



The Tidings

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The Gift of Resilience

“... but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”
Romans 5:3-5.



The above is one of the many verses in the Bible that can be a source of great encouragement in such a time as this.

Watching the news about the surge in COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths, the tragedy in Afghanistan, the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in Tennessee, and other distressing news, one may wonder whether there is any hope for better days ever. The good news is that Yes, there is still hope.

Perhaps the question to ask is how to find and maintain hope in the midst of so much suffering. I wish to suggest that such hope is found and sustained by the gift of resilience. Resilience is a term that has attracted the attention of scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplines. It is defined as the “ability to overcome or recover

from adversity.” In other words, the question to ask is: How do we overcome or recover from the adversities of our time? In my experience, there are at least three things we need to be and remain resilient.

Gratitude

Gratitude as it relates to resilience is the ability to find something good in the midst of so much that is bad. When we see something good in the midst of so much that is bad, we realize that there is some hope left. We are able to see some light at the end of the tunnel. That light gives us reason to keep going and looking forward to the time when good will eventually overcome evil. Even with the distressing images out of Afghanistan, I found myself feeling grateful that somehow God has spared the 6 million residents of Kabul from the horrors of war. While the situation there is very volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA), the ongoing evacuation is giving hope to so many.

Creativity/Agility

One of the ways we are able to be and remain resilient in the face of adversity is by creatively adjusting to the situation by finding new ways to accomplish your goals. I have been amazed at how this pandemic has unleashed a wave of creativity which will serve us well for many more years to come.

Patience

Perhaps the greatest factor in one's ability to remain resilient in the face of adversity is patience. Patience is defined as “the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.” We need to be patient with ourselves, with others, and more importantly with God.

As I look at the challenges of our time, I am grateful for the gifts of gratitude, creativity/agility, and patience that I see in our parish family. These gifts have helped us overcome so much adversity and will help us recover from whatever is yet to come. My prayer is that God will fill us with more gratitude, more creativity/agility, and more patience. May the suffering of our time produce in each one of us endurance, character, and hope that does not disappoint.

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” Romans 8:24-25

Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

Below is an excerpt from Bishop Brewer's email sent recently regarding revised COVID-19 guidelines across the diocese.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The past few weeks have offered a reminiscent glimpse of diocesan life pre-COVID-19: joy- and spirit-filled priesthood ordinations, long overdue family gatherings and the familiar combination of excitement tinged with nervousness felt by our youth as they returned to a new school year. Quite frankly, it has been marvelous to do “normal” again.

As many of you know, I rise early, enjoying the quiet of a new day and sharing time with God as I prepare my mind and heart for what lies ahead. This morning I was overcome by the need to write down all that is stirring within me as I try to process the unsettling news and current events taking place in our own community and on the world stage: rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in overcrowded, understaffed hospitals, a devastating and deadly earthquake in Haiti and chaos and desperation in Afghanistan. It is as if all of the gains we had been making have vanished and that we are back to where we were a year ago. A verse from the Psalm appointed for this morning's Eucharist scriptures seems to have been written for a time such as this:

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

-Psalm 139:22

Despite our weariness, the time has come to revise our diocesan COVID-19 guidelines. Our concern is for the safety of all persons which calls for our willing sacrifices during the escalation of the highly contagious COVID-19 variants. Each of our churches is impacted differently by COVID-19 and I recognize that Rectors might need to make adjustments to best

fit their own unique congregation. Please note, however, that when I visit churches in our diocese, I will expect all of these guidelines to be in place. I also strongly encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated to do so and for those who have been vaccinated I urge you to discuss receiving a booster vaccine with your medical professional.

May God bless you and watch over you.

Grace to you,

+Greg Brewer

Vestry Minutes Summary

August 18, 2021

Present: Fr. Samuel, Dan Curtis, Jim Kelly, Sara May, Russ Casson, Peggy Barry, David Aldrich, Mark Welton, Barbara Cogley.

Absent: Liz Mustin, Deb Yee, Randy Siver, Justin McCallister.

Fr. Samuel opened the meeting with prayer at 6:40 PM.

