



The Tidings

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

As Rose and I begin our first Fall season in Florida, the only words I can think of are Thank you, Thank You, Thank You! I am thankful to God for the privilege and honor of serving as your priest; I am thankful for God's protection from all harm, including a recent car



accident that seriously damaged my car but left me intact. Most specifically, I am thankful for all of you, the members and friends of Holy Trinity, for your partnership in

God's mission in this place. Your dedication and generosity of time, talent, and treasure in service to the Lord and his people has been a source of joy and confidence in what we can accomplish together; with God's help.

This spirit of gratitude is shaping my perspective on the season we are entering. Before long we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, both of which are occasions for thanksgiving to God for all the blessings of our lives. More specifically, for us as a parish, we will soon begin reflecting on the meaning and significance of our shared life and mission in

this place. We will be guided by the words of St. James 1:17: *“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...”*

Many of us will agree that Holy Trinity (the people, the sanctuary, the welcome, the school, the ministries, etc.) is truly a gift from God. With that in mind, we will attempt to answer the following questions:

1. In what ways has Holy Trinity been a gift to you?
2. In what ways have you been a gift to Holy Trinity?
3. In what ways do you intend to be a gift To Holy Trinity in the coming year?

I have every confidence that many of you will have a lot to say, for I keep hearing so many of you talk about the friendships, the beautiful worship, and other blessings of being part of this church family. How wonderful it will be to hear what you have to say!

There are many ways you could share your thoughts on these questions with the rest of us. I invite you to record a brief video of your thoughts and send the video to us. This could be done by first writing down your thoughts and then asking someone to record you with a cellphone while you read those thoughts. You could also record yourself. If you need help, please talk to me or Deb Yee and we can assist you. The other and simpler way of sharing your reflections with us is by simply capturing your thoughts (handwritten or in an [email](#)) and sending it to Peggy in the Office. We will then find a way to share your thoughts with the rest of us. We will also have an opportunity to hear from some of our mission partners and others beyond our congregation who have been touched by our mission. If you'd rather share verbally during a service that would be fantastic.

Our Shared Life and Mission

This period of reflection on the meaning and significance of our shared life and mission will culminate with an opportunity to re-dedicate

Simply talk to me and we will arrange for you to do that.

ourselves and designate a portion of our respective financial blessings to God's mission in this place for the coming year 2022. In that regard, Sunday November 21 has been designated as Consecration Sunday at Holy Trinity.

As you look back to the past Summer and look forward to the Fall season, I hope you will find enough reason to join me in giving thanks to God from whom all blessings flow and renew your commitment to be a blessing to our church family and beyond.

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever.”

Psalm 107:1

Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

Vestry Minutes Summary

9-15-2021 Meeting

Present- Fr. Samuel, Dan Curtis, Randy Siver, David Aldrich, Jim Kelly, Russ Casson, Liz Mustin, Mark Welton, Deb Yee, and Barbara Cogley

Absent - Sara May, Peggy Barry

The meeting opened with prayer by Fr. Samuel.

Holy Trinity Episcopal School - Jim Kelly

The trim and doors at the school will be painted either black or red, Justin McCallister will decide which color to use.

School audit for the 2020 school year is in progress and near completion. The completed report will be sent to the Diocese.

The annual Golf Tournament which is a fund raiser for the school is in process and accepting donations, sponsors, and teams to play on October 30. Sid Yee is in charge of the golf tournament.

The Vestry will pool together to do a \$500 Silver Sponsorship.

Jim also reported on the Salvation Army Bell ringers for this coming Christmas Season. He currently has 10 individuals who said they would like to participate in the bell ringing. He will arrange for a date with the Salvation Army.

School Financial Report - Russ Casson

Classes started in August and the financial activity reflects the costs especially in Curriculum. Revenues from the State are not anticipated until September or possibly October.

Old Business

Covid Guidelines — a review of the past months worship services was conducted. The attendance has been down secondary to mask requirements. We are following the most recent updates from the Diocese and will adjust when any changes are made. Diocesan guideline updates are released following CDC changes.

