



The Tidings

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Every Perfect Gift

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

James 1:17

It is that time of the year when we begin to look back with gratitude to the many blessings of our lives, and look forward with anticipation to what



more God has in store for us.

Among this past year's many gifts of which I am grateful is the gift of this family of faith we call Holy Trinity. While there is much I

don't know about the future, I know that our God whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end will remain faithful to the end. (Lamentations 3:22-23).

One of the common beliefs I have found in every culture I have had the opportunity to live in is that gratitude begets generosity. Grateful people are generous people. Indeed, God's people have

always known that they are blessed in order to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

One of the ways we Christians do express our gratitude to God is by offering ourselves (hearts and minds) and portions of God's blessings to us, to be used to His honor and the benefit of others. That is why, every year, we are invited to renew this commitment by prayerfully designating a portion of our financial blessings to be used in support of the church's ministries and mission in our community and beyond.

Every GOOD
and PERFECT gift
is from above.
JAMES 1:17

By now, many of you have received a letter from our stewardship co-chairs, Mark Welton & Pat McLaughlin, informing you of our Annual Stewardship Campaign which officially begins on Sunday October 31 and concludes on Sunday November 21. During this period, we will have opportunities to reflect on the theme "Every Perfect Gift" based on James 1:17 which reminds us that every good and perfect gift comes from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. We will hear from a variety of people (in person, video, or bulletin inserts) what it means to see our lives and our work as gifts from God and how to respond with gratitude and generosity. In other words, the stewardship campaign is an opportunity to discern how we may each GROW in gratitude and generosity.

A week before the last Sunday of the campaign, you will receive an Estimate of Giving card on which you will indicate how much of your anticipated financial blessings for the coming year you wish to contribute to God's mission at Holy Trinity and beyond. My hope is that whatever you decide will be done willingly and cheerfully, based on your ability. This is particularly important for as St. Paul puts it: *"Each of you must give as you have made up*

your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The last Sunday of the campaign, November 21, will be our Consecration Sunday. We encourage all who are able to bring your Estimate of Giving (Pledge) card to church so you may present it to the Lord as part of your worship experience. We will then pray over the Estimate of Giving cards as we trust God to enable us to fulfill that pledge.

My prayer is that this year's Stewardship Campaign will be for you a loving, liberating, and life-giving experience as you discover that despite the many challenges in our broken world you may be facing, you still have reason to rejoice in the Lord with a heart filled with gratitude and generosity. My hope is that at the end of this period, we will once again join our voices and sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."

(Psalm 23:6)

Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

Vestry Minutes Summary

October 20, 2021

PRESENT: Fr. Samuel, Dan Curtis, Randy Siver, Sara May, David Aldrich. Mark Welton, Peggy Barry, Russ Casson, Barbara Cogley.

VIA ZOOM: Deb Yee and Liz Mustin.

ABSENT: Jim Kelly.

Fr. Samuel opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 PM.

Dan Curtis made a motion to approve the September Vestry Minutes, second by Sara May, no discussion, unanimously approved.

Randy Siver moved that the treasurer report for September be accepted for audit. Second by Barbara Cogley, open for discussion, no discussion and approved unanimously.

Team Updates: Reports were shared via email to Vestry members and Dan asked for any updates or motions. All reports are attached to the monthly minutes and are available for

review. The reports are also included in the Tidings.

Building and grounds—Randy Siver

Randy stated that he is looking for vendors for bids for decking at the school. He also stated that the roof lawsuit deposition is scheduled for February 2022. Randy is also meeting with Pat McLaughlin to develop a time line for Gent Construction and the window costs that they submitted.

Parish Life- Barbara Cogley

Barbara noted that Annette Freeman and her sister Bonnie Hultin have agreed to have a simple outside coffee hour starting October 24 after the 8 AM service. The tent shades are in place and they will bring out the tables needed and have fellowship and some food following the service and will continue the outside service for the time being. Barbara is looking for individuals to do the 10:30 service and Deb Yee has volunteered to do October 24 and sent out a hot line asking for more volunteers for future Sundays. If you are willing to help with coffee hour after 10:30 service, please call Barbara at 352-874-1307. All help, male or female is greatly appreciated.

