

# The Tidings



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*Belong. Blossom. Bless.*

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## Happy October Anniversary To:



- 3 - Jerry & Judy Huetz
- 7 - Gregg & Judy Monin
- 13 - David & Naomi Aldrich
- 15 - Bob & Annette Freeman
- 16 - Les & Lisa Hall
- 20 - Bruce A.P. & Sara C. May
- 26 - Ron & Cherrie Whetsell
- 28 - Sid & Deb Yee

## Happy October Birthday To:



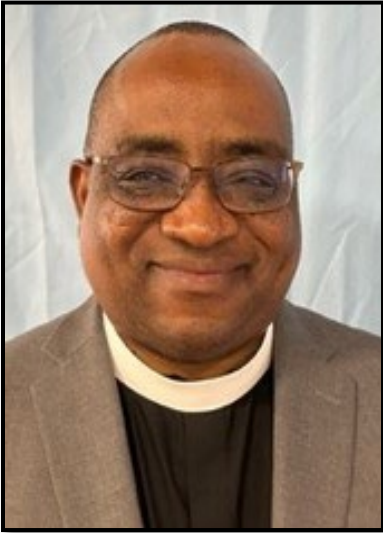
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| 3 - Terry Colla       | 13 - David Aldrich    |
| 3 - Sara C. May       | 14 - Emily Ware       |
| 4 - Stephen Knowles   | 19 - Barbara Kelley   |
| 5 - Elizabeth Knowles | 20 - Ron Whetsell     |
| 6 - Tom Hulsey        | 26 - Peter Coughlin   |
| 6 - Lee Stanton       | 28 - Deborah Holliday |
| 7 - Barbara Turner    | 28 - Ann Oakes        |
| 9 - Mike Browne       | 29 - Jerry Huetz      |
| 11 - Angela Perrin    |                       |

## Rector's Message

### *Walking in Love*

*"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God."*

Ephesians 5:2



The scripture verse quoted above is a very familiar one to us as Episcopalians. We hear it every time we gather for the Eucharist as an invitation to bring our gifts of bread, wine, and money to

the Altar to be consecrated to the Lord as an act of thanksgiving.

It so happens that the theme prescribed by The Episcopal Network of Stewardship (TENS) for this year is "Walk in Love." One would think that whoever came up with the theme had spent time at Holy Trinity because Walking in Love is exactly what we believe to be the meaning of Stewardship. Perhaps more wonderful is that we do not simply believe it but we live it. We believe that our faithful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is a fundamental expression of our love for God and one another.

We at Holy Trinity believe that Stewardship is love in action as clearly articulated by St. John: *"We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters.*

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:16-18).*

This belief and understanding shapes everything we do here at Holy Trinity and continues to be demonstrated in a variety of ways. I have seen it in the amount of time people like Judy & Gregg Monin have devoted to the School Golf Benefit so we can raise money to enable us to serve our students, I saw it in the amount of money given to rebuild our sanctuary entrance walk way to make it safer and welcoming, and I saw it in the responses of so many who gave generously toward the purchase of a car for one of our members whose car was irreparably damaged, and needed a car to get to his several jobs to support his family. Yes, I see it in the continued support for our outreach to the community and beyond, and to our operating budget which makes it possible to keep our doors open for all who need to hear the Word of God and receive the Sacraments.

Based on this experience, our Stewardship Campaign will focus on Thanksgiving – thanksgiving for the ways God has enabled us to walk in love. The highlight of the campaign will be our Ministry Fair scheduled for Sunday October 20, 9:00 am – 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Ministry Teams will have the opportunity to share their stories and answer any questions. It will also be an opportunity for us to express our thanks to those who serve in a variety of ministries. As is our tradition, we will have several of our members share their thoughts on this stewardship

theme for several weeks. We will then be invited to reaffirm our commitment to “Walk in Love” in the coming year by filling out estimates of our financial giving in the coming year. The Estimate of Giving (Pledge) cards will be consecrated on Sunday Nov. 17.

I praise God for the privilege of walking with you over the past few years and look forward to “walking in love” with you for many more to come. May God continue to bless you as you continue blessing our church, our community, and our world.

*By Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva*

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## **Sr. Warden's Report**

As promised, October is going to be a very busy month. We look forward to seeing as many of our Church

Family Members partaking in the activities as possible.

There have been a number of enhancements/improvements over the past couple of months. We have new walkways to the Church. I.W.C. is preparing for the Blessing of the Animals Oct. 5th at 9am. Our industrious Golf Benefit Committees have been working hard to prepare for our most important Fund Raiser of the year, Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit Oct 5th at 1pm. We will have our Third Annual Ministry Fair Oct. 20th from 9am to 12:30pm.