Randy is in the process of writing a letter to Gent Construction regarding the payment for the work on the windows that they did not complete. They were the original contractors on the windows and did not complete the work. Randy is gathering information on exactly what they did compete. They were given one payment at the beginning of the work and then Covid apparently caused a work stoppage along with difficulty with the window work.

Nominating Committee – Fr. Samuel is to establish a nominating committee for Vestry members for election at the annual meeting in January. The committee is to be established by October 1. Fr. did have suggestions as how to select individuals to run for Vestry and the need to share details with parishioners regarding Vestry responsibilities prior to their decision to run for Vestry.

There was much discussion on what membership is and who is eligible to vote and be on the Vestry. Our church and Diocese have by-laws regarding membership and Vestry eligibility. We do not want to violate these by-laws. The IWC team offered to discuss criteria for membership at their next meeting. Deb Yee suggested that we review membership guidelines cited in our by-laws, along with input from the Diocese, coupled with Fr. Samuel's recommendations, and once decided, actively communicate changes to all parishioners. Fr. Samuel will discuss with Canon Holcombe the following: who can vote in parish elections, different levels of membership, and obtain written clarification from Canon Holcombe.

The annual meeting will be Sunday January 23, 2022 and a new Vestry organizational meeting on Wednesday January 26, 2022 will follow.

Team Updates

Building and Grounds—Randy Siver

The church's window project (16 windows) has been completed. The total cost was \$68,068.04; donations for the windows totaled \$39,640. One window was donated by the contractor. The total owed for the windows is \$28,428.04. The circular window over the main double door entry to the church is a difficult project and the contractor is planning how to remove it without causing damage to anything in or outside the building. We have 3 people who have expressed interest in contributing to the completion of the circular window project. The cost for this window is to be determined when the plan is completed for repair and replacement.

Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) — Liz Mustin and David Aldrich)

IWC is working on developing a detailed plan to track how they welcome and connect newcomers. This plan would track the success of our efforts and determine any needs or changes. The IWC wants to assure all attending our services as newcomers are warmly welcomed to our church.

Christian Education— Liz Mustin

As attendance at the weekly CE Zoom classes had been low for various reasons, a decision was made to continue the pause in classes for now, and then do an Advent Zoom Class. The weekly Bible Study will resume via Zoom on October 6, 2021. They will discuss the Gospel of Mark. This will be on Wednesdays at 10 AM online via Zoom. Rev. Samuel and Rev. Janice will facilitate the class.

Finance—Mark Welton

Mark noted that Fr. Samuel, Pat McLaughlin and he met to discuss and plan the Stewardship campaign. It will begin the middle of October with a kick off date in November. The campaign will be 4 weeks. Letters will be sent from Fr. Samuel, Dan Curtis and Mark. We will have representatives from some of the ministry areas that we serve talk at our Sunday services, such

as Salvation Army and HTES. The focus of this year's campaign will be on the positive things we do for the community and congregation.

Mark noted that the Legacy giving (endowment) plan has been developed and remains ready to launch. He will place an article in the Tidings as a reminder to our parish that this is coming soon.

Mission Statement—Fr. Samuel

Simplifying the Mission statement was discussed and the decision was made to leave the Mission statement intact. No changes at this time.

Finance Report—Russ Casson

The church audit is complete and ready to send to the Diocese. August continued the summer trend of below average pledge receipts. Improvement is expected in September. Although most expenditures are within budget, the deficit year to date is \$42,276. The operating cash account declined in August to a balance of \$42,237.

Rector's Report—Fr. Samuel

Fr. Samuel is working with Mike Brown to review and expand the Pastoral Care Committee. The email communication sent to the parish received a good response.

Financial Review—Russ Casson

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

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM with prayer by Father Samuel.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Cogley, Vestry Secretary

Please note: Copies of more detailed team updates are available to all parishioners in the church office along with the summary of Vestry minutes.

