

# The Herald

## July 2022

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**Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday's**  
**8:00AM & 10:30AM**

### Online &

### In-person worship:

Masks are recommended  
for those with health  
conditions or those not  
fully vaccinated

### Online at

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[Instagram.com/Nativitypsl](https://www.instagram.com/Nativitypsl)

### Drive-Thru

### Communion

**First Sunday of the  
Month**

**11:30AM to 12:30PM**



**GOD  
BLESS  
AMERICA**

Our summer continues and, as we come to Independence Day, I want to remind us all of what the Bible says about good citizenship outside of the promised land:

Jeremiah 29:4-7

<sup>4</sup>This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

How might our faith be different? How might our politics be different if we acknowledge America is not the promised land? Now don't mistake me. I love our country. My husband served our country. I believe America is a good country and I believe God will work in and through it, but...it's not the promised land. It's not the new heaven and the new Earth promised in Revelation. The Israelites were not called to convert Babylon into the Promised Land. They were commissioned to live with integrity in it, and to seek as much as possible mutual flourishing and common good. What might we do to seek peace for our Port St. Lucie neighbors? What might we have to offer for our mutual prosperity?

For the people of God in exile, they began flourishing when acknowledging they were visitors in a foreign land, compelled to make a new home. We are almost all visitors here in Port St. Lucie, moving here for reasons of work, travel, family or retirement. We come to a land that was first inhabited by the Ais people.

I invite you as we celebrate Independence Day to remember our interdependence on one another to be good citizens, to work for the common good, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us pray...

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Save the Date**

Family Friendly Movie Night

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00PM in the field by the church

Bring your own blanket/chairs and join us!



Thank you to all our VBS Helpers and Kids! We had a great time and hope you'll take what you've learned and help us all go Renew! To see a video of even more of the fun we had, check out the Church's facebook.com/nativitypsl.



## School Supplies Drive 2022

Hard to believe it is that time of year! We will once again collect new supplies for local schools. Collection boxes will be located in Wolfe Hall beginning Sunday, July 17, through Sunday, July 31. Mother Tracy will bless our collection on Sunday, August 7, and the supplies will be delivered on Wednesday, August 10.

Following is a list of suggested items:

- Crayola Crayons (box of 24)
- Crayola Markers (box of 8 or 10)
- Crayola Colored Pencils (box of 12)
- # 2 Pencils/Pens
- Elmer's school glue (small bottles)
- Glue Sticks/Index Cards
- Composition Books/Binders
- Notebook Paper/Construction Paper
- Safety Scissors
- Dry Erase Markers for teachers



Please contact Elaine Clem ([eg\\_clem@bellsouth.net](mailto:eg_clem@bellsouth.net)) or the church office with any questions. Thank you for your support!

## Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out is an opportunity to drop off your children ages 4 - 12 where they will be cared for by trusted adults in a safe environment. Parents Night Out will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume again on Friday, September 2 from 7:00PM - 9:30PM. Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office for additional information.



2022 May Vestry Minutes  
Tuesday \* May 17, 2022, \* 10:00am

Present: **Sr. Warden Vasco Coombs, Jr. Warden Ron Herman, Wendy Chadbourne, Terry Garman, Viola Gittens, Michelle Jarski, Judy Klimczak, Rose Skeete, Bunny Webb, Starr Coulter**