Holy Trinity Episcopal School—Jim Kelly stated that school began on August 16th and that we have 45 students. Planning continues for the Annual Holy Trinity School Golf Tournament on October 30, 2021, a fundraiser for the school. Online registration will open soon.

Jim also stated that the Salvation Army is very happy with our participation in their programs and that we are a great help to them. They presented our workers with Salvation Army shirts.

Russ Casson, Treasurer, reported that July is the first month of the school year and activity was light with little revenue reported.

Old Business

Worship services were discussed in length and the safety of our congregation was our primary concern. The Diocese has sent new guidelines regarding the COVID concerns in Central Florida. The decision was made to strongly encourage masks at all services regardless of vaccination status and masks are to be worn when singing. We will reinstate the practice of ushers releasing individuals at the end of service by row, starting from the back of the church, to

prevent close contact. Coffee hour was discussed and Jim Kelly made a motion to suspend coffee hour for the time being, second by David Aldrich, unanimously approved. Bounce Back Sunday which was planned for Sunday, October 3rd was discussed and was suspended until further notice. Indoor fellowship and large gatherings will be suspended for the present time. Small outdoor gatherings will be allowed. The IWC welcome gathering scheduled for August 27, 2021 is cancelled. Fr. Samuel will email the changes to all parishioners after he reviews the Diocese's COVID protocol.

Task force update (HTEC and School Vision Team) is waiting for the School Board to complete the needs assessment for the school.

The work on the simplified Mission statement continues with the focus being on the three B's—Belong, Become and Bless.

The finance team will meet and discuss Stewardship as a continuous process throughout the year. Mark Welton will make the meeting arrangements.

The Vestry continues the work of developing an information transfer for Vestry members. Sara May has developed an outline for current Vestry Members to complete. The goal is to create a list of items so that Vestry members can consistently capture and transfer plans, history and key information and pass that on to new members and team leaders.

Financial Review—Russ Casson

The financial reports were presented, reviewed and accepted as presented.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9 PM.

Sr. Warden Report

Greetings friends, I hope this finds you all well. I have just returned from my lake cottage on Chautauqua Lake in Western NY. Hard to leave but I am glad to be back, even if it is over 90 every day and COVID is running wild again. Below is a photo taken from the deck of the cottage, we were greeted by a historic steamboat, the Chautauqua Belle, just before I

left. A nice memory to leave with, my grandson watching the Belle from the dock.



While away I became even more thankful for the streaming of our Sunday service. It does provide a sense of connection, no matter how far away I am. Speaking of connection, one of my disappointments upon returning was the need to once again be involved, with Fr. Samuel, in assessing the new COVID Guidelines from our Diocese and re-establishing stricter guidelines for our church, especially the 10:30 service. Just when we were almost feeling normal, we have to slip back into more restrictive togetherness. Very frustrating, especially when there is so much excitement being together to worship as we used to, to enjoy a cup of coffee together, plan fellowship and celebration activities. We feel so much promise for Holy Trinity Church and School, now we are delayed again because the virus is allowed to continue, mutate, and cause illness and death. All because some refuse to be vaccinated, discouraging..... but not hopeless. I still feel confident this too shall end and we will be allowed to get back to the open worship, fellowship, and activities we so enjoy and need.

The Vestry continues to lead the various teams and will do as much as is safely possible to advance our plans for church and school. Our school has essentially reached capacity this year with 45 students, and we have a newly formed school board, led by Jim Kelly, that is working with our head of school, Justin McCallister in governing the school as well as working to continue improvement and growth. Growing the school is of primary importance as it continues to be our greatest asset and ministry.

Within the next month Fr. Samuel will be forming a Nominating Committee for the next Vestry election in January. This next election will require the election of 6 new members (only 3 of current members remain), three will be elected for 2-year terms and three for the normal 3-year term. HTEC&S has a bright future and vision, a strong forward-thinking Vestry working with Fr. Samuel in the lead is critical. I hope you will consider being part of this important and rewarding leadership team.