Sr. Warden's Report

Greetings my friends, I pray this finds you all safe and healthy. As we come out of the summer months and into the fall, October will be a very busy and important month for the parish and

vestry. At the end of the month, we will be kicking off this year's focused Stewardship campaign. This year's campaign will run 4 weeks vs. the normal 6 and we will focus on how Holy Trinity makes a difference for so many people, both inside our church and for those in our community in need. I personally am very proud of how our parish's contributions of time, talent, and wealth fulfill our mission to help those less fortunate and in crisis. We are especially blessed to have a school helping kids who learn differently achieve their potential. Watching directly the difference that is made in our students, and their families, I can assure you that this is indeed a unique, powerful, and meaningful ministry. I pray that each of you will look into your hearts and consider increasing your pledges for 2022.



During the entire month of October, we focus on fundraising for our School, culminating in the annual golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, October 30th at Harbor Hills Country Club. I hope all of you will be able to play, or volunteer to help, and/or make a donation (checks to "*Holy Trinity Golf*"). The tournament website www.HTECgolf.com provides more information, and you can register to play or donate here as well. Proceeds from this outing make a significant and much-needed contribution to the school each year.... and it's a lot of fun and great fellowship!

At Fr. Samuel's request, the six outgoing Vestry members are forming a nominating committee this month for the purpose of developing an initial slate of vestry candidates for the election during our January (2022) Annual Meeting. This fall, we will hold a meeting in the Parish Hall for anyone who wants more information about the Vestry and who may perhaps be



interested in becoming a member of the Vestry. This gathering, open to anyone who wishes to attend, will provide an overview of Vestry duties, its recent history, and plans and priorities

for moving forward. Our intent is to give those potentially interested a chance to ask questions and explore if being on Vestry is for them. More information will follow! In the meantime, please start considering how your unique skills, gifts and passions fit with the work that God is calling our congregation and vestry to do. Please start thinking seriously about whether serving the good parishioners of Holy Trinity through service on the Vestry is something you might be interested in.

We continue to closely monitor our 2021 budget with the guidance of Treasurer Russ Casson and our talented Finance Committee. We started the year with a deficit budget and continue on that path. Expenses have been well controlled and parishioners have been loyal to paying pledges such that the deficit year-to-date is a bit lower than forecasted. We will continue to closely monitor actual vs. budget, and pray for additional revenues through newcomers, gifts, and increased pledges.

Have a blessed month, hope to see you all soon.
Dan Curtis,
Sr Warden

Junior Warden's Report

Window Renovation Update

Our major project for the last two years has been the window renovation project. Hopefully you have seen the results. IT'S DONE! That is, the work is completed on the original 10 and subsequently 16 openings. We still have to



paint the smaller window sets above each of the 12 windows that require it. I will be signing an agreement with a painter this week to complete this. Of course, we still need to address the large circular window above our church

entrance. The window builder, Mastrosimone, is studying ways to access this window for removal and renovation.

The costs have run over the budgeted amount due to many factors. First the vendor who originally signed on to do the job didn't complete their portion of the work. At the same time a Villager who offered to build 2 new window was able to complete only one and as it turns out it was built to the wrong size and eventually warped so badly that there was no saving it. Had the window worked out, the second one would then have been built. The original contractor would have installed them both and the other 8 would simply been repaired.

As we all know, the Covid-19 virus entered the picture at the same time that all of this was going on. In the Spring of 2020, the project was not looking good. It was at this time that we were blessed to find a fine craftsman company, Mastrosimone. The owner took a hard look at our needs and was able to come up with the solution we chose.

Here's where we need your help with paying down the overruns.

The original plan fell through and that cost us about \$7,000.00.

Then the windows were offered to parishioners as memorial gifts at a cost of \$3,000.00 each.

When it was discovered that all windows needed replacement (fewer were initially identified as needing full renovation work) we had to raise the amount for each window to \$4,2050.00. Many of the original donors stepped up their offering to cover the deficit. Many others, also very generous, contributed to the project as well.

Father Samuel saw that we were only doing 10 windows. He felt strongly that the full complement of 16 windows in our historic church building should be completed.



When all is said and done there is a nearly \$30,000.00 shortfall.

And so, for any who feel so moved, we welcome additional tax-deductible gifts to the church to help close the gap. To discuss your interest or if I may answer any questions, I invite you to contact me at siverr1950@gmail.com or 352-446-2469.

