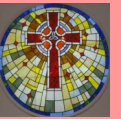




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Living for Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship



Dear HTPC family,

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and blessed as you step into the summer months of the year. Summer can be slow or busy depending on how near or far you are from your children and grandchildren. I remember the wonderful memories of my childhood days at my maternal grandparents' home during summer holidays. My grandparents loved their grandchildren, and insisted that we visited them at least for a few days each summer. My cousins and I, from various parts of the country, would

go every summer to spend a few weeks of our summer vacation with our grandparents. This was pre-television days in India. We enjoyed playing board games, running and playing around the house, eating dozens of farm-grown mangoes, and putting on a few pounds each summer from eating the tasty food and snacks that our grandma would prepare. During daytime, our grandma would call us only when it was time for food. The rest of the time, we were like free birds. But, when evening came, the entire family gathered for a time of prayer after dinner. We would sing songs, read a passage from the Bible and the daily devotional, and my grandma or grandpa would pray. This was a daily routine. On Sundays, we all faithfully went to the local church with our grandparents. Looking back, I realize how my grandparents invested their summertime in planting spiritual seeds in us. They not only poured their love into the future generation of their family but also instilled faith in God. If you are planning to visit your children or grandchildren this summer, I encourage you to consider those gatherings as sacred mission field. Prayerfully look for opportunities to share your faith stories. Pray with your younger generations. Plant seeds of faith during your time together. Whether you realize it or not, your presence and wisdom are invaluable spiritual anchors for your family.

If you are planning to stay home for summer to beat the heat, you may want to consider using your time for some spiritual gardening. Galatians 5:22-23 gives nine attributes of a spirit-filled life that we all need to cultivate. You can focus on one or a few of those attributes to cultivate during this summer. The summer months can also be a time for spiritual 'pruning,' letting go of past burdens, guilt and unhealthy habits through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey through this season, my prayer is that you experience God's presence in the quiet moments of your daily life. Whether you are worshipping with us in person or tuning in from home, know that you are a vital part of our church family. Our church's prayer warriors and I will be praying for you each Tuesday from noon to 1 pm. If you have a prayer need, please let us know.

As in the past, this newsletter is a combined edition for the months of July and August. The next issue of Messenger will come in September. You will receive news updates through our weekly e-blast on Thursdays.

May this summer be one of peace, joy, and deeper connection.

With prayers and blessings.

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
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	Patrick Bapst
Bev Smith	Scott Mergenthaler
Irene Snyder	June Tillson
Rick Sanders	Kelly Lichtenhahn
Phillip Harring	Bruce Hirschlein
Mary Gold	Jim & Margaret Lavin
Scotty Robertson	Ken & Aileen Reese
Robin Elmassia	Nancy Walker

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 Tuesday Prayer Meeting.



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.

"Witnessing is not about closing a sale; it's about opening a conversation."



3rd David Bisone
 4th Elmer Logan
 9th Glenda Balentine
 14th Ben Rubright
 17th Gerald Klump
 19th Judy Cowan
 26th Alice Clarcq
 28th Cecil Fugate
 28th Debbie Sanders

Did we miss your special day?
 Please let us know! Email us
 at htpcsecretary@gmail.com



Birthday Blessings

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.**



7th Valinda Truax
 10th Cheryl Gabe
 13th Ruth Sommer
 15th Suzanne Warner
 15th Karen Daley
 17th Helen Cheatham
 17th Mary Ann Hudson
 18th Laurence Keller
 27th Bill Bryant
 29th Len Carsley
 31st Jane Fredenburg
 31st John Strickland

Have you visited our Memorial Garden lately? Please take a moment to pause and pray. Many thanks to Linda and Mo Morrison for maintaining the garden. If you would like to help in the Garden Club, please contact Linda.



Celebrating July Anniversaries

Cheryl and Jerry Strohmer	July 9
Len & Nita Carsley	July 23
Jim & Margaret Lavin	July 28

Celebrating August Anniversaries

Art & Jane Fredenburg	August 1
Tony & Judy Jacobik	August 12
Norman & Betty Jones	August 20
Al & Hennie Oostema	August 23



CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Vinod Immanuel Gnanaraj	Pastor
Mr. Paul Brewer	Music Director
Ms. Joyce McCabe	Office Administrator
Ms. Marie Joseph	Bookkeeper
Mr. Dennis Daley	Maintenance
Ms. Alissa Deeds	Sound Tech
Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	

Norman Jones, was honored by the Lee County last month by declaring June 14th as **NORMAN JONES DAY**. This honor was bestowed in recognition of Norman's service to the community of North Fort Myers for over 60 years in various capacities. As a church family, we rejoice with Norman and Betty on this recognition.



