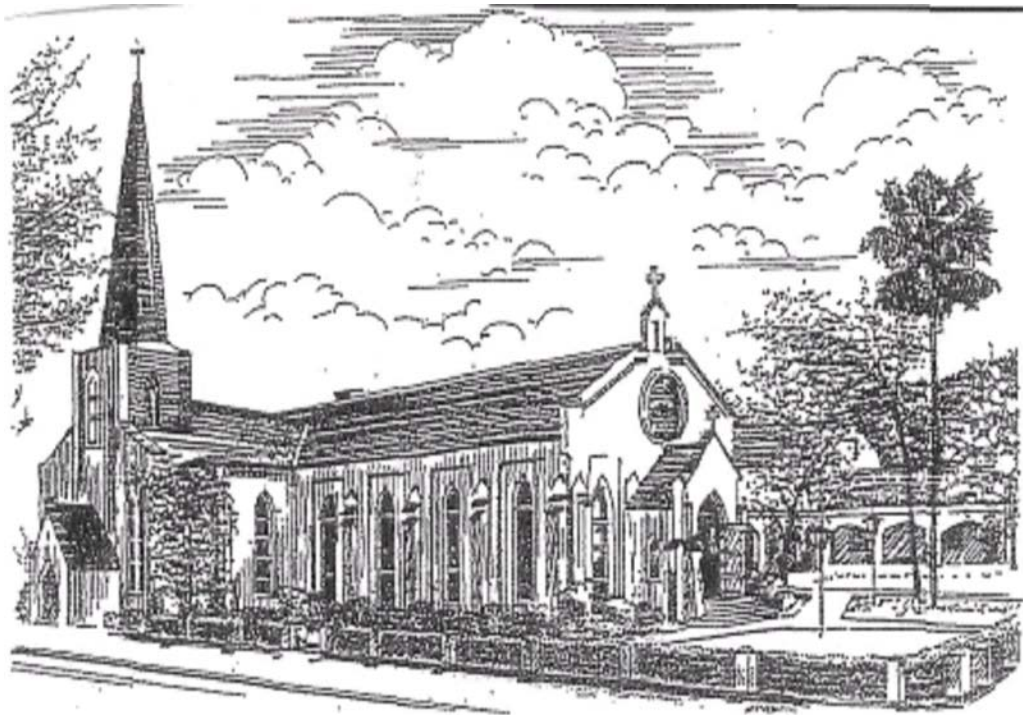


Trinity Episcopal Parish
2009
Annual Parish Report



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Rector's Report for the 2009 Parish Meeting

I want to begin by thanking all the members of Trinity who have been faithful in their prayers for the leadership of this parish family. Our Lord has certainly honored your faithfulness in ways both small and great. The Vestry has welcomed Trinity's Mission, and with direction and guidance from the Holy Spirit continues to help all of us embrace and apply this mission to our life and ministry. **Trinity's Mission is; To love and serve God more faithfully, To know Christ more fully, and To make Him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit is moving in wonderful and powerful ways here at Trinity and, I believe much of His activity is due to your openness to His presence. You have come with open hands and hearts looking to experience His presence and guidance and to be filled with His power. On many occasions we have experienced the Holy Spirit gently guiding us as we continue with the implementation of God's particular vision of ministry for this parish. He has honored your diligence and as a parish we continue to move forward and outward in ministry. With the help of the vestry the various ministries and committees at Trinity have worked diligently to aligning our ministries to the fulfilling of this Mission. . I especially thank our Senior Warden, Sandy Goode, who has kept us all on track and has been a constant reminder to all of us that our need is to keep the Lord first in all that we attempt. I look forward to moving forward with her this year as we all continue to grow together.

Of course, the primary duty of the Vestry is to be stewards of the Buildings and Grounds and Finances of the Parish. The current Vestry has served as wise and faithful stewards in these areas They have worked well to control costs and spending within the context of a deficit Budget, while at the same time accomplishing the completion of several costly Capital Improvement Projects. Four of the Vestry will be rotating of this year; Jack Daly, who has served with distinction in the role of Junior Warden; Paula Blankenship, Parish Life; Margaret Wiles; Outreach and Evangelism; and Bill Rowley, Parish Resources. As a Parish we owe a great deal of gratitude to each of these leaders for the time and talent they have given. These four individuals have acted as key members of a vestry team that has moved us as a parish forward in a very positive direction over the past three years. They truly deserve our thanks and gratitude and I can say with all confidence that our Lord Jesus is looking at their efforts and accomplishments and thinking "well done good and faithful servant".

Through exceedingly excellent corporate worship we continue to be nourished in our ability to love and serve God more faithfully. At the core of our Christian identity is the willingness to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind. As we gather to give Him thanks through our worship He always embraces us with an abundance of His love and nourishes us with His own Body and Blood. We are truly blessed to have Mr. Jon Gates as our Director of Music and the wonderful gifts of our choirs and musicians. This program only seems to grow stronger.

Our Christian education program has deepened and grown during this year. I express my great gratitude to Carolyn Felter who has taken on the role of Christian Ed Director. Her dedicated group of teachers and helpers have improved all levels of our program; both youth and adult. I also thank Charles Alston who serves as the Vestry Commissioner over this area. We have truly worked hard to provide every member of Trinity a variety of opportunities to come to know Christ more fully. I encourage you to

participate in one of these opportunities so that you may join your family here at Trinity as we grow and deepen our knowledge of Christ together. We can always come up with an excuse not to do this, but I want you to know with all that is being offered excuses are not a substitute for a reason.

We continued this year to sustain and increase our effort to reach out beyond our own walls with ministry. Through the leadership of Margaret Wiles, a strong Outreach Committee is in place. This Committee has many members who help direct the funding, and raise up the volunteers to put hands, feet and hearts at work in a variety of partner ministries in Saint Augustine and beyond. The Holy Spirit has already touched many of your hearts to be involved in one or more of the ministries that Trinity partners with to take the Christ we know beyond the walls of the Parish. This same Holy Spirit has empowered you to do things you never thought possible as you used His gifts in the service of others. Through various means of outreach and sharing God's love through words and actions, we have indeed made a valiant effort to make Him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I want to close this report by thanking my wife and children for their love and patience with me. I also wish to thank Bonnie, Ed, Kim, Susan and Father Ken who through their hard work have kept the work of Christ at the forefront here at Trinity. This past year has also brought us the departure of two faithful members of our staff. We will miss them both. Father Brian Smith has moved on to Northern Virginia where he will continue serve God in true humility. Janice Hethcote, our first paid office assistant moved to North Carolina in November. Although we are saddened by their leaving we must also rejoice in the new possibilities that God has given to us with the specific gifts of Father Ken Herzog as our new Assistant Rector and Susan Sabol as our new Office Assistant.

Finally, I thank all of you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and overall support.

In Christ's Love
Father David

**Annual Report
Trinity Church
Fr. Ken Herzog
2009**

Since my first day last summer, I have felt complete acceptance and love from the Trinity Congregation. This warmth has also been extended to Beth and Anthony, and we greatly appreciate your genuine Christian love. Fr. David, Susan and their boys have been in the forefront in making the transition a smooth one. Thank You very much.

During that time I have:

- Met with the Chairpersons of the various Healing Ministries to discuss the present situation and future direction. We have set calendars for the coming year.
 - Attended meetings of various Healing Ministries
 - Made numerous visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and convalescent centers.
 - Visited many of our shut-ins and home bound parishioners.
 - Kept pastoral appointments
 - Helped to redesign Stephen Ministry
 - Helped to plan a City-Wide Healing Service on January 23rd.
 - Attended Rock the Universe with our youth
 - Worked with Youth Minister to develop a more active youth calendar for the coming year to include a combination of fun and spiritual activities.
 - Will attend Winter Ski Trip with the youth in January
 - Preached on a rotating basis
 - Offered an Advent Program on Wednesday Evenings
 - Will conduct the Men's Church School Class beginning in January
- Will offer Lenten Wednesday Study

Faithfully,
Fr. Ken

Trinity Parish is greatly blessed with people in ministry in many areas of service within the church and in the community. Christ's presence and love are evident in worship, fellowship, and ministry, as we carry out our church's Mission Statement: *To love and serve God more faithfully, to know Christ more fully, and to make him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Vestry functioned well together this year and was guided by the criteria identified at the March Vestry Retreat. The Retreat, led by gifted facilitator Martin Mariner, focused on the use of Spiritual Gifts in vestry ministry, the identification of criteria for decision-making, and planning in identified areas of opportunity or challenge in parish life.