Yours in service,
Randy Siver

Treasurer's Summary Report

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

Summary Report - August, 2021

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$154,190	\$173,333
Other Income	<u>\$ 25,043</u>	<u>\$ 20,667</u>
Total	\$179,233	\$194,000
Expenses	\$221,509	\$237,913

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Matthew 6:19-21

Russ Casson, Treasurer

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IWC Report

Meet our Newest Members!

One of the many blessings we have here at Holy Trinity is a constant flow of guests who come to worship with us in our beautiful sanctuary. Most of them end up becoming regular guests who eventually decide to make Holy Trinity their spiritual home. Even in the midst of the pandemic, God has continued to bring those who seek to be part of our shared life and mission. Among them are Carol Mullen and Cheryl Pringle who were recently officially welcomed into our church family during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday September 19. warmly welcome with grateful and joyful hearts. Carol and Cheryl are sisters. They recently joined the Altar Guild and are looking forward to serving the Lord with us. The following are brief versions of their life stories:

Carol Mullen

I was born in Uniontown, a small southwestern Pennsylvania town. I graduated from Laurel Highlands High School and married my high school sweetheart, Steve, in 1970. He had joined the Navy during the Vietnam war and was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. We lived in Jacksonville for many years and our twin sons were born there in 1977. In 1984, we were transferred to Hawaii and lived there for 6 wonderful years. We were transferred to San Diego in 1990 and lived there for two years. During that time, Steve, was stationed aboard the USS Ranger and involved in the Persian Gulf war. In 1992 my husband was transferred to the Millington Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee. He retired from the Navy in 1995 and started working for FedEx. I became a realtor and worked in real estate

while my children were in high school and college. We remained in Tennessee until we both retired to The Villages in 2013.

We are proud parents of sons Brad and Brian and their families. Brad, his wife Beth and children Madi and Brady live in Collierville, TN. Brian, his wife Meryl and their children Grayson and Carys live in Winter Garden, FL. Brian also has three sons from a previous marriage: Tyler, Nathan and Andrew who live in Orlando.



I enjoy spending as much time as possible with my family. I also enjoy reading, casual golf and lunch with friends, music, dancing, traveling, and just whatever life has to offer.

I grew up in Coolspring United Methodist Church and joined St Paul's Lutheran church as a teenager. I began attending Holy Trinity in 2020 and immediately felt like I belonged.

Cheryl Pringle

I was born in Uniontown, PA, the second child in our family. After graduating from North Union High School and California University



of PA, my husband, "Gap", and I moved to St. Michaels, Maryland. We enjoyed careers in education in both Talbot County and Dorchester

County Public Schools. When our two children, Gary and Lisa, grew up and moved to Georgia after college, we followed them and also worked in education in Gwinnett Co.

Public Schools. We relocated to The Villages after retirement in 2013.

Three of our grandchildren still live in suburban Atlanta, GA, and one in Pt. St. Joe, FL. My hobbies include traveling, golfing, and occasional pickleball.

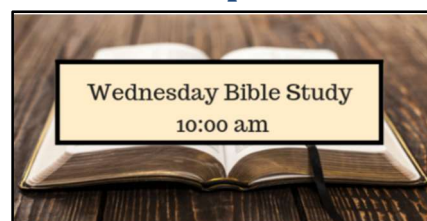
We were members of Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels, MD and then St. Edward's Episcopal in Lawrenceville, GA. We attended a few church services in the Villages but didn't feel really comfortable and welcomed until we decided to attend our first service at Holy Trinity. Even though everyone was wearing a face covering and social distancing because of the COVID 19 pandemic, my sister, Carol, and I began to attend every Sunday that we could. The parishioners and visiting priests provided an inviting atmosphere where we felt welcomed. Once Father Samuel arrived, the inviting and welcoming atmosphere became even more prevalent.

Becoming a member of Holy Trinity and serving on the Altar Guild, with some wonderful fellow parishioners, is an honor and privilege.

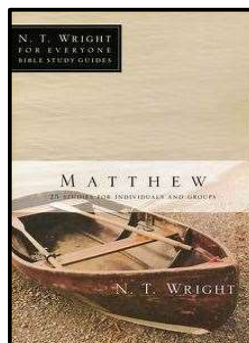
Dave Aldrich and Liz Mustin, Team Leaders

Christian Education Report

Bible Study Resumes October 6th!