Peace,
Dan Curtis,
Sr Warden

Junior Warden Report

August Building and Grounds update

- 1) Window project- The last 2 windows are at the woodworker's shop. They should be ready in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
- 2) As for the circular window above the main entrance to the church, our builder is preparing an approach to remove and renovate.
- 3) Some azalea bushes have been donated by a parishioner and planted near the school.
- 4) Chris has a good handle on the grounds of the church and rectory. Low hanging branches in the cemetery area have been removed.
- 5) Redesigning the school entrance area is under consideration, but finding someone to take on the project has proven difficult.

Respectfully submitted
Randy Siver, Jr. Warden

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Treasurer's Report

For all things come of Thee,
and of Thine own
have we given Thee.

Treasurer's Summary Report

July, 2021

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$138,943	\$151,667
Other Income	<u>\$ 23,855</u>	<u>\$ 20,133</u>
Total	\$162,798	\$171,800
Expenses	\$187,656	\$209,087

He that sows little shall reap little; and he that sows plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every person do according as they are disposed in their heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Russ Casson, Treasurer

HTEC School Board:

As the result of a potential COVID contact on school grounds the week of August 16, 2021 our Head of School, Justin McCallister proposed procedures and a mask mandate for the school that the HTEC School Board approved. These procedures are consistent with options available to private schools and were put together following the guidelines provided by the Florida Health Department, the Florida Department of Education, and the HTES School Board

HTEC&S Tutors

A new group of seven volunteer tutors will be joining us this school year, which will make a total of 15. Our tutor program supports our teachers and students as they work to establish and improve their study skills, math, spelling, vocabulary, English, Science and social studies. During this time students learn important life competencies such as team building stewardship and personal responsibility in our school's faith base environment .

If you are looking for an opportunity to learn and grow while giving back to your community as a tutor please consider contacting Jim Kelly at (913) 558-2636.

Salvation Army Breakfast

The Holy Trinity Men's Group continues to participate in limited Breakfast Service at the Leesburg Salvation Army post on CR44. Our team prepares breakfast on the 1st and 5th Tuesday of the month. COVID protocols for us remain in effect:

"...We will not serve through the cafeteria line, but the volunteers would prepare the hot breakfast (limited menu) and put the food intake out containers on a roll out cart. The guest will just take it from the cart and would then be able to sit at a table to eat. The volunteers would not have to leave the kitchen. ..." Salvation Food Service Coordinator

If you think you might be interested in participating in this gratifying program please contact Jim Kelly at (913) 558-2636.

Jim Kelly
HTEC School Board Chair
Vestry, School Support Team Lead

IWC Report



Invite • Welcome • Connect

The IWC (Invite Welcome Connect) Team hosted their first Newcomers get together since before the start of Covid restrictions, on Friday evening, August 13th, from 5 to 7 P.M. in the Parish Hall. We served sandwiches, relish tray, chips, fruit, cookies and beverages. Father Samuel & Rose were joined by IWC team members Dave Aldrich, Judy Gygi, Liz Mustin, Sharon Redding, and Debbie Stanton, Parish Life team leader Barb Cogley and parishioners Carol Mullen, Cheryl Pringle, Ann & Steve Oakes, and Linda Smithson. We spent the

evening introducing ourselves and getting to know a little more about each other. Those of us who were able to attend had a great time. Father Samuel concluded the evening with some of his thoughts on the next steps to becoming a member or more active participant of Holy Trinity and a closing prayer.

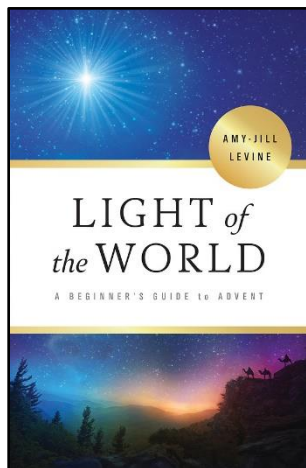
Others invited were unable to attend this time due to fears of the increase of the Delta virus, out of town travel, or other commitments. With the increase of the Delta variant of the virus and new and more restrictive Diocesan guidelines it was decided to postpone the next Newcomers event, originally planned for August 27th. The Bounce Back Sunday event planned for October has also been postponed for the time being, as has indoor fellowship.