Resignations from vestry were received from Jouana Jordan and Cliff Stone. Vestry elected Brian Keller and Skip Sherlock to complete their remaining one year terms. Vestry meetings began with Fr. David presenting an interactive Scripture-based devotion pertinent to church leadership; this provided opportunity for us to reflect on our own lives and vestry ministry.

Two Trinity employees resigned to move to other areas of the country: Janice Hethcote, Office Assistant, and Fr. Brian Smith. We were sorry to say goodbye to both, but pray they are doing well in their new locations.

We welcomed two new employees, Susan Sabol, Office Assistant, and Fr. Ken Herzog, part time Assisting Priest. Susan works weekday afternoons. We are thankful that in January Fr. Ken will begin fulltime employment as Assistant Rector.

Early in the year the growing problem of people sleeping on the grounds at night and abusing the walkways and grounds was effectively addressed by posting signs and requesting the SAPD to increase patrols at night. A few persistent skateboarders are not paying attention to the signs and have caused some breakage in the slate walkways.

Parking lot management presents ongoing challenges to staff, vestry, and parishioners, in the areas of maintenance and public use. Management options are currently being explored, with main consideration being given to the needs, ministry, and mission of Trinity's members, school and staff.

The Mutual Ministry Review in November by vestry and rector was enlightening and offered content for planning for 2010. By necessity, our rector has had to spend far too many hours this year in administrative tasks with church, TEP, and TELC business. Trinity's size and responsibilities make it very necessary that we have two full-time clergy on staff. We are blessed to have Fr. David as rector and Fr. Ken who will be fulltime starting in January as Assistant Rector with primary responsibilities in pastoral care and youth ministry oversight. Fr. Walter's presence and ministry in the worship services continue to inspire and focus us always in the love of our Lord Jesus.

In December the following new vestry members were elected by acclamation: Alex Wilson, Jan Pearce, Sally Myrick, and Pete Welch. They take office in January and we look forward to working with them. Many thanks to those vestry members who ended their terms this year: Paula Blankenship, Jack Daly, Bill Rowley, and Margaret Wiles. We are grateful for their dedication and many hours of service. They have done a good job of preparing the way for those who will follow them in their commissions.

Many thanks to our non-clergy staff: Office Manager and Assistant, Bonnie Lee and Susan Sabol; Building and Grounds Supervisor, Ed Cettei, Bookkeeper, Kim Regulski, and Music Director and Organist, Jon Gates. The work all of them do is vital to the mission and ministry of Trinity.

Submitted by Sandy Goode

Jr. Warden Report 2009 Annual Parish Report

The 2009 year began with the final construction activities involving the new concrete approach slab to our parking lot entrance and the refinishing of one of the walkways supports. During the spring we cooperated with Matthew Weidner on his eagle scout project which involved enlarging the entrance to the Seymour courtyard. During the 2009 year, management of the churches interior and exterior maintenance needs were performed. The yearly fixed costs involving cleaning, property insurance, disposable products, parking lot expenses, grounds maintenance agreements were accomplished by Ed Cettei, our staff building and grounds supervisor. Without Ed's day to day coordination of all these tasks which was invaluable, The planning and accomplishment of these important needs would not have been successful.

As the year progressed, the concerns was raised about the use of our grounds and protected walkways of nightley use by a homeless element. We sought advice from city police and began a program of new signing and random nightly visits by downtown city police. So far this approach has been successful.

In addition suggestions concerning upgrading our front yard signage resulted in a newly refinished and painted sign was accomplished. Our common room/church library was upgraded with some new furniture, repainted and new window blinds provided by St. Catherine Guild, and help from volunteers.

During the fall, concerns of exterior problems on the West wall of Trinity Hall and the one story part of Hindry Hall was evaluated. This resulted in retaining a professional architectural firm, with experience in historic church problems. This contract with its study , evaluations, and professional recommendations has been concluded. Currently we are in the process of planning on how to accomplish the recomended maintenance needs within current available funding constraints.

In October the city of St. Augustine approached the church with a proposal to partner with the church on management of our parking lot. The churches vestry established an ad hock committee to study, evaluate and recommend back to the vestry on a course of action. Numerous meetings of the committee and the city have taken place, as well as church study of parking lot concerns. Currently this is an ongoing project and should conclude in early 2010.

We finished up the year with signage for Trinity Hall over the Artillery Lane entrance.

It was a busy and productive year, but there are still many maintenance needs that need attention. Your prayers and finical support to our churches maintenance needs will assit in supporting our important mission.

Respectfully Submitted Jack Daly, Jr. Warden

Trinity Youth Annual Report 2009

Dear fellow Brothers and Sisters,

This year for the youth group has been one quite to remember. We have had to make a lot of changes this year upon Fr. Brian leaving for a calling up in Virginia. The youth group has stayed strong with their commitment to Christ and also their fellow Brothers and Sisters. The High School youth started meeting once a month this year at Chick-fil-a with Fr. Brian and Jeannie Rubino. The Middle school kids who also started meeting at Chick-fil-a the 1st Monday of the month was lead by Jouana Jordan. Upon building up their faith a lot of the youth worked on Fundraisers to help raise money for upcoming trips. They served over 100 people at our Mardi Gras Pancake supper night were those who attended enjoyed chocolate pancakes and of course the good old classic ones. As summer approached the Youth were invited to join other groups such as, Anastasia Baptist and San Anastasia Catholic church to play Volleyball throughout the summer to enjoy fellowship with other christians. Summer began to end, school was starting and the Youth picked right back up at Trinity and to start that celebration most enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs to say farewell to the summer. In September 20+ kids took a weekend to relax, enjoy rides and be entertained by some the the best Chrisitan music artists out there. Those who went enjoyed talks by everyday people about their faith and on the final night everyone was in awe of the candle lighting service by Third Day. November soon started approaching and the youth were hard at work maintaining our parking lot raising money to help support their upcoming Ski Trip in 2010. On behalf of all the youth I would like to personalls thank those who parked in the lot and made contributions towards the youth. Decemeber is always one of our busiest months as we spend that month doing outreach for families who cannot afford Christmas for thier family. The youth spent the last weekends in November and the first 2 weeks in December shopping and wrapping for 9 needy families. The third week was spent throwing a party with a big feast, soaking in fellowship and enjoying the company of others. The youth would also like to thank those people who helped us during our Angel Tree project.

January 2010 sparks a new year for our youth. I would like to thank those who have been supportive in allowing me to take over the Youth program here at Trinity. I feel very blessed to be given the opportunity to help our Youth grow in Christ. Fr. Ken and I have sat down recently to start planning for the year. I can tell you that we will have a year packed with tons of Spiritual, fun and fundraising events. If you are interested in what we are doing throughout the year...check out the new youth Bullentin by the Middle and Highschool Sunday School Classrooms. If you are interested in being apart of this program feel free to contact me at anytime.

God's Peace

Jouana

1 Tim 4:12

Stephen Ministry Annual Report 2009

This lay ministry is designed to assist parish clergy with pastoral care needs of congregations. Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one pastoral care to persons facing various life challenges or difficulties, such as bereavement, job loss, family issues, or hospitalization. Stephen Ministers must complete 50 hours of training in pastoral care and then meet monthly for supervision and continuing education. Stephen Ministers are not advice-givers or problem-solvers, but are fellow pilgrims who journey alongside a person with Christian caring, listening without passing judgment and always protecting confidentiality. Care receivers are assigned a Stephen Minister by the rector or Stephen Leader.

During the past few years the number of trained Stephen Ministers has declined, and there has been little or no response to numerous invitations to participate in training. Moreover, those who have been offered caregiving through this ministry have generally declined the ministry. Consequently, Stephen Ministry at Trinity Parish will be suspended until there are renewed requests for this ministry and a sufficient number of people interested in training to become Stephen Ministers.

Submitted by Sandy Goode and Rosemarie Ferry

Order of St. Luke Annual Report 2009

For many years, members of the Shalom chapter of this ecumenical healing prayer ministry have been meeting twice monthly for study and healing prayer. However, because the national organization requires affiliated chapters to pay annual dues and have yearly missions, beyond the limited financial resources of our small local chapter, members have decided to sever ties with the national organization and transition to a healing prayer ministry that focuses on our local church and community. The group is in a process of formation within these new guidelines.

