

# The Tidings



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**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
*Belong. Blossom. Bless.*

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### Happy February Anniversary To:

- 5 - Jim & Jane Kelly
- 15 - Raymond & Sophia Vallee
- 20 - Ed & Anne Hankwitz
- 20 - Randy & Deb Siver
- 21 - Dennis & Wanda May
- 22 - Walt & Glenda Albers

### Happy February Birthday To:

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 - Kathy Jones         | 12 - Ed Hankwitz              |
| 3 - Russ Casson         | 14 - Val Tuller               |
| 3 - Wanda May           | 17 - Raymond Vallee           |
| 5 - Jeanette Rodenbaugh | 19 - Dottie Noble             |
| 6 - Nancee Wolbers      | 20 - Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes |
| 7 - Bonnie Hultin       | 20 - John Turner              |
| 9 - Gary Sarto          | 23 - Montana Alger            |
| 10 - Judy Gygi          | 25 - Jeanne Nicolosi          |
| 10 - Mark Welton        |                               |



## Rector's Message

**Celebration of Community** by *Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva*

The theme for this year's Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday January 26, was ***Celebration of Community***. One of the definitions for the word community is "*a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.*" While this definition is in no way exhaustive, it captures the essence of what I mean by community. It refers to people who do not only have a common identity and purpose, but know and feel that they truly belong together. It is a great feeling to belong to this

Christian community we know as Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

As I noted before, this theme was inspired by the many stories I hear of the deep friendships that exist among our members but perhaps more so by the level of commitment to our shared life and mission that I see every day. We have every reason to celebrate.

This spirit of community was very evident in every aspect. It began with our spirit-filled worship in our beautiful sanctuary and followed by a delicious meal prepared and served by our members led by Pat Fleming. That sweet spirit carried over into the business meeting as we unanimously elected Scott Pennington, Russ Casson and Mark Welton to succeed Doris Brennan, Bob Freeman and Mandy Panlilio on the Vestry.

It was that same spirit of commitment to our common good that moved Jim Kelly, Steve Knowles, Russ Casson, and Pat Fleming to accept their appointments to serve as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively.

In my reflection, I suggest that the annual parish meeting is an occasion to affirm, celebrate, and reclaim our identity as God's children and members of the body of Christ, and our purpose as messengers of the Good News. The more I thought about this, the more I was convinced to focus our Lenten observance toward the theme of community. That's why I am inviting all our members to participate in the **40 Days of Community** study by Rick Warren. We will gather on Wednesday Evenings for a Soup and Bread followed by a DVD presentation and discussion. Details of this exciting Lenten series will become available as the day approaches. It is my hope that doing this together will deepen and expand our sense of community. This will also be an opportunity to invite family and friends and introduce them to our loving faith community.

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ... All the believers were together and had everything in common. ... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* Acts 2:42-47

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:24-25

## Parishioner Spotlight: Charlie & Angela Perrin



Charlie and Angela Perrin are familiar faces around Holy Trinity, Charlie as the Deacon at our 10:30 service, and Angela officially as an usher, but also one that is always in attendance and willing to help where needed.

Charlie was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He served for one enlistment in the US Navy, followed by 26+ years with AT&T, and 8 years as the Computer Network Manager at two different Law Firms. Charlie was ordained to the Diaconate in 1986, in the Diocese of Long Island.

Angela was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and has lived in the US for 56 years. She worked as an underwriter in the insurance industry, retired, and is now working part time for the same company. She has two children, a son who is a doctor in New Jersey, and a daughter who is an insurance executive in Fort Lauderdale. She 'shares' her 5 grandsons with Charlie as they enjoy following the grand's school and sport careers together.

After previous marriages, Charlie and Angela met in New York. Eventually,

retirement brought them to Florida, where they have lived for 8 years. Angela continues her part time work, while Charlie is now licensed to serve in the Diocese of Central Florida and is assigned to Holy Trinity by the Bishop. He recently celebrated 38 years in the Diaconate. Congratulations!

As for hobbies, Charlie enjoys golf, photography, music, NY Times crosswords, and reading. He is also a Veterans Mentor for the 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Vice President of the Legacy Democratic Club and enjoys performing with the Legacy Chorus. Angela is also active in the Vets Club, spends time reading and doing needlepoint. They both enjoy the monthly Legacy Wine Club meetings.

Prior to attending Holy Trinity, Angela attended St. Thomas Episcopal in Bellerose NY where she was on the vestry and served as an usher, lector, counter, and the hospitality committee.

When asked, 'what is one thing you would want most people to know about you?', Charlie responded, "I am fortunate to be married to Angela, my soulmate. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I am committed to my Order. I am opposed to the practice of Sequential Ordination. I have a generous view of Scripture and Orthodoxy. And I try my best to support all the baptized in their callings."

We are very fortunate to have both Charlie and Angela as part of the Holy Trinity family!

