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Alleluia Christ is Risen!

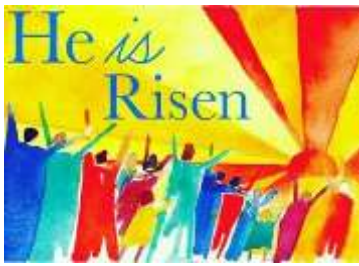
By The Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva

As I write this, it has been two weeks since we resumed shouting Alleluia! The word "Alleluia"



which simply means "Praise the Lord" is not only timely because Lent is over, but because there are many reasons to praise the Lord.

First of all, I praise the Lord for the just ended Lenten season. Throughout the season we were reminded that there is hope beyond the suffering of our time. Through our worship experiences, adult Sunday school, Wednesday Bible Study, and other forums, we were reminded of God's love which overcomes all evil. During Holy Week, we reflected on the climax of that love by which Jesus was willing to die on the cross. "When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." On Maundy Thursday, we reflected on our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34-35), while on Good Friday we reflected on his suffering by reenacting his walk to Calvary by meditating on the Stations of the Cross.



sometimes experience do not have the last word. Jesus overcame sin and death and won for us eternal life.

Third, I praise the Lord for those of our newest members who reaffirmed their commitment to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior by presenting themselves to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed by Bishop Brewer on Sunday April 24. It was truly a delight for all of us present to join them in renewing our own Baptismal vows. The luncheon that followed was a demonstration of what it means to love one another by breaking bread together. It was an agape meal. The room was full of love; flowing like a river. Thankfully, those who were unable to participate due to illness will be confirmed or received by Bishop Brewer on Thursday May 5 in the Bishop's Chapel at the Diocesan Office.

Perhaps the greatest reason I praise the Lord is the privilege of belonging to this family of faith we call Holy Trinity. It is wonderful to know and see so many of you who are faithful to God's mission in so many ways. I see all of you who assist with worship in a variety of ways, I see those of you who help with maintaining our buildings and grounds, I see those of you who visit the sick, who help the needy in a variety of ways, those who assist with hospitality and fellowship, who teach our Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study, those who help with our communications, those who serve on our Vestry and school board, and many other ministries. I see your generosity of time, talent and treasure and thank God for each one of you. You all make Holy Trinity the place for all people to belong, blossom, and bless; to the glory of God and the benefit of his people.

Secondly, I praise the Lord for the resurrection. It is always wonderful to remember that the cruelty and hatred we see and

In you and through you, I see that, slowly but surely, things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Samuel+

Vestry Minutes Highlights

The Vestry's April meeting was rescheduled to coincide with a planned Day of Retreat on Saturday, April 30th. As such, Vestry Highlights are not available at this time. Watch your email for their release separately in the near future.



VISION

The vision of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is to be a warm and welcoming community of faith for all people to belong, blossom, and bless, in the name of Christ.

MISSION

Our mission is to invite, welcome, and connect all people to God and one another in Christ.

Sr. Warden's Report

On March 29th we had a Planned Giving Dinner. After I arrived and took a seat, I looked around the room. As I looked at so many familiar faces, one thing struck me – I loved them. I was sitting in a room with people I can honestly say I cared for – like a family. Holy Trinity truly is a home. Like any home, there are a number of things that need to be tended to in order to keep it running smoothly. Like any good home, there needs to be opportunities for the family to thrive and grow.

A successful family starts from the top. Fr. Samuel and the Vestry are united in their goals to enhance Holy Trinity with a clear vision of growth and financial security. Our IWC (Invite, Welcome, Connect) Committee works hard to connect with visitors and encourage a sense of belonging and participation in Holy Trinity's Family. The Financial Committee did a wonderful job in creating the Planned Giving/Endowment Program. This will help ensure Holy Trinity's financial security in the future. A home and family can only thrive when they know their bills can be paid.

Our Jr. Warden and Sexton work very hard so our home is as inviting on the outside as it is on the inside. It is hard to encourage visitors if your home is shabby looking. New windows and paint have helped restore Holy Trinity's beauty and welcoming air. This could only be done with the financial support of the family.