Absent: **Rector Tracy Dugger**

**Formation:** Review of Nativity Discovery Process

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
  - a. **Policies and Procedures Meeting** a meeting of this group has been scheduled
  - b. **Pastoral Care:** Attended Parishioner Birthday Celebration, Funerals of Philbert Roach and Helen Tarof, 1 hospital visit, 2 phone visits
  - c. **Missions and Outreach:**
    - i. **Compiling and Presenting Survey**
  - d. **Diocesan:** Attended Deputation to General Convention Synod Meeting in Alabama 4/27-4/30 and learned about Grants for Creation Care, and the Episcopal Migration Ministries. Attended Commission on Ministry Meeting in Orlando May 3
  - e. **Youth and Family:** Children Assisted in distributing parish survey, had coffee with middle schoolers from Church
  - f. **Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry Team met April 25 to discuss a Parish Survey, Mother Tracy will travel May 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> for continuing Education Missional Leadership Cohort
  - g. **Staff:** Training from the Handbook needs to occur now that Easter busy season is over
  - h. **Upcoming Travel:** May 16-18 Continuing Education for 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 Missional Leadership Cohort Gatherings. July 4-15<sup>th</sup> for Deputy to General Convention in Baltimore Maryland
  - i. **Website:** Is in final stages of revision and has been reviewed by a small subcommittee.
2. **Senior Wardens Report Respectfully Submitted by: Vasco A. Coombs**
  - a. Obtained a gasoline pressure washer to clean up the concrete walkways of the campus, Along with Ron and I, recruited Noel Gittens services to assist us with the job, getting things looking ready for Easter. Assisted Ron with the installation of the solar light along the driveway of the campus. With Mother Tracy away, assisted Rev. Mary Rosendahl with the Wednesday morning service on May 4.

3. JR Warden's Report, Respectfully submitted by Ron Herman
  - a. April was small project month but important ones that were somewhat needed. Hung new solar light on the driveway, this is a Dawn to Dusk, 40,000 lumens. Installed new dual toilet paper holders in two bathrooms. Cut back brush next to sheds. Pressure washed all sidewalks and other needed areas, this could not have been done without the help of Vasco & Noel Gittens. Monthly maintenance was also performed such as weeding all the flower beds and putting down fire ant kill around the entire campus.
  - b. Organized a new committee called "Nativity Campus Project Team". This committee will work on various important projects, such as possible expansion of our Sanctuary, possible construction of a Labyrinth and any other projects that would be added to our campus.

**Judy Klimczak made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted  
Ron Herman seconded the motion  
The Vestry voted to approve**

**2022 April Vestry Minutes were respectfully submitted by Judy Klimczak  
Ron Herman made a motion to accept the 2022 April Vestry Minutes with spelling corrections  
Viola Gittens seconded the motion  
The Vestry approved**

#### **Items to Discuss and/or Decide**

**Labyrinth:** I would like to request we talk to church's organizations with a labyrinth to find out about how much use it receives and what typical upkeep is like.

**Ron Herman estimated the cost would be approx. \$8000. He is still collecting numbers. After all bids are in it will go to the congregation**

#### **1 Sunday Social Sunday**

Recruitment of 1<sup>st</sup> Set of Volunteers need 3-5, Suggested start in August 7th. What would make this a success? Introduction of Newcomers? Would like at least 3 vestry members to commit to attend and socialize.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** Mother Tracy requests approval of up to \$750 dollars from Boaz: Children and Family

To host we would need a screen approx. \$250. We can use existing projector and Sound I believe.

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I would want to have a Family Movie Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> as a back 2 school night, admission is one school supply. Seating would be bring your own blanket or chairs. Trial run over the Summer, and Family Movie Night August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm show Despicable Me or other Family Friendly Film

**Need more information on both of these events. Discussion about having the events Friday nights 8p or 9p. Table a vote until the next meeting**

**Nativity Night at the Mets:** Game Thursday June 30 at 6:10 is Dollar Night, dollar popcorn, dollar beer, dollar soda, it is also Military Appreciation Week. Tickets are 9 dollars. Suggest people purchase their own tickets and meet at the stadium at 5:50. If cost is and issue for individuals or families Mother Tracy will have some funds available.

**Judy Klimczak made a motion to approve this program**

**Vasco Coombs seconded the motion**

**The Vestry voted to approve**

**Group Exercise Class:** Authorize Viola Gittens to spend out of the Boaz Outreach funds to start a weekly chair based exercise class that we would buy a vinyl banner to advertise.

**Viola Gittens said this would be a 1 hr class, 1 day per week with a certified Instructor for seniors. Vestry decided to table this discussion until more information is obtained regarding cost, etc**

**Walkway Report:** 2 bids have been received. Ron Herman to Report.

Mother Tracy requests the vestry approve the Memorial Walk Repair Proposal \$800 and Utilize and Close: 3008.11 Elizabeth Vernon \$50, 3008.12 Rose Talbert \$115, 3008.8 Elwood Dance \$300 (Totals \$465, Balance 800-465= 335) \$335 to be taken from 3008.4 General Memorial Repair Fund

**Bunny Webb made a motion to approve \$1200 to complete this project**

**Judy Klimczak seconded the motion**

**The Vestry voted to approve**

**Solar Lights:** pole use treated 4x4 or steel poles, review cost differential, is there a brighter light because this dusk to dawn seems much dimmer? Paying for install?

