



# The Tidings

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## Thus Far Has The Lord Brought US



As we come to the close of what is commonly referred to as the “Program Year” (the period between September and May), it is appropriate to look back and reflect on what the Lord has done for us and through us over the past 9 months. This is particularly relevant for churches like

ours that operate a school.

In addition to the year-round ministries such as worship, pastoral care, our program year began with the resumption of various ministries that are key to our shared life and mission such as the Choir, the Wednesday Bible Study, the Adult Bible School, the Saturday 4:15 pm service and others. Throughout the year we had several highlights such as the Ministry Fair, the School Golf Benefit, Consecration Sunday, the Christmas Eve Services, Holy Week & Easter services, Bishop Dabney & Bishop Justin’s visits, the Parish-School Picnic, and many others. All this could not have happened without the dedication of all of you. For all you have been, and all you have done, I thank you, and thank God for you.

While all the ministries required a lot of talent, time, and patience, none was so demanding as our school.

Only 2 weeks prior to the start of the academic year, our Head of School announced he had accepted another position up north. Everyone from the school board, staff, faculty and volunteers stepped up to ensure that the school would be ready to receive students for the new academic year. Together, we were able to welcome the students back and get them to learn, even as the search for an interim Head of School started in effect. When one of the teachers offered herself for consideration for the position, we were relieved and gladly offered her the position.

Things seemed to be going well until 6 weeks before the end of the academic year, she submitted her resignation, effective immediately. Once again, everyone from the school board, staff, faculty and volunteers stepped up and held everything together until graduation day on May 17, 2024. Words cannot fully express how grateful I am for everyone who worked so hard to keep our school going.

This year's graduation ceremonies included a pre-graduation Thanksgiving service on Thursday, May 16, in our beautiful sanctuary where the school community gathers regularly for thanksgiving and prayer, and the Graduation Ceremony held on May 17 at St. George Episcopal Church in Lady Lake. At both ceremonies, we reflected on God's grace and the gift of human resilience. In addition to going through such a challenging year, we were reminded that the High School graduates started their high school journey in 2020 while the Middle School graduates started their journey in 2021. It is only by God's grace and human resilience that they were able to reach this milestone.

Despite the turbulence our school faced through this past academic year, it is important to remember that so much good has also happened. Among them is the discovery of the Woodcock-Johnson Assessment System which identifies each student's strengths and weaknesses and provides recommendations for appropriate interventions. So far over 10 students have been assessed. The other wonderful thing that happened was the discovery and appointment of Angela Heffernan as our new Head of School. She brings a wealth of experience in the field of Special Education. Our school is poised for greater heights. We praise God for these blessings.

God's grace and the gift of resilience was not only evident in the life of the school but in all our ministries. I think of all of you who continue to give

of your time, talent, and treasure year in and year out and can only say that it is the Lord who has brought us thus far.

As we begin our summer season and take a break from some of the ministries, may we continually rely on the God who has promised to be with us through it all. May this be a season to rejoice, refresh, and refocus our attention on the work ahead. May we remember that God is not done with us. There is still a lot of work to be done.

“May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.” (Colossians 1:11-12)

*By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva*

## **Sr. Warden's Report**

We were certainly blessed this month with a number of wonderful events. This month both our Church and School had opportunities to exhibit so many of our finest accomplishments. The Diocese, the community and the media saw the beauty of our grounds, our Church and our students.

We had the pleasure of Bishop Dabney's presence for Confirmation. We had 2 Parishioners Confirmed, 2 Received and 1 Affirmation. Two days later, Bishop Holcomb visited our Church and School. Bishop Justin met with the Vestry and School Board. After lunch, he toured our School and met with some of our Students. The Bishop gave a meaningful reflection and shared thoughts with our Students during Chapel.

We had our Second Annual Parish/School Picnic. What a beautiful day we had. The weather cooperated, and the Parishioners and Families supplied us with wonderful sides and desserts to share. Many of our Holy Family Members took advantage of the tours our School; two of our students served as guides. I was very proud to hear how impressed they were with the school, and even more with the “Student Guides.”