Next Wednesday, October 6th, Bible Study will resume at 10am, as always. We will be studying



the Gospel of Matthew. For the time-being, we will not be able to gather in-person and will continue using the Zoom online format. The Zoom meeting link will be sent to all parishioners via email. Each person will be using a study book that offers

informative commentaries and thought-

provoking study questions. Please let me know if you plan to join us so that we can secure a book for you. Questions? Please contact The Rev. Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes at 352-633-8735 or Janice.gordonbarnes@yahoo.com.

Our Sweet Lili Honored With Scholarship Award



Congratulations to parishioner Lili Panlilio (daughter of Mandy Panlilio) who is the recipient of the \$1000 Sharon St. Cyr Humble and Kind Scholarship Award! Lili received the award at the 35th Annual Miss Leesburg Scholarship Pageant on September 25. We're so proud of Lili who is a faithful, smart, and beautiful young woman, inside and out!

Have You Considered a Lasting Gift to Holy Trinity in your Will and Estate Plan?

What is planned giving? It is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to include our church in their will and estate plan (or even make a lifetime gift) that will be part of a lasting

endowment. It is **not** a substitute for annual pledges or other contributions to the day-to-day operations of the church.

Like endowments at colleges and other organizations, it is a financial resource that is invested and preserved, with income (earnings) used for the long-term growth and



mission of the church. Once the threshold amount is received, the resources in our endowment (like those of many other churches with such programs) will be managed by the [Episcopal Church Foundation](#) and supervised here by our Planned Giving Committee and Vestry. Our endowment is governed by Florida law to ensure that it is managed and used carefully and wisely.

We have brochures and pamphlets available in the parish hall that will give you more information. You may talk to Mark Welton, the Planned Giving “Shepherd” for the program, or either of our Endowment Committee members: Parker Bauer or Mike Browne. We plan to include more information soon about the program on our website and in person.

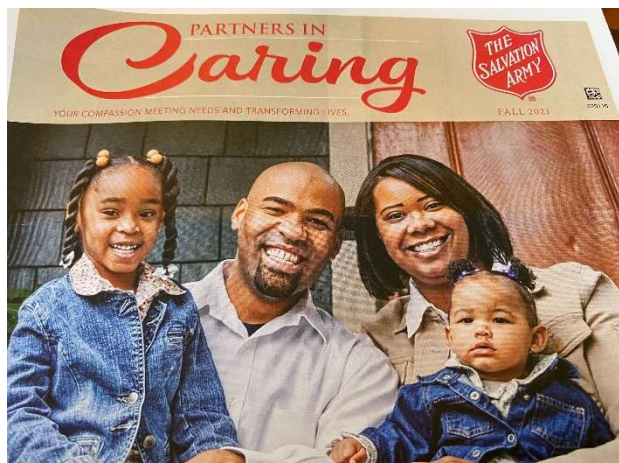
Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties—Our Mission Partner

When unexpected circumstances come, the path to getting back on your feet can feel overwhelming— and hopeless. That is where Paul and Cindy found themselves during the pandemic. *Names were changed to protect privacy.*

In the early months of COVID19 Cindy lost her job. They could still make it work on one salary, even though providing for their growing family was incredibly challenging. Two months later, Paul lost his job too. It was a heartbreaking blow.

On top of trying to keep a roof over their family's head, Paul and Cindy had a pile of

medical bills to pay for. The expenses were more than they could handle, and they soon lost their car and often skipped meals to make ends meet.



Our support helps families when they need it most. Just when they thought all hope was lost, your generous support gave Paul and Cindy somewhere to turn. Thanks to friends like you, they received the help they needed to be able to put food on their table and other vital assistance to get them through such a difficult time. We are doing so much better Paul says. "We are so grateful."

As Paul and Cindy work to get back on their feet, there are many families and seniors in our community still struggling. With the holidays fast approaching, many more neighbors will come to us for help and hope they so urgently need.

The above story was shared by the Salvation Army Office and is repeated over and over again right here in our community. We have the chance to make a difference for these families.

