



# The Tidings

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## Yearning for Enhanced Connections

By Samuel Nsengiyumva



blossom, and bless.

If there is one particular sentiment that is most reflected in the recent parish survey, it is a yearning for enhanced connection. A clear majority of responses and comments point to a greater desire for more opportunities to belong,

While we believe that Holy Trinity is truly a warm and welcoming community of faith, there is need for more. As the saying goes *"Good is not good enough if Better is possible."*

In a few weeks, we will be sending out another survey asking your opinion on how best to create more opportunities for enhanced connections. I hope you will be able to tell us what you wish to see and do. Meanwhile, allow me to share a few thoughts about church-based connections.

The church, as I understand it, is a community of individuals on a journey of life; following the way of Jesus. As my discipleship professor liked to remind us, *"A Commitment to Christ is a Commitment to the Church."* There is no such a thing as a solitary Christian. That is why Jesus commanded his followers to love one another as

he himself had loved them: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”* (John 13:34-35 NIV).

Jesus demonstrated what he meant by referring to his followers as his friends (John 15:14). Friendship is the greatest gift that any faith community can offer. In other words, a yearning for connection is a yearning for genuine friendships; following the example of Jesus.

As we all know, genuine Christ-like friendships do not simply happen. They have to be intentionally formed and nurtured. As we read from the book of Acts, the early disciples formed and nurtured genuine Christ-like friendships by spending much time together in the temple, breaking bread at home and eating their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. We also read that day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47).

My own experience and those of many others have led me to believe that there is no better place where our diverse and complex mix of spiritual and social needs and gifts can be discovered than in a small group setting. Small groups may take different shapes and forms. Some may be based on age or interest, while others may be specific or comprehensive. Some may be formal while others may remain informal. Whatever shape or form they may take, small groups have great potential to meet our need for: belonging, having a sense of place, fun, learning, accomplishing tasks, providing support to others, getting support from others, personal growth, friendships. They provide a place to pray and play together, a place to worship and weep together, a place to learn and laugh together, a place to stand and serve together, a place to feast and fast together, etc. It is usually in the small group, that genuine friendships are formed and nurtured.

Typical small groups comprise of anywhere between 6-12 people. They gather anywhere from once a week to once a month. They meet for a designated time to do either or all of the

following: prayer, study, a meal, service activity, fun activity, etc.

Whatever shape or form a small group may have, the goal is to form and nurture genuine Christ-like friendships. I suppose that is what many of us are yearning for as reflected in the recent survey. This is particularly important because, as researchers tell us, 90% of new church members stop attending if they have not made six friends within the first three months of attending a new church.

As we explore what opportunities are possible in our own context, please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in our search for enhanced connections that lead to genuine Christ-like friendships. I look forward to hearing your thoughts through the upcoming survey.

## **Vestry Minutes Highlights**

July 2022

The Vestry did not meet in the month of July, therefore there will be no highlights.

Debbie Lally, Secretary

## **Sr. Warden's Report**

I was having a hard time coming up with a topic this month. It is summer and things have been rather quiet. Once again, Father Samuel's sermon came to the rescue. It was when he was comparing life in America to one in his village in Rwanda.

Life, outside the parish, is one of self-reliance. We are able to take care of our needs. We may borrow the occasional cup of sugar or tool from our neighbor, but our survival does not depend on it. We hire repairmen to fix what we cannot. We have a lawn service. The firemen will replace our alarm batteries if we need them to. How easy can life get?

Our parish lives are different. We are more like the “villagers”, who depend on each other for survival. I am not just talking about the financial dependence we have. There are many things going on we just take for granted. Those things don't just happen – our fellow “villagers” are responsible for them.

Our grounds are beautiful. We do not have a lawn service; we have Jr. Warden Randy Siver.

Randy works very hard to maintain the property. He paints; does lawn work; changes batteries for alarms. We depend on him for everything dealing with grounds and buildings. We have other “villagers”, Bob Freeman, who knows the thrill of driving the lawn mower over the “village grounds”. Bob Mustin is our “artist” in residence, and Chris Redding our “jack of all trades”.

We have an extended parking area by the school. Neven Matthews, another “villager” is responsible for that new space. He brought the equipment as well as his time and talents to enhance the school pick-up area.

