



THE MESSENGER



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Having a Birthday This Month?

Why not celebrate the many blessing in your life and be a blessing to Holy Trinity, too?

Contribute to the Birthday Fund to help us pay for SPECIAL PROJECTS

**** Suggested donation is \$1.00 per year of age.**

Dear HTPC family,

Grace and peace to you from our Triune God – the Creator, Savior and Friend. I hope this message finds you happy and well in the Lord. I praise God for three new ministries that we were able to initiate in our church since the start of this year – the IGNITE fellowship on Thursdays, the Bible Study at the Palms on alternate Thursdays, and the Kids Sunday School. We are happy to see new friends from our surrounding communities at the IGNITE fellowship each week. Thanks to the prayers and dedicated efforts of our volunteers from different committees who prepare food, provide hospitality, and facilitate video screening and discussions. It is our hope and prayer that this ministry will nurture friendship among members of our church and community, and strengthen our walk with the Lord. The Bible study at the Palms is growing in number each week. It is a joy that our church is able to minister to friends living in that seniors facility. Our Kids Sunday School right now has one member, Liberty. But we are happy that God has given us this privilege to restart Sunday school after many years of not having children in that age group. This is also a testament to our commitment as a church to provide spiritual nurture to members of all age groups, even if we have just one child in the church. Thanks to Deacon Pam Joles, offering the classes each week. We firmly believe that God, who does not despise small beginnings (Zechariah 4:10), will bring more children in the days to come. Please pray that 2026 will be a year of growth and harvest.

Ash Wednesday comes early this year. We will be entering the season of Lent on February the 18th with the Ash Wednesday service at 5 pm. Personally, I love the season of Lent more than Christmastide. This is because Lent is a season for course correction to align our focus and steps towards Jesus. There is no better way to thank God for the gift of Christmas and Easter than to walk with Jesus and to follow in his footsteps. In that light, I invite you to pray for our Black siblings in Christ who are observing this month as the Black History month. Let us celebrate with them their achievements, and prayerfully stand in solidarity in their ongoing struggle for dignity and justice.

The Thursday Lenten Soup Supper and Conversational Drama will begin on February the 26th and continue until March 26th. Please mark your calendars, and invite your friends to join in these joyful and meaningful Lenten events in our Fellowship Hall.

With prayers and blessings,

Pastor Vinod
(Rev. Vinod I. Gnanaraj)





Prayer Chain Warriors

You are being upheld in our thoughts and supported with our prayers. May knowing this give you strength to face the future.

Beverly Smith	724-654-2347
Kelly Dickey	239-785-7659
Ann Sosa	239-201-8582
Bill Joles	704-813-0835
Nancy Rad	239-731-1204
Wilma Jenkins	317-496-9287
Nancy Walker	239-841-0654
Ruth Rickard	610-468-5626

If you would like to join our Prayer Chain Warriors please call or text Kelly Dickey at 239-785-7659.

Prayer List

Pat Frantz	Gavin Hewitt
Bev Smith	Scott Mergenthaler
Irene Snyder	Ken & Aileen Reese
June Tillson	Kelly Lichtenhahn
Margaret Lavin	Betty Robertson
	Rick Sanders

If you have loved ones or concerns to be added to our prayers, please notify the church office. We'd also love to hear from you about your joys! Please keep this list on your side table or night stand and include these folks in your daily prayers.

IGNITE...it only takes a spark to get a fire going

This Supper Fellowship Group will meet on Thursdays, February 5 and 12 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal is served, followed by an engaging video and brief discussion.

Food, fun, friends, fellowship, faith and its FREE of charge.

Please let us know you are coming by signing-up in the Narthex or calling the church office 239/567-2246.



What is that decorated box with the bow on top that sits beside the altar? For those of you who are new or just never knew, it is the Birthday Box.

The idea is, when it is your birthday, if you wish, you may make a donation in the amount of your age. Of course, you don't have to give that exact amount; any amount is appreciated.

