



# The Tidings

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### Prayer, Participation and Patience

This past weekend (April 23 & 24), the Vestry and several other leaders gathered at Canterbury Conference & Retreat Center to reflect on what God might be calling us to be and do at this point in our history as a faith community. We reviewed a lot of information emanating from previous meetings, congregational surveys, and other conversations regarding the need for a renewed focus on our church's "Growth and Development."



We also spent some time reflecting on what experts have identified as major characteristics of growing churches. Almost all the experts seemed to agree that a healthy and growing church has to have both an inward focus and an outward focus. The inward focus has to do with providing opportunities for people to grow spiritually, socially, and other ways. The outward focus has to do with being nurtured and equipped to be the salt and light in the world – in our neighborhoods, in our work places, and beyond.

The more we reflected on the work to which God has called us, the more we were encouraged by what is already happening despite the limitations related to the pandemic. We noted, with deep gratitude, the wonderful work being done by all our ministry teams, staff, and all of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to sustain our shared life and mission. Our worship services continue to be made available to more and more people, both in-person and online; areas of our buildings and grounds that needed attention are being worked on, our pastoral care team continues to reach out to our members to see how they are doing, aspects of our fellowship such as holy hackers have resumed, our Christian formation groups have been busy, and much more. I am eternally grateful for your faithfulness.

Even as we praised God for the wonderful work being done during these challenging times, we begun to imagine other possibilities for growth and development of our church beyond the pandemic. Several areas were identified and task forces established to explore those possibilities. Information on those possibilities will be made available as soon as it is compiled.

As I think about our need for sustained growth and development as a church, I wish to suggest three core values that will be critical for our success. They are prayer, participation, and patience.

### **Prayer**

Prayer has been defined as conversation with God. If indeed the work we are engaged in is God's work, then it is fundamentally necessary for us to be continually engaged in in conversation with Him over this work. We will certainly need God's guidance, if we are to do what He is calling us to do. Perhaps more importantly, we will need God's help because without God's help we can do nothing. (John 15:5, Baptismal Covenant).

### **Participation**

God has called and equipped each one of us to participate in his work. St. Paul reminds us that "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10). Each

one of us has something to contribute to the work. Participation is not simply about our willingness to participate but also our willingness to encourage and allow others to participate according to their gifts. Two equal challenges to fulfilling participation in God's mission is the unwillingness for some to participate and the unwillingness of some to let others participate. The Servant Song articulates this point more eloquently in its first verse:

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as  
Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my  
servant too.

**Patience:** Perhaps the most important ingredient for successful and sustainable growth is patience. Good things do not just happen. They take time. Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) that is most scarce; even among God's people. We need to be patient with God because His timing is the best; and we need to be patient with each other because we are not always on the same page or have the same passion about a particular initiative. If we need majority participation, we will need to be patient with one another.

Even as we look forward to the immediate and long-term future of our mission, may we be encouraged and inspired by the faithfulness of those who came before us; being confident that the God who began the good work many years ago, will bring it to completion on the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6). He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21).

*By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva*

## **Vestry Minutes – by Zoom**

### **Apr. 21, 2021**

Present: Dan Curtis, Fr. Samuel, Randy Siver, Deb Yee, Liz Mustin, Mark Welton, Sara May, Peggy Barry, Russ Casson, Justin McCallister, Barbara Cogley.

Absent: David Aldrich, Jim Kelly.

The meeting was opened at 7 PM with prayer by Fr. Samuel.

## **Holy Trinity Holy Trinity Episcopal School**

**Report compiled for the ending of March 31, 2021. Submitted by Justin McCallister Head of School on Apr. 15, 2021**

### **1. Human and Capital Resources:**

- **Staff Update-** Mr. Squire has taken a leave of absence due to his health. Mr. McCallister has taken over 3 of his morning classes and Mrs. Nicolosi has taken over the other 3 classes. He is planning on returning in the Fall.
- **HTES Garden-** The garden is slowly coming together at the school. We are currently growing sweet potatoes and ginger with more on the way. This was formerly led by Mr. Squire however Mrs. Nicolosi and Mr. McCallister are leading it.
- **Insurance Claim** – Our claim was accepted, and a check was sent out for \$3,298.80. There was a \$2,500 deductible.

