



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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**In Loving Memory
of David Wahlquist.**
9/14/1937 – 8/11/2026

Happy August Anniversary To:

- 1 - Steve & Carol Mullen
- 1 - Gary & Joan Hensley
- 2 - Stephen & Elizabeth Knowles
- 11 - George & Cheryl Pringle

Happy August Birthday To:

- 1 - Cherrie Whetsell
- 4 - Judy Bedell
- 9 - Rev. John Ferris
- 11 - Vicki Gordon
- 12 - Karen Hammen
- 16 - Judy Goodner
- 17 - Deb Siver
- 20 - Ray Liberti
- 20 - Sally Scavone
- 25 - Liz Mustin

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 September Issue by **Tuesday, August 25, 2026.**

From the Rector



Some Pictures from
Fr. Samuel's Sabbatical
spending time with family and
loved ones.





More pictures to come...



From the Senior Warden



FR. SAMUEL'S MINI-SABBATICAL:

Fr. Samuel is nearing the halfway point of his mini-sabbatical, which commenced on July 8 and will conclude on Sept. 8, 2026. Although Fr. Samuel is away, he did make arrangements for Priestly coverage for our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. However, our Wednesday Healing Services will continue to be suspended during his absence. In the meantime, all pastoral care needs should continue to be directed to the Pastoral Care Team.

Light the Path Thrift Store

There is much good news to report: the previously reported termite problem has been treated, and the bathroom and dressing room renovations have been completed. But most importantly, although the Thrift Store has not had its formal Grand Opening, it is now fully open 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. Obviously, all donations are welcome, but Patric is particularly interested in furniture of any kind.

Another point that needs to be stressed right now is that volunteer numbers, which are critical and essential to long-term success, are short of actual needs. Even stopping by for as little as an hour can make a difference, but 2 or 3 hours is even better. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our children.

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.

There's a lot going on; be sure to have a look at all the articles in this month's Tidings.

Music Director

Our esteemed Musical Director, Sharon Redding, underwent required surgery on her right hand on July 29, 2026. Consequently, she expects to be out of commission at least two weeks.

Accordingly, arrangements are in place to cover our August 2 and 9, 10:30 a.m. church services in Sharon's absence. Our very own Sara May kindly agreed to cover August 2nd and graciously volunteered to cover any additional services after August 9th, pending Sharon's recovery. (We're so grateful!) Karen Van Beek will be covering August 9th.

Update: We are told the surgery went well and we all certainly hope and pray for Sharon's speedy recovery.

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.

Apple Tree School Donations: Our annual apple tree display with teacher and school supplies requests has been updated in Parish Hall. If you are able to help, please consider taking one of the apples, purchasing the listed item(s), and bringing them in to the church or school office. Everything is appreciated! We are very grateful for all that Holy Trinity Episcopal Church does for our school!

For Pastoral Care we welcome you to contact:

1. Robin Michell (203)512-1734 | RobinMichell@yahoo.com

If Robin is not available:

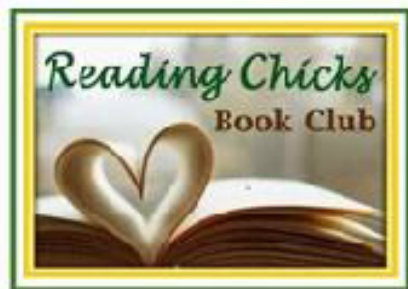
2. Karen Hammen (262)617-9641 | Karen_Hammen@yahoo.com

3. Rob Soeldner (978)895-6937 | rmsoeldner@gmail.com

Types of requests/needs include Last Rites, Sudden Death, Ministration to the Sick, Home/Hospital Visitation, Non-emergencies, Prayer shawls, Homebound Communion, etc.

If you don't receive a response in a timely manner, please call the church office Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm and Gisselle will reach out accordingly.

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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



Light the Path Golf Benefit 2026: Sign up online: HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com OR grab a paper flyer from Parish Hall. First come, first served.

Thoughts for the Soul

“If Jesus had preached the same message that ministers preach today, He would never be crucified.” Leonard Ravenhill

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.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DONATIONS If you would like to help, 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. Thank you!



Contact Information

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In-Person & Livestream Services:

Saturday 4:15pm (Sanctuary) (Nov-April)

Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)

Sunday 10:30am (Sanctuary)(FBLive)

Wednesday Healing 11:30am (Chapel)(FBLive)

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