WESH 2 came to film our School and Students. They were there to honor Mrs. Jeanne Nicolosi. Jeanne was named “Community Champion” for all her volunteer work at the School. Jeanne has served as Assistant Head of School, as well counselor. She has

been volunteering her services and professional skills for several years. She and Tara have kept the school running, without any interruption to students' learning or routines, during a very challenging year.

Our greatest joy occurred this past Friday, when our seniors received their diplomas. A wonderful ceremony was held at St, George's. Parents, faculty and Holy Trinity Family Members were there to see them receive certificates and "Turn their Tassels" to the left indicating their official status as "Graduates".

The end of the month, Vestry and School Board will be going on a local retreat, and then – relax, a little.

Stay safe and cool, and see you on Sunday.

Doris Brennan – Sr. Warden

## Vestry Meeting Highlights

April & May 2024

The Vestry met for their April & May meetings to discuss matters of importance to the life and mission of our church. At the April 18 meeting:

1. The Vestry approved a proposal to trim about 20 trees on our campus for a total cost of \$4,000.
2. The Vestry was informed that we would be receiving a \$120,000 bequest from the estate of Lee Shawcross who departed this life 2 years ago.
3. The Vestry was informed that St. George Episcopal Church in Lady Lake donated \$1500 to our school to go toward the purchase of an audio library for our students.
4. The Vestry was informed of the upcoming visits by Bishop Dabney on April 28 and Bishop Justin on April 30.
5. The Vestry reviewed and voted to accept the Treasurer's report. The income and expenses remain within the budget.

At the May meeting:

1. The Vestry voted to consent to the appointment of Angela Heffernan as the New Head of School. They also voted to consent to the proposal to hire a School Operations Coordinator to assist with non-instructional aspects of the school.
2. The Vestry was informed that the bequest of \$120,000 from the Lee Shawcross Estate had been received. The Vestry agreed to set aside another time to discuss the stewardship of the funds in a manner

that will honor Lee's legacy as a dedicated parishioner.

3. The Vestry was informed of the visit of State Rep. Keith Truenow to our school on May 9.
4. The Vestry voted to affirm their previous vote to approve the installation of the Lightning Protection System and the replacement of the Sidewalk to the entrance of the church.
5. The Vestry was informed of the successful Parish/School picnic on May 4
6. The Vestry was reminded of the upcoming Joint Vestry/School Board Retreat scheduled for May 31-June 1.
7. The Vestry reviewed and voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

## Treasurer's Summary Report

April, 2024

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$34,641	\$25,167
Other Income	\$ 2,969	\$ 3,558
Total	\$37,610	\$28,725
Expenses	\$25,223	\$28,725

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx, 35.

Russ Casson, Treasurer

## HTEC School Tutor Program

Fr. Samuel recently announced, "It is with great excitement that we announce the hiring of Ms Angela Reid Heffernan as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Specialist for our school. ... In the state of Florida, she is a Certified Educator specifically for Exceptional Student Education, Elementary Education, Reading, English for Speakers of other Languages, and Autism Spectrum Disorder. "

"Adding someone with Angela's credentials to our staff is a big step in fulfilling our Mission to educate students who learn differently..."

You can join our Tutor Team and further support our church Mission with just one hour a week of your time. If you or someone you know wants to make a real difference in a child's life please call (913) 558-

2636 or email [jimkelly8143@gmail.com](mailto:jimkelly8143@gmail.com) (Snow Birds are welcome, no formal academic certification is required and tutor training and instructional material are provided.)

## Parish/School Picnic

The Holy Trinity Parish and School hosted another successful picnic on Saturday, May 4th. This was the second annual picnic and from comments made from some of those attending, it was even better than the first one. There was a great turnout with approximately 100 in attendance for the fun, food and fellowship.

Sid Yee did a great job cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. Parishioners and parents made sure that there were ample side dishes and desserts. No one left the picnic hungry!

During lunch, Don Hausmann, one of our parishioners, and three other members of a barbershop quartet entertained us.