Liz Mustin & Dave Aldrich, Team Leaders

Christian Education Report

Our committee met last week to discuss if we were going to have Christian Ed in the chapel or by zoom. Because of the increase of the Delta Virus and the Diocesan mandates not to hold large gatherings and the number of attendees at our last classes, we decided to just plan an Advent study. If things haven't improved by then so we could have the class in the Chapel we will then do it by zoom again. The title of the Advent study we chose is "Light of The World", by Amy Jill Lavine. It does come with a study book and a DVD to enhance our study. When it gets closer to Advent I will give a little information about the book. Ron Wetshell had agreed to be the leader of this class.

Submitted by Liz Mustin



Recap of the Holy Hackers Outing on Saturday, August 14th

As my maternal grandmother once told me - she said Pat (she always called me Pat because that is what my mother, her daughter, named me). Anyway, she said Pat always remember, everything is what you make of it. I never did know what she meant by that. I tried making ice cream appear out of rocks, but that did not work. I tried making apple pies out of mud pies, but that did not work. I tried making fun boy toys out of my sister's dolls, but that just got me in trouble, and grounded for a week. I also tried making my sister disappear once, but after a couple of hours my grandmother made me open the cellar door and let her out - and yep that got me grounded again. I was also going to mail her to the North Pole one time. I even put her in a fairly large cardboard box and was placing postage stamps on it when I got caught. Now I won't go into detail as to what my punishment was on that occasion. Let's just say that I am still trying to erase that exasperating experience from my memory bank...

Throughout my younger years in grade school and high school grandma's words stayed with me, but I just could not figure out "exacery" what she was talking about. I even carried her words of wisdom with me during my stint in the Air Force, college, and my career with Ford Motor Company. At times I thought maybe, just maybe, I had found the true meaning of that logical statement. But alas, I was still left to wonder what secret lay within her words of wisdom. But now - today - after many years and gray hairs - having spent 16 years at Holy Trinity and 15 years heading up the Holy Hackers - I think I just may have stumbled upon what my

grandmother was talking about. With clouds hanging overhead, the heat building all morning, and ole Fred (the tropical storm) lurking in the Gulf of Mexico - the Holy Hackers took to the golf course after a two-month hiatus, and a great time was had by all. So, in this instance the everything my grandma was referring to - or at least as I see it - is the fact that the Holy Hackers had not played in the last two months plus the bad weather hanging out there in the distance, and what the Holy Hackers made of it was a great time on the course, a good lunch, and some fantastic fellowship. And what a great morning we had.

Eighteen Holy Hackers showed up at the Pennbrooke Fairways this morning (including our beloved Rector. Father Samuel did not play, but he rode along with the team I was on, and gave us golfing pointers and spiritual guidance throughout our nine holes of play. He also kept Nevin Matthews out of trouble by acting as his chauffeur and giving him outstanding golf tips as well. I will go into more detail regarding this a little later when I give you the outcome of today's play. We also welcomed a new Holy Hacker to the fold today - Ann Okes - welcome aboard Ann. Her husband Steve was not able to play this morning, but he joined us for lunch and fellowship. We even took care of a very important Holy Hacker business matter today. Ray Vallee made a hole-in-one back on May 8th with the Holy Hackers and has been celebrating in the background ever since. He finally made it back out with us today and we were able to present him with his Holy Hacker Hole-In-One Certificate. Congratulations Ray. I was hoping that you would make another one today, but alas it was not to be.