Like most all families we have children to care for. We support a school that gives children a chance to thrive and succeed. In any other environment, these children would be targets of bullying and on a course to potential failure. We provide a safe environment. We have a dedicated Head of School, supported by a strong School Board, who provide a safe haven for those children to learn and thrive. This could



not be done without the financial support and voluntary work provided the Church Family.

We had a very special guest in our home this past week, Bishop Brewer. It was wonderful witnessing the Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of our Family Members. The group that touched me most were the Members who were officially Received. Thirty years ago, I was Received. I remember how blessed I felt. One of our Family Members, who was Received, summed it up best. She looked at me and said, "We're home". It is up to all of us to guarantee this home continues to grow and thrive so others can share that feeling of being Home.

Doris Brennan, Sr. Warden

Treasurer's Summary Report

March, 2022

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$30,695	\$21,527
Other Income	<u>\$ 1,171</u>	<u>\$ 4,459</u>
Total	\$31,866	\$25,986
Expenses	\$32,852	\$25,986

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35

Russ Casson, Treasurer

Jr. Warden's Report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS Quarterly Report

- 1) **SCHOOL-** repair bathroom toilet, replace light switch in new classroom, change outdated fluorescent bulbs, scrape and sand off popcorn ceiling in older classroom and patch holes and repaint. Gutters have been added to all remaining roofs. Chris (our Sexton) and I reroofed the shed. A flag pole has been added to the front of the school.

- 2) **PARISH HALL**- replace ceiling light bulbs with energy efficient ones. Repair refrigerator in kitchen. Checked on defibrillator for new contact pads and battery life.
- 3) **RECTORY**- repair refrigerator, replace microwave with a new one, trim all lawn, trees and shrubs. Start disassembly of dock on the lake as it is rotten and unsafe.
- 4) **CHURCH**- remove and refurbish 3 hanging lights (one over each of the 3 entrances). Install timer switch for these lights so that they will be illuminated during the evening. Install wireless bridge connector from church office to inside the church. This allows us to manage our network for live streaming without paying for Comcast service. A savings of about \$140.00 per month. We had a locksmith out to repair our exterior door locks that had seized up. Our roof project is still in the hands of our lawyers at the diocesan level.
- 5) **EXTERIOR MAINTANCE**- The long-ignored church sign is now lit and timed to come on at night and go off in the morning.



All equipment has been made ready for a new season of lawn care. Trees and shrubs have been pruned. The lawn has been treated with a weed and feed application. The large white parking blocks have been brought out of the lawn and put up on the blacktop. We are painting them with a new coat of white.

One of the outdoor electric service panels is being replaced due to rust and corrosion.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Siver, Jr Warden

Bishop Brewer's Visitation



Sunday, April 24 was a very Special Day for Holy Trinity. We had a visit from the Bishop, the Most Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, who is Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida. The Bishop's visit was primarily for a Service of Confirmation of which he presided and preached, assisted by Father Samuel.

Those confirmed were David Fleming, Steve Knowles, Elizabeth Knowles, and Jeanette Rodenbaugh. Those received were Mary Ann Boggia, Helen Enyeart, Michael Quinlan, and Tom Synan. Karen Hammen and Cheryl Pringle were reaffirmed. It was a very special occasion.



After the service the Bishop, his wife, and a large number of the Congregation attended luncheon in the Parish Hall. The delicious lunch was prepared and served by our own Bonnie Hultin assisted by her sister Karen, a splendid effort. At the luncheon Father

Samuel thanked the Bishop for his extraordinary ministry and leadership of our diocese and presented him with a commemorative plaque

with the picture of our historic church. Mrs. Brewer was presented with flowers.

During the event, Sid Yee was photographing the “Action”. A sampling of his images are found later in this issue.

Dan White
Communications Team

PASTORAL CARE

For pastoral care
we welcome you to contact:

Mike Browne (352-571-4111) or
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church office Monday through
Thursday during office hours.

Please continue to phone or email your
prayer requests to 352-787-1500 or
office@holytrinityfp.com

New Adult Sunday School Session!

Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer

On Sunday May 1st, we are beginning an Adult Education study on Prayer, from 9:15—10:15am in the Chapel. This four-week series includes a video and class discussion led by Gail Hole. Grab a coffee/snack and join us!

