



THE MESSENGER



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Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Ralph Jeka
- 2 Wilma Jenkins
- 2 Barbara Karner
- 3 Judy Spaulding
- 6 Donald Matlock
- 7 Bill Doyle
- 15 Pam Moulton
- 19 Luanne Putnam
- 28 Dwight Mutschler
- 30 Janice Voss
- 30 Sue Buckhout

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

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 and friends,

I hope this message finds you rooted in the love and
grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God for giving us an exciting and minis-
try-filled month of September. We had enriching
worship services, joyful fellowship gatherings, in-
spiring Bible studies and book study, and our various committees passion-
ately involved in planning and carrying out the ministries of our church. As
we step into a new month, I solicit your prayers for, and participation in, the
ministries planned for the month of October. Please check the church calen-
dar.

This month, I am starting a new sermon series on the Book of Jonah. This
short book of just four chapters has a lot to teach us about our identity in
God, our calling, discerning and responding to the signs of the time, and
God's love and mercy. I would encourage all of us to read at least one chap-
ter a week and reflect upon its message.

We welcomed 11 members into our church family last Easter. It is a joy that
recently six new people have expressed interest in joining our church. We
will be welcoming them into our church family on October 19th, which is
membership Sunday. If you know of friends in your community who would
love to be part of a family of faith that lives for Christ through worship, dis-
cipleship, service, and fellowship, please invite them to come with you to
our Sunday services or special events to experience the love and warmth of
our church.

On October 26th, we will have a Brunch Fellowship after our Sunday ser-
vice which will be the last combined worship service for this year. I hope
you will plan to join in this joyful fellowship.

May the God of peace, keep your hearts and minds
filled with hope and faith in Jesus Christ.

Blessings!

Pastor Vinod



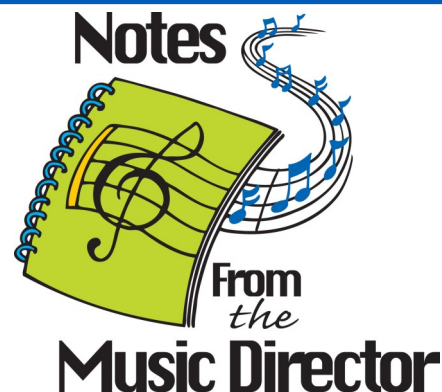
If you would like to contact Pastor Vinod, you may
email him directly at pastorvinod.htpc@gmail.com.

Music & Worship

The Choir and Praise Team are looking forward to the return of the snow-birds from up north! Let's hope those folks returning bring a little cool air!

We are all looking forward to the upcoming months of great weather!

Blessings to all. Paul



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
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

Bev Smith

June Tillson

Paul Clarcq

Scott Mergenthaler

Bill Apple

Gavin Hewitt

Irene Snyder

Glenn Tointon

Jim Wagner

Margaret Lavin

Janice Voss

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.

SAD NEWS

Sue White, a beloved member of our church passed away in her sleep on September 25th. Please keep Sue's family, especially her sister, Marcia Taylor, in your prayers. Details about a memorial service will be announced once the family makes decisions.



MEET THE NEED SUNDAY

for this month will be October 19...the day before the Drive Up/Drop Off Food Drive scheduled for Monday, October 20

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

We invite you to bring food donations to worship service on Sunday, September 14 or to the Drive Up/Drop Off Food Drive!

THANK YOU!



**Food Drive
October 20, 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**



NEW MEMBER CLASSES began on Sunday, October 28 and will continue on Sundays, October 5 and 12. **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY** will be October 19th when new members will be received into our church family. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Holy Trinity, please join us after worship in the Gathering Place.

What are Care Angels and Deacons?

The Care Angels and Deacons watch over the flock. They volunteer time to call on brothers and sisters in Christ and offer a hand where needed. Some make home visits while others call. Often they send get well cards, remember birthdays, anniversaries and other holidays. There are no real specific rules that they must follow other than checking in from time to time just to see how they are doing.

They let the church know if prayers of healing are needed or prayers of joyful thanksgiving. Either way, they let the pastor know as well as the church office.

If you are currently not being called and you have no idea who your angel or deacon is, you can call the church office and they can assist you.