No other updates from the team reports.

New Business

Dan Curtis made a motion that a Human Resources Task Force comprised of Deb Yee, Mark Welton and Dan Curtis be created to establish consistent Position Guidelines that include the latest HR and legal language and policies. Seconded by Barb Cogley and approved.

Sara May made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Randy Siver seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Next meeting is November 17th, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

Fr. Samuel closed the meeting with prayer at 7:15 PM.

Respectively submitted:
Barbara Cogley
Vestry Secretary

Note: All vestry meetings are open to parishioners. Each past month's approved financial statement along with the full Vestry Meeting Minutes (including individual reports by vestry members) are available for review in the church office. Some hard copies are also placed in the literature racks in the Parish Hall.

Sr. Warden's Report

Greetings my friends! The season of Thanksgiving and Christmas is fast approaching. Before we get too distracted with holiday preparations, I want to ask you to step back, pause, and pray about several very important upcoming events in the life of Holy Trinity.

Our focused **Stewardship Campaign** will run during the month of November, culminating the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. You should have received already our Stewardship Co-Chair's letter. You will hear on three successive Sundays from an organization and individuals who will express how your gifts of generosity are transformed to helping many in need in our community. Our parishioners have always responded with generosity when called with a need. While we continue to struggle with this terrible pandemic, our resources are limited and continue to fall short of our needs. Our church does so much good for so many, please pray and consider your ability to be even more generous this next year. As for me, when I recently heard of the Social Security raise in January 2022, my immediate thought was: I can get by without that extra income. There is no reason I cannot give most of this to Holy Trinity and our mission to do His work.

The second very important event I want to mention is the upcoming **Election of New Vestry Members**. This year is especially critical as 6 of the 9 members will be replaced. Speaking from my personal experience, serving Holy Trinity on the Vestry and as Sr. Warden for four years has been challenging, but more so it has been rewarding in myriad ways; I would even say it has been a good investment, my donations

of time, talent, and wealth always yield a great return on what I have given. If you have served on a Vestry (or on a similar board) in the past, or you have a potential interest in serving Holy Trinity as a Vestry member, please pray and give the upcoming election serious consideration. To help those who may have some interest in becoming a candidate or simply want to learn more about the Vestry and its workings, we will offer a "Vestry Overview" meeting on Wednesday evening, November 10th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend. The current Vestry will be present to provide an overview of what being on Vestry is about and to answer questions from those in attendance. More information will be coming to you regarding this meeting. In the meantime, *PLEASE* consider serving your church as a member of the 2022 Vestry.

A lot to consider! I thank you all for your support, your generosity, and your love of Holy Trinity.

God's Peace,
Dan Curtis, Sr. Warden

Treasurer's Summary Report

September, 2021

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

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$180,469	\$195,000
Other Income	<u>\$ 25,881</u>	<u>\$ 22,000</u>
Total	\$206,350	\$217,000
Expenses	\$250,409	\$266,740

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offering and come into his courts.*

Psalm 96:8

Russ Casson, Treasurer

ROTA Reminders

A few reminders this month for Ushers on their valuable service as we still must practice precautions because of Covid.

When you are serving, please arrive at least 30 minutes before service. This allows time to set out the visitor's book, masks and hand sanitizer. Only the ushers should open and close the doors. Please remember to close the doors once Father Samuel and the LEM have entered the Church. The sun coming in causes issues with the camera.

PLEASE escort parishioners to the appropriate pews BEGINNING with the front pews. (An exception is the Nobles because of Cesar's health). People tend to sit in the back of the Church leaving the front very sparse. One Sunday no one was in the front five pews on the left side. Please follow the seating chart for social distancing. At the 10:30 service the bulletins are usually already in the pews in the correct seating arrangement.