This donation is applied to the special projects account.





ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
5:00 PM

*Everyone is welcome to participate
 in this meaningful service as we
 begin the season of LENT!*



**Worship
& Music**

Just four years ago, due to the impact of COVID, we were unable to sing together in church. Now, we count our blessings as we lift our voices in joyous songs to our Lord Jesus Christ. With the return of our snowbirds and the presence of our dedicated year-round members, the sound of great singing during worship services has truly filled our sanctuary once again. We have always been, and continue to be, a church that sings with heartfelt praise to the Lord.

We warmly invite more people to join our choir. You do not need to know how to read music—just bring your enthusiasm. Singing in the choir is not only enjoyable, but also deeply rewarding. Choir practices take place every Thursday at 4:00 PM.

Please consider becoming a part of this joyful group. May God bless you all! *Paul Brewer*



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The most needed food items include:
 Canned vegetables, fruits and soups, baked beans, peanut butter and jelly, cereals, canned puddings, canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, ham and spam), macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, beans, coffee, tea, fruit juices. No glass items please.
 And, of course, monetary donations are always welcome!

FOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
9:00—NOON
DRIVE UP/DROP OFF

Donations of non-perishable food items (including dog food) will be given to All Souls Food Pantry for distribution through the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Please remember....MEET THE NEED SUNDAY is the day before the FOOD DRIVE! Food donations may be placed in the baskets located in the narthex.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO FEED THE HUNGRY!

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

Please continue to visit the Gathering Place following the 8:30 and 10:30 AM service each Sunday. Coffee, tea and snacks will be waiting your arrival. **Invite visitors** to stop by and take the time to get to know members of the congregation who you may not know.

Wear your name badge, if you already have one. It is nice to greet each other by name.

A new Members Matter class will be started in the not-too-distant future. Please sign-up in the Narthex if you would like to become a regular or affiliate member of our congregation.

In January and part of February a video series preceded by a light supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evenings. The Outreach/Fellowship Committees will be hosting a light supper before each event free of charge (donations are welcome). We are looking for volunteers to help with SIMPLE food prep, hall set-up and clean-up. Contact Sue Clark if you are interested in lending a hand for one or all of the suppers (randyclark@verizon.net, or leave a message at 412/780-3584).

“A church that doesn’t evangelize will fossilize.”- Oswald J. Smith



Children’s Sunday School with Pam Joles as teacher, is held at 9:45—10:45 each Sunday in the Library. This is a picture of the class, with Liberty as the student.

LET’S DO IT AGAIN! Backpacks for Mision Peniel

We are starting the campaign for backpacks early this year...we usually ask for donations in May and June after many of our folks are back up north, and we would like everyone to have the opportunity to participate. In past years our backpacks have been geared toward elementary ages, but Mision Peniel has indicated that they need backpacks that are appropriate for middle and high school children, so we will be purchasing larger backpacks. If you wish to donate to this mission, you may drop your donation into the backpack you will find handing in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church with backpacks noted on memo line. Thank you, Mission Committee





SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

LUNCH and BAKE SALE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will host a
 VALENTINE'S DAY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH - at NOON IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

LUNCH: Please plan to bring a salad or a dessert:
 Birthdays January-June—bring a salad
 Birthdays July-December—bring a dessert

CLOTHING EXCHANGE - Bring a gently-used piece of clothing or pieces
 of clothing that you no longer want or that no longer fits.
 Then, take home something that someone else brought in exchange.

FASHION SHOW The Holy Trinity Bargain Basement Beauties will mod-
 el the outfits they purchased at a local thrift shop, proving that you CAN dress for LESS.

If you plan to attend, please sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex. If you would like to go on our
 Shopping trip and be a model for the show, let either Sue Clark or Judy DeLonge know. Thank You!



