

# The Herald

## August 2022

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### Worship Schedule

Sunday's

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Wednesday Healing

10:00AM

Online &

**In-person worship:**

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

**Online at**

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[www.youtube.com/nativitypsl](https://www.youtube.com/nativitypsl) OR

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

**Drive-Thru**

**Communion**

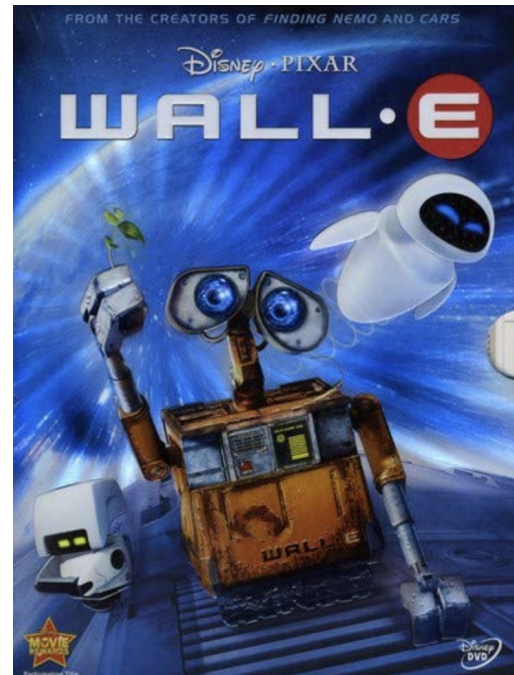
**First Sunday of the  
Month**

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

## Family Friendly Movie Night

**Friday, August 5**  
8:00PM in the field by  
the church

Bring your own  
blanket/chairs and  
join us!



**Join us on Sunday, August 7 at 9:00AM**  
**Social Sunday, Blessing of Supplies &  
Backpacks and**

## Sunday School Resumes



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In the past month I've gotten to be the light in Baltimore, we will get to be the light in our neighborhood on August 5, and we'll send our kids out to be the light in their schools on August 7. Read on to learn more about the many ways we are to "Be the Light."

**General Convention:** It was a privilege and an honor to represent the Diocese of Central Florida at the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. This shortened convention took on the major works of approving the prayer book revision, condemning racism and strengthening the relationships of the diocese of Central Florida within our wider church. If you would like to learn more about the events of General Convention you can watch the Deputation Recap video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0q7ZK-7GDKk>.

**Social Sunday:** On Sunday, August 7 we'll gather for our first Social Sunday! Join us at 9AM for coffee, fellowship and an intentional time to welcome newcomers among us. Social Sunday will happen on the first Sunday of every month. We invite our 8 o' clock folks to stay after service and our 10:30 folks to come early so we can gather together as the body of Christ. We invite you also to bring a dish to share and sign up in the Narthex.

**Back 2 School Blessing**

**Back 2 School Blessing:** Kids, Professionals and School Employees, bring your backpack, workbag, or laptop to receive a special blessing on Sunday, August 7. We will also bless all the school supplies we've collected and send them out to be a blessing to our community schools.

**Being a light on the way home:** On Friday, August 12 and Friday, August 19 a team of our folks will greet students on their way home with lemonade, chips, and cookies. We want to offer them our prayers and ask them what they hope for our neighborhood and for the year to come. Please keep this effort in your prayers. If you would like to volunteer for this hospitality outreach, please let Mother Tracy know.

## Update from the Treasurer

This is an update to keep you aware of the financial health of Nativity and I'm happy to say our financial health is good.

The finance committee regularly reviews our actual income and expense compared to the budgeted income and expense. A determination is then made as to whether or not any adjustments to the budget are necessary. Thus far in 2022, we have not made any adjustments to the budget. In fact, the budget expected a net loss of \$12,301 as of July 1, 2022. We actually had a net income of \$1,631.