Your continued generosity ensures that our local Salvation Army can serve anyone who comes through their doors — and is more vital than ever.

The Salvation Army staff thanks us for blessing families in need through our compassion and generosity.

I have just learned that the Men's Group Monthly Breakfast Service from Holy Trinity is in need of a few more workers. Plus, we have

agreed to again be Bell Ringers for the Holiday Red Bucket. There are four dates already chosen. They are Friday and Saturdays of Nov. 26 & 27, and Dec. 17 & 18. If you can assist and have not already told Jim Kelly, please contact him at jimkelly8143@gmail.com or 913-558-2636..

Thank You,
Annette Freeman

From The Back Pew

When you enter the Church building a particularly noticeable feature are the flags hanging high from the walls. I assisted my father erecting six of the flags in 1966. Four more were installed in 1980. The inspiration was likely the flags mounted in St. Luke's Cathedral in Orlando. On the south wall are the national and state flags of the US, Florida, Great Britain, Scotland, and Canada. Opposite are the corresponding flags of the Anglican Communion provinces.

Next month: What is the history of the bell at the Church entrance?

Russ Casson



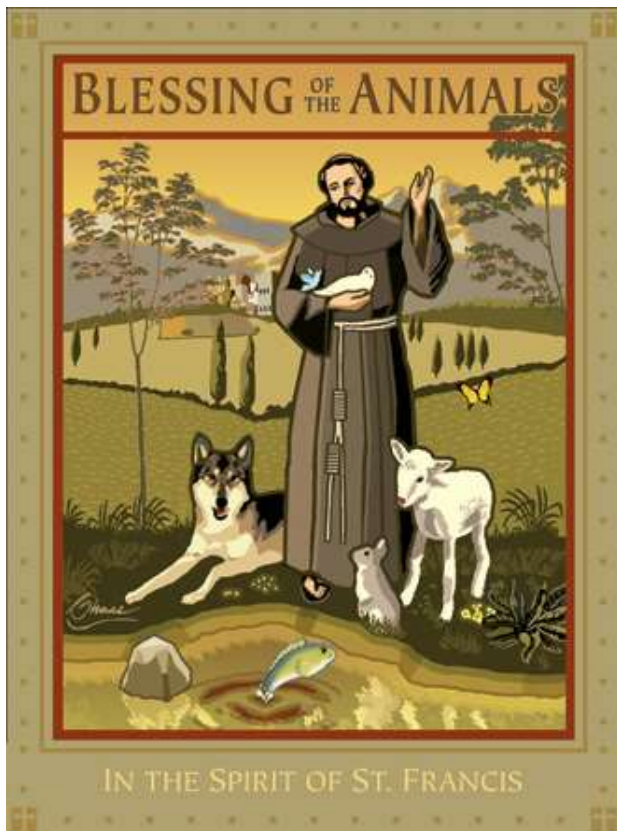
Blessing of Pets at Holy Trinity

By the Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva

If you would like your pet(s) to receive a blessing, feel free to bring him or her to Holy Trinity on Saturday October 2 at 10:00 am. We will give thanks for the pet and invoke

God's blessing upon him or her. The event is open to the community.

For some people, the idea of blessing animals sounds weird if not heretical. That's how I felt, 20 years ago, when a lady from a congregation I was serving in Indiana, at the time, asked me to pray for her sick cat. Since I did not want to be insensitive, I did pray for the cat but I was left wondering about the appropriateness and relevance of that prayer. Soon, my doubts and fears were relieved when I learned that St. Francis of Assisi, whom I greatly admire, had prayed for animals; and that many churches conduct services for the Blessing of Animals.



Since then, I have been more than willing to bless people's pets. This year, we are conducting a Blessing of Pets service on Saturday October 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Why Bless Animals?

First, my willingness and desire to bless animals is based on my biblical understanding that **God Cares About Animals Too**. I believe God cares about animals because they are part of God's design for the world. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures:

cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. (Genesis 1:20-25). No wonder the majority of the creatures rescued from the great flood by Noah's Ark were animals (Genesis 6:19-20). There would have been no life without the animals. At Nineveh, God reminded Jonah that he cared not just for the people, but for the animals too. (Jonah 4:11). Indeed, the prophet Isaiah envisions a time when "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 6:11).