**Bunny Webb made a motion to approve a maximum of \$2000 to complete this project**

**Terry Garman seconded the motion**

**The Vestry Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:**

May 2022 Treasurer's Report from Terry Garman

Addendum to Treasurer's Report ---I'm submitting this addendum to the treasurer's report because I now have more current data.

I compared our actual income and expense against the budgeted income and expense This was through the first 19 weeks of this year, taking us through May 10, 2022. It's amazing how close we are to where we should be at this point in time. Some accounts are above where they should be and some are below, but in general the totals are on target.

*Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* do not include principal payments as an expense. The theory is that the principal payment reduces your long-term debt and at the same time increases your fixed asset (church building). That's all correct but the money has to come from somewhere. When that expense is included in our Profit & Loss statement, the net result is a net income of \$8,304.

Nativity still has a strong balance sheet. Our actual income and expense will continue to be compared to the budgeted income and expense. The finance committee reviews weekly and monthly data to monitor our financial condition.

**Ron Herman made a motion to approve the April 2022 Financial Report as submitted**

**Bunny Webb seconded the motion**

**The Vestry voted to approve**

**CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

June 13-17 Vacation Bible School 1:30-4:30 in the afternoons!

June 30 6:10pm Nativity Night at the Mets: \$9 admission and \$1 beer, soda, and snacks

July 4<sup>th</sup>-15 Mother Tracy out of town due to General Convention, Rev. Mary supplying

July 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Motion:**

**Ron Herman made a motion to adjourn the May 2022 Vestry meeting**

**Bunny Webb seconded the motion**

**The Vestry voted to approve**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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**Starr Coulter, Vestry Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer for the Election of our next Bishop**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rather than a regular meeting, our June meeting was held at Bonefish Mac's, after which we enjoyed lunch and some great fellowship. An event coming up will be the Fall Assembly, which will be held at Canterbury, Oviedo, in September. Several of us went to the Fall Assembly in September 2021 and really enjoyed it. The first time we had been to Canterbury and we were impressed. The grounds are very nice, there is a pond and a lovely chapel. Each year Daughters of the King Chapters in our diocese select a project and Canterbury is the project for September 2021 to September 2022. The next meeting for our Chapter will be in August as we are taking a break in July.

Blessings,  
Dotti Johnson

#### HAPPY HOLY HOOKERS

A delivery of 115 hats, 163 bibs and two blankets was made to Tradition Hospital in June. They are great numbers considering there are only three people doing the crocheting. If you crochet or knit and would like to make some items, hats for newborns up to one year, bibs, blankets, stuffed animals, we would love to have them. Items can be brought to church in a bag with my name on it and I will get them. Prayerfully, we will soon be getting back to meeting once a month.

Dotti Johnson

#### **Prayer for the 80th General Convention Baltimore, Maryland**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who will take counsel at the 80th General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hello Nativity! We hope this summer finds you safe, healthy and busy!

We continue to provide food for some families in our community through the summer months. Thank you for your continuing donations. At this time, we would appreciate donations of dish soap, laundry detergent, gravy, and tuna/canned meat.

Our Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. More details will be in the upcoming Herald. DROP OFF items September 19-22, from 9-12.

In the meantime, please start a bag or box. We will be looking for:

- Gently used items - clean, usable, and in working condition
- Dishes – clean and no chips or cracks
- Holiday items and boxed or bagged Christmas Trees, Ornaments and Christmas lights
- Children's clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, toys and games
- Adult DVDs, Books, and Audiobooks
- Adult shoes, purses, jackets, sweaters, and coats only
- Linens: clean and bag as able; mark sizes, such as 84x84 curtain panel pair, oblong 93 x 48 tablecloth, queen sheet/2 pillowcases
- Small appliances and lamps in good working order
- Only Furniture that 2 people can move
- Pet items
- Tools in good working condition

We do have a family still in need of a car carrier for a motorized scooter.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact the office.