I would rate today's overall golf playing as excellent. Three of the teams scored a (1 Under Par) 31 and they were TEAM #1 - Glenda & Walt Albert, Barbara Cogley, and Dave Aldrich; TEAM #2 - Sara & Bruce May, Ann Okes, and Mike Browne; and TEAM #5 - Ray Vallee, Terry Osborne, and Leo Oxberger. Taking 2nd Place today was TEAM #4 - Barbara Turner, Valeria McGrath, and Father Ted Koelln - yep they too had a bit of spiritual guidance today as they returned to the clubhouse sporting a (4 Under Par) 28 on their card. And now a drum

roll please - taking 1st Place in today's Holy Hackers action was TEAM #3 Neven Matthews, Gerry Howell, Pat McLaughlin, and their coach and spiritual advisor, our Rector, Father Samuel. He remains on the injured reserve list, but hopes to rejoin the action with clubs in hand in the next month or so. A big Holy Hacker congratulations to all of today's participants. Great job folks. I appreciated each and every one of you so very much. As I tell you every month without your participation the Holy Hackers could not and would not exist. You are the best.

Next month's Holy Hacker outing will take place on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 AM at the Pennbrooke Fairways. I will hold the starting time at 9:00 AM at least through September in an effort to beat some of the heat. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 AM Service tomorrow morning. And if for any reason you cannot get your name on the sign-up sheet, but would like to play - simply send me an e-mail requesting that your name(s) be added, and I will take care of it. For those of you that do not play the frustrating game of golf, but would like to join us for lunch, and some great fellowship - come on out to the Pennbrooke Fairways Club House at 10:30 - 10:45 as that is about the time we finish play and enter the restaurant.

That is about all I have for today thanks for putting up with me on this 2nd Saturday of each month. You are the greatest, and I love each and every one of you so much. I will see you on the golf course next month and in church every Sunday.

In Christ's Name
Your Golf Guy
Pat McLaughlin

Salvation Army

World events constantly vie for our attention. From Central Asia to Africa, from Europe to South America, from every hemisphere, current events are never in short supply. Have you



noticed the one constant in all the news that comes to your attention?

That one common denominator within the fabric of every world event is hunger. Be it war, the pandemic, immigration, anything you might name, there are those who struggle for food. It is easy in the midst of having plenty ourselves and a focus on news across the world, to overlook the hungry right under our nose.

I spent \$25 on lunch yesterday for myself and a friend. How far could that \$25 have gone to feed the hungry? I am not suggesting we feel guilty about enjoying what Christ has blessed us with but I do suggest you put that in the context of the power we have to make a difference in the life of a hungry family.

Put the power God has placed in your hands to work in our little red wagon! Drop your first bag of groceries in the wagon this week. Then, do it again the next week . . . and the next and the next! Afterward, pat yourself on the back because we know that feeding a stranger is like feeding Christ as we have learned in Matthew 25:34-40, Isaiah 58:10 as well as many other places in the bible.

“When people were hungry, Jesus didn’t ask, ‘now is that political or social?’ He said, ‘I feed you’. Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.” Desmond Tutu.

Submitted by Ron Whetsell

What’s the deal with the cards?

Why have I asked you to save your old greeting cards? The short answer is because I cut them into bookmarks for students at Leesburg Elementary School.

About 15 years ago I came upon the idea of cutting up old cards to make them into bookmarks for my students. As the library teacher, I had about 800 students at a time, so I needed a lot of bookmarks. At about the same time I realized that working on bookmarks on long car trips kept me awake while my husband was driving, so it has become my travel hobby.

I give the bookmarks at Christmastime. I spread a bunch out on a table and allow the kids to pick 2, one to keep and one to give as a gift. This

simple act meets a lot of needs for our little ones. First, it is always fun to receive a gift. Many of our students live in poverty and often have not had the opportunity to learn to make choices. The simple act of “shopping” and choosing is empowering. Allowing them to give something to someone else is also empowering. The dearest stories come from kids expressing their love for their parents, their friend, their teacher, their grandparent, as they look for the perfect bookmark to give away.

Some kids do not celebrate Christmas, so I always have pictures of flowers or pets, so everyone is able to participate. The stories that have come from giving these bookmarks are just wonderful. One little girl once saw a picture of the Christ child and exclaimed, “Oh, it’s Jesus! I love Jesus!” Or they find a picture of a dog like theirs or search for a Santa or search for a Christmas tree or stockings.



I hope you realize that you are the ones who given me the fodder for creating that joy through your donations of the cards for me to cut up. All occasions, all pictures are welcomed.