The students had volleyball and cornhole set up to get us up and moving before and after lunch. There were definitely more students involved in these activities than parishioners. Tours of the school were also offered by students. They proudly talked about classes and other activities they were involved in at the school.

A big thank you to the Invite Welcome Connect Committee and the students who helped with the picnic planning, set up and clean up.

The picnic was so successful a "three peat" is planned for next year.

Judy Gygi

*(Editor's Note: Please see pictures at end)*

## Salvation Army Food Bank Collection

### Little Red Wagon Salvation Army Food Bank

During the summer months school lunch programs are not available to the neediest of God's children so, now is the time to give. The Outreach committee is asking you all to contribute to the Salvation Army food bank by making deposits of nonperishable food in the Little Red Wagon at the front of the church on

Sundays. Specifically, the Salvation Army is asking for breakfast cereal, peanut butter, bags/boxes of rice, instant potatoes, canned vegetables and canned meat.

For more information about helping our brothers and

sisters in Christ, please contact Annette Freeman (352) 406-7608.



## HTEC Salvation Breakfast Team

Besides Holy Trinity's contributions to the Salvation Army Food Bank via the Red Wagon we also have a fun loving and hard-working team of volunteers that provides breakfast service at the Leesburg Salvation Army post to a growing

number of people in need. You can be part of this mission by joining our breakfast team for just 2 hours on the second and fifth Tuesdays of the month. For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact Jim Kelly (913) 558-2636.



## The Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee wishes to thank you for the Easter Collection that totaled \$2560.00 and for the UTO Collection that totaled \$1292.13.



Holy Hackers for the month of May was cancelled. With the Summer heat and snowbird season upon us, we only had about a half dozen players signed up and agreed to cancel. All in all, we had a good season, due to issues with the restaurant at Pennbrooke Fairways either not being open or demanding a minimum guarantee of attendees in advance, we moved our post golf lunch and fellowship to Piesano's Stone Fired Pizza. That has proved a great success, the menu is varied, the food has been delicious and the staff very welcoming and accommodating. Holy Hackers will again be taking the Summer off, resuming in September. Everyone is always welcome to join us for golf and/or lunch and fellowship the second Saturday of the month.

David Aldrich

## Parishioner Spotlight



### David and Naomi Aldrich

David and Naomi Aldrich came to Florida in 2016 and settled in the Village of Charlotte in The Villages. Both being raised in the northeast, David was born and raised in Long Island and Naomi in Bath, NY. They also spent time in New Jersey and Connecticut.

The Aldrich's have one son, a Patent Attorney, and a daughter-in-law, a schoolteacher. They have three granddaughters, identical twins who are 23 and

college graduates, and a 17-year-old high school senior. Rounding out their family is Cici, a 10-year-old black Standard Poodle.

Both David and Naomi are very active members of Holy Trinity, attending here for seven and a half years. David serves as a LEM, a Lector, an Usher, Holy Hackers Coordinator, IWC Team member, Salvation Army Breakfast Team/Bell Ringer, and Men's Group Coordinator, while Naomi is in the Choir, and serves as a LEM, and Secretary of School Board.

The Aldrich's are just as active outside of church. David enjoys bowling and golf, and Naomi has sung with women's barbershop groups for years traveling all over the US and France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Ireland, South Africa.

Within their community, both David and Naomi are trained and certified in the use of the community's Automated External Defibrillator and David is assistant coordinator of that group. David also maintains a directory of their neighborhood for all our residents who wish to share including names, phone and e mail contact info, pet's names, and emergency contacts.

Interestingly, although most of Naomi's career was in Finance, if she could do it over, her career "would have been in the care of animals and of course, still very involved in music."

David and Naomi worked at the same company, a small Greek owned oil tanker operator. David shared, "Meeting and marrying Naomi in my forties changed my life. She introduced me to Classical Music, Ballet, Opera, Broadway shows and a love & appreciation for the arts which I never had before. It also led me into training for and doing a Classical Music Radio Program for 16 years."