### **2. Students & Families:**

- **Spring Break** – HTES Spring Break was from March 12-19.

### **3. Finances:**

- **Scholarship Distribution**-Last distribution of scholarships will be in April.
- **CPA**-The school will receive over \$250,000 dollars in scholarship money for the 2021-2022 school year. We will need to hire a CPA who is certified in Florida Scholarship assessment forms. The average cost will ~\$5,000.

**[Editor's note: Each student receives an allotment, referred to as a Scholarship, from the State of FL for attending an alternative/private school which best serves their needs. This is provided in lieu of costs associated with public school attendance.]**

## **School Support Team---Jim Kelly**

On Wednesday evening, March 31, 2021 a review of the proposed 2021-2022 HTEC School Budget was conducted. The meeting was facilitated by Mark Welton and the budget was presented by Church Treasurer, Russell Casson and Head of School, Justin McCallister. The following representatives of the School Support Team School Board candidates were in attendance: Paul Harmon, Terry Osborn, Floyd Cogley and Jim Kelly.

As an administrative formality, Nondisclosure Agreements were signed and submitted to Justin McCallister.

For the benefit of Candidate School Board, the proposed budget review included a very informative discussion of future plans and current school operations, enrollment, and staffing. Key points included:

- 2021-2022 School Year budget \$343,265 (which is a 12.4 % increase over last year's budget of \$305,454.)
- Anticipated 2021-2022 School Year Student Body = 39 students
- The school will be accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 School Year until the end of June.
- Student enrollment draws from the Tri-county areas of Sumter, Lake and Marion county.
- Maximum capacity based on current facilities and established student teacher ratios is estimated to be 42 students
- Planned coverage is currently 6th through 12th grade.
- There is no plan at this time to expand grade coverage.
- Full in-person school is planned to resume in the fall.

HTES Bylaws submitted in February are still under Diocesan review.

HTEC Salvation Army Breakfast is primed to start back on May 11, 2021. The Salvation Army Breakfast coordinator had confirmed that strict COVID-19 protocols are in place: the

breakfast service team never has in-person contact with the patrons.

As a token of the Vestry's appreciation for the School teachers and Staff an Edible Arrangement Slice of Sweet Fruit platter was delivered to the school on March 26, 2021

Head of School, Justin McCallister has informed the School Support Team that he will be unable to personally interview candidate volunteer tutors and start their training in preparation for the school year starting next fall. As a work around, he has put together a list of questions for his Administrative Assistant, Kadie Chidester, to interview them and from there start getting them through the background process. Historically, the selection and screening of tutors has been conducted by the Head of School out of concern for the safety and education of the students, nonetheless the School Support team supports this revised plan and has offered to provide assistance in this process to whatever degree Justin is comfortable.

The School Support Team Lead, Jim Kelly arranged and participated in an introductory meeting between Fr. Samuel and parishioner, Dr. Robin Brown to discuss Robin's leading role in the evolution and implementation of our school's outstanding reading program for students with dyslexia and related learning disabilities. (Our reading program is unique in the Diocese of Central Florida and we plan for it serve as a model for other schools in our system.)

Discussion, inspired and spurred on by Fr. Samuel, also got into developing an action plan for the School Support team, with or without the School Bylaws, which are currently under Diocesan review. In the near future, Senior Warden, Dan Curtis and Jim Kelly plan to set up a meeting to discuss this scenario.

### **Financial Reports - Russ Casson**

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted. Russ stated that March showed a deficit for the school budget which was expected. The State money should be received this month. Overall expenses are within expectations compared to budget.

Church pledges and open plate in March were better than budgeted. Most expense categories were also within budget.

### **Old Business: -**

A proposal was discussed regarding the Vestry Retreat and the Vestry voted unanimously to authorize \$500 from the church budget for the Vestry Retreat scheduled for April 23-24, 2021. The Vestry members will pay the remainder of the fee.

The new COVID 19 guidelines from the Diocese were discussed and HTEC will continue with our current guidelines secondary to the size of our church.