None of this would be possible without Stewardship. Our Stewardship Drive will begin October 20<sup>th</sup> and will run through November 17<sup>th</sup>. As I stated, all the activities I have listed depends on Stewardship. The obvious portion of that is “Treasure”, aka money. Yet, so much more relies on “Time” and “Talent”, aka you, the **Family of Holy Trinity**. It is all of you that donate the time and many talents you possess that keeps our Church going.

We understand finances may be a little tighter than in years gone by. Some of our budgets have gotten tighter with the increase costs of essentials and utilities, but your “Time and Talent” has as much value as it always has. There is no depreciation in the value of “Time”.

So, when you start to think about Stewardship and what you can donate to your Church Family, remember volunteering your time is all part of the “Abundance” we enjoy.

*Doris Brennan, Sr. Warden*

## *In Loving Memory of Gail Spencer Hole*

The Celebration of Gail Hole's Life is scheduled for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM here at Holy Trinity with the Rev. Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes as Celebrant. Please join us. The service will also be live streamed on Facebook LIVE. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

*Saturday, October 12, 2024, 2:00 p.m.*

**"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"**

- 2 Timothy 4:7



### **Treasurer's Summary Report**

	August 2024	
	Actual	Budget
Contributions		
Pledges	\$10,666	\$25,167
Other Income	<u>\$ 990</u>	<u>\$ 3,558</u>
Total	\$11,656	\$28,725
Expenses	\$26,907	\$28,725

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.*

*Matt. 6: 19,20*

*Russ Casson, Treasurer*

### **HTEC School Tutor Program**

*Make a difference in a child's life*

If you or someone you know wants to make a real difference in a child's life and has just one hour a week to work one-on-one with a student as a tutor, please call **(913) 558-2636** or email **jimkelly8143@gmail.com**. (Snow Birds are welcome, no formal academic certification is required. Tutor training and instructional materials are provided.)

*Jim Kelly, HTEC Tutor Program Coordinator*

### **Golf Benefit**

When you read this all the School Golf Benefit preparations and registrations will be done. We have 76 golfers, which includes 8 golfers from Blackston Financial Advisors

(our Benefit's major sponsor) and an extra 40 for dinner. More details will follow on the next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this Benefit a reality.

*Judy and Gregg Monin*

## Salvation Army Food Bank Collection

### Little Red Wagon Salvation Army Food Bank

The Outreach committee is asking you all to contribute to the Salvation Army food bank by making deposits of nonperishable food in the Little Red Wagon at the front of the church on Sundays. Specifically, the Salvation Army is asking for breakfast cereal, peanut butter, bags/boxes of rice, instant potatoes, canned vegetables and canned meat. For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact **Annette Freeman (352)406-7608**



## HTEC Salvation Breakfast Team

Besides Holy Trinity's contributions to the Salvation Army Food Bank via the Red Wagon we also have a fun loving and hard-working team of volunteers that provides breakfast service at the Leesburg Salvation Army post to a growing number of people in need. You can be part of this mission by joining our breakfast team for just 2 hours on the second and fifth Tuesdays of the month. For more information about helping our brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact **Jim Kelly (913) 558-2636**.



Let's SHOWER Some Love!

~ on Mother-to-be Lili Panlilio ~

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

12:30pm Parish Hall

a co-ed gathering following 2<sup>nd</sup> coffee hour |



RSVP Deb Yee 703-472-1573

Baby Bog Atlas wish list available

## Update the Directory



The Church Directory is more than a collection of contact information. It is a vital tool for nurturing strong community bonds and enhancing communication within Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Without a reliable and updated directory, it is easy to lose touch with other members and miss opportunities to Invite, Welcome, and Connect. Help us update the Church Directory by verifying your contact information, as well as birthdays/anniversaries. We will place copies in Parish Hall. If your information is incorrect or if you do not see your name, please fill out a form and place it in the basket.

**HOLY TRINITY  
SCHOOL  
AUCTION**



TRAVEL, HOME  
GOODS, GOLF, AND  
MORE!

Visit [YourCharityAuction.com/HolyTrinityGolf](http://YourCharityAuction.com/HolyTrinityGolf) to bid on a variety of items. Proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

## Holy Hackers

Holy Hackers resumed for the season on Saturday, September 14th at Pennbrooke Fairways. 24 Hackers turned out for the day, with 22 staying for lunch at The Grille.



Management of the restaurant has been taken over by the club and a great lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



The winning foursome for the day was **Mike Browne, Paul Harmon, John Zabatta and Ellen Puglisi** who carded a score of three under par, despite the handicap of Mike

playing the round in his slippers. We were happy to see several hackers who had not played with us in quite some time and missed a few who had to cancel late with injuries & illness.



All are welcome to join us at our next outing for golf and/or lunch on **Saturday, October 12th**, we look forward to seeing you then.