For all LEMS, Lectors and Ushers:

I generally prepare the Rota by the third week of the preceding month. If you know you are going to be unavailable on a particular day if you could let me know in advance I would greatly appreciate that. Additionally, you are requested to please try to find your own replacement if you are not going to be available for a particular week you are scheduled.

We are still in need of people to serve at all services. If you have an interest to serve please contact me, Peggy in the office or even Father Samuel.

As always your service is greatly appreciated. We could not have services without you. Thank you.

Pat Casson
ROTA Coordinator

Planned Giving and Estate Planning

As reported in last month's Tidings, the foundation for our Planned Giving Program is in place, and will be "relaunched" (delayed due to Covid) at the start of the new year. Last week was National Estate Planning Week, and most of

you are certainly well aware of the importance of estate planning for your family, children, relatives, and quite possibly a school, church, or other institution that has been important to you in your life. There are many sources of great information about estate planning, such as AARP's website

(<https://giftplanning.aarp.org/personal-estate-planning-kit>). The long-term financial health of Holy Trinity is the goal of our planned giving program, and I hope many of you will consider including Holy Trinity in your estate plan. More to follow in the coming weeks and months.

Mark Welton

Planned Giving



**All Parishioners are Invited
to an**

Informational Meeting

A Vestry Overview

Wednesday, November 10th 6:30pm

Parish Hall

This informal session is being offered by your current Vestry members and Fr. Samuel to provide an overview of what being on Holy Trinity's vestry is all about and to answer any questions you may have about vestry service. Six (6) vestry members end their terms in January 2022. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider how your experience, skills, and attributes may be used in God's service on a 2-year or 3-year vestry term.

A NOTE FROM SALVATION ARMY MINISTRY



Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us look forward to everything the holiday brings. It's a chance to gather with friends and family, make memories and give thanks around the table.

But this year, Thanksgiving will feel very different for many people in Lake and Sumter counties.

For so many of our neighbors, ongoing economic hardship means their tables will be bare or sparse once again. They're not able to look forward to a joyful holiday, they're wondering instead where their next meal will come from.

That's why we hope you'll continue to help put food on their tables as you have helped in the past. Those cans and boxes of food that you bring to [Holy Trinity] on a weekly basis – they make a *real difference* in our community and we just want to remind you of this.

So, this month, can you help make this a ***“Thanksgiving for All”***?

This month as we buy food for “The Salvation Army; can we keep Thanksgiving in mind as we shop for the items that we will bring to church and put into our little red wagon?



Many Thanks,
Anne Freeman



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, Nov. 12th at 3:00pm

Our women's group at Holy Trinity (ECW) has been on hiatus since the start of the pandemic. Now that most of us are fully vaccinated, it's time to gather for some fellowship, get to know newcomers amongst us, and share thoughts/wishes on what you'd like this women's fellowship to look like in 2022! Tops on the list for discussion: a Church Yard Sale fundraiser which the parish has had fun and success with in the past.

All women at Holy Trinity are automatically a part of ECW! Mark your calendars and come to an informal Tea/Coffee to be held at the home of Deb Keeler Yee on Friday, November 12th at 3:00pm. Meeting with sliding doors open to the lanai will ensure lots of fresh air and space to spread out. The address is: 1002 Pickering Path, The Villages (Dunedin) near Colony Shopping Center. Directions and an announcement will follow via email. For now, please Save The Date! We hope to see as many of you as can attend.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion, sign up in the Parish Hall or call Joan Ballard 352-661-3613 or Dianne Casson 352-255-5444. The cost of two arrangements for the altar is \$78.

Bread and Wine

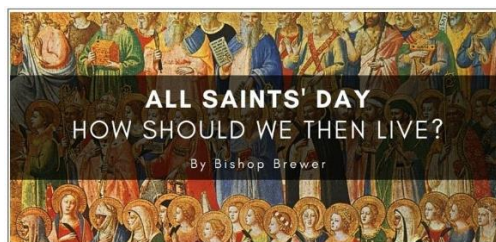
If you wish to make a gift of bread and wine in memory of celebration of a special event, please

make a donation to the Altar Guild. No specific amount is required. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact our Altar Guild Director, Diane Casson, as above.