Submitted by Sandy Goode and Rosemarie Ferry

Trinity Healing Prayer Ministry Annual Report 2009

This ministry has transitioned from the Order of St. Luke and meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Common Room. The purpose of the group continues to be centered in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Plans for the coming year are being discussed. Contact: Fr. Ken Herzog, Sandy Goode, or Rosemarie Ferry.

Submitted by Sandy Goode and Rosemarie Ferry

Hospital Visitation Ministry Annual Report 2009

Hospital Ministers visit and pray with Trinity members and other Episcopalians who are listed in the Flagler Hospital census. After two hours of training, visitors begin their service by accompanying a more experienced hospital minister. Hospital visitors are usually assigned to visit one day a week, or every other week. Others serve as substitutes as they are needed. Contact: Jim Levay.

Submitted by Sandy Goode

Church Mice Annual Report 2009

The quiet but mighty ministry of this little group takes place when no one is around. The mice refill the info and pencils in the pew holders, place the hymn numbers on the boards at the front of the church, and generally scurry around straightening up the pews.

Submitted by Sandy Goode

Eucharist Visitor Ministry

This ministry takes Eucharist to sick and shut-in Trinity parishioners once a month. This is a group of approximately 15 trained parishioners who also meet quarterly for prayer and discussion of ministry related matters. This group is lead by Carol Gilbert and Hazel Chivers.

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

December 2009

The Altar Guild of Trinity Parish is proud to have served Trinity Parish for 104 years this year, having been consecrated by Bishop Weed in 1905.

Everything required for four regular services a week, 3 weddings, 13 baptisms and 12 funerals was prepared and set out in the sanctuary, and cleaned after services by the Guild. There were also several special evening services. The Guild makes sure wine, wafers and candles are always available, that Communion vessels are carefully cleaned and polished and altar linens are cared for, laundered and ironed on a regular schedule.

As in previous years, the Guild was responsible making palms for Palm Sunday, decorating the church for Palm Sunday and Easter, and preparing for the Advent season and decorating of the Church for the Christmas season.

Memorial flowers for the altars were ordered and arranged by Guild members. After services, the altar flowers were prepared by the Guild and delivered to sick and shut-in parishioners by volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Strock
For the Guild

Trinity Episcopal Parish
Memorial Garden Committee
&
Garden Committee

The Memorial Garden Committee and the Garden Committee are both served by the same group. Members of the committee are Donna Lebrun, Kay Puckett, Skip Sherlock, Christie Thorson and Diane Daly. We meet every Thursday morning during the warmer growing season and every other Thursday in winter.

We are blessed with Skip for our man size jobs and Donna and Kay for their knowledge of horticulture. With special thanks once again to Jack Daly for aid in heavy pruning.

We maintain all the floral gardens on the church grounds. That includes the Memorial Garden, around the fountain, the lobby entrance, the Seymour Courtyard and behind Hindry Hall.

The Memorial Garden serves as a burial site for loved ones after cremation. The flowers surrounding the garden are a living memorial to honor those loved ones. A brochure describing the scope of the Memorial Garden is available in the church office.

Feel free to come and join us in the garden.

"To cultivate a garden is to walk with God." Christian Bovee

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Daly and Christie Thorson, Co-Chairmen

St. Catherine's Guild
Episcopal Church Women, Trinity Parish
Annual Report 2009

The mission of this organization is to unite women of the church in a program of worship, fellowship and outreach which leads them into service for the church, in the parish, community, diocese, nation and world – and into a closer relationship with Christ.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, January through May, and September through December. They are held in Trinity Hall at 10:30 a.m. These meetings include an inspirational devotion, prayer, and an informative speaker from church ministries, the community, and some of our local outreach organizations. This is followed by a business meeting. Volunteer hostesses provide desserts and beverages and the women bring a sandwich for lunch.

In the month of September the meeting began with an annual Memorial Eucharist for members deceased during the previous year. This was led by Father David in the sanctuary.

The women of St. Catherine's are invited to attend a Winter Meeting, a Spring Retreat, a Summer Meeting and an Annual Meeting (Oct.) of the Diocese of Florida Episcopal Church Women at the Cerveney Camp and Conference Center in Live Oak, Florida.

This year the Executive Board of St. Catherine's Guild held its meetings, as needed, on Tuesdays in Hindry Hall as many were there every Tuesday morning working in Thrift Shop preparation, cleaning, ironing, pricing and display.

Officers of St Catherine's Guild for 2009 were:

	President	Martha Saffran
Vice President	Shannon McClanahan	
Secretary	Norma Dew	
Treasurer	Jane Sherlock	

The key focus and purpose of our Guild is Outreach. This is achieved in the Thrift Shop, located at 2 Artillery Lane and is open to the public Thursday through Saturday fro 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It has a two fold purpose of providing low cost clothing and household goods to those in need. While doing this the proceeds of the shop are most effectively used to provide funding for parish assistance, assistance to the Diocese, outreach to our local community and national disaster relief. This year we succeeded in exceeding our budget as can be seen in our financial statement which provides a complete accounting of our income and expenditures.

St. Catherine's Guild planned and held a successful Mitford Tea and Fashion Show in Trinity Hall in April for over 200 members of the parish and community as a thank you for all who give donated items to our Thrift Shop.

We are a group for all women and we welcome and encourage all women in our church to join us on Tuesdays when we work, have fun, and stop for a coffee break and pray for each other and those concerns of our parish; and at our monthly meetings on the third Monday in Trinity Hall. We support each other in living out the Mission of Trinity Episcopal Parish "To make Him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Respectfully Submitted, Martha Saffran, President 2009

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
ST. MONICA CHAPTER

ANNUAL REPORT – 2009

The Daughters of the King is a spiritual, praying international Order for women in the Episcopal Church and churches with the historic Episcopate. Our Rule of Life requires a spiritual discipline of daily prayer, service and evangelism. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and become reflections of God's love throughout the world. This follows closely with the Mission Statement of Trinity Parish – *“To love and serve Christ more faithfully, to know Him more fully and to make Him better known to others.”*

Our meetings celebrate our ministry through prayer, Bible study, praise and commitment. We wear the cross as a visible sign, witnessing this commitment through our thought and actions. All women within the historic Episcopate are invited to meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 400 pm. After training, we welcomed two new members, Emily Alexander and Sandy Myrick, as new Daughters in June. At the present time our membership numbers 42. Officers for the current year are: Martha Abstein, President, Ann Jones, Vice-President, Ellen Cimicata, Secretary, Katy Hall, Treasurer, and Betty Henry, Historian.

Daughters contribute to three National funds: Self-denial Fund, a missionary fund; Master's Fund, provides money to daughters for education or church training; Endowment Fund, a memorial fund supporting the work of the Order and to forward its objectives.

In July, 2009, Ellie Smith, Connie Becker, and two Junior Daughters. Abigail Gates and Megan Anderson, attended the DOK Triennial Convention in Anaheim, California. The Diocese Fall Assembly was held on September 19 at Trinity, Melrose, Florida. It was attended by Martha Abstein, Margaret Wiles and Connie Becker.

The Daughters of the Kind sponsored Quiet Day on October 31, 2009. On this day, when the church celebrates All Saint's Day, the Daughters provide a quiet day for the parishioners of the Diocese. Father David led the meditations as we continue our study of Women in the Bible. Father David celebrated Holy Eucharist at 11:30 and we adjourned to enjoy a sack lunch together.

The Daughters continue to provide food and be the hosts for funeral reception for parishioners at the request of the family and/or Father David. St. Catherine's Guild has been very generous assisting us at these receptions. We also continue to host Breakfast Sunday in January.

The prayer shawl ministry, under the direction of Lucy Williamson continues to be a ministry that supports relief to those suffering. Shawls are made by Daughters, blessed by the priest, and given to those who are ill or grieving as a gift from the Parish.

St. Monica's Chapter adopted a family at Christmas, providing clothes and toys for five children as well as gift certificates to the family. It is against our bylaws to raise money and these gifts were generous donations of the Daughters.

In His Service,
Martha Abstein, President

Junior Daughters of the King Report for 2009

The Junior Daughters began their year with a skating party at the St. Augustine Amphitheater Winter Wonderland rink on the first Sunday in January and in February added to our numbers with a candle-lighting ceremony for five new Juniors to begin their preparation studies. With the help of senior daughters the training of Katie Berg, Grace Alexander, Reagan Miller, Isabella Damus, and Maddy Klein continued on Sunday evenings from February through May with the Admission Ceremony in June.