LITURGISTS AND GREETERS/USHERS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

LITURGISTS

Feb. 1 8:30—Pam Joles
 10:30—Nita Carsley

Feb. 8 8:30—Bill Joles
 10:30—Darlene Sullivan

Feb. 15 8:30—Angel Ruder
 10:30—Carol Herbert

Feb. 22 8:30—Hal Copeland
 10:30—Mary Ann Hudson

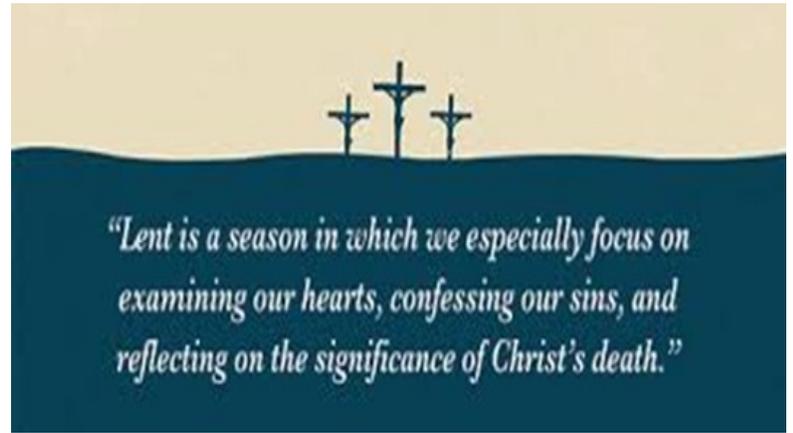
GREETERS/USHERS

8:30—Ralph Jeka & Judy DeLonge
 10:30—Len Carsley & Dave Herbert

8:30—Bonnie & Elmer Logan
 10:30—Mike Hawley & Dave Herbert

8:30—Bill Joles & Linda Green
 10:30—Nina & Len Carsley

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Men's Fellowship Breakfast is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM at Mel's Diner located at 1331 Pine Island Rd. NE. Please be sure to call the church office (239-567-2246) to make a reservation.

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be on Tuesday, February 10th!



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church would like to remind everyone of our **Church Website**, www.htpc-nfm.org

Want to see the latest sermons? Simply go to YouTube.com and search "Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church North Fort Myers." The video services are also on the main link of the church website. Clicking on "Sunday Worship Videos" brings up a menu by date.





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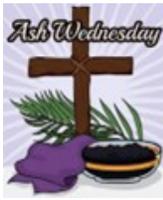
**DON'T MISS OUT...
SIGN UP
ON SUNDAY!**

CHURCH STAFF:

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| Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj | Pastor |
| Mr. Paul Brewer | Music Director |
| Ms. Joyce McCabe | Office Administrator |
| Mrs. Marie Joseph | Bookkeeper |
| Mr. Dennis Daley | Maintenance |
| Ms. Alissa Deeds | Sound Tech |

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Worship</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Black History Month Begins</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 1:00pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee CR#4</p>	<p>4 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>5 12:00pm Christian Education Committee</p> <p>1:00 Worship Committee</p> <p>4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper & Program</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Worship</p>	<p>9 10:00 Missions Meeting</p> <p>10:00 Finance & Personnel Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mel's Diner</p> <p>10:00 Presbyterian Women's Valentines Day Fashion Show & Luncheon</p>	<p>11 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>12 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study at The Palms</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper & Program</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>15 Messenger Articles Due 8:30 Praise Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Worship Transfiguration of the Lord</p> <p>MEET THE NEED SUNDAY</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>16 9:00 Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>President's Day</p>	<p>17 10:00 Session Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Book Club On Zoom</p>	<p>18 9:30 Bible Study Via Zoom</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 9:45 Children's Sunday School 10:30 Traditional Worship</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>26 1:00 Bible Study at The Palms</p> <p>4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Lenten Soup Supper & Conversational Drama</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:00am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>