Second, my willingness and desire to bless animals is based on the fact that **they too need and deserve a blessing**. According to The World English Dictionary to bless is to "**to wish somebody or something well or to declare approval and support for somebody or something.**" For the Cambridge International Dictionary, to bless is "**to ask for God's help and protection for someone or something**".

One does not have to look far to agree with me that animals play very important roles in our lives to deserve our approval. Think about the tens of thousands who rely on their pets for companionship, think about the blind and their guide dogs, those who need them for therapy, security, recreation, etc. For many, life would be very different without their pets. Now think about the challenges those animals face, sickness, accidents, abuse, etc. They too need God's help and protection. They need our well wishes. They need and deserve the blessing.



The updated link for the [School's Amazon Wish List](#) is now available. It represents a handful of

items which our teachers have identified as needed this autumn. If you are interested in helping out the school in this way, please click on the link above or copy and paste the following link in your browser: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/34QOE2KXP5U70?ref_=wl_share.

As always, we are immensely grateful for your ongoing support in all its many forms!

Justin McCallister
Head of School
Holy Trinity Episcopal School

Blackston Financial / Holy Trinity Charity Golf Tournament

**Sat., October 30th
Register ONLINE Now!
<http://www.htecgolf.com>
All proceeds benefit the School!
***Thank You
for your generosity!*****



Recap Of September's Outing

Our Holy Hacker outing on September 11th was one for the books. I started out by forgetting my Holy Hacker folder so when I arrived at the course I had no idea who was playing, nor who was on which team. That is the first time that ever happened and I felt completely lost. Well, the good folks at Pennbrooke Fairways were

nice enough to run me a copy of the list I had sent them. Once I had that in my hands I felt a lot better. Then the call was made to "Play Golf", and as we were headed to our assigned holes Bob Freeman's clubs fell off his golf cart - but not to worry - Father Ted was right behind him and picked them up and saw that he had them prior to his first hole.

You would think that that would be enough excitement for the morning, but OK - no I am not finished yet. We were all on our way to our assigned holes, but Ray Vallee was nowhere to be found. His team checked the restroom, parking lot, and clubhouse - but could not find him. Finally, when his team reached their second hole ole Ray appeared out of thin air and wanted to know where everyone had been. I guess it was a case of hide and seek - but everyone was together once again we were playing golf - or at least some semblance of the game.

Father Samuel was with us once again this morning as an observer, but his team did put him to work looking for lost balls. And he did an outstanding job of locating them. At one point during the nine holes Randy Siver put a club in Father's hand and told him to tee it up. Well Father actually played that hole like a professional. He stood over the ball - addressed it saying "Hello Ball" - he took his stance, a practice swing, and then let 'er rip. He hit that ball so well it actually arced at about 120 feet in the air, and had just started its downfall towards the green when an eagle swooped in - snatched that ball in his beak and dropped it right over the green. Well, let me tell you - that ball seemed to fall forever, but finally it landed right smack in the center of the green, and rolled to about three inches from the hole. Now hear me out on this one and remember there is power in prayer ---- Father Samuel was not an official member of their team - so Deb & Randy Siver, and Barbara Cogley made a management decision and told Father he would have to finish that hole on his own. And he did, with a little help from a sand crane - that bird got to the ball before Father could, and mistook it for an egg. Well he sniffed at it and gave it a peck, knocking it into the hole - which gave Father a "Hole In One" for the only

hole he played that morning (because he only hit the ball one time).

And I am not finished yet.... TEAM #1 Barbara Turner, Valeria McGathy, Mike Browne, and Leo Oxberger were on the ninth hole and still needed Leo's putt (because the rule is you have to use everyone's "Drive" at least once during the nine holes of play). Well Leo took a stance just as Father Samuel had done earlier - addressed it - and hit an outstanding shot. I was told by the team captain that the ball landed quite close to the green and they finished it with a "Birdie". Once again we were joined for lunch by Mona Merryman Oxberger - thanks Mona it is always a joy to see your smiling face. Oh my goodness what a morning we had on that course and at lunch and most of what you just read is the truth...