### **Team Updates**

#### **Building and Grounds—Randy Siver**

- 1) Outdoor lighting is being upgraded with dusk to dawn timers. This will help with security and beautification.
- 2) Bark chips have been added to the school giving enhancement to the area.
- 3) Siding repairs have been done to the parish hall on a temporary basis until we can address the whole replacement project.
- 4) Electrical contractors have been looking into the safety and subsequent upgrading of our electrical service in both the church and parish hall.
- 5) The sanctuary window renovation project continues on course. We see a new one installed about every 2 to 3 weeks apart. Several folks have asked to help with the cost of renovating the circular stained window above the main entrance to the church.
- 6) The roof leak in the “new” school modular is reportedly being totally repaired by replacing the whole roof.
- 7) The jury is still out regarding replacement of the church and parish hall buildings. The insurance company has sent an adjuster out and we are awaiting their analysis.

### **Communications—Deb Yee**

**The Tidings Newsletter:** Met with Fr Samuel to review his requests for enhancing The Tidings Newsletter. Those plus additional changes will

reflect starting with our May 2021 issue and include:

- Table of Contents Box
- Summarized/Highlighted Vestry Minutes vs. Insertion of Secretary's full Minutes.

A copy of the full Minutes will still be available in the Parish Hall and assumedly, by personal email. We want to ensure to maintain transparency within the parish without publishing our full Minutes online.

- More Photos reflective of church and school
- Spiritual Poetry – submissions by Ron Whetsell (already published)
- History Corner – highlight something of interest from Ivan Ford's History of Holy Trinity
- HTES Corner – highlight a photo, news, or accomplishment at the School

#### **Press/Publicity and Livestreaming:**

- An April 17 article in the Daily Sun featured Holy Trinity's-stained glass (and colored glass) windows. Met with reporter onsite prior to; R Siver participated in meeting.
- Inserted reference articles on Facebook and on website in support of above article in event readers directed there sought more information regarding our historic window renovation project.
- Meeting set May 10 with Reference /Adult Services Librarian of Fruitland Park Library. It will be an onsite visit to video our Cemetery and gather historical insights to include in her online article on Cemeteries in Fruitland Park.
- Livestreaming Wed. Healing (Deb Yee) and Sunday 10:30 (David Fleming) worship services continue on Facebook. Uploads to website and YouTube (Terry Banks). New Mevo Start livestream-friendly camcorder was researched and sourced by D. Fleming and purchased by church (\$400 Best Buy) and is now in use for Sunday service. Enhanced picture, less background sound interference, supports pans, zooms, cuts. All configuration and live use are done

through an app on a paired tablet. Zoom and resize with a touch screen capacity. Allows use of internal mic as well as external sound sources (speakers).

Still on agenda:

- a) Scheduling onsite visit of a sound professional familiar with current church livestreaming and audio/visual technology to conduct a comprehensive analysis of what we have and current results; what we need to provide desired results. Cost out several scenarios. Identify funding. (Consultant to St James Episcopal Church, Leesburg likely candidate for consulting visit.)
- b) Website content uploads
- c) Updating of various church brochures and handouts and creation of several more.

#### **Parish Life—Barbara Cogley**

The phone calls and emails asking for the year of wedding anniversaries of our parishioners has been completed. We did not get answers to several of our calls and emails. Several attempts were made to contact them and time given for response. The thinking is that these individuals do not wish to participate.

The CPR and AED classes have been completed and we had 4 individuals complete the classes. There are several other individuals in the church who are certified through other groups in the community. Thank you to Scott Colligan for his time and talent for doing the CPR and AED class.

Plans for the policies review are to taken to Peggy for typing and then to Vestry for review and approval. The church does not have many actual policies. Documents in the policy book are information documents. I will be scheduling a meeting with Peggy this coming week.

When the Bishop gives the permission, the hospitality committee will meet and plan after service refreshments and other welcome back events. Personally, I would prefer that we have a limited amount of food after services. This should be a time to meet and greet.