**Helping Families
Help Themselves**

Fulfilling a Physical and Spiritual Hunger

**Holy Trinity On the Go -
October 16, 10:15—12:30**

**Meet at ECHO:
17391 Durrance Rd, North Fort Myers, FL 33917
Or meet at the Church at 9:45**



We will take a Global Farm Guided Walking Tour. Golf Cart will be available for those who cannot walk the path.

ECHO's Global Farm Tour is a fascinating walking tour of the most creative working farm you have ever experienced. Taste tropical fruits and leaves as you explore a rain-forest, a semi-arid desert, rooftop gardens and so much more. Visit with our friendly farm animals and discover one of the largest collections of tropical food plants in Florida as you learn about ECHO's mission to help the poor help themselves.

Good people running the place with good Christian values, helping mankind. Very inspiring! And very worth your time!

We will venture to Hog Body's Restaurant after the tour for Lunch.

Cost of tour is \$11.00, Includes tip for guide.

Lunch at Hog Body's, after the tour, will be on your own.

Please fill in the following and return to Linda Morrison. or return to church office along with a check made out to Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Name: _____

of People _____

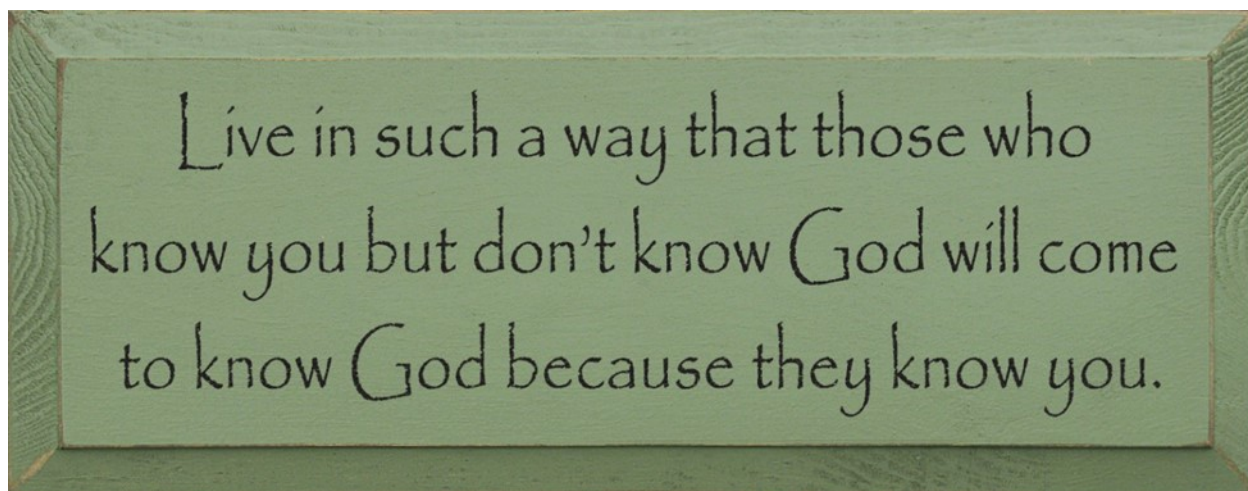
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please print name of each person on back or on an attached sheet.

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP

Please continue to visit the Gathering Place following the 9:30 AM service each Sunday. Coffee, tea and snacks will be waiting your arrival. Please 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.

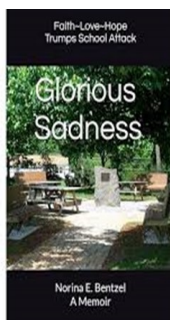


BOOK CLUB

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, October 21 at 7:00 pm.
The book for discussion will be:

Glorious Sadness
by Norina E. Betzel



THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee would like to follow up on our responsibility to let you know who the recipients are that receive funds from our Committee. We will be highlighting different entities occasionally in the newsletters.

What is CIW? Coalition of Immokalee Workers
CIW is a worker-based human rights organization focused on responsibility in supply chains, human trafficking, sexual violence and occupational health and safety.

It was started in 1993 from a foundation of farmworker's community organizing in Immokalee, FL. It is best-known today for its Fair Food Program launched in 2011.

CIW was a pioneer in the early days of the US anti-trafficking movement, uncovering several forced labor operations and collaborating with federal authorities in successful prosecution in the 1990's. Since then the CIW also continued its anti-slavery efforts, collaborating with law enforcement in more than a dozen domestic and trans-national slavery prosecutions, helping to free thousands of workers from slavery operations in the Southeastern US and training state and federal law enforcement officers in what has come to be known as the "victim-centered" approach to fighting human trafficking.