We held our annual Quiet Day again at the beach in the Spring with Father Brian leading and Junior Daughters from St. Philip's in Jacksonville and St. Albans in Chiefland joining us. Quiet Day ended with several of the girls kayaking in Anastasia State Park.

In early July Abbie Gates, Megan Anderson and I were fortunate enough to be able to attend Triennial in Anaheim, CA with about fifty other Juniors from eight states. One day was spent at the mission San Juan Capistrano, and we ended our stay with a day at Disneyland.

August saw us making Jr DOK aprons with our newest members so we could be dressed to help with Breakfast Sunday in October, and the Saturday before that Caroline Sabo, Katie Berg, and Grace Alexander worked with the city wide Care Fest cleaning the interior of The Council on Aging.

Late in October, we held our lock-in, which included a downtown scavenger hunt, presentation of several Bible Stories through a variety of creative means, and even a reasonable amount of sleep.

At our November meeting a young lady who is a resident at the Women's Refuge spoke to us about making the right choices. She shared her own story of alcohol, drugs and incarcerations in a very touching and emotional openness.

Our own sign language interpreter, Carol Pace, met with us in December to teach us to sign the Jr. DOK motto. Our meeting continued with a short dramatic presentation on prayer, acted out by Alex Lazar and Megan Anderson. This year our Christmas Outreach project is in conjunction with the youth group in serving the nine families of our Angel Tree project.

Shopping for the families took place on November 28th, followed by wrapping on December 6th and the party and Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, December 20th.

Any young lady who is a rising 4th grader this spring or older is eligible to become a Junior DOK. A period of training will begin in February for any interested. Please call Connie Becker if you would like to join our chapter.

Jr DOKCo- Directresses, Connie Becker and Marjorie Dardenne
Ceebeestaug@comcast.net or 377-4375

Docent Program

In 2008 the church was open five days a week for tours. Visitors signed the guest book from 44 states and 27 foreign countries; from Russia to S. Korea. Many visitors make comments in the book margins and they are always most favorable. While most visitors are interested in the windows, many are curious about the Episcopal Church and its beliefs.

This is an opportunity to practice our Mission Statement!

A new tour feature last year is the ability to demo the organ, electronically, thanks to Jon. There are six demo pieces to choose from and they always are very impressed.

Some of our docents are "snow birds" so we can always use some new volunteers.

Please call Ned Mayle@ 819-5529.

CURSILLO REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2010

Cursillo is alive and well within the Diocese of Florida and Trinity Parish. During 2009 Trinity was well represented at our monthly River Region Ultreyas. In February, we had 5 candidates: Rev. Brian Smith, Mike and Teresa Grashof, Melissa Deckeroff and Carol Gilbert. Jean Aclin and myself worked as Team members. In October, we had 5 more candidates: Charles and Margaret Alston, Mary Felkel, Mary Kaschub and Ceil Shanahan. At this time we have 5 members of Trinity Parish waiting for invitation to an upcoming weekend. And on the team for Women's #123 in February prayerfully will be myself. If you would like to experience this wonderful weekend with Christ, please pick up a blue brochure in the Lobby and get in touch with me or Fr. David. Weekends are held twice a year at the present time. You do not apply for a specific weekend. You are invited when the time is right. So the first thing is to get your application in as soon as possible. This is an offering which is endorsed and highly recommended by our own Bishop John Howard. As always, you are cordially invited to join us for any Ultreya in the Diocese. Come and see what Cursillo is all about--A Short Course in Christianity--a wonderful way to enhance your relationship with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted by Joan M. Flint - 826-3314

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW
Trinity Episcopal Parish Chapter

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men founded in 1883 in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Brotherhood is the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and youth in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The Trinity Parish chapter has 38 Brothers, most but not all of whom are members of Trinity Parish. We meet twice each month – on the first Thursday at 7:30 AM for breakfast followed by bible study and prayer, and on the third Monday at 4:00 PM for our business meeting and bible study. Every month which has a fifth Thursday, we get together at a local restaurant for dinner with spouses and special guests.

The Chapter engages in various service activities within the Parish and in outreach ministries to the greater St. Augustine community. Regular activities include: the Ramp Squad, which in conjunction with the St. Johns Housing Partnership builds residential ramps to enable persons with disabilities to enter and leave their home without assistance; the St. Francis House worship team, which conducts a short worship service before the evening St. Francis House meal on the third and fifth Tuesdays of each month; and a group of Brothers who present an ice cream social once each quarter for the boys at the Hastings Youth Academy. The Brotherhood also presents the Stations of the Cross weekly services each year during Lent.

In addition to group activities and assisting in various events at Trinity Parish, members of the Brotherhood participate in area community activities, including serving as school mentors (public schools and the Hastings Youth Academy) and as St. Johns County Guardians ad Litem.

We welcome anyone interested in knowing more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to attend a breakfast meeting with us on the first Thursday of any month at 7:30 AM in Hindry Hall. For further information, call any officer or member of the Brotherhood. Current officers are Alex Wilson, Director (471-6947); Jack Daly, Vice Director (826-3227); Dan Maybee, Secretary (794-4449); and Bill Hall, Treasurer (461-0308).

Christian Formation Annual Report - Calendar Year 2009

Our Parish Family

Inspired by the mission statement of Trinity Episcopal Parish, Christian Formation made progress in all 3 areas of the mission which is:

- To love and serve God more faithfully
 - To know Christ more fully
- To make Him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Trinity Episcopal Parish is a dynamic parish family. In order to better meet the needs of the Trinity parish family, we focused our efforts early on in 2009 in asking for input and obtaining new volunteers to facilitate classes in addition to keeping our core volunteers supported and in place. Through the efforts of the parish family, we were able to provide a broader variety of Sunday classes to enable all to know Christ more fully.

Our Sunday and Wednesday Study Classes

Our theme for the 2009-2010 Sunday School season has been "Grow With Us". There is a "Grow With Us Tree" located in the church lobby area that is a symbol of the youth's commitment to knowing Christ more fully, as well as the teachers' volunteer efforts in loving and serving God more faithfully. Three new Sunday School class offerings were provided this year: a pre-K Sunday School class (Allison Profitt and Tara Strickland leaders), a men's study class (Father David and Father Ken leaders), and a women's study class (Connie Becker and Margaret Alston leaders).

In addition, the core Sunday school classes from the prior year remained in place and had loyal followings as well: the adult lectionary class (Gary Jordan leader), the K-2nd class (Carolyn Felter and Marjorie Dardenne), the 3rd-5th class (Sandy Bosselman and Espi Miller), the Middle School class (Renee Greene and Jouana Jordan) and the High School class (Colette Parker and Jeannie Rubino). In total, average Sunday school attendance was approximately 60-65 individuals per Sunday morning. Carolyn Felter has done a great job as our Sunday School Director. The curriculum used by all classes was carefully selected to ensure it was Christ-focused, Bible-based and allowed for Christ to be known more fully.

The Wednesday study classes facilitated by Father David and Connie Becker have continued to be a success with a loyal group of participants each week. These mid-week offerings allow parishioners a chance to have fellowship and know Christ more fully during the week.

In order to create better awareness of Trinity Parish's Christian Education offerings, a complete listing of classes is provided each week in the bulletin, a Christian Education brochure was created and is available in the church office, and a Christian Education Fair was held in September to kickoff our Christian Education season.

Our Nursery Ministry

Our Nursery ministry at Trinity is alive and healthy. We hired a new, paid nursery attendant early in the year, Mary Upp. Each Sunday, she is assisted by 1 adult volunteer and other youth volunteers (thank you Junior DOK). Nursery care is provided to children up to 4 years of age from 9am to 12:30pm each Sunday (and during Sunday school). The 9am service is the largest for the nursery averaging 5-7 children per Sunday with the record of 15 being achieved on Easter Sunday, 2009.

The Nursery Ministry is vital to Trinity. It is the face of Trinity to parents with little

ones. The availability of the Nursery ministry over the last few years has nurtured the creation of the pre-K Sunday school class in 2009. We always need new volunteers for the Nursery.