*(Side Note: Gary and I can attest to the 'evangelistic talents' of the Perrins. When we moved to Legacy, they did all the right things – to invite, to bring, and to involve us in CHT!)*

## Senior Warden's Report



Hello, I'm **Jim Kelly** and I would like to introduce myself to you all as our new Senior Warden appointed by our Rector, Fr. Samuel, on Sunday, January 26, 2025. My first "official statement" is to thank our outgoing Senior Warden, Doris Brennan. The senior warden is usually the main elected lay leader of the congregation and acts as the main bridge between the parish and the rector. Doris did an amazing job in this role, and I'll do my best to serve you as well!

My wife, Jane and I call the Villages home, and we've been a part of Holy Trinity for about 13 years now. Before this appointment, I served on the vestry twice. I've also been involved in the school tutor program, Salvation Army bell ringing, serving breakfast at the Leesburg Salvation Army post, the Holy Trinity Men's Group, and the Outreach Committee.

Throughout all these activities, my main focus has been on serving Christ. So, I'm reaching out to you all for your input as we serve our church family over the next year.

*Jim Kelly, Sr. Warden*

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## Treasurer's Report

December 2024

Contributions	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$24,261	\$25,167
Other Income	<u>\$ 1,159</u>	<u>\$ 3,558</u>
Total	\$25,420	\$28,725
Expenses	\$34,470	\$28,725

*All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chron. 29: 14.*

*Russ Casson, Treasurer*

## Annual Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting and Luncheon were held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The parishioners were treated to a luncheon coordinated by Judy Gygi, Pat and Dave Fleming, David Aldrich, Charles Sterbis, Janell Bromeisl, and Sid Yee. The luncheon was attended by ~80 people who all enjoyed the fellowship, a delicious meal prepared by Pat Fleming, and dessert provided by Charles Sterbis and Janell Bromeisl. Sid Yee, Pat Fleming, Judy Gygi, and Mandy Panlilio did the honors of serving and held down the fort to a long line, extending out the door!



Fr. Samuel informed the congregation of the state, life, and mission of the church. Summarized reports of this past year's (2024) finances, worship, stewardship, buildings & grounds, pastoral care, and the different ministries were handed out. Members were also given an updated and newly printed copy of the 2025 Church Directory. *(If you haven't received your copy, you are welcome to take a copy from the designated literature racks in the Parish Hall or stop by the office to pick up a copy.)*



We also said a sad, but warm and grateful farewell to Doris Brennan (Sr. Warden), Bob Freeman (Jr. Warden), and Mandy Panlilio as outgoing Vestry members. Each was recognized for their service and dedication to the Vestry and Holy Trinity.

To conclude the meeting, we gave a cheerful welcome to Scott Pennington, Russ Casson, and Mark Welton as new voting members of the Vestry. We are so grateful for their commitment to the Vestry and Holy Trinity!

THANK YOU to those who helped set up, prepared food, served food and drinks, helped clean up, and gave of their time to



ensure the Annual Meeting was a success! To those who were in attendance, THANK YOU for joining us and being a part of this lovely church family.

We hope those of you who didn't join this year, will join us at the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting. We look forward to another year of belonging, blossoming, and blessing at Holy Trinity!

*Gisselle Martinez, Office Administrator*

### **Salvation Army Food 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 Service

The Holy Trinity Salvation Army Breakfast Service Team of 12 fun loving and hard-working volunteers provides breakfast service at the Salvation Army post in Leesburg to from 30 to 50 less fortunate people on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Typically, breakfast service takes about 2 hours, starting at 7:00 AM with preparation, followed by food service and then cleanup finishing at about 9:00 AM.



## HTEC School Tutor Program

If you or someone you know wants to **make a real difference in a child's life**, please call (913) 558-2636 or email [jim-kelly8143@gmail.com](mailto:jim-kelly8143@gmail.com). No formal academic certification is required. Tutor training and instructional materials are provided. Snowbirds are welcome.

*Jim Kelly, HTES Tutor Program Coordinator*

## Christmas 2024 Red Kettle Bell Ringers

The HTEC Service team of 40 volunteers put together a combined total of



56 hours of Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. Of the various organizations that volunteer to be Bell Ringers, Holy Trinity was recognized by the Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator, Major Marie Harris for being the Top Church Group Bell Ringers for 2024, raising a total of \$4,317.50 in support of our partners in faith, the Salvation Army. (Photo: Sid Yee and Jaleh Welton.)

## School Family Group Fundraiser

Our school's Family Group is selling **discount cards** for \$10! All proceeds will help provide funding for student projects! You may buy your discount cards from Fr. Samuel or Kathy Wolfe in the office. Please make checks payable to HTES.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

**BAPTISM**

OF BABY

**Atlas**

Sunday February 23 at 10:30am

## HOLY HACKERS



Fifteen Holy Hackers braved the cold, wind and overcast skies on Saturday, January 11th at Pennbrooke Fairways.

