



# THE MESSENGER



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**Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship**



- 2 June Tillson
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- 9 Ken Reese
- 9 Sheryl Robieson
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- 18 Joyce Bryant
- 19 Brenda Daniels
- 22 Nina Graff
- 23 Debra Vitale
- 28 Steve Keirn
- 30 Johnnie Daniels
- 30 Barbara Trubenbach

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](mailto: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,

Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name. I am happy to reconnect with you through this newsletter after two months, since we had a combined edition for July and August. I hope you had a blessed summer, with moments of renewal with your loved ones. I hope that you also took time to rest, reflect, refresh and reset. As we step into the month of September, our Session and various committees are returning back to the regular pace of ministry. Please take a look at our calendar to learn more about the events planned for the month ahead. Prayerfully plan to participate and support these ministries in whatever way you can.

Being a church is like being a sports team. We can be a winning team only when we all work together. As a church, we work together to protect what is sacred. God has entrusted to us the precious and sacred gift of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are not just surviving in an unjust world but thriving as a community of faith, boldly confessing and witnessing to this sacred gift through our worship and acts of love, compassion, justice, and mercy. I want to thank each one of you for being a part of this team.

Week before last, I started preaching on a sermon series – "Understanding the Heart of God." I will be preaching on this theme through the month of September. If you are unable to attend the worship in person, I would encourage you to join our service on YouTube Live or watch the recorded videos at your convenience. I would love to hear your thoughts on what God spoke to you through the sermon series. In the months ahead, let us listen deeply to one another, to our neighbors, and to the Holy Spirit, to discern and fulfil God's purpose for our church.

May God bless you and your families.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Vinod  
(Rev. Vinod I. Gnanaraj)

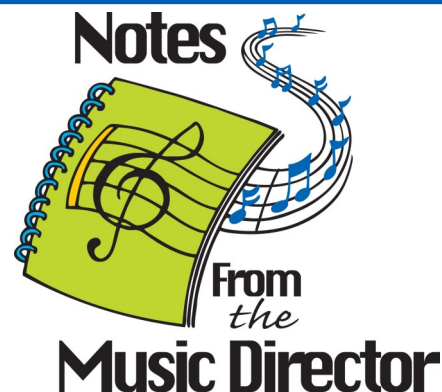


If you would like to contact Pastor Vinod, you may email him directly at [pastorvinod.htpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorvinod.htpc@gmail.com).

## Music & Worship

Here comes September, wow time flies fast. Our one service on Sundays this summer has been well attended with an average attendance of about 75 folks, yeah! We will be continuing the one service through October. We are greatly looking forward to the return of snowbirds. On another note, let us all pray that we will be spared of hurricanes in September and the coming months.

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	Gavin Hewitt
Bev Smith	Irene Snyder
June Tillson	Sue White
Paul Clarcq	Jim Wagner
Scott Mergenthaler	Margaret Lavin
Ken & Aileen Reese	Bill Apple
Janice Voss	

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.

## 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.

If you would like to volunteer to become a care angel or deacon you simply need to let the church office know and they will reach out to you.

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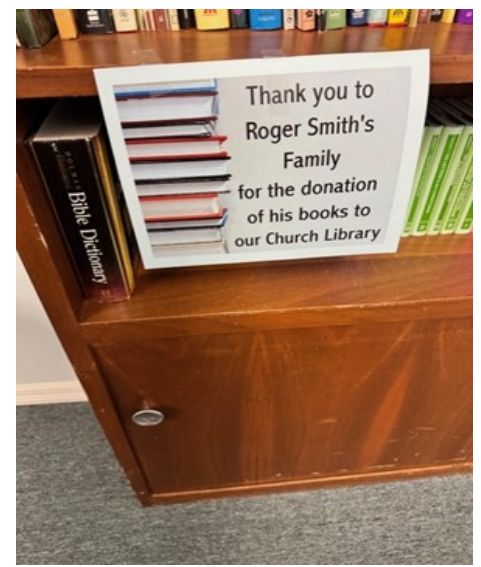


### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We recently received a donation of Christian books from Ken and Aileen Reese. Dan and Luanne Putnam met Aileen at her home in Tara Woods to pick up the collection. If you speak to Ken or Aileen, please remember to thank them.

On a secondary note, if you did not know the church had a library, just walk on down the hall to the last door on the left. I encourage you to find a book for your reading. There are all kind of books. There is one shelf that is just full of Bibles. Feel free to give a Bible to someone who may not have a Bible. These do not need to be returned. If you read a book and are inspired, feel free to give the story to someone. The books only serve God if they are read as opposed to sitting on a shelf!