OUR COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE will come to an end on Sunday, October 26th! Beginning the first Sunday in November, we will return to our Praise & Worship Service at 8:30 AM and our Traditional Service at 10:30 AM.

Following the service on Sunday, October 26th we will have a Brunch Fellowship. This will be a very special time to get together once more as a combined congregation. Please plan to join us.



It's Budget time. The deadline to submit your budget for 2026 is **Friday October 10.**



**TIME TO GET
STARTED!**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on **Tuesday, October 14 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.

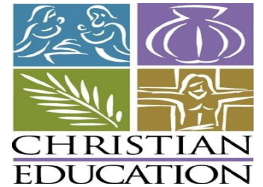


Christian Education Committee

The weekly **Wednesday Bible Study** continues

at 9:30AM on Zoom. Participant's books are available for \$8 each in the office during office hours during the week or on Sunday morning.

Everyone is welcome to join in, whether you have a participant's book or not. The Zoom link is available in the Thursday emails.



The Christian Education Committee invites you to visit our church library at any time!

Janet Daly, Chairperson 239-567-2285
janetdaly@yahoo.com

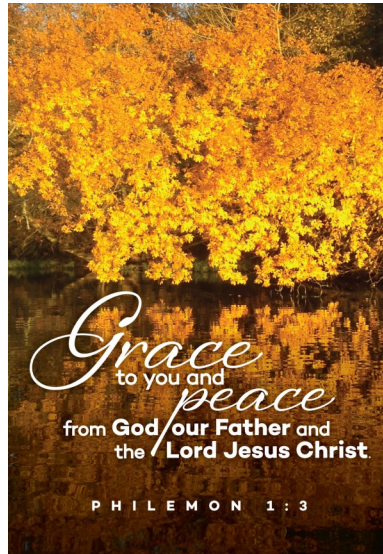
Stewardship Sunday



NOVEMBER 2, 2025

WEDNESDAY BIBLE
has resumed
Each week at 9:30 am
Via Zoom

If you would like to join the
Bible Study in person,
Pastor Vinod will meet
with you
In the Library at 9:15 am



**Liturgists, Ushers
&
Greeters are
always
needed for both
services.**



9:30 A.M. Service

Oct 5 Sue Clark/Scotty Robertson
Oct 12 Vera Day/Lori Hoch
Oct 19 Bonnie & Elmer Logan
Oct 26 Sue Clark/Scotty Robertson

Liturgists



9:30 A.M. Service

Oct 5 Luanne Putnam
Oct 12 Darlene Sullivan
Oct 19 Janet Daly
Oct 26 Elizabeth Morris



CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj	Pastor
Mr. Paul Brewer	Music Director
Ms. Joyce McCabe	Administrative Assistant
Marie Joseph	Bookkeeper
Mr. Dennis Daley	Sound Booth/Maintenance

Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(please call for an appointment (239) 567-2246)

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.

You can also visit us on Facebook!

**Daily Devotionals for
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER- DECEMBER
are available in the Narthex**



**All Messenger
Articles for the
next edition are due by
the 15th of the Month**

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 am Bible Study Via Zoom 11:00 am Personnel Committee	2 12:00pm Christian Education Committee 1:00 Worship Committee 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 9:30am Combined Worship Service 10:45 am New Member Class 	6	7 11:00 am Presbyterian Women 1:00pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee CR#4	8 9:30 am Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00pm Deacons & Care Angels Meeting 3:00pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	9	10	11
12 9:30am Combined Worship Service	13 10:00 am Combined Meet- ings/Finance, Personnel & Missions	14 8:30 am Men's Breakfast at Mel's Diner 11:00 am Missions Meeting	15 9:30 am Bible Study (Zoom) Messenger Articles Due	16 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal <i>ON THE GO</i> <i>To ECHO!</i> 10:15-12:30	17	18
19 9:30am Combined Worship Service  Membership Sunday	20 9:00am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off 	21 10:00am Session Meeting 7:00pm Book Club On Zoom 	22 9:30 am Bible Study (Zoom)	23 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:30am Combined Worship Service	27	28	29	30 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	31 HALLOWEEN 	



NOVEMBER 2ND