Each week at Trinity Episcopal Parish, there are over 100 individuals who come together as teachers, facilitators, students, and brothers and sisters in Christ to help love and serve God more faithfully, know Christ more fully, and to make Him better known to others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Discipleship Family

Another important ministry at Trinity is our Discipleship Ministry led by Ron and Nancy Birchall. During 2009, the Birchalls hosted a Disciple 2 Bible Study, "Into the Word, Into the World", a 32 week in-depth look into Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. 15 regulars attended the two and one-half hour sessions at the Birchall home. The Birchalls will host their 10th Disciple Group beginning on December 16th, 2009. "Jesus in the Gospels" is a 30 week study of our Lord as portrayed in the Gospels. 20 members are registered for the course which brings the Disciple community to over 140 participants at Trinity.

Discipleship report respectfully submitted by Ron Birchall – 794-2883

The Cursillo Family

Lastly, the Cursillo movement within our Diocese and from Trinity Parish's perspective needs to be highlighted.

Cursillo is alive and well within the Diocese of Florida and Trinity Parish. During 2009 Trinity was well represented at our monthly River Region Ultreyas. In February, we had 5 candidates: Rev. Brian Smith, Mike and Teresa Grashof, Melissa Deckeroff and Carol Gilbert. Jean Aclin and myself worked as Team members. In October, we had 5 more candidates: Charles and Margaret Alston, Mary Felkel, Mary Kaschub and Ceil Shanahan. At this time we have 5 members of Trinity Parish waiting for invitation to an upcoming weekend. And on the team for Women's #123 in February prayerfully will be myself. If you would like to experience this wonderful weekend with Christ, please pick up a blue brochure in the Lobby and get in touch with me or Fr. David. Weekends are held twice a year at the present time. You do not apply for a specific weekend. You are invited when the time is right. So the first thing is to get your application in as soon as possible. This is an offering which is endorsed and highly recommended by our own Bishop John Howard. As always, you are cordially invited to join us for any Ultreya in the Diocese. Come and see what Cursillo is all about--A Short Course in Christianity--a wonderful way to enhance your relationship with the Lord.

Cursillo report respectfully submitted by Joan M. Flint - 826-3314

The overall Christian Formation Report for 2009 is respectfully submitted by Christian Formation Vestry Liaisons Charles Alston (940-5064) and Jeff Damus (471-0018).

Outreach/Evangelism Commission

The Outreach/Evangelism Committee has been busy this year. We met most months after the 9:00 service in Trinity Hall. All interested parishioners were invited to attend. The purpose of the committee is to review and oversee present programs, to consider new requests, and to review the year's outreach budget.

Re-Creation: In January we hosted this special spiritual group, which entertains in Veterans' Hospitals throughout the U.S. Organized by Keith and Jean Aclin, there was a good turn-out for this program open to the public. The Aclins donated the sign and promotional cards and the Elks helped house the members of the group.

Souper Bowl Sunday: On February 8, the youth solicited donations after the services. Over \$800 was collected, which was given to St. Francis House to feed the homeless in their soup kitchen.

Evangelism –We had Trinity cards printed with a photo of Trinity and the regular schedule of services. They are available for any member to use in the Church Foyer or the Outreach mailbox.

Women's Refuge of St. Johns County: Gloria Fugarino is our liaison to this center that provides a safe Christian transition into society for formerly incarcerated women. The Daughters of the King promoted donations for the refuge, and a basket is provided in the lobby for these. Director Joan Clements and one of the residents spoke to St. Catherine's Guild and the Jr. Daughters of the King.

St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry: Carol Maybee serves on the board of this organization representing Trinity Parish. We have three teams of volunteers serving on a monthly basis (the third Friday, and the fourth Tuesday and Thursday), and the food pantry is supported (\$2000 per year) in the outreach budget. Members of the parish donated over 300 bags of food, and the TELC had a Thanksgiving food drive providing several large boxes of food. Also, Suzy Bagan organized a food drive at her office (Watson Realty), and Roland Gauthier will have one next month at Coquina Crossing.

Share the Feast: This program expanded this year under the direction of Roland Gauthier and Barbara Hepler of St. Cyprian's. We donated hams at Easter (60) and turkeys (60) at Thanksgiving with the parishioners purchasing bags of food items for local needy families identified by the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were also able to distribute \$900 in Publix gift cards to the Angel Tree families at Christmas.

Prison Ministry: The Outreach/Evangelism Committee contributed \$500 to Camp St. Elizabeth to enable a child of an incarcerated person to attend summer camp. In December we promoted a drive for Christian Christmas cards for the prisoners to give their friends and loved ones. The cards donated by our parishioners were delivered to Pastor Sandy Tull to distribute. We also gave a donation of \$500 to the Hastings Youth Academy for the purchase of a TV.

Greeters/Newcomers: Jean and Keith Aclin continue to head this committee of volunteers to welcome newcomers after the Sunday services. They also organized a Newcomer's Gathering in the spring and fall where new and potential members could learn more about our programs and meet the vestry and clergy on an informal basis. Name tags for parishioners were funded by the Outreach/Evangelism Committee.

St. Francis House: Volunteers, under the leadership of Karen Jordan provided dinner on the third Tuesday of each month. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and other volunteers offered evening prayer weekly. Trinity also gave a monthly donation of \$1000 from our outreach budget, provided a basket in the lobby for donations of needed items, and members helped with St. Francis fundraising events. The parishioners donated coffee, sugar, towels, toiletries, underwear, and warm clothing to the shelter. The committee also donated \$1000 to the building fund.

Flagler College Intersarsity Christian Fellowship: We donated \$1000 to support this outreach to the students in our community. Ernie Driscoll is our contact person for the college.

Project S.O.S.: The Outreach Committee donated \$1000 to this program, which provides health education classes for middle and high school students in St. Johns County. Fr. David also donated funds for Trinity to be a sponsor of the annual fund-raising breakfast. Two tables of Trinity members including vestry members and clergy attended the breakfast in September at the St. Johns Technical Center. Connie Becker also invited a table of Marsh Creek Residents.

Somebody Cares St. Augustine: In September we partnered with other churches in St. Augustine in an outreach to the community for the second year. Almost 30 members of Trinity including the youth worked inside and out at the Coastal Community Center. We also donated \$1000 to help with project expenses.

Katrina Relief: Ron Birchall continues as our representative on the Diocese of Florida Katrina Task Force. He made a trip to Long Beach, MS for the opening of St. Patrick's. We sent \$300 in gift cards for 12 needy families. Ron also received The Bishop's Cross Award at the annual convention in January for his leadership in the Diocese.

Young Life: Ron and Nancy Birchall are our representatives to Young Life, an outreach to young people, which receives budget support (\$1500). We also donated a \$500 scholarship to the Young Life Camp in the memory of Kelly Birchall Reed.

Celebrating America: Marty and Julie Mariner co-chaired this second annual event with Ron and Nancy Birchall, held on November 10. Also serving on the committee were Jane Sherlock, Gigi Hoelscher, Paula Blankenship, Margaret Wiles, Sandy Goode, and Jon Gates. In spite of rainy weather, a good crowd of people turned out for an evening of song and hymns as we celebrated God, our heritage and our freedom and enjoyed root beer floats.

Christmas International House: This is an international program started in 1961 where local families take in international university students during the Christmas holidays. Although Trinity members did not host any students this year, Betsy Jones invited the whole group to the third annual New Year's Eve party at her house. Margaret Wiles helped hostess the party with the students and their host families. This is an opportunity to work with Memorial Presbyterian Church, sponsors of the program, and to share our Christian message and hospitality not only with the students, but also with members of other congregations.

Cuba: We get regular updates by email from the Cuba Committee. The committee meets bi-monthly at St. James in Lake City. The members have decided to have every other meeting at a different location. In November, Brian Keller and I attended a meeting in Gainesville where we heard news of the relationships some parishes have with their companion parish and travel to Cuba. The Bishops were unable to elect a successor to Bishop Tamayo, so a new bishop will be appointed. Our companion parish is Espiritu Santo (Holy Spirit) in Guanabana, Cuba led by Fr. Oden Marical.

Outreach/Evangelism Committee Members during 2009

Chairman: Margaret Wiles; Jouana Jordan, Brian Keller, Roland Gauthier, Connie Becker, Ron Birchall, Carol Maybee, Karen Jordan, Gloria Fugarino, Peter Welch, Betsy Jones, Julie & Marty Mariner, Keith & Jean Aclin, Bill and Melinda Schmidt, Ellie Smith, Nell Toensmann, and Shannon McClannahan.