Coffee hour would not happen without our “village” kitchen mavens, Bonnie Hultin, Mandy Panlilio and Chris Redding. They organize the kitchen and schedule of coffee hour treats, and also take care of our receptions after important events.

We depend on these people to help create the warm, inviting atmosphere Holy Trinity is known for. There are many of us in this “village”, and I hope we can depend on you to help preserve that feeling.

Doris Brennan – Senior Warden

## Junior Warden Report

### Building and Grounds

2022 second quarter report

- 1) **Rectory**, the pier removal is complete and the “new” beach has been put in.  
Lawn maintenance continues as well as cleaning of all gutters.
- 2) **Church**, new locks and handles have been installed on the front and side entrance doors.
- 3) **School**, a new drive way has been installed, (thanks to Neven Mathews and his friend). This will allow for a safer and more orderly drop off/pick of our students.
- 4) **Cemetery**, we have had a number of funerals lately and have also sold 5 or 6 new plots. This fall we hope to have a day or two where we can straighten and clean headstones. It’s just too hot to do this now.

- 5) **Volunteers**, 6 men have put their hats in the ring to help out as needed since we are working without a sexton. Many thanks so far to Bob Mustin, Bob Freeman, Neven Mathews and Chris Redding for stepping up to help out so far.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Siver, Junior Warden

## Treasurer’s Summary Report

June, 2022

### Contributions

	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$14,375	\$21,528
Other Income	\$ 263	\$ 4,459
Total	\$14,638	\$25,987

Expenses \$29,177 \$25,987

To do good, and to distribute, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.  
Hebrews 13:16

Russ Casson, Treasurer

### PASTORAL CARE

For pastoral care  
we welcome you to contact:

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Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva  
(920-226-0050) or  
[rector@holytrinityfp.com](mailto:rector@holytrinityfp.com);  
or call the 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](mailto:office@holytrinityfp.com)

### MONTHLY HOT BREAKFAST TO RESUME

The Holy Trinity Men's Group will resume the monthly Hot Breakfasts in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, July 31, 2022**. We will be serving



pancakes, sausages, eggs, coffee, juices, etc. beginning after the 8:00 service and ending by the beginning of the 10:30 service. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry. We need

## Pancake Breakfast



people for setup (early), cooking, serving, etc. (in the middle), and for cleanup (at the end). Nobody needs to stay the whole time. If you are willing to help out, please contact Sid Yee at [sidney1949yee@gmail.com](mailto:sidney1949yee@gmail.com) or phone text 703-966-2615 or Dave Aldrich at [aldrichkp68@gmail.com](mailto:aldrichkp68@gmail.com) or phone/text 203-258-9643. All proceeds (\$7 per person) will benefit Holy Trinity School (HTES) operations.

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 19 – September 11, 2022

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist Rite 2  
(with no music)

**10:30 a.m.**– Holy Eucharist Rite 2  
(with Organ Music)  
(Live-streamed on Facebook)

**Wednesday 11:30 a.m.** - Healing Service  
with Communion (Live-streamed on  
Facebook)

*Saturday 4:15 p.m. services to resume on  
Saturday September 17, 2022*



**Holy Trinity School Benefit**  
**October 29, 2022**

**Harbor Hills Country Club**

## PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR STUDENTS Register for our School Benefit

### Registration

<http://HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com>

Early registration discount for your foursome (Before Oct 1).

**Sponsorships Available**-There is something for every budget!

**7:00 - 8:00 Registration**

**8:00 Shotgun Start**

**1:00 Lunch**

**Raffle Baskets, Beer Bucket and Wine Bucket Raffle, \$10,000 or Golf Cart Hole in One winner. and many more fun games and prizes.**

**ANY questions, please contact Judy Monin, Event Chairperson**  
[moninjudy@gmail.com](mailto:moninjudy@gmail.com)

### School Graduation



On May 27, 2022, we celebrated the graduation of 9 of our students - seven middle schoolers were promoted from eighth grade to high school; and two seniors were awarded their high school diplomas - signaling the beginning of the next phase of their young lives.

