



THE MESSENGER



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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship

*From the
Pastor*



Dear HTPC family and friends,

I hope this message finds you well. As the summer heat is increasing by the day, I trust that you are keeping yourself well hydrated as the body tends to get thirsty and more dehydrated faster. While we all know how to recognize physical thirst, do we know how to recognize the thirst of our soul? I read an article in which the author states that the signs of soul-thirst or spiritual dehydration are pretty much like the symptoms of dehydration of the body. When we are thirsty, our tongue and throat become parched. As our thirst intensifies, the dehydration of our body shows up through decline in energy, blurred vision, and skewed judgement, just to name a few. Spiritual dehydration also shows up in three prominent ways:

- (1) Lethargy or decline in energy towards spiritual matters. When this symptom sets in, we can notice a decline in the time we spend with God in prayer. We may find corporate worship boring, Bible studies and small-group fellowships to be uninteresting, and serving others as time-consuming. This is because our spiritual energy has been expended in wrong areas of life.
- (2) Spiritual tunnel-vision. We become focused on ourselves and our immediate problems, losing focus of the big picture. The loss of close relationship with God, makes us lose sight of God's love and plan for us, and the eternal perspective of life. At this state of spiritual dehydration, we feel overwhelmed by our stresses.
- (3) We make choices that are contrary to God's values. With a parched soul, we trust in our own judgment at the expense of God's wisdom and values. We find that the actions we take with skewed judgement, relying on inappropriate self-confidence, are resulting in situations that negatively impact us and others.

Dearly beloved, are you experiencing any of the above symptoms of soul-thirst or spiritual dehydration? We all go through seasons of dryness. The good news is, our Lord Jesus Christ waits with open arms to quench our soul-thirst with living water. Hydrating our soul is important and easier than you think. Jesus said: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." (John 7:37) Cultivating a relationship with Jesus through daily prayer, nourishing our soul by feeding on the Word of God, and growing in spiritual strength through corporate worship and Christian fellowship are simple, yet effective ways of keeping our soul healthy. During this summer season, be intentional to keep your soul hydrated. As you go on your much-deserved vacation, or simply relax by a pool, I would also encourage you to consider how you can best serve the Lord with your unique talents that he has entrusted to you. You may also want to consider how you can arrange your schedule to offer God more of your time in prayer, personal devotion, worship, and service. Summer is also a good time to consider how you might want to rearrange your budget to share more of your treasure for God's ministry. In this way, when our church gets back to its regular rhythm of ministries in September, you will be refreshed and ready to serve the Lord with renewed fervor and focus.

Stay well, stay hydrated. Have a wonderful summer!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Vinod



Music & Worship

It's wonderful to see everyone from both services coming together and getting acquainted. Also, what great singing to the Lord this also makes. We will be continuing to do hymns/songs that all folks feel comfortable to sing. We miss our snowbirds up north and look forward to their return. God Bless!

Paul Brewer



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	Scott Mergenthaler
Ken & Aileen Reese	Irene Snyder
June Tillson	Kim Buletta
Sue White	Paul Clarcq
Diane Stout	Thomas Henderson
Margaret Lavin	Allan Riley

Our love and prayers continue to be with Pat Frantz and her family upon the death of her husband, Ed, on June 16th. A graveside service was held on June 20th with Pastor Vinod officiating.



Thank you to my church family for helping to celebrate my birthday. The many cards, gifts, prayers and attendance and food at my party really has me overwhelmed with the love and support from my friends at Holy Trinity.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Scotty Robertson

From the Treasurer

Income for the month of May was \$17,243.80
Expenses for the month were \$27,136.13
Deficit was \$9,892.33

Year-to-Date we have a small surplus of \$4,743.47

Report submitted by Luanne Putnam, Treasurer



3rd	David Bisone
4th	Elmer Logan
10th	Kim Buletta
17th	Gerald Klump
24th	Sue White
26th	Alice Clarcq
28th	Debbie Sanders
28th	Cecil Fugate

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

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.**



*Birthday
Blessings*



7th	Valinda Truax
10th	Cheryl Gabe
10th	Anton Arneson
12th	Patricia Arneson
13th	Ruth Sommer
15th	Suzanne Warner
15th	Karen Daley
17th	Mary Ann Hudson
17th	Helen Cheatham
18th	Laurence Keller
29th	Len Carsley
31st	Jane Fredenburg
31st	John Strickland

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

You will find “Prayer Request” slips of paper in the sign-in pads. If you have a prayer request that you do not wish to voice during Sunday services, please write your request on one of the slips and drop it in the offering plate. On the reverse side you have the OPTIONAL opportunity to place your request on the church prayer list and ask that Pastor Vinod contact you. Please also include your joys in those requests. Your requests will be prayed for during the following two weeks by the Church’s Bible Study Group.

