



The Tidings

A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
& School

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Inviting, Welcoming, & Connecting people to God and one another in Christ.

Holy Trinity is a warm, welcoming, and Christ-centered community for all
to belong, blossom, and bless.

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Happy September Anniversary To:

6 - Scott & Mary Louise Colligan
6 - Fr. Jamie & Karen Jones
7 - Roy & Jeanne Nicolosi
8 - Mark & Jaleh Welton
18 - James & Sally Scavone
20 - Mike & Nancy Browne

Happy September Birthday To:

4 - Mona Merryman	24 - Sherry Cunningham
7 - James Scavone	25 - Dcn. Charlie Perrin
13 - Rob Soeldner	26 - Leland Lewis
15 - Dianne Casson	27 - Patricia Topping
17 - Jane D'Auria	28 - Donna Peterson
21 - Bob Mustin	30 - Karen Shirley
21 - Bruce May	

The Tidings is a forum for sharing information and ideas beneficial to our parish life & mission. Please send all contributions for the Newsletter to: office@holytrinityfp.com. Please submit articles for the October Issue by **Friday, September 25, 2026**.

From the Senior Warden



FR. FR. SAMUEL'S MINI-SABBATICAL:

As I write this update on Fr. Samuel's mini-sabbatical, which commenced on July 8, he is now just a week away from his return to his Holy Trinity ministry on September 8, 2026. While Fr. Samuel was away, he made excellent arrangements for coverage of our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We are profoundly grateful to Rev. Janet Richardson, Rev. Ted Koelln, Rev. Dr. Jamie Jones, and especially Rev. Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes for stepping in when Fr. Ted wasn't fully able to participate.

Light the Path Thrift Store

Thrift Store is now fully up and operational 5 days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The new Thrift Store Manager, Patrick Leclerc, is leading the effort as sales continue to increase, even in this early stage of development. All donations are welcome, but Patrick really appreciates the big-ticket items like the beautiful furniture the store has received from numerous generous donors.

Another point that needs to be stressed right now is that volunteer numbers really need to improve. Even stopping by for as little as an hour to sort and tag items for sale can make a difference, but 2 or 3 hours is even better. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our children. To volunteer your time or make donations, Patrick can be contacted at the Thrift Shop at [\(352\) 409-4633](tel:3524094633).

Holy Trinity Military Veterans

Attention Veterans: During our Vestry meeting on Thursday, August 20, Rob Soeldner informed us about a new Episcopal Churches Veterans Initiative. He also discussed the possibility of collaborating with the Invite Welcome and Connect (IWC) ministry, led by Judy Gygi, whom he has spoken with about this opportunity.

Rob went on to explain that St. George's Episcopal Church in the Villages is also considering this initiative and as a first small step has generously offered to host a combined veterans breakfast in October at their church.

Thanks to Rob's detailed explanation and the discussion that followed, the vestry has agreed to contact St. George. We've informed them that Army veteran, Mark Welton, a member of the vestry, has volunteered to serve as Holy Trinity's point of contact for the upcoming combined breakfast and potential future inter-church coordination. We'll provide more details as they become available.

Although Fr. Samuel was away on sabbatical, he nonetheless was briefed on this initiative and approved these first steps.

Church Electric Display Sign

In case you haven't noticed, our church's front lawn now boasts a new Electric Display Sign, a testament to the hard work of Karen Hammen and our Junior Warden, Elizabeth Knowles. The sign looks fantastic, thanks to their efforts.

Vestry & Ministry Meetings

Your ministry teams and vestry members are dedicated to serving God, and their meetings offer opportunities for you to connect personally with your fellow parishioners and strengthen the church's bond in service to our Lord. We would be honored and delighted if you could attend any of our ministry meetings to ask questions and share your inputs. For the dates and times of our ministry meetings, please contact Gisselle in the church office at [\(352\) 787-1500](tel:3527871500).

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OR call the church office Monday-Thursday during office hours.

Ministry News

Holy Hackers: Holy Hackers will resume play for the season on **Saturday September 12th at 9:30am.** There is a sign-up sheet available in Parish Hall. We hope to see you there!



