have been a member of Holy Trinity for many years and
was on the staff as Assistant to the Director of Program for
about 10 years. In my staff position I worked with the
education program; the Junior, Primary, and Folk Choirs;
Worship Commission; Performing Arts Committee; and
fellowship activities. After leaving the staff, I served on the
Vestry.

By profession I am an educator and have taught at many
places, including Holy Trinity Child Caring Center and UF.
For several years I taught at Coastal Carolina University in
South Carolina where I became active at Trinity Church,
Myrtle Beach. At Trinity I presented a workshop for the
adult education hour, acted as mentor for an EFM group,
and led a women's retreat. Now that I am happily back at
HT full time, I have joined the Handbell Choir and am
volunteering at Duval Elementary School. I am co-mentor
for an EFM group and part of the Tuesday night discussion
group. I am interested in many aspects of our lives at HT,
especially the music and education programs and the
worship services, including the evening service. I am also
concerned with our outreach to other people and our
treatment of the earth.

Virginia (Ginny) Maurer

I am completing one term on the vestry and would like to serve for another. Over many years I have been privileged to serve Holy Trinity as senior warden, junior warden, and member of the vestry, the finance committee, the rebuilding committee after the fire, the church school committee, the education commission, the worship commission and in many other committees, projects, and capacities. Most recently I have served as chair of the Finance Committee. I feel I can be instrumental in helping Holy Trinity, the vestry, and the Rector through challenging economic times. I am a senior chaired professor in the business school at UF and direct the college's ethics center. I am a graduate of St. Stephen's Episcopal School (Austin, Texas), Northwestern University and the Stanford Law School.

Holy Trinity's strengths lie in excellent worship traditions that glorify God and inspire our faith; our commitment to the formation of Christian values in children, families, and adults; our willingness to seek clear, honest, and effective solutions to complex problems of social justice; our appreciation of tradition, faith, and reason in our search for God's will; and the warmth and depth of love we share as a church family. Thank you for this possible opportunity to continue serving.

Kati Grote

Married to Curt in Holy Trinity - June 16, 1990

Full-time employee of MediaEdge Communications in advertising sales

Daughters: Shael Morgan - Tampa

Faun Carlson - Orlando

Grandchildren - Robbie (15), Hallie (13), Brett (10), and Tyler (1)

Holy Trinity Member since mid 1970's

Interim Holy Trinity Vestry Member since August 2009

I moved to Gainesville in the fall of 1970 to attend the University of Florida's College of Music. My first experience at Holy Trinity was one Sunday when Earle Page was preaching and Cindy Broward (Baskin) made an announcement they were auditioning for "The Prodigal Son and his Mom". I decided Holy Trinity was the Spiritual Home for me and the rest is history. I am a "cradle Episcopalian" and am proud to be a part of Holy Trinity's "inclusive" congregation. I believe our congregation is "working God's Purpose out" with our many outreach committees and loving people striving to make a difference in the lives of others.

I was honored to be on the Music Search Committee which located and hired John Lowe. My youngest daughter and 3 grandchildren were baptized at Holy Trinity.

I have been through 2 fires, 4 priests, and several interim priests with my Holy Trinity Family. I sang in the choirs when we were graciously housed at First United Methodist while Holy Trinity was being rebuilt.

I love Holy Trinity and would be honored to continue serving as a Vestry Member.

Dennis Lloyd

I joined Holy Trinity shortly after moving to Gainesville three years ago. My wife, Margaret, and I were searching for a parish to call home. We feel truly blessed to have been welcomed so completely into the church, and for the many opportunities to serve God.

In addition to singing in the choir – on Sunday mornings and for special services such as Compline – I ring handbells and am also active in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and foyers. Growing up, I attended Methodist and Baptist churches; I was confirmed into the Episcopal Church in 1992. Since then, I have been a member of Christ the King (Normal, Illinois), St. Michael the Archangel (Lexington, Kentucky), and Calvary (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). At each I served variously as usher, choir member, and lector.

My educational background includes degrees in music from Appalachian State and the University of Illinois, but my professional experience has all been in the field of academic publishing. In various combinations, I have been in charge of sales, promotion, advertising, and publicity at the university presses of Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, and Pittsburgh, and am currently the director of sales and marketing at the University Press of Florida.

I have placed my name in nomination after prayerfully considering the encouragement of several parishioners to do so. Holy Trinity has been and continues to be a joy and a blessing in my life, and I would humbly welcome the opportunity to use my talents and gifts to serve the parish in this way and give back to God some of that which he has given to me.

Lisa Jerry

I have been a member of Holy Trinity since 2003 and a member of the Episcopal Church since 1988, when received from the Catholic Church in Lawrence, Kansas. Throughout my church life I have been involved as a volunteer with a number of outreach projects, including the initial church-run soup kitchen in Lawrence, and as a lector. At Holy Trinity I served on the Rector Search Committee in 2007.

