



The Tidings

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Abundant Generosity

by Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

I imagine that by the time you read this reflection, you will have read or heard that this year's Stewardship theme is Rooted in Abundance. The theme is derived from the book of the prophet Jeremiah in reference to those who trust in the Lord as opposed to those who "trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord." (Jer. 17:6) The prophet Jeremiah says that:

But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

As I like to say, there is nothing so beautiful as seeing the scriptures fulfilled in our own eyes. The events of the past month, right here at Holy Trinity, once again, demonstrated the abundant generosity of our people that is rooted in awareness and appreciation of the abundant gifts of time, talent and treasure, that God has entrusted to us.

It all begun with a very successful Ministry Fair where our ministry teams shared with us the various ministries in which they were involved and invited us to join in as participants or beneficiaries. Indeed, many of you expressed your desire to be part of those ministries. The climax, of course, was the annual School Golf Benefit held on Saturday October 21 at Harbor Hills Country Club. The sheer number of people and the amount of time, talent, and treasure involved, could only come from a people deeply rooted in a deep sense of abundance. I praise God for all of you; and for the privilege of serving with you.

As you begin to think about abundant generosity of wisdom, works, and wealth in support of God's mission here at Holy Trinity for the coming year, may you be guided by God's promise that because you trust in the Lord and have made the Lord your hope and confidence, your leaves will stay green and will never stop producing fruit.

As St. Paul puts it, *"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith."* (Galatians 6:9-10).

Praise God for the opportunity we have, to keep up the good work of inviting, welcoming, and connecting people to God and one another; and providing a warm, welcoming, and Christ-centered community to belong, blossom, and bless.

To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21).

By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

Sr. Warden's Report

As promised, it has been a busy month of October. We started the first week with the Ministry Fair, followed by School Celebration Service and finishing with The Blessing of the

Animals. We were happy to see many of our Church Family participating in those activities.

There was a lot of activity going on during the week. Siding was replaced on the school as well as the Parish Hall. Buildings and Grounds have been getting quotes on further repairs that are required on the Church as well as the School. Our new Interim Head of School, Ms. Carole-Lynn Petronella started her new duties. Our industrious Golf Benefit Committees have been working hard to prepare for our most important Fund Raiser of the year.

None of this would be possible without Stewardship. Our Stewardship Drive began October 22nd and will run through November 19th. Our theme is "Rooted in Abundance". As I stated, all the activities I had listed depends on Stewardship. The obvious portion of that is "Treasure", aka money. Yet, so much more relies on "Time" and "Talent", aka you, the Family of Holy Trinity. It is all of you that donate the time and many talents you possess that keeps our Church going.

Many of us have been and continue to be blessed in financial ways. We can afford to reach in our pockets and be generous to our Church. Some of us are not as fortunate in that area. We have budgets we need to keep an eye on and sometimes make adjustments in order to get through the month. Your time and skills are also needed to help Holy Trinity to succeed. Whether you are serving on a Committee for Church or volunteering at the School, your time and talent are treasured by all who benefit from it.

So, when you start to think about Stewardship and what you can donate to your Church Family, remember volunteering your time is all part of the "Abundance" we enjoy.

Doris Brennan – Sr. Warden

Vestry Meeting Highlights

October, 2023

The Vestry met for their monthly meeting on **Thursday, October 19, 2023** to discuss matters of importance to the life and mission of our church.

1. The Vestry reviewed and approved the September Vestry meeting minutes as amended.
2. The Junior Warden reported that:
 - a. New siding for the school building has been completed; while the needed siding for parts of the parish House will be completed by the end of October.
 - b. The repair on the damaged classroom roof has been completed, while the walls and carpet are scheduled to be completed by the end of October.
3. The Vestry voted to approve the upgrade of the church's security system and install a new system for the school.
4. The Vestry was reminded of the upcoming events which include:
 - a. November 19th Consecration Sunday
 - b. Donations for the cost of shipping Operation Christmas Child boxes
 - c. Donations for Wreaths Across America for the Veteran's in our cemetery.
5. Fr. Samuel informed the Vestry that:
 - a. Ms. Carole-lynn Petronella has begun her duties as Interim Head of School.
 - b. Nominations are open to fill 3 positions each for a 3-yr. term on the Vestry; beginning January 2024.
 - c. The Ministry Fair, Blessing of the animals, and Episcopal School Celebration went very well.
 - d. Preparations for the Annual School Golf Benefit were in full swing and looking forward to a successful event.
 - e. The Vestry voted to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. It was noted that even though the September income was below budget, both the year to-date the income and expenses remain within budget.
5. The Vestry voted to appoint Jeannette Rodenbaugh as Assistant Treasurer with special responsibility for school finances.