## **Christian Education-- Liz Mustin**

We changed the time of the Christian Ed class to 10:00 on Thursday's so that Ron Whetsell could continue to teach and make it to the hospital for his volunteering duties. We have six sessions in the Trilogy called, "The Resurrected Life, Making All Things New." This class will end on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will begin the third book in the Trilogy which is called, "The Spirit-Filled Life", All the Fullness of God. This is a 6-week class with weekly titles of: Baptized, Adopted, Transformed, Equipped, Empowered, and Anointed.

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## **Rector Report—Fr. Samuel**

It is now 11 weeks since I started my role as rector of Holy Trinity. Since then, I have learned so much but there is still a lot more to learn about the uniqueness about this wonderful community of faith. All I can say that, I am truly blessed to participate in the shared life and mission of Holy Trinity. Some of the highlights of the past month include but not limited to:

1. **Holy Week & Easter** - All the scheduled services went as planned and were well attended; sometimes exceeding our expectations. Easter Sunday was a truly glorious celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Many thanks to all who worked to make it such a success.

2. **Ministry, Leadership, & Mission** "MLM" (formerly Fresh Start): I was able to participate in this diocesan program for new clergy in the diocese. My particular group is comprised of seasoned clergy who are new to the Diocese of Central Florida. A separate group is designed for newly ordained clergy. The meeting was held at the diocesan office in Orlando where we spent time reflecting on the fundamentals of church vitality and growth. We covered two topics - Congregational Sizes and their dynamics, and Congregational Life Cycles. The meeting was preceded by Holy Eucharist with Bishop Brewer as celebrant and preacher.

3. **Engagements:** I was able to continue my engagements with several members of our church in an effort to get to know them and the things they are passionate about.

- Met a parishioner who attends church online but needed to meet me in person
- Met a couple who also have only recently been able to leave the house due to COVID precautions but wanted to visit with me in person
- Met two members of the school support team to share perspectives on the school
- Met the Head of School and the guidance counselor to discuss my role in the school. Agreed that current involvement in the school will remain informal and limited as we discuss a more formal role beginning the next school year.



- Attended Holy Hackers golf outing and met some parishioners who still prefer watching our services online. I was able to have lunch with them. It was interesting to spend time with people without masks. Even those familiar ones looked like strangers with their masks off.
- Continued my weekly meetings with the wardens to discuss matters of importance and plan the upcoming retreat.
- Met with organist and choir director to explore possibility of using individual (one at a time) choir members to sing hymns during the 10:30 am service.
- I attended the Invite, Welcome, and Connect meeting where we reviewed the various aspects of the program. Our next meeting will focus on planning for the Fall regathering. It is our hope that most people will have been vaccinated by then and will have reached a level of herd immunity.
- I continue to participate in the Wednesday and Thursday Bible Studies both of which are very well done. I will continue promoting them because I believe in their significant contributions.

4. **Worship Survey:** I conducted another worship survey to assess interest in the Saturday 4:15 pm service. Around 30% of the 76 respondents indicated their interest in the Saturday 4:15 pm service, 40% expressed interest in the 8:00 am service, 61% expressed interest in the 10:30 am service, 23% expressed interest in the online services either live or recorded, while only 5.6% (4 respondents) expressed interest in the proposed Sunday 9:15 am service in the Parish Hall. The comments included a significant number of people who indicated that they intended to return up north for the summer. Other comments referred to the request to use Rite 1 at the 8 am service. Overall, the comments were positive with several urging us to continue improving our online worship experiences (better sound and video).

#### 5. Looking Forward

- Leadership Retreat: I am looking forward to our retreat this coming weekend. I am excited to know that many of you along with other leaders will be able to attend. I am

sorry that some of you will not be able to attend. I am looking forward to sharing my thoughts and feelings about our shared life and mission. I am particularly excited about the emerging idea of the school as a major component of our mission as a parish.

- Pastoral Care/Lay Eucharistic Visitors: The diocese has allowed us to resume visiting parishioners in their homes. It is my intention to regather the Lay Eucharistic Visitors to review our procedures for clergy and lay Eucharistic visits or other pastoral visits.

6. **Personal:** We officially became Floridians by acquiring the Florida Drivers Licenses and transferring our car titles. I received both my two COVID vaccine shots while Rose had one.

She will get her second at the end of the month. Rose started working at the Village Veranda Assisted Living in Lady Lake (only 2.6 miles from the Rectory).

