



THE MESSENGER



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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



Happy Birthday!

Nov. 2 Marty Renninger
Nov. 4 Don Hudson
Nov. 4 Pat Maxwell
Nov. 6 Mary Walker
Nov. 6 Nancy Walker
Nov. 9 Mary Tointon
Nov. 10 Terry Walker
Nov. 10 Art Fredenburg
Nov. 14 David Gluck
Nov. 15 Kelly Dickey
Nov. 30 Colette Boswell

Did we miss your special day?
Or, do we have it listed incor-
rectly?

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

Dear HTPC family and friends,

Greetings to you in the blessed name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Each year, I praise God for the delightful experiences that lie ahead in the month of November, starting with the extra one hour to sleep due to the change in Daylight Saving Time. This year, it falls on Sunday, the November 2nd, when we will return to two worship services -- Praise Worship Service at 8:30 am, and Tradition-
al Worship Service at 10:30 am.



November 2nd is also *All Souls Day*. On this day, we will remember the departed saints of God from our church family and thank God for their life of love and service to Christ while they were on earth. On this day, we will also remind ourselves that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints, and rededicate ourselves to be faithful witnesses of Jesus until his return when those who died in the Lord will rise again. It is very appropriate we will be observing November 2nd as *Stewardship Sunday* this year. If you have not already sent in your pledge card, I hope you would bring them to the worship service that day and pledge your commitment to support the ongoing mission of Jesus Christ carried out by our church.

One of the least known facts is that November is the *National Family Caregivers Month*. This is a good time of the year to express our love and appreciation to the unpaid family caregivers who support their loved ones with health conditions or disabilities. These caregivers remind us of the value of family and strong relationships, and demonstrate what it means to do things out of love and not simply out of obligation. I hope you will take time to honor such people that you know of. These precious folk give us a glimpse of God's unconditional love for humanity.

I am excited about the ministries planned for this month. Please take a look at our calendar and prayerfully plan to attend them. It would be an added blessing if you would invite a friend to come with you for our special events and worship services.

The Advent season begins this year on November 30th. As we are approaching the end of another liturgical year, and soon the end of a calendar year as well, I hope and pray that you will have many reasons to give thanks to God this *Thanksgiving*. May God fill your heart and home with love and gratitude. Together, let us be sowers of peace and joy this month, and always.

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.**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Vinod

(Rev. Vinod I. Gnanaraj)

Notes from Session

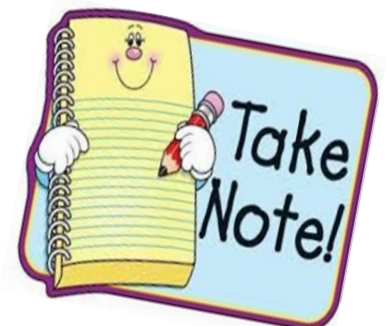
After a three-month vacation, the Session met on Tuesday, September 16 and October 21, 2025. There was a quorum with 8 members present in September and 8 present in October, plus Pastor Vinod, Moderator. Some highlights of the meetings were:

- ♦ The Session had a special meeting on July 28, 2025 to approve Pastor Vinod's contract for the coming year, which will run from August 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026. It also approved vacation and sick days for the Administrative Assistant.
- ♦ Vera Day and Janet Daly attended a special Presbytery meeting on July 31 which approved a new church development in cooperation with the United Lutheran Church at Babcock Ranch.
- ♦ Christian Education and Worship Committees will host a Soup/Supper with a drama reading on Thursday, November 20, 2025.
- ♦ A brunch for the congregation was approved for Sunday, Oct 26 after worship.
- ♦ The Gathering Place will continue to be hosted by the standing committees and other groups of the church each Sunday after both worship services.
- ♦ With a new bookkeeper and Treasurer, the accounting records of the church needed to be reviewed. This was done by our Accounting firm and all was found in order.
- ♦ The Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees for Elder and Deacons which were approved.
- ♦ Session approved Moe Morrison, Elmer Logan and Hal Copeland as new members of the Building and Grounds Committee and welcomed Scotty Robertson as the new Chairperson.
- ♦ With a price increase for the flowers for Sunday morning, the Worship Committee chair was able to negotiate a price of \$40 for the chancel flowers.
- ♦ Stewardship Sunday set for November 2 when pledges will be dedicated.
- ♦ The Women's Fellowship is holding a Handbag BINGO on October 28 with the diapers to go to Mision Peniel. They have donated \$100 to send Bibles overseas through the American Bible Society, which will match their donation..
- ♦ The Deacon report updated the Session on the well-being of our members.
- ♦ A motion to hold Cybersecurity classes for our congregation and open to all was approved. They will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 1-2:30pm and the same class offered again on Tuesday, November 25 from 10-11am.
- ♦ In October Janet Daly & Vera Day reported on the Fall Presbytery meeting held on Saturday, October 18 in Estero. Salaries for the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, and the 2026 budget of the Presbytery were approved. A new Inquirer was examined and approved. The ground-breaking for The Community Church at Babcock Ranch will be held on Sat. Oct. 25 at 11am.
- ♦ A Garden Club is being established through Presbyterian Women to enhance the Memorial Garden.
- ♦ Session approved the C. E. and Worship Committees sponsoring a soup supper & drama reading on Thursday, November 20 at 5pm open to all.
- ♦ Session approved a simple supper and video series to be held on Thursday's at 5pm in F.H. starting January 8, 2026 thru February 12, sponsored by C.E. and O/F Committees.
- ♦ Session approved a Lenten soup supper and drama reading to be held on Thursday Feb. 19 thru March 26 at 5pm in F.H. sponsored by the C.E. and Worship Committees.
- ♦ Session approved a Christmas gathering with ice cream and Christmas treats to be held on Sunday, December 14 at 3pm in F.H. followed by a Christmas carol sing-a-long in the sanctuary, sponsored by the Worship Committee.

As the weather, as well as the time, changes in the fall, the Session is busy with the work of the church and strives to bring the best worship and fellowship experiences it can to our congregation. We encourage you to bring your friends to join us and welcome our visitors at the many opportunities for fellowship at Holy Trinity.

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

Yours in His service,
Janet Daly, Clerk of Session





WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

**Two Worship Services
Beginning Sunday,
November 2, 2025
8:30 am Praise Service
10:30 am Traditional Service**

Stewardship Sunday



NOVEMBER 2, 2025

If you have not remitted your 2026 Pledge card, please complete it and bring it to either worship service on November 2nd. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

OUTREACH / FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Please continue to visit the Gathering Place following the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services 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 randyclark@verizon.net and place "Holy Trinity Name Badge" in the subject line.

We have welcomed six new members into the congregation. Greet them and make them feel welcome. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, encourage them to sign-up in the Narthex and we will schedule new Members Matter classes in the not too distant future.

"Witnessing is that deep-seated conviction that the greatest favor I can do for others is to introduce them to Jesus Christ." Paul Little

A note from your Worship Committee!

The flowers purchased for special occasions will now cost \$40.00 (instead of \$35.00) due to rising prices. Most of the flowers are grown in South America and the tariffs also raise prices. Flowers must be paid for by check or in cash. Put in an envelope with your name on it. (Envelopes may be found on the counter in the narthex.)

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.

**The next meeting will be on
Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.**

ACTIVITIES AT HOLY TRINITY!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN "PAINTING ROCKS" FOR OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN!



Our Presbyterian Men enjoying monthly breakfast at Mel's Diner! (We're going to miss Ed!) Don't forget next Men's Breakfast on Nov.11.



What would we do without volunteers? Ruth Rickard and Carole Lichtenhahn are so faithful helping in the church office !

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Glenda Balentine

Glenda is originally from Kansas City, Missouri and has been a Florida resident since 1996. She and her husband, Jack, currently live in Punta Gorda. She has two children and four grandchildren. Baptized at Holy Trinity, praising, reading and studying are what she loves to do. You will find Glenda's smiling face praising the Lord on Sunday mornings with the Praise Team.



Jack Balentine

Jack was born in Tennessee and moved to Florida with his wife, Glenda, in January 1996. After a while he went to work for a cabinet company as salesman. Then in 2002 he and Glenda started their own company and have been business since.