Since our arrival in Gainesville I have participated in the Harn's docent program, the board of the Natural History Museum, and Peaceful Paths thrift shop, and I have been a regular volunteer at both Westwood Middle School and Gainesville High School. I am an adjunct in the English department at Santa Fe and a freelance copyeditor for university press scholarly monographs. My husband, Bob, is the dean of UF's Levin College of Law; John is in culinary school in Portland, Oregon, Jim works for a Young Life camp in the Ocala National Forest, and Beth is a junior at GHS.

Charles Covell

Charles V. Covell, Jr. (74) is a clergy son who grew up in Virginia, North Carolina, and Ohio. He graduated from Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA in 1954 and UNC-Chapel Hill in 1958. That year he married Elizabeth Gore Barnes of Washington, DC, and for their first two years they taught in Norfolk, VA. Charlie attend Virginia Tech from 1960 - 64, where he earned an MS and a PhD in Entomology (the study of insects). He was a professor of Biology at the University of Louisville from 1964 - 2004. The Covells have three grown children: Chuck, Rob and Elizabeth Katherine. Since 2004 he has been a part-time curator of moths and butterflies at the McGuire Center, part of the Florida Museum of Natural History.

In Louisville Charlie was a lector and calicifer as well as church school teacher and superintendent. He served on the Chapter (Vestry) of Christ Church Cathedral and the vestry of St. Andrew's Church in Louisville. He has been a lector and calicifer at Holy Trinity, a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and has served on our Vestry. He is chair of the Worship Commission, is scheduler of the Calicifers, and with Betty and son Rob serves in the Streetside breakfast program.

Wayne Castello

I have been a communicant of Holy Trinity since 1972. In that time, I have served as Senior Warden (1992-1993), Junior Warden (2007-2008), Senior Warden (2008 to date), Vestry member, Secretary to the Vestry, Chancel Choir, Organist/Choir Director Search Committee (Chair), Altar Guild, Stewardship Commission (Chair), and Trustee of the Holy Trinity Foundation. After the fire in 1991, I served as Vice-Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. In addition to Senior Warden, I am currently a member of the Vestry, Vestry liaison to the Stewardship Commission, a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a substitute on the Altar Guild, a lector, and a verger. I also remain a Trustee of the Holy Trinity Foundation. Outside of Holy Trinity, I am a lawyer and have practiced law privately since 1971. My practice is limited to real estate, wills, trusts, and probate law. I have also volunteered in various community organizations. For the past 30 years, I have been a member of the WUFT-TV Friends of Five Board. In 1994, I received the Public Television National Leadership Award. From 1979-1995, I was the volunteer attorney for the Ronald McDonald House. In 1992, I received the Gainesville Sun Community Service Award.

Marilyn Wolf Peterson

I was confirmed as an Episcopalian by Bishop Hamilton West some fifty years ago when St. Christopher's in Pensacola and Camp Weed in Carrabelle were still part of the Diocese of Florida! After teaching Spanish in the panhandle for some 5 years, I moved to Gainesville to attend UF Law School. At the suggestion of my friend and landlady, the late Marilyn Fogle, I joined the Holy Trinity Choir in 1973. Shortly thereafter, Gainesville became my permanent home and Holy Trinity, my anchor in what is often described as "a jungle out there."

I am now retiring from 30-plus years of practicing family law and mediation in this community. Three years ago, after 25 years of a beautifully blessed marriage, my beloved husband Pete Peterson passed away. But then, two years ago, the Rev. Louanne Loch "happened into our lives" ... and I have ever since been catapulted into a gleefully refreshed spiritual direction and inspired by her to serve my church family in many ways: as a member of the Holy Trinity Choir under the direction of the incomparable Dr. John Lowe; as an overnight hostess for the IHN families staying at Holy Trinity; as a member of the Cuba Committee with the privilege of traveling to Florencia, Cuba in May 2009 to meet with our San Juan Bautista brothers and sisters; as Co-Chair of the Parish Life Commission over this past, eventful year. I have also contributed occasional writings to the parish newsletter. I was elected by the parish as one of the lay delegates to attend the Diocesan Convention in January 2010.

I am ready, able, eager, and would be highly honored to expand my service to the Lord, to my church family, and to our precious Rector as a member of the HTC Vestry. Thank you for your consideration.