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.

Be on the lookout for a new Holy Trinity Facebook Page.

“Witnessing is not about closing a sale; it’s about opening a conversation.”



Building & Grounds Committee



BUILDING AND GROUNDS COULD USE A FEW GOOD MEN! (or women)

Our committee works behind the scenes and gets things done. We don't have regular meetings as most of the time, we can handle everything through real conversation or email.

Things we do:

- ♦ We make sure the large electronic sign is serviced each year. This includes replacing bulbs, making any repairs and cleaning the sign.
- Roof Smart repaired the damage to the storage shed behind fellowship hall (due to hurricane damage)
- Parking lot lights were repaired- one was a warranty issue and the other was damaged also from the hurricane.
- Parking lot sealing and striping was completed. This project was scheduled long ago and we kept pushing it out waiting for the cell tower to be completed.

If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Jeffrey Lee. If you don't really want to be on the committee but you see something that might need attention, just let any of the committee members know.

The committee is as follows:
Jeffrey Lee, Chair 866-798-4752
Dan Putnam 239-887-8979
Scotty Robertson 239-738-2229

Our maintenance person is Dennis Daley 239-229-0680.

Article submitted by Luanne Putnam,
Past Member of Building & Grounds



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Food Drive
July 21, 2025
August 18, 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.

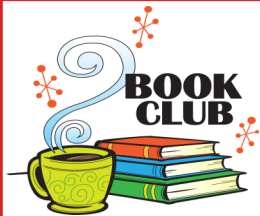
THANK YOU FOR HELPING

MEET THE NEED SUNDAY IS THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH... THE DAY BEFORE THE FOOD DRIVE!

The most needed items include:
Canned vegetables, fruits and soups
Bakes beans, peanut butter & jelly,
Cereals, canned puddings
Canned meats (i.e. tuna, salmon, chicken,
Ham and spam
Macaroni & cheese, pasta sauces
And of course, monetary donations always
welcome. (No glass please!)

Again, thank you
for helping to feed the hungry!





BOOK CLUB

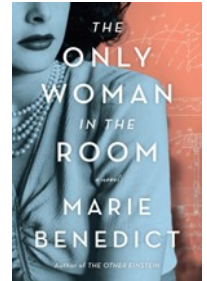
Join us for an hour of fellowship and discussion of the book chosen for the month.

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 meeting by Zoom will be on July 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

**The book for July is
"The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict**



WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

The definition of Per Capita is: "relating or applied to each person." Each year Peace River Presbytery suggests an amount that each of us contribute. This year \$68.00 is suggested as a one time donation to support the greater missions of our faith.

The mission is to support congregations, connect disciples in mission, and to be a body of Christ. Our church session supports this mission.

Your gift supports the administration and ministries of councils above session (Peace River Presbytery, Synod of South Atlantic, and the General Assembly). Some of the valuable ministries under the direction of these councils include:

- ♦ Church Leadership Connection used by our Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ♦ Presbytery Investment and Loan Program which provides loans to congregations including our classroom addition in 2014.

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this mission by a one time gift of \$68.00. This is just \$5.67 a month or \$1.31 a week. If you cannot give this full amount, any gift is always appreciated. Please memo your gift as "Per Capita".

Respectfully, 2025 Finance Committee

Festive Pineapple Cranberry Salad

From the kitchen of Shirley Raker and Luanne Putnam PREP TIME 1-2 hours SERVES 8-10

INGREDIENTS: 1 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple, 2 pkg (4 serving size) jello raspberry gelatin 1 16 oz can whole berry cranberry sauce 1 chopped apple 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS: Drain pineapple but reserve the juice. Remove 1 T. pineapple and set aside. Add enough cold water to juice to measure 3 cups; pour in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in the 2 pkgs of gelatin; stir for 2 minutes. Stir in the cranberry sauce. Pour in large bowl and chill for 1.5 hours or until slightly thickened. Stir in the apple, pineapple and walnuts. Refrigerate for 4 hours and then garnish with the reserved pineapple. Makes 14 one half cup servings.