First a quick look back at the 2021-2022 school year which was a difficult one. It was the first

time that all students and staff were allowed back on campus, and that required a lot of adjustments for everyone. The students needed to adjust to being back in the classroom and the teachers needed to readjust to in-class teaching. Even with these challenges we were able to make progress. All students this year showed growth in multiple subjects. *(Perspective: On average, we had students gaining three quarters of a grade level, which is impressive. Most students joining Holy Trinity are three to four grade levels behind their public-school peer groups. So, gaining three quarters of a grade level is amazing. This is a testament to the commitment of our teachers and staff, and the tenacity of our students.)*

It was so delightful to see the children dancing, laughing and hugging each other during the post-graduation ceremony. The joy on their faces was priceless, as were the smiles of their proud parents.

While we celebrated our 8th graders who will move on to high school, the spotlight was on our 2 seniors, Bennett T. and Chelsea Z., who were awarded their high school diplomas. Bennett was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to continue his education at Lake County Community College where he has to decide on a major. *(He does like history a whole lot.)* And Chelsea is trying to choose from a list of options – gymnastics studies, fashion design, history or languages (she seems to have acquired an attraction to Russian and German).

Our 3 prior year graduates are also doing well – Jasmine C. is enrolled at Lake Tech pursuing a career in Culinary Arts and is planning to attend Lake Sumter State College in pursuit of an associate's degree; Rodolfo G. is enrolled at Lake Sumter State College pursuing an associate's degree with plans to continue onto a university in the future; and Shannon C. is enrolled in Florida's Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) where she has a job through the program.

It's amazing how these youngsters have developed and evolved their personalities during their time at Holy Trinity. They came in quiet & shy and are morphing into young adults with enthusiastic, bubbly personalities.

It is these success stories that make the endeavors of Holy Trinity's ministry worthwhile – the children go onto very productive lives and their parents are overjoyed with how their offspring have developed and overcome their challenges.

There are many plans on the drawing board for HTES during the next school year. Around 50% of our families need financial support to send their students to HTES so the school board approved a new financial aid program that will be available for families. Capital purchases will be made for student desks, chairs, bookcases, and storage cabinets. Plans to remodel the old school building inside and out are taking shape. We will also roll out an improved system for student pick-up in the afternoon. We also have plans to add 3 new faculty members to teach classes in math and languages. Additionally, we are expecting 6 new volunteer tutors to be joining our team (Our goal is to have a tutor for each student.) We look forward to the 2022-2023 school year and with everyone's support it will be a wonderful year.

The annual **Holy Trinity School Benefit**, with the generous support of **Blackston Financial Services**, provides invaluable support for the resources needed to give these students a fuller educational experience. **So, save the date – October 29, 2022**; more news to come in the weeks ahead - along with a link to our new website for signups and sponsorships. Peace.

Sidney Yee



## Recap of Holy Hacker Outing

**July 9, 2022**

WOW!!!! No weather problems today - well that is except for the heat. But then what's a little heat among friends. I do believe that the temperature did hit about 95 degrees plus, but

that was a mere price to pay for the "great" golf and the outstanding fellowship that was bestowed upon us. Twenty-four Holy Hackers showed up at the course this morning with clubs in hand, and pencils in carts to record some fantastic scores. And of course, we all carry erasers with us to ensure our scores meet our expected standards. We were greeted in the Pennbrooke Clubhouse by none other than "Deacon Charlie" - who happened to be the club pro on duty today. He blessed our scorecards and sent us on our way with a couple of words of wisdom to keep our heads down and follow through on our swings.... Now I tell you - those were some powerful words, but he could have added a few more suggestions regarding directions, because one of our teams got a bit turned around and took off to the wrong course to begin play. Now that was not too bad, but they took two members from another team with them. I will not yet mention who those lost lambs were at this time, but they did return to the flock and we were off and playing golf once again. I will identify those folks and their outstanding score a little later in this dissertation.

We were joined today by a guest Holy Hacker - Doran Hole, who is in town visiting his parents Jonathan and Gail Hole. Welcome aboard Doran - we enjoyed having you with us today, and hope you will return again soon. We also had two guests join us for lunch and after golf fellowship - Julia Shoup, who is the better half of our newest Holy Hacker Peter Coughlin - and John Canner, long time Holy Trinity parishioner and a member of our Vestry. We were so glad to have you join us in today's festivities.