Treasurer's Summary Report

September, 2023

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$12,443	\$24,113
Other Income	\$ 727	\$ 3,370
Total	\$13,170	\$27,483
Expenses	\$21,179	\$27,483

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8.*

Russ Casson - Treasurer

Meet Ms. Petronella Interim Head of School

Hello! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Carole-lynn Petronella and as of October 16th, my new role as Interim Head of School began. My main goal is ensuring academic leadership, maintaining the Holy Trinity Episcopal School vision, and providing students with a quality school experience. With God at the helm, I am excited to be entrusted with the task of leading HTES into success this year.

Thanks!

Ms. Carole-lynn Petronella, *Interim Head of School*

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HTEC School Tutor Update



We have twelve talented and dedicated volunteer tutors on our roster right now but, more tutors are needed. If you or someone you know wants to make a real difference in a child's

life and has just one hour a week to work one-on-one with a student please call (913) 558-2636 or email Jimkelly8143@gmail.com. (No formal academic certification is required and training is provided.)

Jim Kelly

Salvation Army Food Bank Collection



The Outreach committee is asking you all to contribute to the Salvation Army food bank by making deposits of nonperishable food in the little red wagon at the front of the church on Sundays. As the holiday season approaches and food prices continue to climb the need is most painfully felt by those in need. For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ please contact Annette Freeman (352) 406-7608.

School Fund Raiser



The Belk 2023 Fall Charity Sale will be happening Nov. 1st to 5th at Belk of Lady Lake. For the third year in a row Holy Trinity School support team has enthusiastically agreed to

be a Fall Charity Sale Partner and will be staffing a table inside the front door of the store. There we will have the opportunity to raise money by selling event tickets at \$5 each and keeping 100% of ticket proceeds for the school.

During this sale ticket holders will receive \$5 off their first purchase and 25% off stackable coupons for the duration of the sale. It's a win-win! We raise money for the school and get truly amazing discounts! While the Belk 2023 Fall Charity Sale runs from November 3-5 ticket sales began at Holy Trinity October 1, 2023 and will continue through Nov 5.

If you are willing and available to staff the sales table at Belk, please call (913) 558-2636 or email Jimkelly8143@gmail.com.

Outreach Christmas Ministries



Operation Christmas Child, this year we are asking for the shipping cost to ship 50 shoeboxes, \$10.00 each. Our Outreach Committee has purchased the items to go into each of our 50 Shoeboxes. We have envelopes in the pews for you to use to support this Ministry. To date we

have collected \$150.00 of the \$500.00 that we need.

Wreaths Across America, this year for the first time ever, the cost of sponsoring a wreath has gone up. It will now cost \$12.00 to sponsor a wreath for a Veteran who rests in our cemetery. We need sponsorships for 72 wreaths. We have envelopes in our pews for you to use to support this Ministry. To date we have collected \$383.00 of the \$864.00 that we need.

Salvation Army Angel Tree, at this point we have had 14 ANGELS requested. We will only be taking the number of Angels from Salvation Army that have been requested by our members. To request an Angel please contact Annette Freeman 352-406-7608 or by email at Net389@aol.com.

Many Thanks.

Annette Freeman

HTEC Outreach Chair

HTEC Salvation Breakfast Team

Besides Holy Trinity's contributions to the Salvation Army Food Bank via the Red Wagon we also have a fun loving and hard-working team that provides breakfast service at the Salvation Army post in Leesburg to typically 25 to 35 people in need.

You can be part of this mission by joining the HTEC Salvation Army Breakfast Team serving breakfast on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ please contact Jim Kelly (913) 558-2636.



Twenty six (26) Holy Hackers were blessed with a beautiful day for golf at Pennbrooke Fairways on Saturday, October 14th. Randy & Debbie Siver brought six guests, Deacon Charlie's work schedule changed, with the season, enough to allow him to play and Nancy Browne joined us afterwards for lunch. Our next outing is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th, at a new time, 10:00 A.M. which will be our start time for the Winter season. Lunch afterwards begins at about 11:30 in Double T's Bar & Grill. Join us for golf and/or lunch & fellowship. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or you can e mail or call or text Dave Aldrich at aldrichkp68@gmail.com/203-258-9643 to be added to the list.