The committee wishes to thank St. Catherine's Guild, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Daughters of the King, the Food Pantry volunteers, the St. Francis House volunteers, and our Youth for their generous contributions to our many outreach projects. We also thank the congregation for their contributions of time, talent, and treasure this year.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF TRINITY PARISH
Annual Report to the Vestry and Parish for
Calendar Year 2009

The Trinity Parish Endowment Board respectfully submits this annual report to the Vestry and Parish concerning endowment activities during the year 2009.

PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND. The Endowment Fund of Trinity Parish was established by the Vestry in 2003 “to enable the Parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its Christian based ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds.” Under the Vestry resolution, distributions from the Endowment Fund are limited to: (1) capital needs of the Parish; (2) outreach ministries and grants; (3) seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects; and (4) such other purposes as are specifically designated by donors whose gifts are accepted by the Parish and included in the Fund. The Endowment Fund’s business is conducted in accordance with Vestry-approved policies governing Gift Acceptance, Disposition of Bequests, Designated Funds, Spending Rules, and Investment Guidelines.

The Endowment Fund is administered by an eight member board of directors. Five voting members (“Fund Managers”) are appointed by the Vestry. The Rector, Senior Warden and Parish Treasurer serve as ex-officio board members. In June 2009 the terms of board members Alex Wilson and Bill Rowley expired and they retired from the board. We greatly appreciate the dedicated service and leadership of Alex and Bill during the formative years of the Endowment Fund. Also in June, the Vestry appointed Walter Abstein and Rod Moon as new members. Current members are Jay Jennison, Betsy Jones (Secretary), John Richardson (Chair), Walter Abstein (Investment Coordinator) and Rod Moon. Board officers are elected by the board. The Endowment Board meets periodically throughout the year to conduct endowment business. During 2009 the Board met on May 17th, June 14th and September 20th.

ENDOWMENT BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT. Monies in the Trinity Episcopal Parish’s three Endowment Funds are invested through separate accounts with the Episcopal Church Foundation and managed by State Street Global Advisors in accordance with Endowment Board policies approved by the Vestry.

As of December 31, 2008 (Fiscal Year End) the funds had a total investment balance of \$361,189.72. As of November 30, 2009 (the most recent Fund Statement received prior to this report) the total Endowment Fund balance was \$417,141.08, comprised of the following: General Endowment Fund-\$379,532.83; Youth Endowment Fund-\$19,028.29; Youth Scholarship Fund \$18,579.96. A year

ago at this time Trinity's Endowment Fund balances reflected the severely adverse effect of the global problems in the securities markets. Beginning in December of 2008 there has been a gradual turnaround and I am pleased to report that Trinity's Endowment Funds have grown in excess of 18% since last year's report. While it is encouraging to note this improvement, the total of the Funds is still slightly below (1.36%) the corpus (principle) of the Funds and well below the distribution point of the four quarter rolling market value of the Funds as of September 30th and our projections for December 31, 2009. At its September 20th meeting the Board recognized that this would likely be the financial position heading into 2010 and that the funds would probably not be available for grants in 2010. Therefore it was unanimously agreed that grant applications would not be solicited for grants in 2010 as this would result in an invasion of the principle (total amount of donor contributions) of the Endowment Funds. As we move into 2010 we will be closely monitoring the financial position of the Funds and assessing any possible availability of Funds for grants with the hope that the economy will continue its recovery and Funds will be available for grants late in 2010 or early 2011.

The Trinity Parish Endowment Board appreciates the opportunity to participate in the activities of the Endowment Fund and looks forward to working with clergy, Vestry, and Parishioners to continue to build an endowment which will enable Trinity Parish to perpetuate and expand its Christian ministries within and beyond our Parish community. The Board is presently working on a plan to sponsor a planned giving seminar for members of the Parish to be held late in the first quarter or early in the second quarter of 2010. We would encourage all who are interested to attend. The endowment Board welcomes any comments or questions Parishioners may have concerning the mission or activities of the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trinity Parish Endowment Board
John Richardson, Chair

Parish Life

Parish Life is designed to deepen the bonds of community within the Parish. There are a variety of activities and events to strengthen our Church family. Many parishioners are involved in spearheading these events. We thank everyone who has led or participated in one of these 'doings'. You are invited and needed to make them complete.

One of our favorite things is Breakfast Sunday. Terry Greene continued to feed us on the first Sunday of the month. Various organizations within the parish volunteered each month to set-up, serve and clean-up for the first Sunday breakfast. Your donations help off set the cost of the breakfast. Volunteers who wish to help out in the kitchen are always welcome

Coffee, cookies and juice were available in Trinity Hall between all the services, except Breakfast Sunday. This is a great opportunity to visit with other parishioners.

Diane Waski is coordinator of the office volunteers and is always looking for others to help out at the front desk for three hour shifts one day a week from 9:00 to 12:00. This opportunity is open to both men and women.

Couples and singles interested in joining a Foyer Group attended a Covered Dish to discuss the Foyer format in October. Soon after that, five Foyer Groups of six to eight parishioners were formed to enjoy good food and good company.

Celebratory cakes were served after services on special occasions: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, and Pentecost.

A small but enthusiastic group from Trinity attended a Suns baseball game in Jacksonville in June, while the more athletic among us joined the interdenominational softball league which played this past spring and summer. The 25 hearty souls were led by Gary Jordan, Steve Wright and David Greer.

Elizabeth West and Katy Hall are co-chairs of the Trinity Travelers. They had a varied schedule this year which included seeing Wicked at the Times Union Theatre. More than 50 took the bus tour to Savannah where a special tour of the city was arranged. Next there was lunch at the Bubble Room and Aunt Kate's in Vilano. I hear something very interesting is planned for 2010.

Wedding coordinators Martha Jennison and Judy Taylor graciously assist new brides getting married at Trinity. The end results are beautiful and smooth running weddings. What a lovely gift to the new couple.

Trinity's Christmas party this year consisted of a combination of events. First there was the silent auction and raffle, then a covered dish dinner. After dinner trolleys took parishioners about the city to enjoy the cities' Nights of Lights while serenading the passer bys. The evening ended with hot chocolate and deserts back at Trinity. Many people contributed to the success of this event, including those who handsomely decorated Trinity Hall which set the tone for the evening's festivities.

Paula Blankenship

**Worship/Pastoral Care
Annual Report 2009**

The Worship Committee meets three times a year to plan for the service needs for the particular times of year that fall within that time frame. There is a discussion of the needs and concerns of all areas of worship services. This committee is open to anyone interested in attending and giving input to the services at Trinity.

We have trained new Worship Leaders and Eucharist Ministers and these people have been a wonderful addition to both the 9:00 and the 11:15 services. There is still a need for additional Acolytes for the 11:15 service.

Greeters and Newcomers Report 2009

The Greeters and Newcomers Outreach Ministries continued throughout 2009. Greeters staff the 7:30am, 9am and 11:15am services each Sunday, as well as a variety of other special services throughout the year. We continue to be grateful to the 14 greeters who faithfully serve to welcome new members and visitors to Trinity Parish each Sunday. This ministry is of great importance, as the newcomer information gathered by the greeter is then utilized to provide future contact by the church to officially and personally welcome them to Trinity. It is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and to share the joy of our parish.

In conjunction with Greeters are the Newcomers Socials. There were 2 evening coffee socials held this past year, each well attended both by Newcomers and by Trinity members. These meetings enabled ministry heads to speak about opportunities at Trinity, as well as provided a time and forum for the newcomers to introduce themselves, so we all might share in getting to know one another. Many thanks are extended to the newcomers who attended, as are the thanks to our caring Trinity members. Special appreciation to those who supplied desserts and helped to facilitate the gatherings, and who made the newcomers feel so welcome. Each evening was a fun event and we look forward to seeing this outreach grow and change over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith and Jean Aclin

Trinity Early Learning Center Annual Report 2009

The early education program under the direction of Tammy Walthall has an enrollment of 72 with 11 staff members. Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin the first week in February. TELC is seeking accreditation from the State of Florida and plan to add a VPK (Volunteer Pre Kindergarten) program for next year. With this additional program it is our hope that we can again have full enrollment in our TELC program.

Our biweekly newsletter is sent out electronically via email. This is a real asset for the parents as well as a savings for the school.