Pastoral Care: Do you like to send cards? Talk on the phone? Pastoral Care could use you! Please send an email to Robin at robinmichell@yahoo.com or call her at 352-350-1451 and let her know where you fit in - and yes, you may choose both categories! Many thanks, Robin

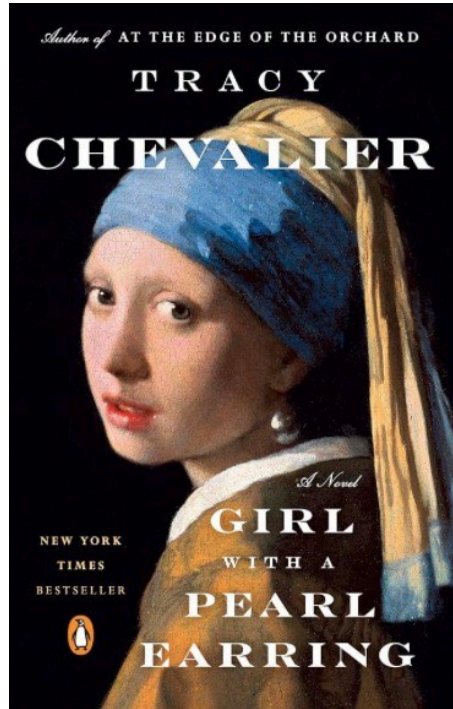


Golf Benefit Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help seek Sponsorships and Donations for the Golf Benefit. If you would like to volunteer, please respond to this email or sign up in the Parish Hall. A meeting, date to be determined, will be held to discuss a plan.



Altar Guild Meeting:
Altar Guild meetings have resumed every first Saturday of the month. We hope to see you there!

Women's Reading Book Club: Our September meeting will be at Deb Yee's home at **1002 Pickering Path** in The Villages on Sept 25th at 2pm for fellowship and to discuss *Girl With A Pearl Earring*. All women are invited to join us!



Blessing of Animals: Our Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd, 10am-11:30am** in the courtyard. All parishioners and their furry, feathered, or scaly pets are invited to attend!

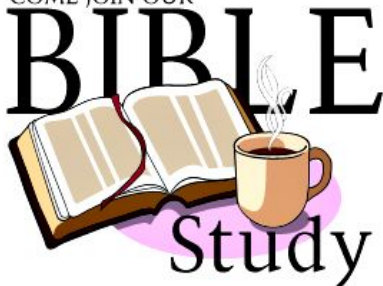


CHOIR TO BEGIN SOON: What does September and fall mean to you? For most folks, it means football starts again, but to the music people, it means Choir will start again soon. Do you know what Treble Clef, Bass Clef, and time signatures mean? Remember Do-Re-Me-Fa-So-La Ti Do? If you don't, that's not important because if you like to sing, that's all you need. The Choir seriously needs help with their diligent work praising the Lord and **WE NEED YOU!** I will keep you posted on the updates, but please consider joining the Choir.



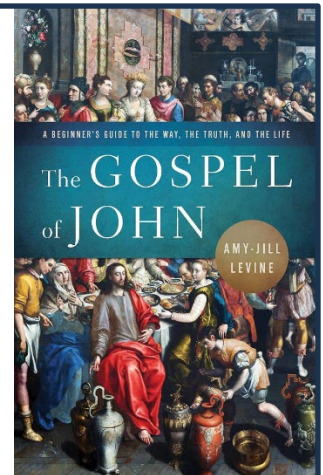
HEALING SERVICE: We will resume Healing Service on **Wednesday, September 16** at 11:30am. Thank you for your patience!

COME JOIN OUR

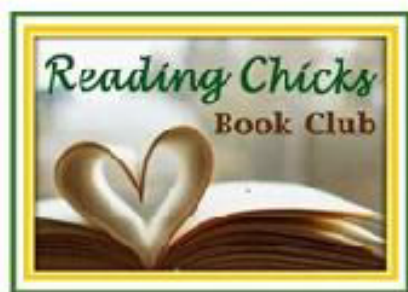


WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We hope to see you at the weekly Wednesday Bible Study, which will begin this year on October 7 at 10 am in the Chapel. If you would like to receive the weekly email with information about the upcoming readings, please send your email address to Marty Smith at msmith1072@gmail.com or 919-933-8831.

New Adult Ed series begins **September 13th**. Join us in the chapel every Sunday at **9:15am** for an exciting new series on the Gospel of John, brought to us by the renowned author and scholar, Amy Jill Levine. Levine explains how the earliest Christians interpreted the gospel and how Christians receive it today. Whether you've read John a dozen times or never, we have much to learn from its wisdom as Dr. Levine brings it to us.



Thrift Store Bag & Bubble Wrap Donations: Light the Path Thrift Store is quickly becoming a huge success. Thank you for all your donations, volunteer hours and prayers. We are currently in need of plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap, and bags with handles (paper or cloth - all sizes). We'd love your help - thank you!