## Car Update

### *We Got the Car!*

We are pleased to announce that following the tremendous response to our plea for donations to help JB acquire a reliable car to enable him to continue shuttling between his three jobs, we finally found the car – a 2014 Honda CR-V. Honda is a highly rated car, and was previously owned by a wonderful Christian man who took very good care of it. We could not be happier and more grateful to all of you who made it possible.



Before he was forced to flee his native Haiti, JB worked for USAID in Haiti and owned a

computer supplies business. When gang violence erupted, JB was one of the targets and was barely able to make it out alive. He was able to flee to Florida where he was granted a Temporary Protected Status by the US government. He came to our area after learning of a job opportunity with a landscaping company for which he continues to work as his primary job. He also works at Rural King and drives for Uber. His wife was able to join him 9 months ago but is still awaiting work authorization.



JB started attending our church as soon as he settled in our area and he and his wife are regulars at the 10:30am service. Even though he maintained a positive spirit with a smile, a few of us learned early on about the tremendous stress he was under with his family – wife, children, mother, sister, etc. still trapped in the escalating violence back in Haiti. We also learned that the cost of living in Haiti had skyrocketed and with the violence engulfing the island nation, many, including his family members were under the threat of starvation, in addition to the violence. We also learned that he was working as much as he could to support his family back home. With some help, he was able to acquire a dilapidated car which soon proved to be a burden as it was a blessing. Even

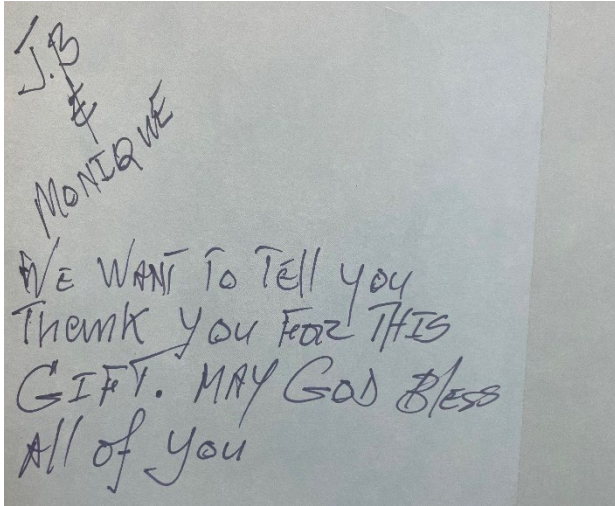
though it enabled him to get to his several jobs, it cost him thousands in constant repairs. As we were exploring options for a more reliable car, we heard the news that he barely survived an accident when a tree fell on the car while he ate his lunch from the back seat.



When we share the story with our church family, the response went way above our expectation. Many of you gave generously without hesitation. Once again, our church family has proved that we truly know what Jesus meant when he said:

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, **I was a stranger and you welcomed me,** <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>**And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you,** or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you

sick or in prison and visited you?”<sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, **“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”** (Matthew 25:34-40).



For all of you who were able to respond to the plea on behalf of JB and his family, and all Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Special thanks to all of you who have supported JB ever since he joined us.

May God the source of all goodness keep you steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58). And as St. Paul rightly put it, *“... let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”* **Amen.**





# Upcoming Events



**OCT. 5 Blessing of Animals** | 9:00AM in the courtyard  
Join us for our Annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals. This is a free event for all pets & owners of all religious backgrounds, so make sure to tell your friends and family! All pets welcome! We only ask that they are on a leash or properly crated. You may also bring a picture if your animal friends don't enjoy crowds or travel.

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**OCT. 5 Holy Trinity School Golf Benefit**

Registration: 12:00PM | Shotgun Start: 1:00PM

Where: **Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake**

Please help us continue supporting our wonderful students and staff at Holy Trinity Episcopal School. Register now at: [HolyTrinitySchoolGolfBenefit](https://www.holytrinityschool.org/golfbenefit)

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**OCT. 20 Walking in Service Ministry/Stewardship Fair**  
Parish Hall | 9:00AM-1:00PM

We will be having a combined Ministry/Stewardship Fair on Sunday, in appreciation of those volunteering their time, talents, and treasures. We want to invite you to learn more about our different Ministries and see how you can be a part of these wonderful groups! (Ministry leaders, please reach out to Judy Gygi for more info. [jgygi2876@gmail.com](mailto:jgygi2876@gmail.com) | 407-461-5647)

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**OCT. 27 Pancake Breakfast** | 9:00-9:45AM in PH

The monthly Pancake Breakfast is resuming this Sunday, October 27. Come join us for DELICIOUS pancakes from 9:00AM-9:45AM. The cost is \$7 per person and the proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

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