Harold "Hal" Copeland

Hal grew up in Warren, Ohio. He spent four years at Camp Pendleton in California while serving in the Marine Corps, followed by a year in San Diego and 37 years in Savannah, Georgia, before moving to North Fort Myers in 2017. His career path has been both varied and interesting, including time in law enforcement, working as a private investigator, and cooking in both a breakfast diner and a steakhouse. He then spent 25 years with the Chatham County Tax Assessor's Office before retiring. Hal moved to Florida to be closer to family and is engaged to Angela "Angel" Ruder.



William "Bill" Joles

Bill was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He earned a BSC degree from the University of Louisville and worked for GE for 18 years at four different locations. An opportunity arose for Bill and his wife, Pam, to relocate to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they owned and operated a printing company for 32 years.

Bill is especially proud of his years of service at the Wesleyan Church in Charlotte, where he served on the Local Board of Administration for 15 years, acted as church treasurer for 10 years and helped launch a Cruising Ministry that welcomed between 400 and 600 young people. Prayer is one of Bill's strongest commitments and the foundation of his faith. He looks forward to becoming an active part of the Holy Trinity Church family and growing in faith together.



Pamela "Pam" Joles

Pam was born in Columbus, Ohio, and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, alongside her three brothers—all four siblings born within just three and a half years of each other. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Kentucky and her Master's degree, also in Education, from the University of Louisville.

Pam taught eighth grade for nine years before becoming a stay-at-home mom when her daughter was born. She and Bill married in 1978 and, as noted in Bill's bio, worked together in the printing industry for 32 years. Pam is especially proud of establishing and obtaining state licensing for Small Miracles, a preschool for three- and four-year-olds at her church in Chicago, Illinois. She looks forward to supporting Holy Trinity in its ministry to the community.



Elmer Logan

Originally from Washington State, Elmer has lived in Florida for more than 20 years. From 1983 to 1987, he proudly served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

Elmer and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for three years. He has one daughter, Sarrah Stanton, and through Sarrah and her husband, Derek, he is blessed with four grandchildren. Elmer also has two stepchildren, Carrie Gaudet and Donnie Johnson, and five additional grandchildren.

Mission Committee

Highlights another recipient of our funds.

Hearts and Homes for Veterans was created in March of 2013 for the purpose of supporting homeless veterans and families who find themselves without necessities of life.

It began in 2012 when Don Payton, a Vietnam combat Marine veteran, took action to help homeless veterans. Despite facing his own health challenges, Don set out with a pickup truck, determined to make a difference. What started as a grassroots effort soon grew into a formal organization, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2013.

Our donations help veterans and their families by providing them with food, household items, emergency financial assistance and personal hygiene items. They also provide temporary housing and assist in finding permanent homes.

In 2024, 2471 veterans were assisted, \$228,867 food items given out from the food pantry, 1822 trips utilized by vets and 68,970 emergency services provided.

***Meet the Need Sunday is the day
before the Food Drive!***

**Food Drive
November 17, 2025
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.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
TO FEED THE HUNGRY**



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on **Tuesday, November 11 at 8:30 am.** The venue will be Mel's Diner, located at 1331 Pine Island Rd. NE, Cape Coral, FL 33909. If you are planning to attend, please confirm by emailing or calling Pastor Vinod at 609-375-6451 or Joyce at the church office: 239-567-2246, so that we can inform Mel's Diner to make table reservations.

Music & Worship

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the praise team band and vocalists for their excellent work throughout the summer. The choir will resume on the third Sunday in November, with the first rehearsal scheduled for Thursday, November 13th at 4 p.m. Subsequent choir practices will be held every Thursday at 4 p.m.

As we welcome returning friends from the north, new members, and those who reside here year-round, I encourage you to consider joining the choir. Music reading ability is not required; we greatly appreciate all who are willing to contribute their voices. Singing in the choir offers an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. We look forward to your participation. We need your voice! Blessings, **Paul Brewer**

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, November 20, 2025
at 5pm in Fellowship Hall
One night only!

A soup & bread supper with a special drama presentation, similar to the Lent soup/suppers held in March & April.

Bring a friend!