We were joined by Mandy's guest John Wrinkle, not his first time with us, but we are always happy when he gets a break from driving the tour bus and can join us. Mandy told us he is currently driving a Broadway cast on tour. We also welcomed first time Holy Hacker Vicki Hunter who recently moved permanently to The Villages from Kentucky. She attended our 10:30 service just the week before and quickly joined the Holy Hackers, we are thrilled to have her.



Twelve of us were able to stay for lunch at The Grille at Pennbrooke Fairways, their homemade soup was a very popular choice that chilly morning. Three of the groups tied at one under par, forcing us to a tie breaker, won by Ann & Steve Oakes and Sara & Bruce May. Randy Siver was on injured

reserve, thus ending his winning streak at two months.

My personal thanks to Mandy, who once again served as our official photographer, providing photos of the day both here in Tidings and on her Facebook page. All are invited to join us next Month, **Saturday February 8th for a 10:00 A.M.** tee time, lunch & fellowship to follow in The Grille at about 11:30. Please join us for golf, lunch, either or both.

*David Aldrich*

## ANNUAL CHURCH & SCHOOL *Picnic*



**Saturday, February 22**  
**11am - 2pm**

Please join us for food,  
entertainment, games, and  
lots of fun!



## **2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

January 26, 2025

The Holy Trinity Episcopal church congregation met for the annual parish meeting on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:39am to discuss matters of importance to the life and mission of our church.

1. Parishioners were treated to a luncheon coordinated by Judy Gygi, Pat and Dave Fleming, David Aldrich, Charles Sterbis, Janell Bromeisl, and Sid Yee.
2. Rev. Dr. Janice Gordon-Barnes gave an opening prayer
3. The Rector welcomed newcomers, gave a recap of the past year, and asked if anyone wished to add to the agenda. The Rector then read 2024 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes.
4. Treasurer Russel Casson summarized report in the Annual Report.
5. The Rector thanked Russ for very wonderful work and also thanked Kathy Wolfe for all her hard work in the business manager position.
6. The Rector gave a brief report on worship (attendance down by 9%) and highlighted the importance of IWC.
7. The Rector thanked everyone participating in Stewardship, Bob Freeman and the Buildings & Grounds team, & those involved in Pastoral Care.
8. The Rector informed parishioners of changes in school staff and ongoing search for Head of School.
9. Doris Brennan and Bob Freeman were recognized for their service and dedication to the Vestry and Holy Trinity Church. Each was presented with a prayer book.
10. The Rector gave a “Thank you” to each individual ministry and the leaders.
11. Mandy Panlilio was also recognized for her service and dedication to Vestry & Holy Trinity Church. She was presented with a prayer book.
12. Scott Pennington, Russell Casson, and Mark Welton were presented as nominees for Vestry service. The 3 nominees were elected by unanimous decision.
13. The Rector thanked all clergy including The Rev. Janice Gordon-Barnes, The Rev. Jaime Jones, Deacon Charlie Perrin, & Deacon Dick Labud.
14. Doris Brennan, Bob Freeman, & Gary Sarto gave brief speeches and thank you’s. Fr. Samuel thanked all who helped cook/setup and those who attended the meeting.
15. The meeting concluded with a prayer by the Rector.





# February Events:

## **Holy Hackers | FEB. 8 @ 10am**

All are welcome to join us at our next outing for golf and/or lunch on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. We look forward to seeing you then. The sign-up sheet is in Parish Hall or contact David Aldrich: 203-258-9643 | [aldrichkp68@gmail.com](mailto:aldrichkp68@gmail.com)

## **Bible Study | Every Wednesday @ 10:00am**

Join us for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 10:00am in Grace Chapel. Bring your own Bible. No previous knowledge necessary!

## **Healing Service | Every Wednesday @ 11:30am**

Join us for Healing Service Every Wednesday at 11:30am in Grace Chapel.

## **Adult Sunday School | Every Sunday @ 9:15am**

Join us Sunday mornings at **9:15 am - 10:15 am** in the chapel. We will be studying a video series entitled **“Starting Point: A Conversation about Faith”** by Andy Stanley. According to Andy, Everything has a starting point - your life, your relationships, your education, your career. Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. Welcome to Starting Point - an 8-session small group conversation about faith. It's a place where your opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits.

## **Church/HTES Picnic | FEB. 22 @11:00am – 2:00pm**

Please join us on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Annual Church & School Picnic. The picnic provides the parishioners of the church an opportunity to interact with students and parents of the school on a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon with food, games, and entertainment. We hope to see you then!

## **Pancake Breakfast | FEB. 23 @9:00am**

Please join us for some delicious pancakes on Sunday, February 23 in the Parish Hall at 9:00am. Proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity Episcopal School. *This event is hosted by the Men's Group.*

## **Baptism of Baby Atlas | FEB. 23 @10:30am**

Please join us on Sunday, February 23 at 10:30am for the baptism of baby Atlas, son of Lili Panlilio and Haiden McCartin. Holy Trinity hasn't seen a baby's baptism in a VERY long time. We are excited and happy to welcome this precious baby to our Christian community!

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