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this year's golf benefit. It was a beautiful day with beautiful people. Thank you, Judy and Gregg Monin

Golf Tournament Baskets



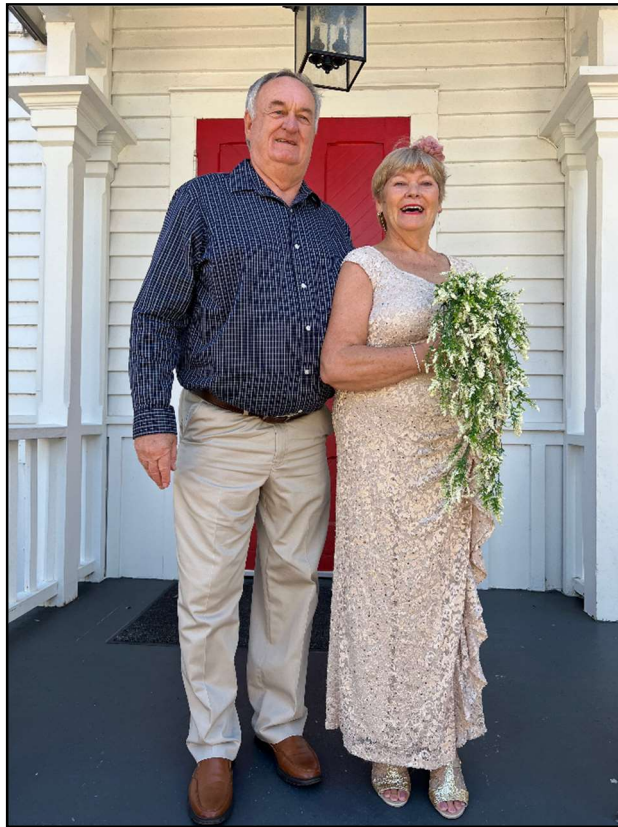
THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who donated money to make the baskets and to those who bought raffle tickets for chances on the baskets. We had 26 beautiful baskets. There were four unclaimed baskets at the end of the evening. These baskets were taken to the Church the next day and auctioned off. It was fun watching the auction and more fun watching Father Samuel, his wife, Rose and Dave Fleming scratching off the lottery tickets!

Naomi Aldrich, School Board Secretary



**Bob & Annette Freeman
40th Anniversary
Celebration**



We wish to thank everyone who reached out to us in anyway as we celebrated our 40th Anniversary by Reaffirming our Vows. We had a wonderful day and felt your love. We especially thank all who came out to be with us.

With Love,
Bob & Annette



**PERRIN, Charles & Angela
HAMMEN, Rick & Karen
HENSLEY, Robert & Gay**



**MONIN, Judy
HODGE, Kay
SCOTT, Jeanette
PRINGLE, Cheryl
NEIDOW, Mary Jo
FOSTER, Sandy
MICHELL, Robin
CURTIS, Dan
HANSON, Arlene
WELTON, Jaleh
HENSLEY, Robert**

PASTORAL CARE

For pastoral care
we welcome you to contact:

Robin Michell
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Robinmichell@yahoo.com

Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva
(920-226-0050) or
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

Please note: I received a note from Joan Hensley. She said that she has not received any completed forms for the Spotlight this month. Surely, there must be someone. Let's ALL complete our forms and send them in. (There is a form in the Tidings) I look forward to including one in the December Tidings. Thank you.

Parishioner Newsletter Spotlight

“Parishioner Spotlight” – A New Feature for the Newsletter

When Fr. Sam asked for a volunteer to write ‘spotlights’ on Holy Trinity’s parishioners, as someone new to Holy Trinity, we felt it would be a great opportunity to meet and learn more about everyone at church. To get started, our first spotlight is on us so you’ll know who we are when we get together with each of you to develop your spotlight. Look for an email from Fr. Sam that will include an interview format to give us some basic information. Please complete the form and return to Fr. Sam and

copy us at joan.hensley95@gmail.com. Then we’ll get together, one on one, to expand and create your spotlight. Each month, someone will be selected from the forms received and featured in the monthly church newsletter. We look forward to getting to know all of you!

Holy Trinity/Blackston Financial

October 21, 2023 Golf Benefit



Parishioner Newsletter Spotlight

Joan Hensley, one of our newest members, has graciously agreed to serve as our Member Spotlight newsletter contributor. This is intended to help in our connection process as we learn more about each other. We hope that as many of you will volunteer your information and help us to know you. Joan has designed a basic format to help you organize the information. Please look at the format below and send your information to joan.hensley95@gmail.com

Parishioner Spotlight Information Form

Name (s): _____

Email Contact (to send proof/review of article):

Phone Contact: _____

How long have you been attending Holy Trinity?

What community do you live in?