I retired in June of 2020. However, I will be volunteering at my old school, the children will always be “my kids” and I will continue the bookmark tradition as long as I am able.

Julie Sligh





One Step Forward

Take one step forward every day,
Be a better spouse, parent, or friend,
The tides will flow against you,
Challenge you not to begin.

Like a plant shorn of all its green,
That wears a coat of defeat,
Of broken limbs, a look forlorn,
From a worm sent with disease.

Some days your feet are heavy,
As if spun in a spider web,
That is when you call upon,
A power that never ebbs.

If you believe in the power of prayer,
The grace he freely bestows,
One step is but a little thing,
Not a leap, just one step more.

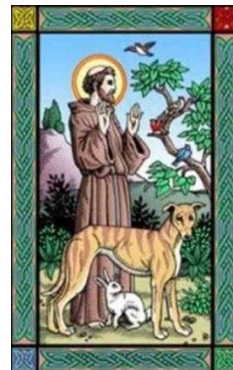
Add together your one steps taken,
Look how far you have come!
You died to him, came back again,
In the end your one step won.

By Ron Whetsell

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**October 2nd - Blessing of the
Animals. 10:00am outdoors
All Pets Welcome!**

Pets in carriers or on a leash,
Masks for their humans, please.

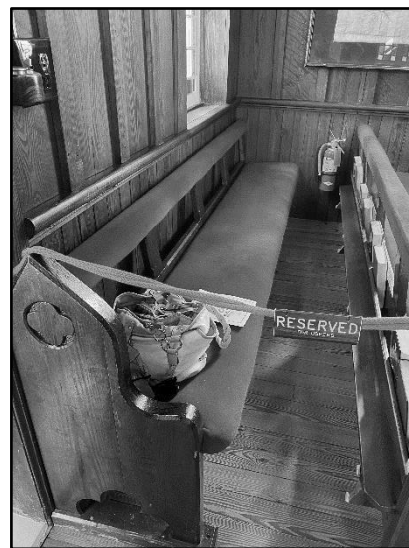


**October 3rd – Bounce Back
Sunday** has been postponed
until further notice

Fruitland Park Day was cancelled by the town until
next year

October 30th - Annual Golf Tournament –
A Fundraiser for Holy Trinity Episcopal School

From the Back Pew



Before 1989, the Church property north of the Hall had no buildings but instead was producing citrus grove. One of the Church members, Joe Prevedel, was in the Citrus business and insured the grove was sprayed, diced, and the citrus picked in January. The net proceeds from the crop were extra revenue

to the church.

Unfortunately, the grove was wiped out by the hard freeze of 1988 and never replanted.

Next month: What are the flags that hang from The walls of the Church?

Russ Casson

Happy Anniversary

P. Scott & Mary Louise Colligan
Jeanne & Roy Nicolosi
Mark & Jaleh Welton
Sally and James Scavone
Nancy & Mike Browne
Jane & Ray D'Auria

Happy Birthday

Mona Merryman
Richard Hall
James Scavone
Jillian Wagner
David Wahlquist
Diane Casson
Nanci-Anne Bogovich
Shirley Herring
Bruce A.P. May
Bob Mustin
Sherry Cunningham
Leland Lewis
Patricia Topping
Donna Robbins

New Covid Guidelines

Our Covid-safety guidelines at Holy Trinity have been revised and are now in effect. Find the guidelines in this issue on page 12. For full details, please see Fr. Samuel's email sent to all parishioners on Friday Aug 20th.

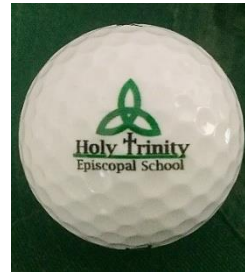
Reservations Needed for 10:30am Sunday Service (*only*)

To reserve your 10:30am seat(s), please click [this link](#).

1. Provides online reservations for this Sunday through October
2. Shows you real-time how many seats are available at each 10:30am service
3. *Please*, if your plans change – use the same link to cancel your reservation

If you prefer, you may still call Peggy at 352-787-1500 to reserve prior to 3pm on Thursdays.