Would you like to pray more? Better? Stronger? Perhaps with more fire, faith and fervency? Max Lucado says that he will teach us how. He will lead us “on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: *Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus name, amen.*”

If this grabs your interest, please join us for some enlightening ideas and the wealth of experiences we have to share with each other.



Update! Our Endowment and Planned Giving Program

Healthy and vibrant future ministries in Episcopal congregations, schools, and other organizations will be built upon the legacies we leave today. Holy Trinity’s Planned Giving Program has formally launched and our endowment is funded and growing!

A well-attended fellowship and kickoff dinner was held March 29 and those present learned from Mark Welton about the importance of creating a personal estate plan and the basics of planned giving. The most common planned gifts are those made through Wills and Bequests.

Click [here](#) to learn how a bequest to Holy Trinity *can benefit you and the parish*, and for specific bequest language to use in your will or trust.



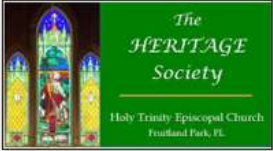
A plethora of information and professional guidance is available free of charge to you and your financial and/or estate planning professional through the [ECF \(Episcopal Church Foundation\)](#), the organization which manages our endowment.

At this writing, the three families below have shared with us that they have formalized a planned gift to Holy Trinity. They are now members of **The Heritage Society**. Our gratitude goes to them – and to those of you who

have reported your intention to take this action soon.

The Heritage Society

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals who have made the generous decision to include **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church** in their estate plans and/or made a lifetime gift to our Endowment.



Russell and Dianne Casson	
Mark and Jaleh Welton	
Bob and Annette Freeman	

Questions on our Planned Giving Program? Start with our Planned Giving Shepard, [Mark Welton](#).



Volunteer as a Tutor at our School this fall – No Teaching Experience needed!

Our Tutor Recruiting Campaign is up and running and includes articles in The Villages Daily Sun; thus far five volunteers have stepped forward, but we have a way to go! You can be a part of Fr. Samuel’s clear vision of the

future of our school. A vital part of his vision speaks to the critical need for tutors.

Our students have unique learning challenges; however, graduates of our school have clearly demonstrated that our students have the potential to excel and become contributing members of society with your help. To serve as a tutor, there is no requirement for any specific academic background; well-designed instructional material is provided. All you need is a desire to help a struggling child become all they can be!



The 2022-2023 school year is right around the corner. While the need for tutors is extremely urgent, the process of becoming one takes time. After training, you will be assigned a student this fall who you will work with for about one hour once a week, or more if you are willing and available.

Please, consider this rewarding ministry! If you are interested, please email our school as soon as possible at: school.htes@gmail.com or phone the school office at (352) 787-8855.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Kelly
Tutor Coordinator

**SALVATION ARMY
Lake & Sumter Counties**

Thanks continues to come to us from the leaders at our local Salvation Army Office. They say they could not help the many people who come to them, as they do weekly, without groups like us who continue to donate food and money to them. They report that more people need help with feeding their families than they have ever seen before.

I am so thankful that our family of God is reaching out to help in the ways we are able.

Many Thanks,
Annette Freeman,
Outreach



A terrific time was had by all pictured below during April's golf fellowship outing!



This month's Holy Hackers gathering is on **Saturday, May 14th**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or you can simply email Pat McLaughlin at pmclaugh7@gmail.com and let him know that you would like to play! All are welcome regardless of your playing level.

Ukraine Relief Support

Many thanks to all of you who responded to our call for donations toward the Ukraine Relief efforts. With your donations, including

half of your Easter offerings, we will be able to send over \$5,100 to Episcopal Relief & Development to be used toward Ukraine humanitarian relief efforts.



The other half of your Easter offerings will go to Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties, a local non-profit that supports victims of rape and domestic violence in our community. Our Good Friday offering of over \$400 will be sent to the Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to support Anglican witness in the Holy Land.