Parents and staff are busy preparing for the 6th Annual Silent Auction and dinner that will be held in the spring. This is a big PTO fundraiser that helps the school financially in many ways. Please plan to attend and/or donate or bid on items at the silent auction.

VESTRY FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

Primary Coordination Concerns of this commission are to oversee the activities of:

Parish Finance Committee is chaired by the Parish Treasurer.

Stewardship: Select and coordinate Chair: Rod Moon, Chairman

Parish History: Assist the Parish Historian : Mike Stock

Trinity Hall and Hindry Hall ; Coordinate use with all concerned including the leasing agent Sally Canfield.

Chair the Facilities Oversight Committee. (Hindry and Trinity Halls)

Parking Lot. Report Parking lot revenues to the Vestry.

FUNDRAISING: There were 2 Parish-wide fundraisers in 2008, both contributing all net proceeds to the Outreach of the Parish.

A Raffle of 4 Caribbean cruises with the drawing in June, contributed \$4400 towards Parish Outreach Ministries. (Many thanks to the Golf/Raffle committee and to Elizabeth West, Travel Agent, for all their hard work.)

A Fall Family Festival in, held in December, contributed \$3600 towards Parish outreach Ministries Many thanks to the leadership of Charles Alston (Silent Auction coordinator) and Paula Blankenship (Pot-luck Supper and Caroling coordinator.)

Bill Rowley, Finance Commissioner

Trinity Episcopal Parish remains a very much alive and vibrant church, where people of diverse backgrounds worship, learn, fellowship, and work together. Like other organizations and groups within our congregation, Trinity's Music Ministry seeks to fulfill our mission statement. Those who participate in various choirs, solos, and ensembles—both vocal and instrumental—work diligently toward achieving the goals set before us by using our talents, time, and resources to the best of our collective ability.

Currently, we have two adult vocal choirs that help lead worship regularly: the Chancel Choir (which rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:30 and serves in 11:15 Sunday Worship) and the Parish Choir (which rehearses the fourth Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 and serves in 9:00 Sunday Worship). Last year saw the creation of a new handbell choir; this group rehearses each Friday morning at 10, and plays in one or more services monthly. In addition, a children's choir (made up of those who participate in Children's Church) helps provide music once a month. A new men's quartet is also heard occasionally, and rehearses each Saturday afternoon. Still others are regularly using their gifts to supply instrumental music. As many as fifty persons are involved each week *leading* our congregation in worship. Notice that the word "leading" is italicized, in order to prevent the misconception that any of these groups or persons is involved in mere *performance for the congregation*. As has been stated before, the largest and most important choir in our church is you, the congregation sitting in the pews each week.

Hopes and dreams for the coming year include an additional handbell choir, increased participation in the Chancel and Parish Choirs, at least one recording project, partial scholarships and internships for four music students who will serve as section leaders in our choirs, a guest artist for the Fall Organ Concert, continued support and preparation for *Celebrate America*, and the expansion of our pipe organ. None of these things are possible without God's blessing and your support. Your time, your talents, and your treasure will all be necessary in order to achieve them, and a modest budget request has been submitted to help underwrite the costs. Each of these things are in keeping with Trinity's Mission Statement, providing opportunities for worship, study, service, and evangelism.

The story is told in the Old Testament of how the voice of God was heard as a quiet whisper in the stillness. While the condition of our organ is excellent, it is somewhat lacking in its ability to provide certain tonal colors. It is not my intention to make the organ louder, but to add certain ranks of antique pipework that will uniquely increase its sweetness—especially in the medium and soft ranges. In its present configuration, the organ proclaims a very colorful and brilliant sound when played loudly. Additional resources will allow for a similar yet sweeter range of tone color when played at a quieter volume. This will allow more flexibility and versatility while accompanying the congregation, choir, soloists, and solo instruments, as well as when the organ itself is being featured in concerts, recitals, preludes, and offertories. My dream for the organ is that it would be able to *whisper* the mysteries of God's grace as effectively as it can *shout* the truth of God's glory.

Some moneys for the expansion will come from existing funds that have been raised over the years for the express purpose of caring for the organ but additional funds will need to be raised.

We have successfully extended Music Ministry into our Rite I (7:30am) Service once per month. This service has historically been devoid of any music except for the carillon being rung prior to Worship.

Attendees of the 7:30 Service have welcomed this addition of hymns and occasional handbells. At the 9am service, we have introduced new material for congregational singing at least once per month. This has allowed attendees of that service to celebrate and worship utilizing contemporary songs composed more recently than the hymns included in the *Celebration Hymnal*. Additional volunteer musicians may be joining us soon, further strengthening the role of music in that service. The 11:15 Service continues to be the more traditional of the sung Eucharistic Services, mainly using *The 1982 Hymnal*.

I remain interested in hearing your opinions regarding any facet of Trinity's Music Ministry, especially feedback and suggestions that might make our efforts even more fruitful and inspiring than they have been in the past. Several recent comments have been most helpful in refining some aspects of our music.

Thank you for the love and support you have shown thus far. I remain convinced that God has brought us together for a reason. May our worship glorify God always, spread the Good News to others, and draw us together into His presence.

Sincerely,

Jon Gates
ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, the Communications Commission has focused on positioning Trinity Parish to better proclaim its mission statement throughout our community. Our secondary goal has been the improvement of Trinity's inter-parish communications.

Trinity's recognition in the community has been enhanced through several avenues. Our advertisements in the St. Augustine Record and its affiliates, Compass and Explorer magazines target all demographics in our area. In addition, Gigi Hoelscher has been extremely successful in the placement of leading articles in the Religion section of The Record and the Diocesan Newsletter. Trinity's website (trinityepiscopalparish.org) continues to be an effective tool for those who have heard of us and are seeking more information. This year we are listed on yellowpages.com under Episcopal churches in both St. Augustine and Jacksonville. This should expand our capability to capture those who are electronically searching for an Episcopal Church to attend.

Our inter-parish communications continues to be best served by The Tidings. This informative monthly periodical is mailed to the parishioners and friends of Trinity. Many thanks to our parish staff for their tireless efforts and our ministry heads who faithfully contribute articles and information to The Tidings. Parishioners are welcome to submit their stories or ideas for changes in this publication to: tidings@bellsouth.net. Trinity's Sunday bulletin provides announcements and reminders to parishioners and visitors attending our services. We have recently launched E-tidings. This is an email announcement system to alert parishioners of unscheduled services or events at Trinity. You may sign up to receive this service by emailing etidings@trinityepiscopalparish.org. We are thankful to Melinda Schmidt who has helped us set this system in motion. The calendar on Trinity's website is an excellent source of information on scheduled services at Trinity and events sponsored by our numerous ministries.

We continue to monitor and adjust all of our communication vehicles to maximize their effectiveness. However, all of the planning and positioning that we do will never replace our most important communication asset, the parishioners of Trinity Parish. By welcoming the newcomer or stranger in the pew near us and our participation in Trinity's outreach programs, we are proclaiming Trinity's mission statement in a personal and powerful manner.

Peace,
Jon Warren

Annual Report

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is a year-round Ministry, not just a short time for organizing a Pledge Campaign and developing the respective budget. Its mission is to urge our Parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasures, test their skills, receive affirmation of their good deeds, and enjoy the confirmation that they are working to improve our community, our nation, and the world by becoming ever closer to God.

As the recent Pledge Campaign progressed, it was obvious that God was working His will. Figures from January 13, 2010 show that we, as a family, have pledged over \$495,000 to meet our financial obligations for the coming year. To look at it another way; we have pledged 96.2% of an estimated \$515,000 Pledge Campaign budget.

Thanks to the parishioners of Trinity for their generosity and the committee that made this a true act of the Most High: Jeff Felter, William Rowley, Geoffrey Kee, and John Mountcastle.

Respectfully in Christ,

Rod Moon

VESTRY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION REPORT

Primary Coordination Concerns of this commission are to oversee the activities of

1. Parish Finance Committee, headed by the Parish Treasurer.
2. Stewardship: Select and coordinate: John Mountcastle, Chairman
3. Parish History: Assist the Parish Historian : Mike Stock
4. Trinity Hall and Hindry Hall ; Coordinate use with all concerned including the leasing agent Sally Canfield.
5. Parking Lot. Report Parking lot revenues to the Vestry.
6. FUNDRAISING: There were 2 Parish-wide fundraisers in 2008, both contributing all net proceeds to the Outreach of the Parish.
 - 1.A Golf Tournament was held in October and contributed \$6265 towards Parish Outreach Ministries.
 - 2.A Bazaar was held in November, contributing \$4221 towards Parish outreach Ministries. An additional \$1360 was raised fr the Peruvian Mission: Threads of Hope
 - 3.2009 Fundraisers: If you have an idea for a parish Fundraiser, Please contact the Vestry Finance Commissioner.