The golf scores were outstanding. No one finished over 'Par". Two teams recorded a (4 Under Par) 28 on their cards. TEAM #1 Barbara Turner, Valeria McGathy, Mike Browne, and Leo Oxberger along with TEAM #5 Bob Freeman, Terry Osborne, and Ray Vallee. However, TEAM #1 beat out TEAM #5 for 1st Place as they "Birdied" the #2 Handicap Hole - leaving TEAM #4 in the dust holding 2nd Place. TEAM #4 Naomi & Dave Aldrich, Gerry Howell, and yours truly (Pat McLaughlin) took 3rd Place with a (3 Under Par) 29 - thanks to Gerry's putting expertise... The rest of the Holy Hackers did quite well too - TEAM #2 - Gail & Jonathan Hole, Ann Oakes, and Father Ted Koelln finished with a (2 Under Par) 30 and TEAM #3 - Deb & Randy Siver, Barbara Cogley, and Father Samuel scored a (1 Under Par) 31 for the day with no "Bogies" recorded.

A good time was had by all, and the fellowship was outstanding. **October's outing will take place on Saturday, October 9th.** The sign-up sheet can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall or simply send me an e-mail telling me you would like to play. If you do not play this silly game, but would like to join us for lunch and some great fellowship just come on out to the Pennbrooke Fairways (32900 Countryside Blvd, Leesburg, FL) about 11:00AM on Saturday, October 9th as that is

about the time we finish chasing the little dimpled ball.

I hope to see all of you on the course next month, and I will see you in church Sundays at 8am.

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!**



Charlotte Y. Shawcross

By Lee Shawcross

On September 14th, **Charlotte Yates Shawcross** slipped the surly bonds of this world to go to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior after a brief battle with multiple organ failure. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 63-some years, Lee, two adopted children, Jeannette and Russell, and a half-brother-in-law, Scott.

Who was she? Born Charlotte Hazel Yates in Baltimore in 1936, her family moved to Washington, D.C., where she lived and attended Western High School. Upon graduation in 1953, she enrolled in Duke University to major in Psychology and Sociology. After college graduation in June, 1957, on December 28th she married Lee Shawcross who then became her loving husband for some 63 years.

While Lee finished his degree requirements at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, she held a job as a social worker in Pulaski, Virginia. After that, they moved to the Washington, D.C. area where they both worked for a military contractor--Vitro Laboratories--for 6 years, Lee as an engineer and Charlotte as a secretary, which she continued until Lee was recruited up to Rochester N.Y., where she took a job with a public accountant and learned the elements of that job.

She first began to show the "take charge" person that was one of her main traits as chief honcho of her Sorority at Duke. Taking a job with the Monroe County Bar Association as their bookkeeper, she soon became office manager, computer-system operator, and, eventually, head of their Pre-paid Legal Service. Later on, at a job with the Livingston County Health Plan--an HMO--she soon became Executive Director.

When Lee undertook to get his private pilot's license, she decided to do that too. Joining the 99's (the International Women Pilots Association) she soon became Governor of the New York/New Jersey Section of that group. She served as senior warden of Zion Episcopal Church in Avon, NY, chairman of the local county Girl Scouts organization, etc., etc.

Finally, we retired to the Villages in 2001, and since then, Charlotte was a volunteer with the AARP Tax Aide program, a poll worker for the Sumter County Elections, and served as a Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister and Visitor for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. All when she wasn't out line dancing or serving as a "dresser" back stage at a play. One thing can be said in her behalf: We were all better off for having known her. Many will miss her.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday October 2nd at 4:15 pm at Holy Trinity, Fruitland Park, followed by a committal service in the church's cemetery. An outdoor reception follows in the courtyard. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charlotte may be given to the local Humane Society shelter.

Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Judy Huetz
Jim & Janet Callahan
David & Naomi Aldrich
Anne & Bob Freeman
Sara C & Bruce A.P. May
Ron & Cherrie Whetsell
Sid & Deb Yee

Happy Birthday

Richard White
Terry Colla
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