Are you here year-round or return north for the summer?

Tell us about your family . . .

Pets. . .

Where were you born/raised? How long in Florida?

What is your occupation (s) (If retired, list prior)

What hobbies or interests keep you busy?

What Social or Civic clubs do you belong to, active in, and how?

What church activities are you involved in, either at Holy Trinity or at the church you previously attended?

What is one thing you would want most people to know about you?

Holy Trinity/Blackstone Financial Golf Benefit





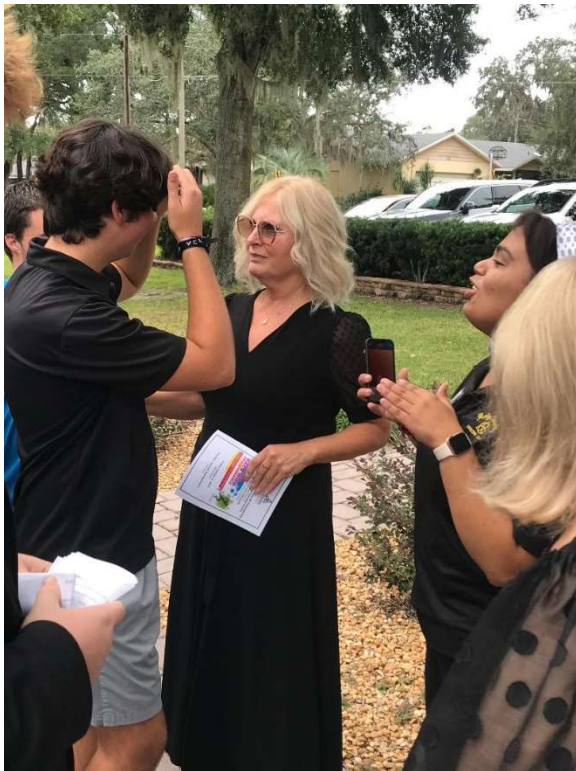
Golf Benefit - Dinner



Ministry Fair



Commissioning of Carol-lynn Petronella Interium Head of School



Blessing of the Animals



UPCOMING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by Men's Group on **Sunday, Oct. 29th** following the 8:00 am service in Parish Hall. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, coffee, tea, etc. The cost is **\$7 per person** with proceeds going towards a variety of needs at our school.

LOVING MEMORY OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: As is our custom, on **All Saints Day, Sunday November 5**, we will be remembering our loved ones who have departed this life and now rest before our heavenly Father. If you wish to have your loved one remembered during the prayers of the people, please send their names to the office no later than **Wednesday, Nov. 1st**. May their souls rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon them.

SCHOOL DISCOUNT CARDS: Our school's parents' group has embarked on a major fundraising initiative by producing and selling discount cards to **16 local businesses**. Each card costs \$10 and allows you to get significant discount at the local businesses. You may order your cards by asking Fr. Samuel or filling out a form in the Parish Hall.

PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: - A ministry that strives to provide a loving and caring environment to those among us who may be experiencing hardships of many kinds. We need at least 3 more people to volunteer to call other members 3 times a year, to send out cards and to either cook or buy a meal when required. Can you share your gifts and talents with us? **Please call Robin Michell at 352-350-1451** or email me with your interests at **RobinMichell@yahoo.com**.

OUTREACH ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS: Envelopes are available for a donation for the shipping of a prefilled **"Shoebox"** for our **"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"** Ministry or for a **"Wreath"** in our **"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"** Ministry. More information is on the envelopes. Thank You!

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT HOLY TRINITY: After some time of exploration, we now have made it possible for those who wish to give electronically in a variety of ways:

1. **Website/Facebook page**
2. **TEXT to Give:** the word "Funds" to 844-527-0098
3. **Mobile App:** Download the **Vanco Mobile** app from mobile store
4. **QR Code:** Scan the QR Code to access our eGiving page.

OPEN POSITION: We are actively searching for a long-term **Head of School** to help carry on the mission of our school beyond the transition. A suitable candidate must be someone with a heart for students who learn differently and guided by our baptismal commitment to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and respect the dignity of every human being. This is a full-time position with benefits. A resume and letter of interest may be sent to: debkhogan@gmail.com

HEARING LOOP: Our sanctuary is now installed with a hearing loop for the benefit of those with hearing difficulties. If your hearing aid has a T-Coll, you should be able to hear clearly. Headphones are also available for those with compatible hearing aids. Talk to the usher if you need headphones.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Those who wish to donate food items or sign-up to help clean-up are encouraged to sign-up on the bulletin board. Thank you!