God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry

## HAPPENING IN JULY

Parent's Night Out will resume on Friday, September 2

Sunday, July 3

10:20AM

**Flag Raising**

11:30AM-12:30PM Drive Thru Communion

Monday, July 4

*The office will be closed in observance of Independence Day*

Saturday, July 30

8:00AM

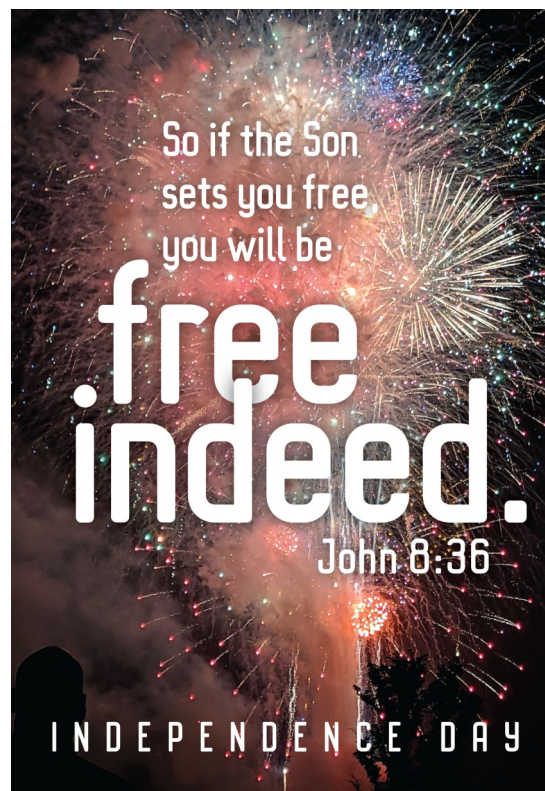
Men's Breakfast at Dawn's Café

## AUGUST

**Friday, August 5 at 8:00PM** Family Friendly Movie Night in the Field  
Featuring "Wall-E"



**Sunday, August 7 at 9:15AM** Sunday School resumes. "Social Sunday" will be held between the Services to meet new folks and folks coming back.





7/02	Vasco Coombs	7/18	Dennis Zebosky
7/06	Becky Davis	7/20	Wendy Garcia
7/07	Ann Boatswain	7/21	Bunny Webb
7/08	Eula Bryan	7/25	Ken Miller
7/09	Migan Holder	7/26	Robert Brandt
7/12	Yvonne Robertson	7/27	Matt Hunter
7/12	David Vernon	7/29	Robert Giaquinto
7/13	David Hills	7/30	Christina Diaz
7/16	Joshua Hosein	7/30	Doreen Smith
7/16	Barbara Monaghan	7/31	Frances Cadet



7/01	Reneie & Evens Latortue	7/25	Pat & Lee Wish
7/06	Carol & Victor Cyrus	7/26	Ruth & Errol McFarlane
7/15	Neysa Batiz & Juan Maldonado	7/27	Fay & Benjamin Scott
7/20	Audrey & Vasco Coombs	7/28	Marva & Robin Murray
7/24	Gladys & William Siekierka	7/31	Myrna & Kenneth Bridges

#### BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST

8/01	Michelle Jarski	8/05	Ouida Barnes
8/04	Reneie Latortue	8/06	Elizabeth Davis

#### ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST

8/01	Xenia & Ronaldo Beckford	8/04	Becky & Terry Davis
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Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM-2:00PM

### **Nativity's Vision Statement**

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach and robust growth.

### **Church Leadership**

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church  
The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer,  
Bishop of Central Florida  
The People of the Church of the Nativity,  
Ministers  
The Rev. Tracy M. Dugger, Rector  
Ms. Carol Armstrong, Parish Administrator  
Mr. William Dugger, Facilities Minister  
Mrs. Hazel Graham, Minister of Music  
Mrs. Melissa Lewis, Bookkeeper  
Assisting Clergy:  
The Rev. Robert G. Brandt,  
Retired Assistant Priest

### **Vestry Members**

**Vasco Coombs, Sr. Warden**  
**Ron Herman, Jr. Warden**  
**Terry Garman, Treasurer**  
  
Wendy Chadbourne  
Viola Gittens  
Michelle Jarski  
Judy Klimczak  
Rose Skeete  
Bunny Webb