#### New Business—

The Care Fund now has over \$10,000 and the Capital Fund has \$3,100. The Care fund monies will be distributed when Justin has the names of students whose families need assistance with tuition due to the pandemic and the remainder will go to the Salvation Army and Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Meeting closed with prayer by Fr. Samuel at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara Cogley Vestry Secretary

#### Sr. Warden – Dan Curtis

I pray this finds all of you healthy and well. The months are flying by, hopefully leading to a quick reunion of our entire Holy Trinity family. It has been so wonderful to see more of you each Sunday and especially during Easter week. Hopefully you have been immunized and feeling some relief as I know I am. While many of us are getting vaccinated we still must keep our guard up. The Diocese has issued new guidelines which relax some of the restrictions and requirements, but the Vestry and Fr. Samuel still believe that it is not wise, given the size of our church and average parishioner age, that we

relax any of our guidelines for the time being. We have discussed some ideas for outdoor gatherings, possibly in the courtyard, that would allow us to safely experience some much needed fellowship.

This past weekend (April 23 and 24) we had a Leadership Retreat at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. We had thirteen participants from the Vestry, Fr. Samuel, and a few other parishioner/ministry leaders. The two days were spiritual, we got to know one another better, and we had great discussion about the health and future of Holy Trinity. We reviewed our progress prior to the pandemic and loss of Rector in 2020, assessed where we are relative to the characteristics of a healthy church, and discussed where do we go from here to prepare for transitioning out of pandemic mode and moving forward. Fr. Samuel shared with us what he considers important for a healthy church and how he sees Holy Trinity. It was very encouraging to me that Fr. Samuel's priorities are exactly in line with our current strategy to develop our ministries, especially our school. Fr. Samuel articulated an outline of a Vision for Holy Trinity that he and the Wardens (Randy Siver and me) have been formulating in our weekly meeting.

Several follow up action items came out of the retreat:

- 1) Our Mission Statement, who we are, will be simplified and articulated for all parishioners.
- 2) Our Finance Team will establish a Task Force to research and make recommendations for making Stewardship an on-going process, versus a 6-week campaign.
- 3) Because of its importance in today's world our Communication Team will work to complete and enhance our website's content.
- 4) An outline will be developed for each Vestry member to use for the capture and transfer of annual plans, key projects, ideas, etc. for new Vestry members coming into office in January 2022. This was identified as critical as six of our nine current members will complete their term this year.

- 5) A Task Force will be organized to research, over the next several months, the physical expansion needs potentially necessary in the future as both Holy Trinity Church and School continue to grow and add to our community. We are Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and School, we are one, we must look at our future together and make decisions that are best for both. The Task Force will explore concepts that would efficiently and effectively provide needed space while still maintaining our current beautiful historic church as the center of our worship services. This committee will communicate progress as it moves forward.

I hope to see you all soon. Stay safe, keep your guard up, and please consider vaccination for the good of all if you have not already done so.

God's Peace

Dan Curtis, Sr. Warden



**Fr Samuel Speaking to the group at the Leadership Retreat.** *(Not pictured: Dan Curtis, Dianne Casson, Russ Casson, Parker Bauer, Dave Aldrich, and Pat McLaughlin)*

## Treasurer's Report



## Financial Giving: Pledges

Received \$68,645

Budgeted \$65,000

Difference \$3,645



Pledge monies received through March are more than budgeted. Thanks to our parishioners for your faithful giving.

Russ Casson, Treasurer

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Submitted by  
Liz Mustin & David Aldrich,  
Team Leaders

## Holy Hackers

### Golf Fellowship



The Holy Hackers Golf Scramble (9 holes) for May is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** at

**Pennbrooke Fairways at 9:30am.** If you have not yet signed-up to play, but would like to, simply [e-mail me](#) asking to be added to the list of players. That's all that's needed! Singles and twosomes are welcome as are *all* levels of players. Join us for social play and great fellowship!