SCHOOL BOARD REPORT



The Board (Sara May, Terry Osborn, Robin Brown, Gay Hensley, Laura Bustin, Naomi Aldrich, Head of School Justin McCallister, Doris Brennan, Fr. Samuel, and Dan Curtis) spent an entire day in retreat, hosted by Sara and Bruce May, defining and discussing various potential future growth scenarios for the school. HTES, with a dedicated and caring staff, has built an educational system that provides a high level of value and quality to students that learn differently; yet, we feel we must anticipate that in the future our staff and technology costs will need to grow to sustain a high level of value and quality. Much planning and work will be done over the next several years to assure a strong future for our school, and especially for the students we serve.

A recent school development is that Gay and Laura have facilitated the development of the first "*Holy Trinity Family Group*". About 15 parents / guardians have formed this group to

become more engaged with the school and each other. They will organize fundraisers, special events, and graduation ceremonies. This group should be enormously beneficial to the health of the school. It is wonderful to see the parents being given a chance to become more involved and they, in turn, have expressed excitement and appreciation.

Please remember our Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament will be held October 30th at beautiful Harbor Hills Country Club. Judy and Gregg Monin are chairing the Fundraiser this year and are in need of volunteers. Specifically, they need Team Leaders and Team members for: **Marketing-Advertising**, **Sales-Sponsors**, **Day of Play** committee (Pat McLaughlin is the Chair), **Administration**-produce flyers and mailers, **Food/Beverage**, **Prizes**—work to organize/display gift baskets.

Please contact Judy with which area you can assist with! moninjudy@gmail.com or (440) 725-0973 (mobile)

Dan Curtis
HTES Board, Finance Director

Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit & Tournament

Blackston / Holy Trinity Golf for the Benefit of the Children at Holy Trinity Episcopal School

Our benefit is scheduled for **October 30**, at Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake. Once again, we ask that our parish support this wonderful school that helps so many deserving children. The support we give helps in maintaining the high standards the School Board, teachers and Head of School provide.

Please consider being a Committee Chairperson or Committee member. Our committees include, but are not limited to: Marketing, Sales, Day of Event committee member, Administration, Food/Beverage and Prizes. All of these would provide you the means to help.

Our goal is to surpass the former proceeds of \$17,155. which was raised by the talented Sid Yee and his helpers and contributors. (Sid is

also helping with the upcoming benefit to guarantee our success!!) Even though this is work, it will be FUN work.

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees please contact us any time by email:

moninjudy@gmail.com

greggmonin3@gmail.com

or telephone: Judy 440.725.0973 Gregg 440.570.0442. If we do not answer, please leave a voicemail!

If you feel the calling to provide leadership to one of the areas mentioned above, please let us know and come to the Golf Fundraiser Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 3:00pm in Grace Chapel.

Gods' Peace
Judy and Gregg Monin

Community Yard Sale Proceeds



A total of \$338 was raised for Holy Trinity at The Fruitland Park Community Yard Sale in April through the sale of two family's gently used items plus jewelry left over from our 2019 HTEC yard sale. Five parishioners staffed our two adjacent booths: Barb & Floyd Cogley, Barb Turner, Deb & Sid Yee, with helper/donor Randy Siver. Thanks everybody for blessing our neighbors with very reasonably priced recycled goods and for extending the invitation to our local community to worship with us.

We were also able to bless another charity (Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe whose sales benefit The

Villages Hospital) by dropping off all our unsold items at their Lady Lake store.



Suzy Brown



Carole Haase

Deb Yee

Janey Pullen

Gary Sligh

Kathy Torian

Dorothy lone Gray

Neven Matthews

Terry Osborn

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Julie & Gary Sligh

Richard & Charlotte Barringer

Dan White & Jay Summers

Janice Haake & Rob Pilkington

David & Marcella Gnau



The *Central Florida Episcopalian* magazine features articles and news from across our diocese. Click [here](#) to browse the latest issue.

Diocesan Profile Released

The Search Committee for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida has announced that the Diocesan Profile is now complete. Click [here](#) to review! Its contents include a very interesting history of the diocese, our demographics, ministries, what we do well, areas that can be improved, priorities for the next decade +, and a description of the type of person the committee believes our Lord is calling to serve as our next bishop. Nominations for our next bishop are open from May 1 – May 31st, 2022.

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Sunday 8:00am (Sanctuary)
Sunday 10:30am* (Sanctuary)
Wednesday 11:30am* Healing (Chapel)

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