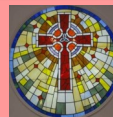




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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



- May 1 Bev Smith
- May 4 Kavita Gnanaraj
- May 5 John Rissel
- May 11 Wendy Cook
- May 12 Scotty Robertson
- May 12 Marcia Taylor
- May 13 Elizabeth Morris
- May 19 Bill Ferrell
- May 19 Debbie Fugate
- May 20 Linda Green Morrison
- May 22 Tony Jacobik
- May 26 Fred Smith

*Did we miss your special day?
Please let us know by calling
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.**

Dear HTPC family,

Eastertide greetings! I hope this message finds you in the blessed assurance of the unfailing love and faithfulness of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. From last November to the end of April this year, we had two worship services each Sunday – a Praise worship service at 8:30 am and a Traditional worship service at 10:30 am. Thanks to the ushers and greeters, liturgists, praise team, Chancel choir, music director and the musicians for making our worship services joyful and meaningful. With our ‘snowbirds’ returning back to north for summer, we are returning to a single combined worship service at 9:30 am, starting from the first Sunday of this month. The combined worship services will continue till November 29th. As a way of celebrating the beginning of the combined worship services for this year, we will have a fellowship brunch after the service on May 3rd in the fellowship hall. During this brunch, two of our members – Scotty Robertson and Norman Jones, will display their rare coin collections. Please invite your friends and family to join with you in this fellowship event.

In a world filled with challenges, we as Christians are called to be intentional about prayer—to strengthen the foundation of our personal lives, our collective lives as a church, and to intercede for one another and the world. In order to revitalize the prayer ministry of our church, our Session has approved the launch of a new initiative – “Prayer and Ice Cream Social.” From May 5th, we will have a prayer fellowship in our church library every Tuesday from noon to 1 pm followed by an Ice cream social. During this time, we will be interceding for the prayer requests that we receive on Sundays, for our church members and ministries, the needs of the people in our community, nation, and beyond. If you have a heart for intercession and a desire to see God move, you are warmly invited. Deacon Bill Joles will lead this prayer ministry as part of the Deacons and Care angels ministry of our church. For more information or to share your prayer needs, please call or email me or Bill Joles (704-813-0835; billjoles@gmail.com).

Whether you are in Florida or have moved to your summer home in north, stay connected with our church. Join in our Sunday worship service in person or through YouTube Live. Be enriched in faith and friendship by joining in the weekly Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. If you love reading, join the Zoom Book Club that meets on the third Thursday of each month. For more information on these and for the links, please visit our church’s website. To receive our weekly e-blast please ensure that your email address is updated in our church directory on Realm.

May God protect you in the palm of his hands. Stay blessed.
With prayers,
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
Bill Joles	704-813-0835
Ann Sosa	239-201-8582
Nancy Rad	239-731-1204
Wilma Jenkins	317-496-9287
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	Patrick Bapst	Bev Smith
Irene Snyder	June Tillson	Margaret Lavin
Jim Lavin	Nancy Walker	Robin Elmassia
Rick Sanders	Bruce Hirschlein	Kelly Lichtenhahn
Scott Mergenthaler		Ken & Aileen Reese

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.



Effective Sunday, May 3rd through Sunday, November 29th we will be holding ONE WORSHIP CELEBRATION at 9:30 AM as a combined summer worship!

A note from Paul.....

The past four months have flown by, and what a time of joy and worship it has been! A huge thank you to our dedicated choir and praise team for leading us in lifting our voices to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your commitment and passion are truly a blessing to our congregation.

To those in the congregation, if you feel the calling, we invite you to consider joining the choir or praise team. Your voice, presence, and heart could be the perfect fit in glorifying God through song.

As our snowbirds prepare to travel north, we send our prayers for safe journeys. You will be deeply missed, and we eagerly await your return in the fall. Looking ahead, beginning the first Sunday of May, we will move to a blended, single service at 9:30 am. And as summer approaches, we remain open and expectant—who knows what God has in store for us? *Paul*



HARD AT WORK AT THE APRIL FOOD DRIVE!



We received two car loads of food this month!



**The next Food Drive will be
May 18, 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!

Notes from Session

The Session met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. There was a quorum with all ten members present plus Pastor Vinod, Moderator.

Some highlights of the meetings were:

- The Financial Report at the end of February was presented, showing the General Operating Fund Income as \$46,916,45 and Expenses as \$45,258,50 leaving an overage of \$1,657.95 for the month.
- Session approved a new Prayer Ministry, led by Deacon Bill Joles to be held every Tuesday starting May 5 in the Library from 12-1pm, followed by an ice cream social.
- Deacon moderator, Betty Robertson, reported on the calls made by the Deacons and Care Angels.
- Presbyterian Women assembled 50 men’s Health Kits for Mision Peniel at their meeting on April 14. They will host the Mother’s Day/Father’s Day Dinner on Thursday, May 14 at 5pm, A lunch outing for all women of the church is planned for Wednesday, June 10 at 12 noon at Blossom & Brie.
- A new church Facebook page is being designed by our Bookkeeper, Marie Joseph under the Outreach and Fellowship Committee.
- A donation was received to purchase a much needed new laptop computer for the Library for Zoom meetings.
- Building & Grounds Committee was successful in clearing the drainage ditch without having to rent equipment. Work on replacing the deck to Fellowship Hall continues by the Committee.
- Mission Chair, Vera Day moved that due to inflation, the 3 cents a meal contribution be changed to \$1-a-week. Session approved this motion.
- The Craft Fair was approved to be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026.
- Session approved a motion brought by the Worship Committee to hold one worship service at 9:30am on Sunday morning from May through November. The attendance records at the second service and the lack of choir members support this decision.
- Elder Ginger Mastrangelo submitted her resignation from Session as she is moving to American House Assisted Living Facility. The Session will miss her vast knowledge of our church. She has served faithfully on numerous committees for many years. Thank you and God bless you, Ginger. We will miss you, but look forward to seeing you in church on Communion Sunday’s!

As the snowbirds of our congregation head back north for the summer and the numbers at worship dwindle, we look forward to everyone worshipping together at one service at 9:30am, Take advantage of this opportunity to get too know the people from “the other service” as we praise God together with blended music and song. Gather in the Gathering Place after worship and meet someone new or renew old friendships.

The ruling elders on Session are: Linda Green-Morrison, Scotty Robertson, Dwight Mutschler, Bill Doyle, Sue Clark, Vera Day, Len Carsley, Mary Ann Hudson and Janet Daly, Clerk. Contact any one of us with your comments, questions or concerns.

Yours in His service, **Janet Daly**, Clerk of Session



LITURGISTS FOR MAY and JUNE

May 3	Darlene Sullivan
May 10	Andrea Helms
May 17	Vera Day
May 24	Mary Ann Hudson
May 31	Darlene Sullivan
June 7	Janet Daly
June 14	Andrea Helms
June 21	Darlene Sullivan
June 28	Mary Ann Hudson

GREETERS/USHERS FOR MAY

Sheryl & Roland Robieson
Will serve
May 3, 10 and 17

Dwight & Barbara Mutschler
Will serve
May 17 and 24

Presbyterian Women prepare health kits for the Immokalee Farm Workers



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 May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY DINNER

A special event is being planned for
THURSDAY, MAY 14
5:00 PM
(Circle this date on your calendar)





April 21st—Luncheon (thanks to Judy DeLonge and Ralph Jeka) following a Boundary Training Session in our Sanctuary, led by our General Presbyter, The Reverend Melana Scruggs!



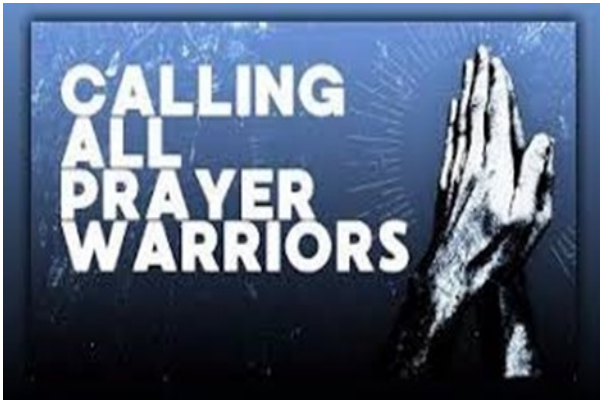
Deacon Moderator, Betty Robertson led a class on Usher and Greeter Training on March 29th.

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 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.



Calling All Prayer Warriors

We are updating our prayer chain and expanding to all who would like to serve in this capacity. Even if you are currently on the list, please sign up at this time.

Deacon Bill Joles will be the point person to receive requests and share with all the prayer warriors. To be efficient we need you to email Bill at billjoles@gmail.com with your name, phone number and email address that you monitor daily. You can email or call Bill with any questions.



PRAYER and ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Tuesdays
Noon to 1 PM
In the Library

HOLY TRINITY ON THE GO

We are looking for suggestions for some summer trips. One suggestion is Solomon's Castle near Sarasota. Send your suggestions to the Church Office: htpcsecretary@gmail.com. Place "Holy Trinity on the Go" in the subject line.



Meaningful Lenten Soup Suppers and Skits were enjoyed by so many!

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Sunday 9:30 Combined Worship Service 	4	5 1:00 Outreach & Fellowship Committee CR#4 1:00 Prayer & Ice Cream Social	6	7 12:00pm Christian Education Committee 1:00 Worship Committee WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	8	9
10 9:30 Combined Worship Service <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	11 10:00 Finance Committee Meeting	12 9:00 Mission Meeting 1:00 Prayer & Ice Cream Social	13	14 5:00 Mothers Day/ Father's Day Special Event	15 Messenger Articles Due	16
17 9:30 Combined Worship Service MEET THE NEED SUNDAY	18 9:00am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off 	19 10:00am Session Meeting 1:00 Prayer & Ice Cream Social 7:00pm Book Club On Zoom	20	21	22	23
9:30 Combined Worship Service 24	25	26 1:00 Prayer & Ice Cream Social	27	28 1:00 Bible Study at the American House	29	30



Military Appreciation Month