Your Golf Guy  
Pat McLaughlin  
[Pmclaugh7@gmail.com](mailto:Pmclaugh7@gmail.com)



## Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Office of Lake and Sumter County sent out a letter this month seeking money to refill their shelves with non-perishable food items. We at Holy Trinity collect food on a weekly basis for them. They wrote that the need in our community is greater than at any other time. They do not see an end to the need of families in our area. So here I ask on their behalf, please bring in some items of food to add to the Red Wagon. They specifically asked for Cereals, Canned Meats, Pasta Sauces, and Soups. They are so very appreciative when we deliver our food to their office.

I thank you in advance.  
God Bless,  
Annette Freeman

## ROTA

Just when we thought that the challenges for scheduling the ROTA would calm down with the end of Easter season, we are faced with a new challenge.

Now that Father Samuel wants to have LEMs at the services and has added a Saturday service. We are faced with not enough people wanting to serve at services. We are in need of all

positions, LEM, Lector and Ushers for the Saturday service. The 8:00 Sunday service is in need of LEMs. The 10:30 is okay with some people having to serve multiple services.

If you have ever thought you would like to participate by serving, please let the office or me know. LEMs require training and a license. Other positions need some simple instructions.

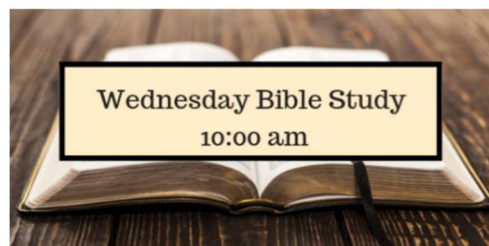
These positions are what make the services work. Your Church needs your help. Please consider serving or returning to service if you served in the past. With Covid protocols in place and more people getting vaccinated the chances of getting the Virus if you serve are not likely.

As always, thank you to the loyal few who have served through the pandemic and those who have now returned to service.

Pat Casson  
ROTA coordinator  
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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – DROP IN!



### Bible Study on Zoom

#### Wednesdays at 10:00am

Led by Rev. Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes  
Join us as we study the lessons for Sunday!

## Adult Forum on Zoom

Thursdays at 10:00am (*new time*)


Co-led by Ron Whetsell and Fr. Samuel

### *The Resurrected Life: Making All Things New*

New topic of focus each week. A short DVD and guided discussion class. All welcome!

**Join Us! To participate:** find the zoom link in the *This Week at Holy Trinity* hotline email sent to all parishioners or contact the church office. Don't zoom? No worries. You can participate by phone; details in the email.

### Our Service Schedule Effective May 1st



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**Join Us -**  
We believe you'll find you've come home.

**Saturday 4:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Healing Service**

Please call ahead (Mon-Thu) to reserve seating  
Live on Facebook @holytrinityfruitlandpark  
Recorded Services [www.holytrinityfp.com](http://www.holytrinityfp.com)

In response to parishioner requests, Fr. Samuel has announced several changes to our worship service schedule, effective Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

As a growing number of us are fully vaccinated and returning to in-person worship, our Sunday pews are near capacity. To enable everyone who wishes to worship in-person to do so, our **Saturday 4:15pm service is returning!** Also returning is the use of **Rite I at the 8:00am service.** At the end of 6 weeks, both these changes will be evaluated and revisited, as necessary. These changes are reflected in our weekly public ad below. Please note that safe distancing and seating, as well as other diocesan Covid-19 guidelines, will still be observed. Rite II worship will be celebrated on Sunday at 10:30am and on Saturday. As always, please

reserve your seats with Peggy at 352.787.1500!  
**Prefer to Worship at Home?** Livestreaming of our Wednesday Healing and Sunday 10:30am services will continue!



### High Tides

A poem by Ron Whetsell, May 2020

I endure life's high tides,  
As they crash against my shore,  
The devil turns truth to lies,  
I feel I can bear no more.

Just as it seems that all is lost,  
The finger of your hand appears,  
I lift my head to see the cross,  
A price you paid so dear.

The tides recede with you in sight,  
And the lies recede from me,  
The winds and waters put to flight,  
My faith has calmed the sea.

## INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT VIDEO



**What's the Invite-Welcome-Connect Ministry all about? Click [here](#) to watch a brief video overview!**

We have aligned existing ministry teams of Newcomers, Hospitality, and Membership into this framework of how we go about intentionally inviting, extending hospitality and welcome, and then connecting folks within our faith community to create a real sense of belonging.