Sharing a letter from **ALL SOULS OUTREACH...**

Dear Friends:

I am writing to thank you all for your "**Meet the Need**" gift. The many families, seniors, and kids depending on our Outreach Ministry would thank you with many cheers and thank yous if they were able.

The congregation at Holy Trinity has become an integral partner of our Outreach Ministry. You have graciously assisted your neighbors for many years. Thank you! Please know your heavenly 401k's are growing.

Please also accept our invitation to see your gift at work. To do so, simply arrive any Wednesday morning at or before 8:30 am. This arrival should secure you a parking spot. We will be delighted to give you the \$.05 tour and won't charge you the nickel.

Thank You again,

Gratefully Yours:
Charlie Thompson
Co-Director



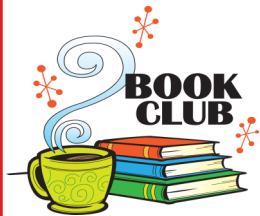
FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Food Drive
July 20, 2026
August 17, 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



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.

The next meeting by Zoom will be on July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM

**The book for July is
"My Antonia" by Willa Cather**

Notes from Session

The Session met in a Called Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10AM in the Library and on Zoom. There was a quorum present plus Pastor Vinod, Moderator. A Called Meeting is a special Session meeting called for a specific purpose. The purpose of this meeting was to hear the reports and recommendations from the Finance Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee.

The Finance Committee did research on the church's high monthly Comcast bill. Elder Bill Doyle contacted Comcast and was offered a 2-year contract for our phone service at half the cost of what we are now paying. We would also continue to receive our high-speed internet service and there would be no interruption in service. After the presentation and discussion, a motion was made to enter into a two-year contract with Comcast, which was passed by the Session. The Finance Committee will facilitate this contract ASAP. They will also look at alternative phone service through other providers as the 2-year contract comes to an end.

The Building and Grounds Committee was tasked with providing updated charges for use of our buildings for any event. Elder Linda Green-Morrison presented the Committee's recommendations to update these costs in the Building Use Policy in the Administrative Handbook. Updated costs for use of the Sanctuary for weddings and memorial services for members and non-members and use of the Fellowship Hall for private events by members and non-members, plus the use of Fellowship Hall by outsiders (Scouts, AA, etc.) to cover cleaning and general use was presented. A motion to accept these charges was made and passed by the Session.

There was a discussion and a motion to start a Garden Club that would attend to the Memorial Garden. The motion passed. If anyone enjoys gardening and would like to help keep the Memorial Garden weed-free and beautiful, please see Linda Green-Morrison.

There was also discussion on starting a Tech Team for the church that would evaluate and make recommendations to keep the church technically up to date (computers, phones, software, security, etc.). If you have an interest or expertise in this area, your help would be appreciated. Contact Dwight Mutschler if you would consider joining this team.

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

Yours in His service,
Janet Daly, Clerk of Session



Do you know our guitar player?

I would like to introduce you to Jim Ashe, the guitar player who enhances our music ministry with his excellent playing.

Jim has been with us more than a year and I bet most of you do not know his name!

Jim is originally from Elsworth, Maine and now resides in Del Tura. Although he started out as a snowbird, he is now full time in Florida.

He and Nancy, his wife of 55 years in September, have two daughters; one in Massachusetts; the other

in Connecticut. They have 4 granddaughters.

Jim started playing guitar by ear as a freshman in college and has continued to play through the years. He recently joined a local band, Wildfire Brothers.

Jim's profession was in education for his career and he was a school superintendent; upon retirement from education he became a city manager. He has also enjoyed restoring classic cars in the past.

I really enjoy hearing the guitar accompaniment. Please say hello to Jim and introduce yourself.

Submitted by Vera Day



Our Presbyterian ladies enjoying lunch at Blossom and Brie on June 10th!



PRAYER AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Our Tuesday Prayer and Ice Cream Social Group. The group meets at 12:00 and prays for our members and friends in need.

Following the meeting, they enjoy ice cream and other goodies in Fellowship Hall.

Why not consider joining this them on Tuesdays. They would love to have you join them!



Liturgists



Pam Joles will serve as Liturgist for the month of July.

Ushers & Greeters



July 5
Betty & Scotty Robertson

July 12
Linda and Robert Morrison

July 19
Sheryl and Roland Robieson

July 26
Debbie & Chuck Vitale

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!

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Have a safe and happy 250th!
5 Communion Sunday 9:30 Combined Worship Service	6 1:00 Deacons and Care Angels	7 12:00 Prayer and Ice Cream Social	8 9	9 8 am Mission Committee's visit to Real Life Ranch	10	11
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August 2026

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