



THE MESSENGER



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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



Dear HTPC family,



Greetings to you in Jesus' name! I hope you had a good summer with time to vacation, rest, and reconnect with friends and family. Here at Holy Trinity, we had fewer activities than usual in the last two months. The prayer group continued to meet every Tuesday from noon to 1 pm in the church library. They interceded for our members, our ministries, and for the needs of people in our nation and around the world. Following that, the prayer group met for ice cream social. God is honoring this new initiative of our church. We have received encouraging testimonies of answered prayers from people for whom we have been praying. The men's fellowship also met on the second Tuesdays of the month. The men are planning an exciting church-wide event for the Fall. More information on this will follow. Holy Trinity 'On The Go' arranged a one-day trip to Cabbage Key. Our members had a good time of fellowship and fun even as they enjoyed the boat ride watching dolphins swim.

In July, members of our church along with our Missions committee visited Mision Peniel and donated 96 backpacks and 120 headphones to the children of the Farm Workers in Immokalee. Thanks to everyone who generously donated to this cause. Our Missions Committee has also been actively exploring local Christian organizations serving the disadvantaged, that we might support through mission giving.

As the heat of the summer fades with the arrival of September, we as a church are entering a season of fresh starts. The Bible study at the 'American House' will restart this month. We will also resume the Wednesday Bible study by Zoom. I encourage you to join in this midweek online gathering for spiritual nourishment. As committees and the Session resume regular meetings to support our shared mission, I invite you to join wherever you feel called to offer your unique gifts and perspectives to further the mission of Jesus Christ carried out through our church. Whether you love to serve on a committee, intercede with the prayer group, log on to Zoom for the Bible study, sing in the choir, or organize mission events, your presence and participation matters. Our church thrives when every member brings their unique gifts to the table. We need each other in the body of Christ for strength, encouragement and leadership.

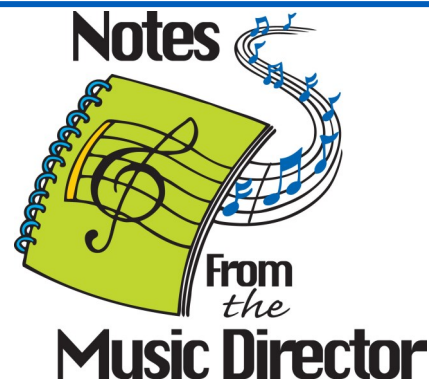
Let us recommit ourselves this month to walk closely with God and with one another. May the Lord bless and keep you!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Vinod
(Rev. Vinod I. Gnanaraj)

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 60 folks, yeah! We will be continuing the one service through November. 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, Pau;



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
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.



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.

Debbie Sanders on the death of Rick

Bev Smith

Irene Snyder

June Tillson

Mary Gold

Ken and Aileen Reese

Scott Mergenthaler

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 their flocks 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 care 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.

Church Office: 239-567-2246



GARDENING CLUB

September 15 we will start a group to help care for the Prayer Garden. We will water, weed, educate and keep the Prayer Garden and Holy Trinity Grounds beautiful.

We will meet once a month for 30 to 60 minutes on the first Tuesday of the month to replace flower arrangements.

Eventually we can plan garden parties, plant sales and education opportunities. Plant exchange for all you gardeners and always great fellowship.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them. Matthew 18:2.
-- Linda Green



MEET THE NEED SUNDAY

for this month will be September 20th...the day before the Drive Up/Drop Off Food Drive scheduled for Monday, September 21

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 21 or to the Drive Up/Drop Off Food Drive!

THANK YOU!



September 21, 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.

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



*96 backpacks and
120 headphones were
delivered in August to a very
grateful
Mision Peniel*



Ushers & Greeters



Month of September

Bonnie and Elmer Logan

Liturgists



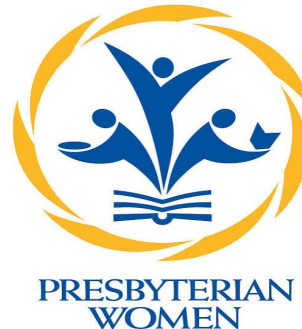
9:30 A.M. Service

September 6
September 12
September 20

Andrea Helms
Darlene Sullivan
Mary Ann Hudson

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
will meet on
Tuesday, September 8th 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.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	June Tillson
5	Sue Clark
5	Candace Forslund
8	Nancy Apple
8	Dan Putnam
9	Ken Reese
9	Sheryl Robieson
12	Betty Jones
14	Judy DeLonge
15	Marlene Dietzel
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 incor-
rectly?

PLEASE let us know by calling
the church office: 239.567.2246
or email us at:
hpcsecretary@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.**



The Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am. The September 8th meeting will be in the Church Fellowship Hall. We need to know how much food to prepare; so, please text Bill Joles at billjoles@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend.



**God's blessing on the newly weds.
Wedding August 23, 2026
Mr. and Mrs. Angel and Hal Copeland**

HOLY TRINITY ON THE GO

A fun-filled boat trip to Cabbage Key was enjoyed by many!

HOLY TRINITY ON THE GO is always looking for suggestions for group trips. Send suggestions to htpcsecetary@gmail.com and put "Holy Trinity on the Go" on the subject line.



NOTE FROM TREASURER

current cooling system, which I will share in a few weeks. We are thankful for your most gracious giving in support of God's mission.

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer going into Fall. We have experienced the hottest summer on record in North Fort Myers, which as you all know, puts the wear and tear on our cooling units. The air conditioning units at the church are well past their "sell by" dates and we have been experiencing issues related to the aging of the units.. We are getting estimates on replacing and updating our

-- Darlene Sullivan, Treasurer



Won't you please
consider joining our

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING

followed by Ice Cream &
other goodies

As you can see from
these pictures, we have
an
informal, relaxing time as
we pray for our church
members and friends



CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj	Pastor
Mr. Paul Brewer	Music Director
Ms. Joyce McCabe	Office Administrator
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!



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. The next meeting by Zoom will be on September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM. And the book will be God Help the Child by Tony Morrison.

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

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social 1:00 Outreach & Fellowship Committee 1:00 Deacons & Care Angels	2 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	3 12:30 Christian Education 1:00 Worship Committee 4:00 Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 9:30 Combined Worship Service 	7 10:00 Missions 10:00 Finance Committee 1:00 Deacons & Care Angels LABOR DAY!	8 8:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast in FH 10:30 Deacon/Care Angel Mtg 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social 1:00 Presbyterian Women	9 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	10 4:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 We Will Never Forget	12
13 9:30 Combined Worship Service 10:45 Buildings & Grounds Committee	14	15 Holy Trinity Gaarden Club Will meet 10:00 Session Meeting 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social 7:00 Book Club On Zoom	16 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	17 4:00 Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 9:30 Combined Worship Service MEET THE NEED SUNDAY	21 9:00 Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off	22 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social	23 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom	24:00 Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 9:30 Combined Worship Service	28 1:00 PM Bible Study at American House	29 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social	30 9:30 Bible Study via Zoom			



Hello fall