Review and submit the Administrative Offices budget.

Bill Rowley



Sally Canfield, Booking Agent
Annual Parish Report
January 2010

Trinity Hall did not host any receptions or banquets and meetings in 2009.

Many parish functions were held in 2009 including organizational meetings, dinners, and funeral receptions.

- o Regional Ultreya meetings
 - o First Sunday Breakfast
 - o DOK Diocesan Nominating Committee Meeting
 - o Bake Sale for Softball Team
 - o Diocesan Historical Committee Meeting
 - o VBS
 - o Mitford Tea
 - o Foyer Organization Dinner
 - o Fund Raising Festival, Silent Auction and Caroling
 - o TELC Christmas Program and Silent Auction
- Organ Recital Reception

Children Chapel Services were held in Trinity Hall. Sunday morning Christian Education classes and Coffee hours after worship were also held in Trinity Hall.

A committee from the Vestry meets to review, revise and complete Policies and Procedures for Renting Trinity Episcopal Parish Facilities. There have been changes made to the rental fees and policies for Trinity Hall. A copy of the Policies and Procedures as well as rental prices is available in parish administrator's office.

St. Martha's Guild has continued to clean and organize the kitchen. There are teams to oversee the kitchen on a weekly basis. Another Food Management Course was given by a professional food service representative off premises for those wishing to learn about health and safety issues.

There was no revenue from Trinity Hall in 2009

Bookings for 2010 are low again however, there are two wedding receptions booked. We will continue to look forward to having TELC Silent Auction and Christmas Programs, Sunday Breakfast and other parish dinners, meetings and receptions.

Now and Forever our capital campaign that purchased Trinity Hall within Trinity Square had a plan. The plan to have a facility that would accommodate Trinity Parish needs, reach out to the St. Augustine community and generate funds for the Parish Programs as well as maintaining a Christian presence in down town has come to be. Tell your friends, relatives and business associates about our rental facility. It is gorgeous and it benefits the parish.

Praise God for all his blessings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Canfield

**Trinity Episcopal Parish
Treasurer's Report
2009**

Financially, the parish ended 2009 with the expenses \$215.00 less than income even though income was \$50,293.25 less than what we planned for at the beginning of the year. To everyone's credit, pledge receipts were 98.5% of pledged which was key to the parish ending the year in the black along with the vestry commission heads controlling expenses in response to our quarterly financial reviews . The two areas where the income fell significantly short were Trinity Hall rentals (only 24.7% of planned) and major fund raising (35% of planned). Certainly, the declining economy and consumers just spending less on discretionary events due to their financial uncertainty was a major factor in the income shortfalls for these two major lines in our **Other Income** category.

As we look ahead to 2010, the finance committee recommended and the vestry approved for parish consideration, a budget which represents a 3% increase in expenses over that which was spent in 2009. This modest increase was required by expected increases in the cost of parish operations. Clergy and staff salaries shall remain the same as 2009 even though the financial report shows an increase of about \$14,000 over 2009 which was the approximate amount not spent during the period the parish did not have an assistant rector.

Financial report summaries follow:

2009 Income and Expenses Summary
2010 Proposed Budget Summary

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonny Shanks, Parish Treasurer

**Trinity Episcopal Parish
Treasurer's Report
Income and Expenses
2009**

	Actual	Budget 2009	Percent Re
Income			
Plate Offerings	50,349.03	52,000.00	96.8%
Pledge Receipts - Note 1	530,876.27	539,000.00	98.5%
Seasonal Contribution - Note 2	7,608.00	12,000.00	63.4%
Other Income - Note 3	99,336.53	135,463.00	73.3%
Total Income	688,169.83	738,463.00	93.2%
Expenses			
Diocesan Pledge	67,481.28	70,000.00	96.4%
Region Dues	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Ministries and Commissions			
Outreach	23,767.56	27,500.00	86.4%
Youth Programs	7,675.71	10,210.00	75.2%
Christian Education	6,017.51	7,400.00	81.3%
Parish Life	4,318.15	6,000.00	72.0%
Worship and Pastoral Care	16,793.92	22,250.00	75.5%
Communications	6,704.34	8,900.00	75.3%
Vestry	516.18	500.00	103.2%
Finance and Administration	14,716.95	18,600.00	79.1%
Trinity Hall	17,784.91	17,400.00	102.2%
Buildings and Grounds	62,858.30	69,310.00	90.7%
Administration, Clergy and Staff			
Office Administration	62,567.48	61,100.00	102.4%
Clergy and Staff	395,982.41	416,293.00	95.1%
Miscellaneous and Discretionary	770.00	2,500.00	30.8%
Total Expenses - Note 4	687,954.70	738,463.00	93.2%
Net	<u>215.13</u>		

Note 1: Pledge receipts are 98.5% of 2009 budget.

Note 2: Seasonal contributions are 63.4% of 2009 budget.

Note 3: Other income is less than 2009 budget due primarily to lack of Trinity Hall rentals and expected from fund raising.

Note 4: Expenses to date are 93.2% of 2009 budget.

**Trinity Episcopal Parish
Treasurer's Report
Proposed Budget
2010**

	Annual Budget	Actual 2009
Income		
Plate Offerings	51,000.00	50,349.03
Pledge Receipts	520,000.00	530,876.27
Seasonal Contribution	10,810.00	7,608.00
Other Income	129,845.00	99,336.53
Total Income	711,655.00	688,169.83
Expenses		
Diocesan Pledge	71,211.90	67,481.28
Ministries and Commissions		
Outreach	19,350.00	23,767.56
Youth Programs	12,500.00	7,675.71
Christian Education	7,098.58	6,017.51
Parish Life	4,250.00	4,318.15
Worship and Pastoral Care	19,250.00	16,793.92
Communications	8,100.00	6,704.34
Vestry	395.00	516.18
Parish Resources	13,631.90	14,716.95
Trinity Hall	18,150.00	17,784.91
Buildings and Grounds	67,750.00	62,858.30
Administration, Clergy and Staff		
Office Administration	58,950.00	62,567.48
Clergy and Staff	410,017.62	395,982.41
Diocesan Convention	1,000.00	770.00
Total Expenses	711,655.00	687,954.70
Net	0.00	215.13

**Annual Report for TEP, Inc.
2009**

TEP, Inc., is a not for profit wholly owned subsidiary corporation of Trinity Episcopal Parish. Formed in 2001 with the approval of the Diocesan Finance Committee, TEP, Inc. purchased the 35,000 square foot building adjacent to the parish known as "Trinity Square" with a loan provided by Prosperity Bank. TEP, Inc. also secured a \$225,000 line of credit from Prosperity Bank to renovate the former F. W. Woolworth store warehouse area into Trinity Hall. This renovation was a much needed addition for the parish and provides modern accommodations for parish meetings, Breakfast Sundays, and revenue generation through rentals. The state-of-the-art kitchen is suitable to support banquets and caterers supporting rental events. The building also has space for lease to commercial enterprises and is currently configured for eight rental units.

TEP, Inc. consolidated the debt to Prosperity Bank in May, 2009 with a total balance of \$2,911,495. This loan is secured by a mortgage on Trinity Square, but the parish is not a party to the loan and none of the real estate or other assets belonging to the parish have been pledged as collateral. The appraised value of Trinity Square, as of April 2009, is \$4,700,000.

At the end of 2009, Trinity Square rental units are all occupied and the annual rental income is over \$400,000 with annual debt service at about \$275,000. After all expenses, Trinity Square has had a positive net operating income for the past two years. 2009 was a challenging year for several retail tenants and the end of the year accounts receivable are higher than in any previous year. Each tenant in arrears is making an effort to catch up, and with some improvement in the economy and tourism, this should be accomplished before the end of 2010. With the very high commercial real estate vacancy rate in the St. Augustine area, especially in the retail sector, the TEP board of directors is working diligently to maintain 100% occupancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny Shanks