Thank you! for your cooperation and for helping to keep everyone safe during this surge in viral spread.



7th Annual CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Saturday, October 30th

7:15am Registration

8:30am Shotgun Start

Harbor Hills Country Club

It's full steam ahead with our annual tournament and we are very pleased to have [Blackston Financial](#) returning as our title sponsor! 2021 marks the 7th year Holy Trinity has hosted this fundraiser for our School which serves a special segment of students – those who learn differently – from three counties here in Central Florida.

A huge thank you to all golfers and sponsors who have supported the parish's primary ministry, Holy Trinity Episcopal School, in the past. We hope you will choose to continue to support our students again this year! Your generosity has enabled past graduates to benefit from the transformational experience our School offers, and thereafter to move on to jobs, technical school, or college and a fulfilling life.

REGISTER NOW!

Please [Click Here](#) To Play, Sponsor, or Donate with no payment due until October 1st!

The link is: <https://birdease.com/htecgolf>

- Sign up to PLAY in a 4-some, 3-some, 2-some, or as an Individual
- **OR**, Sign up for one of the SPONSORSHIP levels
- **OR**, make a generous donation of \$35, \$50, \$75, or any amount! Your generosity will go a long way to helping the students with scholarships. Their families are forever grateful for your kindness. Kindly send your check PAYABLE TO: "*Holy Trinity School Golf Tournament 2021*" to the church office at: 2201 Spring Lake Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731.

The Tournament Committee looks forward to seeing you on the tee boxes!

VOLUNTEERS are the backbone of our tournament every year. *If you've volunteered in the past and wish to do so again, please email Sid Yee now!* New to the parish? Join in the fun of supporting this wonderful event with your time and talent! Please reach out to Sid Yee as below.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact me at sidney1949yee@gmail.com or 703-966-2615.

With gratitude for your support and generosity,

Sidney Yee

Golf Tournament Chairperson

Holy Trinity Church – Fruitland Park, FL.
REVISED COVID-19 GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 20, 2021

Due to the rise in the Delta variant in our state and community, the diocese has updated its guidelines on how to mitigate the threat. Based on the revised diocesan guidelines and our parish's unique circumstances, the following guidelines will guide our COVID-19 response here at Holy Trinity.

WORSHIP General for all services

- Masks are expected to be worn by everyone for all indoor worship services regardless of vaccination status. If for some reason, you cannot wear a mask, please contact Fr. Samuel for guidance.
- The celebrant and readers may briefly remove their masks to read or speak from a safe distance.
- Seating will be limited to around 50% of capacity
- Seating will be staggered to allow some level of social distancing
- Ushers will guide the seating process and exiting process
- An offering basket will be located at the back of the church; the use of collection bags is suspended.
- We will continue to offer communion bread sprinkled with communion wine until further notice.
- Communion will be brought to you in the pews.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided by the ushers, and doors will only be opened and closed by ushers.
- Restrooms are available in Parish Hall but the kitchen area remains closed with access for employees and other authorized persons only.
- Anyone who is sick, at high risk, exhibits any of the warning signs of COVID-19, or is under the weather in any way is encouraged to stay home and join us on-line to protect the health of everyone in our Holy Trinity family.

Saturday 4:15 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Services:

- No reservations required
- No congregational singing

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Service:

- Reservations required due to capacity limits. Our current attendance at this service has been exceeding the 50% mark. Reservations will be made either electronically or by calling the office no later than Thursday of every week. Congregational singing is allowed

Fellowship

- Indoor hospitality has been suspended
- Refreshments maybe served outdoors as conditions allow

Meetings

- In-person indoor meetings will be determined case by case
- Masks and social distancing will be expected for all indoor meetings at the church.

Please note that we will continue to monitor the developments and make adjustments as necessary. The safety of each one of you - our members, friends, and guests is paramount. We are particularly grateful for your cooperation and patience throughout this pandemic and hope that you will continue to the end. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or the Senior Warden for clarifications.

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

In-Person and Livestream Services:

Saturday 4:15pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)

Sunday 10:30am (Sanctuary)

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