Click [HERE](#) to read the October issue of our diocesan online digest which contains a meditation by Bishop Brewer and much news from across our Central Florida parishes!

Monday, Nov. 1, is a day to honor the saints. And as we honor them, we also honor our inheritance, an inheritance that allows us to live in the power of God's love even in the midst of tragedy. And what gives us that kind of ability?



It's the hope of the resurrection. It's the fact that we have been invited into those ineffable joys, as the collect says, "prepared for those who truly love you." It is because we know that life does not end with the shedding of the body, and that we have before us the hope of the resurrection, that we can step into some of the most tragic and dark places and know that in the midst of that tragedy, something is happening that is taking this toward the new heaven, and the new earth, the kingdom of God. And we can also know that God is at work in the midst of all of that... [please click on the link above to read more from Bishop Brewer]



MY THANKS

The heavens open as my thanks begin,
A hole in the sky for blessings to fall,
A glimpse of glory, a grateful heart,
A placid home for Christians all.

My thanks is a path to your presence,
Your good pleasure to reveal,
An assurance for things hoped for,
Graceful harvest from a spirit field.

Understanding grows to reason,
Patient, ere time to go,
Follow the white stair helicoid,
To the blessings you freely bestow.

Thankfulness, a language of love,
Midst trials and tribulation,
Blue skies under the diadem,
Your refuge, a final oblation.

Ronald C. Whetsell
November 22, 2020



A Recap of October's Holy Hackers Outing

OK boys and girls here we are already into October and Fall is upon us in beautiful Florida.... This is truly my favorite time of year in the Sunshine State. The heat has finally subsided and the rains have slowed, and in just a short time our hurricane season will have come to an end. Today was an absolutely perfect day on the course at the Pennbrooke Fairways. Fifteen Holy Hackers showed up to play this morning - smiling - sharing news and other tidbits of information. And all were ready to play a little golf and share some wonderful fellowship. We had two brand new Holy Hackers join us this morning Gloria Metzger and Molly McGlone both these ladies are friends of our own Barbara Turner. Welcome aboard ladies. A long time Holy Hacker - my good friend and one of my favorite priests Rev. Janice Gordon Barnes returned to the fold this morning, and boy did she ever play beautifully - in fact she missed making a hole in one on three different holes by merely four strokes on each hole.... Also, rejoining us this morning was our long-time parishioner and friend David Wahlquist (welcome back David). Mona Merryman Oxberger dropped in for lunch and some fellowship as she does every month - thanks Mona. However, I am sad to say that Father Samuel was unable to join us this morning as he was out in search of new wheels to replace his vehicle that is not only on the injured reserve list, but down for the count. As most of you know he was involved in an accident earlier this past week. Thankfully he was not hurt, but his car was totaled. Now he is in need of a good used car - so if any of you can advise him in this matter please give him a call. One other item of interest that I must include here is our most famous Holy Hacker -

Mr. Mike Browne - celebrated his birthday with us this morning. His wife Nancy brought in a cake, and we all sang our rendition of Happy Birthday to him. See attached pictures. I'm not really sure how old Mike is, but I do know he is past the expiration date. Hang in there Mike - age is but a number and you are handling it well. Oh man! When I grow up I want to be just like him.....