Do you have a favorite recipe? Let's share...what fun that will be! Just email your recipe to htpcsecretary@gmail.com Who knows? We may put a recipe book together!

Notes from Session

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025 the Session met in the Library for its monthly meeting.

There was a quorum with all 9 members present, thanks to Zoom, plus Pastor Vinod, Moderator.

Some highlights of the meeting were:

Session approved Darlene Sullivan as the new Treasurer of our church.

The new bookkeeper, Marie Joseph, and Treasurer, Darlene Sullivan will begin training with Tracy and Luanne in August, with a start date of September 1.

Pastor Vinod will be on vacation in July, starting June 29. Ed Hall and Janet Daly will each lead worship on two Sundays, and CRE Gary Miconi (Certified Ruling Elder) will lead worship on Communion Sunday.

The Mission Committee is in the process of collecting all the items needed for the backpacks for the children at Mision Peniel. They will be distributed on August 8.

Moderator of Deacons, Betty Robertson, reported on the work of the Care Angels and that Ed Franz passed away on June 16, 2025.

Everyone is encouraged to visit at The Gathering Place after worship.

Session approved a set of updated guidelines for use of the electronic sign in front of the church, to be added to the Administrative Handbook. Motion brought by Betty Robertson.

Presbyterian Women purchased and passed out treats for the men on Father's Day.

On-the-Go is offering a trip to Cape Cabaret in August for Singo Bingo. Watch for more info on that.

Session voted to not meet in July and August unless necessary.

The attendance at worship fluctuates each week as our congregation goes on vacation, but the online attendance has been pretty steady at around 40. That brings our total attendance at worship to over 100. So if you're away and can get to a computer, please join us on Sunday morning. We know you're there!

There will be a pastor available while Pastor Vinod is on vacation. Please call the office if you need a pastor or contact any elder on Session. The ruling elders on Session are: Linda Green, Ed Hall, 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

Preaching Schedule during Pastor Vinod's vacation:

June 29	Elder, Ed Hall
July 6	CRE (Certified Ruling Elder), Gary Miconi
July 13	Elder and Session Clerk, Janet Daly
July 20	Elder, Ed Hall
July 27	Elder and Session Clerk, Janet Daly





**Daily Devotionals for
July, August & September
are available
in the Narthex**

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

**Sign-up sheets are
in the Narthex**



Ushers & Greeters



9:30 A.M. Service

July 6 Lori Hoch & Vera Day
Bonnie & Elmer Logan (Ushers)
13 Betty & Scotty Robertson
Linda Green & Moe Morrison
20 Bonnie & Elmer Logan
Debbie & Chuck Vitale
27 Linda Green & Moe Morrison
Betty & Scotty Robertson

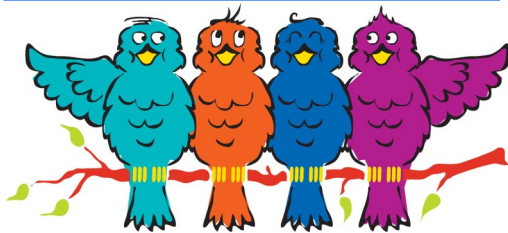
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Liturgists



July 6 Ed Hall
13 Angel Ruder
20 Andrea Helms
27 Betty Robertson

Aug 3 Andrea Helms
Aug 10 Darlene Sullivan
Aug 17 Ed Hall
Aug 24 Mary Ann Hudson
Aug 31 Ed Hall



INVITE A FRIEND



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

CHURCH STAFF:

Mr. Paul Brewer	Music Director
Ms. Joyce McCabe	Admin Assistant
Mrs. Tracy Andrews	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!

Terrible cruise, rained the whole time.
They did have a great buffet.
I had two of everything



HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5
6 Communion Sunday 9:30am Combined Worship Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30am Combined Worship Service	14	15 7:00 Book Club By Zoom	16	17	18	19
20 9:30am Combined Worship Service MEET THE NEED SUNDAY!	21 9:00 am Food Drive: Drive Up - Drop Off	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am Combined Worship Service	28	29	30	31		

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Sunday 9:30am Combined Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30am Combined Worship Service	11	12	13	14	15 Messenger Articles Due	16
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