Gift Acceptance Policies for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Adopted by the Holy Trinity Vestry, December 9, 2009

The following policies are designed to govern acceptance of gifts to the parish. Their purpose is to set forth, for the benefit of parishioners, vestry, and church staff, the criteria and process by which the vestry will determine the acceptance and disposition of proposed gifts to the parish. The vestry hopes to promote good stewardship of gifts and bring both clarity and good communication between the church and its parishioners, friends, and donors about how commitments to the use of funds and property are made. An overarching principle is that, as the body responsible for the temporal concerns of the parish, only the vestry has the authority to accept gifts on behalf of the parish. *These policies establish best practices but we recognize that their application must be somewhat flexible so that the intended purpose of the policies is preserved. In any event, it is the purpose of the policy that is to guide its interpretation.*

1. Cash/Cash Equivalents

Unrestricted Cash Pledges and Gifts. Unconditional and unrestricted cash gifts to the church, whether pledged or unpledged, intended for the ordinary budgeted expenses of the church, require no further action by the vestry. This includes plate income and donations of cash made for no expressed purpose other than general support of the annual church budget.

Unrestricted Gifts of Cash that are not intended for the general support of the church budget but are not intended to be held and invested. Notice of substantial gifts of cash representing more than ordinary expected gifts to support the annual church budget must be formally accepted by the vestry. If the donor appears to intend that the church identify a near-term use for the funds, the vestry will proceed to identify an appropriate use, expend the funds, and report that use to the donor or his or her estate. Such gifts are regarded as outside the budget process.

Restricted cash gifts or bequests.

Cash gifts to existing restricted funds. Cash gifts of less than \$2500 made to the church for deposit in a specific existing restricted account must be reported to the vestry in the regular monthly financial statement. Cash gifts of more than \$2500 made to the church for deposit in a specific existing restricted fund require vestry approval before there is a completed gift.

Other restricted cash gifts. Other conditional or restricted cash gifts require vestry approval of the gift and the condition or restriction before there is a completed gift.

3. Gifts of tangible or intangible property

A. Gifts of tangible property. In general, gifts of tangible property of more than *de minimus* value must be accepted by the vestry before there is a completed gift. However, gifts of tangible property worth less than approximately \$1000 that involve no expense to the church to transport, insure, store, or maintain, and that come with no restrictions on use, display, or sale of the property need simply be reported to the vestry. Gifts of tangible property of more than approximately \$1000 or any gifts that involve costs to the parish of storage, transport, maintenance, or insurance or that come with expectations or restrictions with respect to the use, display, or sale of the property require the vestry's specific approval of the gift and of any restriction or expectations.

B. Gifts of intangible property. Gifts of securities, remainders, trust interests, life insurance, annuities, testamentary bequests, and the like that can be liquidated immediately (normally one week) through a reported national or international market and that involve no costs to the parish other than ordinary brokerage fees for liquidation will be treated in accordance with the principles and approvals that guide acceptance of gifts of cash. This would include intangibles intended to fund pledges, gifts to restricted accounts, and other restricted gifts. In general, the church treasurer will liquidate such gifts immediately (after acceptance by the vestry, if relevant) rather than hold them for investment. *Cont.d page 11*

C. Other gifts. In general, gifts to the church other than those discussed in 2 or 3 above will be subject both to the Holy Trinity Church policies on gift acceptance and to the Holy Trinity Episcopal Foundation, Inc. (HTEF) policies on gift acceptance. This would include managed endowments, interests in life insurance policies, trusts, real estate, or annuities, closely held or illiquid securities, restricted securities, and the like. In general, if both the vestry and the HTEF accept such gifts, the gifts will be managed by the HTEF, with the benefit flowing to Holy Trinity Church. In short, the Church does not normally manage securities or actively invest; the HTEF serves that purpose for the Church. Instead of donating to the Church directly, donors may make such gifts directly to the HTEF, and they may be either unrestricted for the support of a church or restricted to support of a particular program, position, function, mission, or building of the church, subject, of course, to the policies of HTEF. Such policies may include, for example, minimum amounts for endowments, written acceptance of the terms of the endowment by the rector and senior warden, provisions for maintenance of principal, and other conditions as HTEF requires.

4. Intended gifts that are not approved under these policies but have been received by the church will be discussed with the donor or his or her representative to determine how they may be brought within these policies. If no resolution can be found, then they must be returned to the donor or his or her estate.

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Reminders for January

- ✦ January 6-Epiphany service and potluck dinner 6 pm
- ✦ January 17-Vestry Elections
- ✦ January 24-First United Methodist & Holy Trinity combined service 10:30 am and potluck lunch- beginning at FUMC and processing to Holy Trinity
- ✦ January 24 – Choral Evensong with the St. John’s Cathedral Choir
- ✦ January 29 & 30-Diocesan Convention at Camp Weed
- ✦ January 31-Solemn Communion Class begins 9:15 am
- ✦ January 31 – Compline at 8 pm