Now for the statistics that all of you have been waiting for - the results of today's play.... Two teams (yep two teams) tied for 1st place. They both returned to the clubhouse sporting a (3 Under Par) 29 on their cards. Who are these "Masters of Golf" you ask - well stand by as I am about to tell you. Drum roll please.... TEAM #1 - Barbara Turner, Valeria McGathy, Gloria Metzger, and Molly McGlone; and TEAM #4 - Debbie & Randy Siver, Gerry Howell, and myself. It brings a tear to "me eye" to announce that TEAM #1 has been awarded 1st Place as they beat TEAM #4 out by 1 stroke in the Handicap Hole Playoff. TEAM #1 "Parred" the #2 Handicap Hole and alas TEAM #4 took a "Bogie". Congratulations TEAM #1 you have bragging rights for the month. The rest of the Holy Hackers also scored quite well today - TEAM #2 - Robert Freeman, Leo Oxberger and David Wahlquist; and TEAM # 3 - Nancy & Mike Browne (Birthday Boy), Rev. Janice Gordon Barnes, and Terry Banks. I tell you boys and girls it is just a matter of time and you will be seeing some of these outstanding golfers on TV some Saturday afternoon - however they will probably be in a Geritol commercial - not playing golf.... Thanks to all of you for coming

out today - you are fantastic. You are the Holy Hackers and without you the Holy Hackers could not and would not exist.

Well that about wraps today's event up. A great time was had by all, and we will be back out on the course at the Pennbrooke Fairways next month. The Holy Hacker Golf Scramble for November is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 13th. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall tomorrow morning after the 8:00 AM Service. If you cannot get to the Parrish Hall to sign-up for the event - not to worry - simply send me an e-mail and say "Hey Pat sign me up" and I will take care of it. Have a great weekend and I will see most of you in Church tomorrow morning, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the course next month.

In Christ's Name
Your Golf Guy
Pat McLaughlin

Reservations for 10:30am Sunday Service

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

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

**Typically, there are ample open seats so if in
doubt, just come!**

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The Holy Trinity Church building was completed in 1889 with a bell tower but it did not contain a bell. This tower experienced lightning strikes, housed bats, and became the source of leaks when it rained. As a result, it was removed in the 1920's. The current bell was mounted on the concrete Column at the west entrance in the late 1950's. It is a train locomotive bell acquired and donated By C.O. Rabon who worked for the Seaboard Coast Line in Wildwood. The Rabon family were Active members at Holy Trinity during this time And C.O. daughter-in-law, Sharis, was employed As Church office secretary in the 1960's.

Next month: Who was Eleanor Frame and what is The Frame Estate?

Russ Casson



Octoberfest Celebration at Holy Trinity Episcopal School

Students and staff enjoyed an Octoberfest lunchtime celebration on Oct. 21st. The festive German menu was served by Head of School Justin McCallister and included sausage, sauerkraut, sweet and sour red cabbage, and potato pancakes (Kartoffelpuffer). Many of the students joined in singing the chorus of a traditional German song led by Justin and his German class.



Happy
Anniversary

Gay & Robert Hensley

Happy
Birthday

Barbara Cogley
Kay Hodge
Jeanette Scott
Mary Jo Neidow
Foster Sandy
Robin Mitchell
Jean Pratt
Dan Curtis
Arlene Hanson
Jaleh Welton
Mary Jane Kaufman
Robert Hensley

In
Loving
Memory
of

Perry Kelley

Hospitality: God's Love
Made Visible

Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hour, whatever you prefer to call it! is not only a wonderful time to reconnect with others in our parish -- it's a very important part of the warm welcome newcomers find when they visit Holy Trinity.

Our Parish Life Team is desperately in need of volunteers who are willing to host/co-host a no-fuss coffee hour following our 10:30am Sunday service! This is such a great way to bond with others and many hands make light work. Ideally, we would like to rotate between volunteers such that one would host just once every 2 months or so. Please reach out to Parish Life Team Leader Barb Cogley at 352-874-1307 or barbcpg@gmail.com and let her know of your interest in our Hospitality Ministry! Thank you.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS RETURN... OUTDOORS!

A few candid shots from the late
service's fellowship on Oct 24th



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Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

In-Person & Livestream* Services:

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Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)

Sunday 10:30am* (Sanctuary)

Wednesday 11:30am* Healing (Chapel)

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