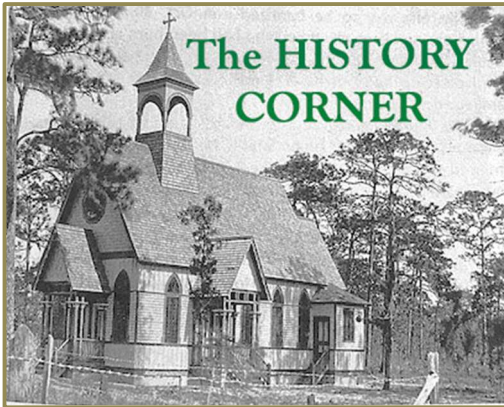
*Happy Anniversary*

Gary & Julie Sligh  
Richard & Charlotte Barringer  
Dan White & Jay Summers  
Janice Haake & Rob Pilkington  
David & Marcella Gnau

*Happy Birthday*

Carole Haase  
Deb Yee  
Janey Pullen  
Gary Sligh  
Kathy Torian  
Dorothy Ione Gray  
Neven Matthews  
Terry Osborn  
Sharon Redding  
Susy Brown  
Lois Kelley  
Lili M. Panlilio  
Julie Sligh  
Walt Albers  
Ivan Ford





## Our Rare Lych Gate

One of the church's many notable features, the lych (rhymes with "ditch") gate is located in the fence fronting Spring Lake Road. It was erected in 1889 and funded by parishioner Emily Tatham. Tatham was a life-long Quaker but worshipped regularly as an Episcopalian. Lych gates are often found in Anglican and European churchyards but are fairly rare in this country. Their purpose is to serve as a resting place for the casket and pall bearers before the priest meets and accompanies the funeral procession into the church or to the burial site. Prayers were said there with the family before the

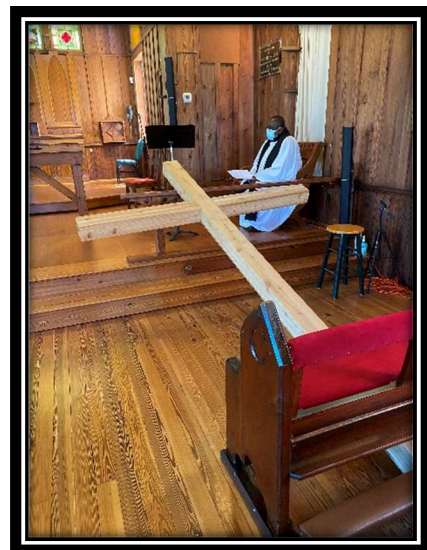
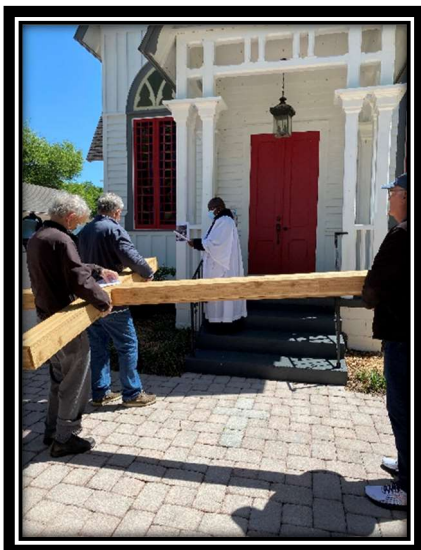
procession, as seen in the image featuring The Rev. Francis J. Wilson c. 1922-27. On March 12, 2011, the Timucua Chapter of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century conducted an historic marking ceremony of the lych gate. The event was outdoors, well attended, and covered by the Leesburg Commercial newspaper. One may see the plaque presented by the Chapter installed by the gate. Source: *Coming Home: The History of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fruitland Park FL*, a book written by beloved parishioner Ivan Ford, 2003. This chronicle of our church's history through 2009 is available for purchase

on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).





# Stations of the Cross on Good Friday



# EASTER SUNDAY 2021