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

DATES AND BOOKS

- Monthly (4th Friday) 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Rotating locations in hostess homes

Date	Book	Author
5/22/26	Island of Sea Women	Lisa See
6/26/26	The Personal Librarian	Marie Benedict
7/24/26	Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You	John MacArthur
8/28/26	Girl with a Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier
9/25/26	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Krueger
10/23/26	When Breath Becomes Air	Paul Kalanithi
<i>No meeting in Nov. due to Thanksgiving Holiday</i>		
12/11/26*	The Briar Club	Kate Quinn
1/22/27	The Frozen River	Ariel Lawhon
2/26/27	The Great Alone	Kristin Hannah
3/26/27	Killing England	Bill O'Rielly

**special date for holiday celebration in Parish Hall*

Plan ahead to join us!

Friends are always welcome

School News



HTES News September 2026

It's another new year at HTES! We have lots of exciting news to share with you! As you know, we now have the Light the Path Thrift Store! This store will help by giving us another way to connect with the community, by providing our Extended Transition Program participants with a place to learn critical job skills, and by adding to our revenue stream to ease the burden on our faithful church family. I can't thank enough the incredible task force members: Mary Janicki, Robin Michell, Krissy

McKevitt, Dennis Ritchie, and Dawn Berge. They've done an outstanding job turning Fr. Samuel and Lynn & Bud Kirby's vision into reality! There have been so many who have volunteered and contributed to this big venture including Kathy Wolfe, Gisselle Martinez, Sid & Deb Yee, Randy Siver, Jim Kelly, and countless others! I also want to thank our store manager, Patrick Leclerc. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped get the thrift store off the ground.

In other big news, we officially received the "big check" from the state appropriations committee! Nan Cobb presented us with a check for \$500,000 at the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce on August 27th. These funds will enable us to add classrooms and relieve the pressure on our existing space as well as build a home for our Extended Transition Program to be on our campus. We are very thankful to all who helped us obtain this funding: Fr. Samuel, Gisselle Martinez, Dr. Walter Zielinski, Steve Knowles, David Osborne, and Gavin Skinner as well as Representative Nan Cobb, Senator Keith Truenow, and their amazing staff. Our building task force is considering different modulars from several companies. We'll keep you posted on a ground breaking ceremony date!

This year we have many returning staff members and have welcomed some new faces as well! If you get a chance to stop by the school office and say hello, we now have Joanne Knight as our Office Administrator and Michelle Dozier as our School Counselor. We have also welcomed new teachers - Sarah Santana, CJ Berge, and Roger Osorio as well as a new paraprofessional, Ashley Kirkland. We are super excited to welcome Gavin Skinner, a 2026 graduate, back as a paraprofessional and Community Liaison! Both our returning and our new students have already settled into a good routine and are enjoying their new classes. We are continuing our RISE advisory classes every morning, and our first Parliament reward activity is right around the corner.

Our Extended Transition Program is better than ever! Our new ETP Coordinator, Dr. Jordan Droira, has brought a lot of terrific skill-building activities to our program and participants have already written resumes and conducted mock interviews. Several of our participants are taking college courses at South Eastern University and doing very well. We now have eight

participants at our new location at the Community United Methodist Church. The staff there have welcomed us kindly and the year is off to a great start!

I would like to thank all of the parishioners at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for the many ways they support the school. Thank you all for purchasing school items for teachers from the Apple Tree. Your constant dedication and commitment to our school is humbling and so appreciated. The Women's Guild at St. George has also donated money for teachers this fall. It is so amazing how God continues to bring people together to support our school's mission and demonstrate God's love for our students.



Holy Trinity
Episcopal School

Invites you to our
LIGHT THE PATH
2026 SCHOOL GOLF BENEFIT

Monday, October 19
Continental Country Club

- 8:30am Shotgun Start
- 4-Person Scramble
- \$125 per golfer
- Hole in one **\$10,000** cash prize! And prizes for top teams and challenges
- Includes green fees, cart, lunch, 2 mulligans, sleeve of balls, donuts & coffee

  **SCAN NOW**

Proceeds will benefit our school's Specialized Instruction & Services.

Light the Path Golf Benefit 2026: Sign up online: HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com OR grab a paper flyer from Parish Hall. We also now have updates on the food we will be serving for lunch. As you may be aware, Paulie's Oakes has closed and will no longer be able to provide the lunch like last year. However, we will be catering a delicious meal of Pulled Pork, Chicken, Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole-slaw and Mac'n Cheese. We hope you can join us!

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are looking for volunteers to help on **Tuesdays-Saturdays 10am-4pm**. Volunteer duties include cleaning, organizing, and pricing. 1, 2, 3 hours or more, everything helps! Please contact our store manager, Patrick patheatfl@gmail.com if you can help. We are also ready to receive donations of furniture and other high value items.

Apple Tree School Donations: Thank you to everyone who took an apple from the apple tree donation requests. More apples have been added to the apple tree. If you would like to help, please consider taking an apple from the apple tree. We appreciate all your help!

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