**Jeanette Scott** was a longtime member of Holy Trinity. She was 100 years old.



**AKES, Ann & Steve**  
**CASSON, Russell & Dianne**  
**LEWIS, Leland & Sue**  
**RODENBAUGH, John & Jeanette**  
**LALLY, Mike & Debbie**



**COLLIGAN, P. Scott**  
**ZEGRAY, Donna**  
**WILCOX, Roger**  
**CLARK, Janet**  
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**through Thursday during office**  
**hours.**

**Please continue to phone or email**  
**your prayer requests to**  
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### **Editor's Note.**

Dear Parishioners,

My first Tidings newsletter was published in March 2019. For over 5 years, I had the pleasure of compiling The Tidings for Holy Trinity Church, but due to Age Related Degeneration (AMD) or Macular Degeneration. I regret that I must resign from this position. I have had macular for several years and have been under a doctor's care. However lately, I find that this condition is getting worst.

It is my sincere wish that a volunteer would take this job over. This task can be done in the convenience of your home. Contributors write the articles and many take pictures. You gain a good working knowledge of church and school events and activities. Please contact me or Father Samuel, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

I want to thank all the parishioners and contributors for providing me your input, knowledge, praise, and understanding. I have enjoyed this job immensely and I will miss doing it.

My Blessings to one and all,

Sheri Hudson

## Pictures of Annual Parish School Picnic



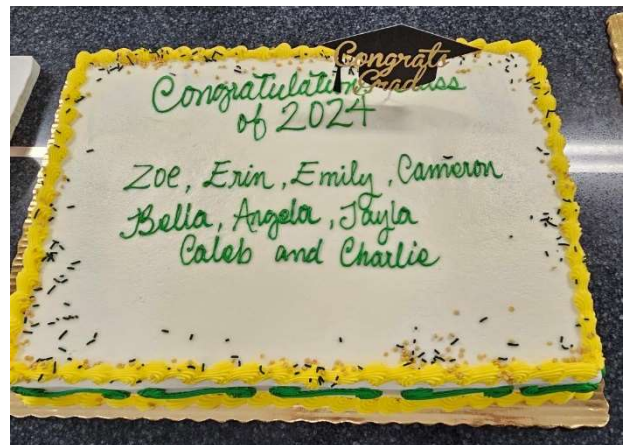


# More Pictures from Picnic



# Holy Trinity Episcopal School Graduation - 2024

*Graduate's Name are on the picture of the Cake*



# **Holy Trinity Episcopal School Golf Benefit**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 5, 2024**

**Please help us continue supporting our wonderful students and staff at**

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

**Where : Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake**

**What time: Registration 12:00PM**

**Shotgun Start 1:00PM**

**Register now at: [HolyTrinitySchoolGolfBenefit](https://www.holytrinityschoolgolfbenefit.com)**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

The Pancake Breakfast is hosted by the Men's Group the last Sunday of the month. Come and join us for a delicious pancake breakfast from 9am -9:45am. The cost is \$7.00 and the proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

**OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS:** There is an opportunity for any of you who would like to bless our church family by donating toward the improvement of our sidewalk to the main entrance of church. Because of the uneven nature of the bricks that could be a hazard for some of our least stable members and visitors, we would like to replace the bricks with concrete. Anyone donating \$1000 or more will be honored with a plaque to be placed on the front of the sidewalk. Donations could be made in loving memory, honor, or thanksgiving for someone or something cherished in your life. If you are interested, please contact Bob Freeman or our office

**SUMMER BREAK:** Our last Saturday 4:15pm Service was May 18<sup>th</sup>. The last Adult Sunday School is May 26<sup>th</sup>, and our last Wednesday Bible School will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>. New season will begin September or October.

### **ELECTRONIC GIVING AT HOLY TRINITY:**

We have made it possible for those who wish to give electronically in a variety of ways:

1. **Website/Facebook page**
2. **TEXT to Give:** the word "Funds" to 844-527-0098
3. **Mobile App:** Download the **Vanco Mobile** app from mobile store



**QR Code:** Scan the QR Code to access our eGiving page.

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Sunday 10:30am (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Healing 11:30am (Chapel)

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