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

- FREE -

Sponsored by the Christian Education and Worship Committees





Our love and best wishes to the
newlyweds...
Robert (Moe) and Linda (Green)
Morrison



November 30th following the 10:30 service



Ushers & Greeters



8:30 AM

Nov 2 Sandy Nelson/Dave Ciochetto
Nov. 9 Bonnie & Elmer Logan
Nov 16 Judy DeLonge/ralph Jeka
Nov 23 Betty & Scotty Robertson
Nov 30 Linda & Moe Morrison

(10:30 Ushers & Greeters TBA)

Liturgists



8:30 AM

Nov. 2 Mary Kay Tointon
Nov 9 Pam Joles
Nov 16 Vera Day
Nov 23 Janet Daly
Nov 30 Mary Kay Tointon

10:30 AM

Nov 2 Mary Ann Hudson
Nov 9 Barbara Demaree
Nov 16 Carol Herbert
Nov 23 Andrea Helms
Nov 30 Mary Ann Hudson

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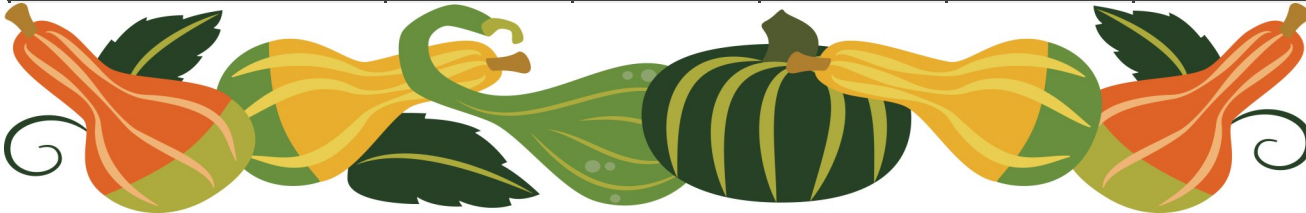
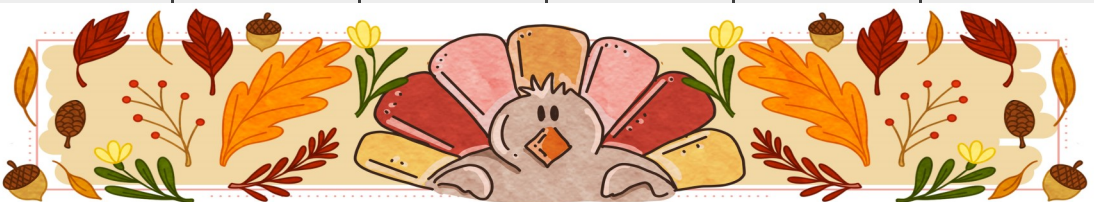
Want to see the latest sermons? Simply go to YouTube.com and search "Holy Trinity"

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj	Pastor
Mr. Paul Brewer	Music Director
Ms. Joyce McCabe	Administrative Assitant
Marie Joseph	Bookkeeper
Alissa Deeds	Sound Booth Techni-

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 TIME CHANGE-FALL BACK COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship Commitment Sunday 	3	4 1:00pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee CR#4	5 9:30 am Bible Study On Zoom	6 12:00pm Christian Education Committee 1:00 Worship Committee	7	8
9 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Buildings & Grounds Committee	10 10:00am Finance, Personnel & Missions Committee Meeting	11 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 	12 9:30 am Bible Study On Zoom 1:00pm Deacons & Care Angels Meeting	13 4:00 Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Messenger Articles Due
16 MEET THE NEED SUNDAY 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship	17 9:00am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off 	18 10:00am Session Meeting 1:00 Cyber Security Training 7:00pm Book Club On Zoom	19 9:30 am Bible Study On Zoom	20 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Soup Supper Fellowship	21	22 Memorial Service for Sue White (time will be Announced)
23 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship	24	25 10:00 am Cyber Security Training	26 9:30 am Bible Study On Zoom	27 	28	29
30 8:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship Hanging of the Greens						



DAYLIGHT
 SAVING TIME INFO
Fall Back
 SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
 2 NOVEMBER, 2025