And now for the outcome of today's main event.... Taking 1st Place in today's golf scramble the four ladies making up TEAM #4 and also the lost lambs that took the wrong turn onto the wrong course this morning - Barbara Turner, Valeria McGathy, Gloria Metager, and the one and only Molly McGlone - These ladies strutted proudly back to the clubhouse sporting a (4 Under Par) 26 on their card and smiling quite proudly of their accomplishment. Congratulations ladies for a job well done. I will be looking for a repeat performance next month. You may even want to take a bit of a detour prior to teeing off next month as

well. 2nd Place today was claimed by Ann & Steve Oakes, Janey Pullen, and Terry Osborn - They returned to the clubhouse with grins upon their faces and recorded a (2 Under Par) 28 on their scorecard. Now I must add that Ann & Steve also followed our four lost lambs at the start of play this morning, but soon found their way back to the flock and caught up with their team. Congratulations to this team for their outstanding play today as well. The rest of the Holy Hackers also played some great golf today - TEAM #1 Naomi & Dave Aldrich, Mandy Panlilio, and Father Ted Koelln - TEAM #2 Jonathan & Gail Hole, their son Doran Hole, and Dave Wahlquist - TEAM #3 Gerry Howell, Bob Freeman, Peter Coughlin, and yours truly Pat McLaughlin - and TEAM #6 Marcella & David Gnau and Deb & Randy Siver. Hey folks, that was some really great golf today and I appreciate each and every one of you for joining the Holy Hackers today. You are the Holy Hackers and without you they would not exist.

The Holy Hackers will be back on the course again next month on Saturday, August 13th. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall tomorrow morning after the 8:00AM Service. If perchance you cannot get to the Parish Hall to sign-up simply send me an email at [pmclaugh7@gmail.com](mailto:pmclaugh7@gmail.com) and I will add your name to the list. Also, if you do not play this silly game, but would like to join us for lunch and some great fellowship - come on out to the Pennbrooke Fairways about 11:00 AM as that is when we finish up the golf part of the morning and head into the clubhouse. So come on out and join in the festivities.

Well boys and girls that's about all I have for today - I will sign off for now, and I hope to see all of you on the course next month and I will see you in Church on Sunday.

In Christ's Name  
Your Golf Guy  
Pat McLaughlin





The **InviteWelcomeConnect** Team has scheduled a **Ministry Fair** to be held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday October 2, 2022**. The goal of a ministry fair is to highlight and celebrate existing ministries of the church and introduce any new ones. It is also an opportunity to help those who wish to serve in discerning which ministries God might be calling them to.

Each Ministry Team will creatively highlight and celebrate their ministries and answer any questions people may have. Anyone with a new ministry idea not covered by existing teams may contact Fr. Samuel on the possibility of introducing the ministry. We are looking forward to a fun-filled experience as we highlight and celebrate what God is doing in our midst. Stay tuned for more information.

## Outreach Committee



### Feeding The Starving Children

This week on Wednesday and again on Thursday July 27 and 28 a small group of us from HTEC will be joining others in

our area to help pack food for hungry children around the world. We will be a part of 15 teams that will work a two-hour shift putting together the ingredients to make a nutritional meal. Each team will have 10 members.

All 15 teams work at the same time during the 3-day packing event. So, 150 people will work a shift 8 different times over the 3 days. We will measure and weigh out rice, freeze dried vegetables, flavorings and nutrition vitamin powder. These food packs will be boxed and shipped across the ocean. The food should start to arrive to the children in 2 weeks after being packed. We ask that you keep the volunteers and the children who will receive the food in your prayers. The goal is to pack 272,000 meals. So, prayers are needed for us to meet this goal.

Our volunteers, that I know of, are Dianne Casson, Jan Hakke, Rob Pilkington, Bonnie Hultin and Bob and Annette Freeman.

Thank You,  
Annette Freeman  
Outreach Chair HTEC

## Forever Day

The door opens to the new day,  
A day that knows no time,  
The light from light shines through,  
To welcome my soul inside.

How fast the time did go,  
An acceleration of all I knew,  
All the suns and moons I saw,  
Like tree rings of life that grew.

I am happy to be with the father,  
Ascendent of the holy ghost  
Forever forgiven, redeemed,  
No longer am I lost.

By Ron Whetsell  
February 20, 2022



The Bosanquet family have been associated with Holy Trinity since its founding. Augustus Bosanquet came to the area from England in the 1880's, purchased property to plant orange trees and built a large two-story house that he named Fair Oaks. He turned over this house to his

brother, Louis, in the late 1880's and returned to serve the British Government in Europe. Louis married his wife Ellen in 1891 and they had three children; Frances, Louise and Alfred.

