



THE MESSENGER



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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



- 4th Jan Walschott
- 5th Margaret Lavin
- 5th Donna Malesky
- 7th Diane Jenkins
- 8th Carolyn Hagemeyer
- 13th Ginger Mastrangelo
- 15th Lori Hoch
- 21st Pat Frantz
- 23rd Ed Huether
- 27th Barbara Mutschler
- 31st Joan Ostrander

Did we miss your special day?
Or, do we have it listed
incorrectly?

PLEASE let us know by calling
the church office: 239.567.2246
or email us at:
htpcsecretary@gmail.com



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.**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year reminds us that we are about to embark on a new journey around the sun. I wish and pray that this year's journey around the sun will be a joyful and hopeful one with the blessing of the 'Son'.

The start of a new year is an opportune time to reflect on the past and to imagine new possibilities. I am grateful to God for enabling us to be a vibrant witness to the love and grace of Christ in our community and beyond in the past year. Members of our Session and I hope and pray that in this new year we will more intentionally live out the vision statement of our church: "Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship." To make this a reality, the Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship & Outreach committees have jointly planned a new initiative called "IGNITE," which will be a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith. The IGNITE events are scheduled on Thursdays at 5 pm beginning from January 8th. Please invite your friends to join with you to these events. For more details, please see the article on IGNITE in the following pages.

Do you know that an ordinary year has 8,760 hours? Of those hours, we will likely spend around 2950 hours asleep. Out of the remaining hours, if each of us spend just 10 minutes a day worshipping God by praising, praying, reading the Bible, and meditating on God's promises, that would be roughly 60 hours a year or 1% of your time this year. I hope you would consider sparing 10 minutes a day or 1% of your time this year with God. You can be assured that it will be the best part of this year. For the Bible tells us that those who spend time with God are refreshed, renewed in strength, transformed into the image of Christ, and find peace and joy in God's righteousness. It is my hope and prayer that each of us will develop a stronger relationship with the Lord this year and bear witness to his love and grace both individually and collectively as a church.

If you have ideas on how we can be more missionally involved to be God's instruments of hope, love and peace to those in need, please share your thoughts with me or with our Session members.

Let us begin this new year with purpose, dedicating our lives and hours to our Maker, Redeemer and Friend.

Blessings for a hopeful and joyful 2026!



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
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.



Pat Frantz	Gavin Hewitt
Bev Smith	Scott Mergenthaler
Irene Snyder	Ken & Aileen Reese
June Tillson	Kelly Lichtenhahn
Margaret Lavin	Wanda Kruse
Mimi Costello	Donna Thatcher

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

A new supper fellowship group called **Ignite** will be introduced on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 5 pm and continue every Thursday during January and February.

Join us at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious light meal, followed by an engaging video and brief discussion.

During our first gathering, we will watch an amazing image-rich journey from earth through our ever-expanding universe composed of billions of galaxies. We will see stunning, unfathomable galactic structures, created and fashioned by our God who is even greater in power and greatness.

Truly, we will find the cosmos and its Creator, our Creator beyond description; thus the title of the video, **Indescribable**.

Please let us know you will be joining us by signing up in the narthex!





**Food Drive
January 19, 2026
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.

MEET THE NEED SUNDAY IS THE DAY BEFORE THE FOOD DRIVE!
Food donations may be placed in the baskets located in the narthex!

The Music Department extends warm wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year to everyone. In 2026, The choir will present a selection of beautiful and uplifting anthems. The start of the New Year is an ideal opportunity to join the choir or just come to a rehearsal and see what you think. No short or long-term commitment required—no need to know how to read music, simply come by on Thursdays at 4:00 PM. Friendly members will welcome you, and I believe you'll genuinely enjoy taking part in the choir. The contemporary service continues to feature lively toe-tapping music. Attendance was strong for both services throughout 2025, and we eagerly anticipate what lies ahead in 2026. God Bless! *Paul Brewer*



The Presbyterian Women meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!



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.



Recently held Cyber Security Class...
The next Class will be on Tues. January 6, 2026 10:00-11:30 A.M.

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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. Several regular visitors have expressed an interest in having Holy Trinity name badges. If you are interested in obtaining a Holy Trinity name badge, please sign-up in the Narthex or send an email to randsclark@verizon.net and place "Holy Trinity Name Badge" in the subject line.

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.

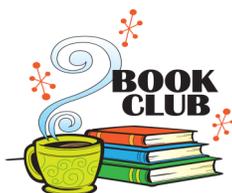
If you were unable to attend the Senior Cybersecurity seminar in November, there will be another opportunity on January 6th at 10:00 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors. There is no charge and the information is invaluable for all seniors.

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 (randsclark@verizon.net, or leave a message at 412/780-3584).

"To evangelize does not mean to win converts but to simply announce the Good News irrespective of the results." – John Stott



BOOK CLUB



Join us for an hour of fellowship and discussion of the book chosen for the month. This group is for anyone who likes to read and we have an entertaining discussion narrated by Amy Cottrell.

Join us by zoom on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Contact office for link.

The next Zoom meeting will be on January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Holy Trinity On the Go! Recent photos from trip to St. Augustine!



AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

LITURGISTS AND GREETERS/USHERS FOR JANUARY 2026

LITURGISTS

- Jan 4 8:30—Mary Kay Tointon
- 10:30—Darlene Sullivan
- Jan 11 8:30—Mary Kay Tointon
- 10:30—Candace Forslund
- Jan 18 8:30—Mary Kay Tointon
- 10:30—Carol Herbert
- Jan 25 8:30—Mary Kay Tointon
- 10:30—Mary Ann Hudson

GREETERS/USHERS

- 8:30—Bonnie & Elmer Logan
- 10:30—Mike Hawley & Dave Herbert
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- 10:30—Al & Hennie Oostema
- 8:30—Linda & Moe Morrison
- 10:30—Mike Hawley & Dave Herbert
- 8:30—Linda & Moe Morrison
- 10:30—Nancy Apple & Dave Herbert

Happy New Year 2026

A joyous Christmas Eve Celebration!



Merry Christmas





Many, many thanks to all who contributed to our shoes/socks program for the children of the migrant workers in Immokalee.

Almost 200 pairs of shoes and socks were donated.

Be sure to take a look at them under the tree in the narthex.

Pastor Miguel of Mision Peniel will be picking up the donations in the next few weeks.

Again, thank you so very much!

Your Mission Committee



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.

CHURCH STAFF:

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

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Communion Sunday 8:30 Praise Worship 9:45 Congregational Meeting 10:30 Traditional Worship</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Cyber Security Class</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study at The Palms</p> <p>4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper/Program</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:45 Buildings & Grounds Committee</p> <p><i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 Finance, Personnel & Mission Commit- tee Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 Presbyterian Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 Presbyterian Women's Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper/Program</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship</p> <p>MEET THE NEED SUNDAY!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Session Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Book Club On Zoom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study On Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study at The Palms</p> <p>4:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper/Program</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30 Praise Worship 10:30 Traditional Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 Ignite Supper Program</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