Happy Reading! Submitted by Luanne Putnam



### MEET THE NEED SUNDAY

for this month will be September 14th...the day before the Drive Up/Drop Off Food Drive scheduled for Monday, September 15.

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**  
**September 15, 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**



*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23*

August 10, 2025

Dear Pastor and Mission Committee,

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated, volunteered, and showed up to support our 2025 Backpack & School Supply Drive!



Because of your incredible generosity and support, we were able to distribute more than 435 backpacks to local students from VPK to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We can make sure every student starts the year feeling ready and supported.



This year we received a surplus of backpacks and school supplies. **What a blessing it was!** So, on Wednesday, August 13, we distributed extra backpacks to people who did not register.





This was more than a drive—it was a community coming together, and your kindness truly made a difference. On behalf of the families and especially the children we serve, thank you again for your contribution and for being part of Mision Peniel in Immokalee.

With all our gratitude, **Marifrans Estrada** *Mission Coordinator*

## HTPC "ON THE GO" - PIRATES CRUISE ON APRIL 24TH ~ FT. MYERS BEACH







### 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.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

As the summer is ending, and people are beginning to return from their vacation, it will be great to reconnect over our monthly breakfast fellowship. Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on **Tuesday, September 9th 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.

Here is a riddle for pondering...

What is greater than God?  
What is more evil than Satan?  
The rich want it  
The poor have it  
If you eat it, you will die

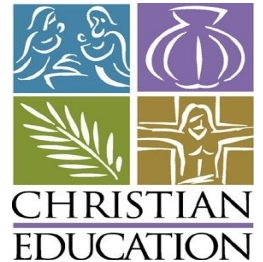
The answer of course is "nothing"

*Shared by Vera Day*

### Christian Education Committee

The weekly **Wednesday Bible Study** will begin on **September 3rd 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.

**Christian Education Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 4th at 12:00 pm in the Library. Janet Daly, 239-567-2285  
janetdaly@yahoo.com



### Evangelism/Fellowship Committee

Visit Holy Trinity's Facebook page (search Facebook@HTPCNFM) and "like us."

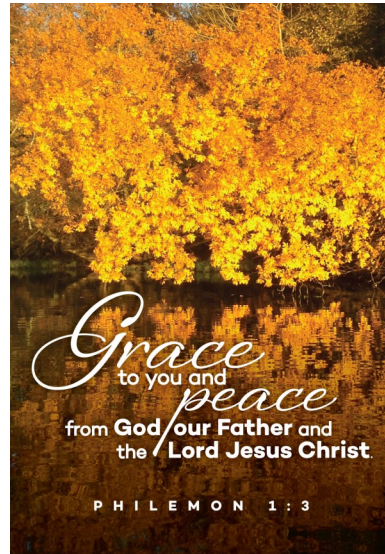
If you are interested in joining Holy Trinity as a regular member or an affiliate member, please sign-up in the Narthex for a Members Matter class. Be sure to include contact information. An affiliate member is one who has a home church in another state, but would also like to be a part of Holy Trinity when they are living in our area.

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.

Sue Clark, Evangelism Chair

*"Our witness – good or bad – is the overflow of our lives."*





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



### Ushers & Greeters



#### 9:30 A.M. Service

Sept 7	Nina Graff/Barbara Demaree
Sept 14	Nina Graff/Barbara Demaree
Sept 21	TBA
Sept 28	Vera Day/Ruth Rickard

### Liturgists



#### 9:30 A.M. Service

Sept 7	Barbara Demaree
Sept 14	Ed Hall
Sept 21	Darlene Sullivan
Sept . 28	Ed Hall

**THE PREBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
will meet on  
**Tuesday, September 9th at**  
**10:00 am.**  
**In Fellowship Hall**

Everyone is welcome and we hope you will join us as we make some exciting plans for the Fall Season!



### 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**,  
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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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Outreach and Fellowship Committee	<b>3</b> 10:00 Bible Study Via Zoom	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Christian Education Committee  1:00 pm Worship Committee  4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Sunday 9:30am Combined Worship Service  	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Mel's Diner  10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Meeting Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 10:00 Bible Study Via Zoom  1:00pm Deacons & Care Angels Meeting  3:00pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00am Finance, Personnel & Missions Committee Meeting  4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30am Combined Worship Service  Meet the Need Sunday  	<b>15</b> Messenger Articles Due  <b>9:00am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off</b> 	<b>16</b> 10:00am Session Meeting    7:00pm Book Club On Zoom	<b>17</b> 10:00 Bibles Study Via Zoom	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Mission Meeting  4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30am Combined Worship Service	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 Bible Study Via Zoom	<b>25</b> 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Combined Worship Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 				



# Hello fall