In addition to citrus, the Bosanquets raised watermelons and planted numerous varieties of shrubs, lilies, roses, and other flowers that were sold in the family-owned shop in Leesburg. Louis developed a hybrid crinum in 1930 that he called "Crinum x Ellen Bosanquet" which became very popular. This flower is commonly called "Bosanquet Lilly," and several are planted at Holy Trinity at the base of the cross at the entrance to the Cemetery.

An English custom of having tea after Sunday service was hosted at Fair Oaks by the Bosanquets. Fair Oaks is located on the south side of Spring Lake Road just after turning off Highway 441. These teas were well attended until they were discontinued in the 1960's.

Son Alfred married Ruth Ward in 1925 had three daughters; Blanche, Jeanne, Frances; and two sons; Louis and Gershon. Louis, Alfred, and Gershon served as Senior Wardens for Holy Trinity. One of our current members is the son of Blanche and carries on the tradition of serving Holy Trinity.

Next month: Is there a story about the statue of Christ in the cemetery?

Russ Casson

**Arthur Hanson**

**Eileen Disinger**

**Nancy Mitchell**

**Debbie Siver**

**Ron Clark**

**James Foster**

**Sally Scavone**

**Maurice Feinburg**

**Deborah Harmon**

**Liz Mustin**

**Dan White**

**Patricia Koller**

*Happy  
Anniversary*

**Carol & Steve Mullen**

**Jerry & Carol Wang**

**Cheryl & George Pringle**

**Richard & Louise White**

*Happy  
Birthday*

**Cherri Whetsell**

**Linda Bouchard**

**Louise White**

**John Ferris**

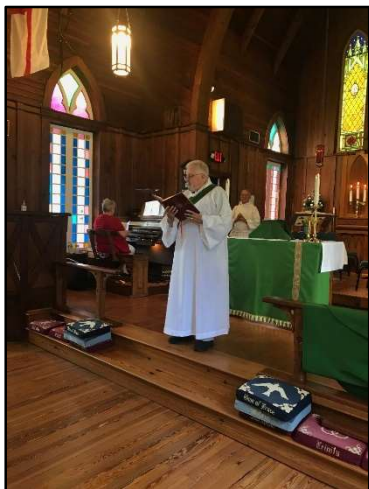
**Vicki Gordon**

**Karen Hammen**



## July 3, 2022 - A Triple Header Celebration

Sunday saw the parishioners of Holy Trinity celebrate not just the 246th anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, but also the wedding anniversaries of some of our parishioners and Deacon Charlie Perrin's inaugural Holy Eucharist service at Holy Trinity. Three couples commemorated their 50th+ wedding anniversaries - Bob & Liz Mustin, Cesar & Dottie Noble, and new attendees, David & Denise (Denni) Lawrence. Father Samuel offered a special prayer with and for each couple. (At one point he had to remind one of the couples to hold hands.) A reception followed in the Parish Hall.



# **Come For A Great Day Of Golf Give Someone A Brighter Future**

**October 29,2022**

**HARBOR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

Register before Oct.1 and save \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Holy Trinity Episcopal School is a non-profit private school for students who struggle to learn, belong and make friends in a typical school. Students have Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia or other learning disabilities.

When students graduate from HTES with a full diploma and go to college, a vocational program, or work, we've fulfilled our Mission to equip each student with the tools they need for a rich and independent life.

**Unfortunately, all this costs a lot of money. HTES barely breaks even.**

## **How does the Golf Benefit help the students?**

Proceeds from the 2022 HTES Golf Benefit will provide for Scholarships.

Many of our students come from families that cannot afford the tuition and fees.

Your support lets us **help children** who otherwise couldn't attend HTES.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER TO PLAY**

**Website: [HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com](http://HolyTrinitySchoolGolf.com)**

Ladies & Men's Hole in One Contest, Ladies & Men's Longest Drive, Ladies & Men's Most Accurate, Ladies & Men's closest to the pin, Putting Contest.

Many fabulous baskets to bid on, including a bucket of wine or beer to win.

SOME OF OUR PRIZES: \$10,000 for Hole in One, Callaway 300 Range Finder, Guaranteed Spa or Golf Day, Free Golf Cart

\*If you can't join us, please consider a tax-deductible donation to benefit scholarships for our students.  
We are a 501(c) 3.