Our Balance Sheet is also sound. Our checking account balance is very good, but that's primarily because of two programs which provided an infusion of \$92,349 over a two-year period (2020 & 2021). We applied and received the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan (\$56,349) during those two years. This was a government sponsored program to provide financial assistance because of COVID. While this is called a "loan," it was interest free and no pay-back required. During that same two-year period, we also had a program called SDA Offset. Because of COVID, the Seventh Day Adventists were not able to use the Church, and we lost that income. Fortunately, two parishioners developed the SDA Offset program and secured commitments from twelve parishioners/families to offset that monthly income during this two-year period. Both these programs, while no longer active, were very helpful as we navigated through unknown COVID waters.

We continue to make extra principal payments on the mortgage and we are on track to satisfy the mortgage in 2032.

In summary, the financial health of Nativity is good, but the finance committee will continue to regularly review our income and expense and make budget adjustments as necessary. Thank you all for your continued support to Nativity.

Blessings --- Terry Garman, Treasurer

## 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 June Vestry Minutes  
Tuesday \* June 21, 2022, \* 10:00am

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

Absent: **Bunny Web**

**Formation:** Review of Nativity Discovery Process

**Ron Herman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted, Viola Gittens seconded the motion. The Vestry voted to approve**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
  - a. Pastoral Care:** May had several crisis pop up for some of our folks, pastoral and practical assistance was provided.
  - b. Diocesan:** Commission on Ministry doesn't meet over the Summer, but I took a half day out of my Disney Trip to attend the Deputation Meeting held at the Diocesan Office on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Youth and Family:** Last day of Sunday School was May 22. Children and adults alike are being invited to Journey with Jesus this summer and take squishy Jesus on their adventures. So far Jesus has been to San Francisco, Tennessee and Georgia. VBS is going great and I'll have more to report after we wrap up!
  - d. Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry Team met June 2 to review the results of our parish survey and walk the surrounding campus.
  - e. Staff:** Multiple Staff Members have contracted covid within the past month, appropriate quarantine procedures were followed. Minimal business impact aside from being unable to schedule multi staff meetings.
  - f. Upcoming Travel:** is shortened to July 7-13<sup>th</sup> for Deputy to General Convention in Baltimore Maryland.
  - g. Website:** Met with Karl and Host Gator Multiple Times website should be going live any day now. Carol is learning how to keep updates.
- 2. Senior Wardens Report Respectfully Submitted by: Vasco A. Coombs**
  - a.** Ron and I met with Mother Tracy, where we were updated on her travel plans, for continued education as well as taking a few days' vacation. Mother Tracy posed the question to us both, ***"What exactly would our community need from our campus space"***. Also, entertaining the idea of having a ***"Community Fun Day"***.
  - b.** The week of June 13 - 17 is (VBS) ***Vacation Bible School***. As of June 12, we have (14) kids



- c. *The Special Projects Team*, met with Greg and his Team, they went over a few things regarding the expansion of the Sanctuary. Details were gotten into, like a survey, square footage, and cost. They will be getting the necessary information, form a meeting with the city and get back to us.
3. JR Warden's Report, Respectfully submitted by Ron Herman
- a. May was mostly a regular maintenance month except for on major project. An accordion door was installed in Wolfe Hall in the south west corner to hide all the tables and chairs needed from time to time for special occasions. Also the VBS banner was hung in front of the church. Otherwise, maintenance was also performed such as weeding all the flower beds and putting down fire ant kill around the entire campus and normal cleanup.

**Items to Discuss and/or Decide**

**2022 May Vestry Minutes were respectfully by Starr Coulter. Ron Herman made a motion to accept the minutes with an addition from Terry Garman. Wendy Chadbourne seconded. The Vestry approved**

**Labyrinth: Judy Klimczak withdrew her previous objection. Project has been tabled for now.**

**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.

**Vasco said Rose volunteered to chair the first Sunday. A sign up sheet will be posted for additional volunteers. Will ask Thelma to host. It was mentioned that Panera donates leftovers.**

**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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and a license annual fee of \$256.50

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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 **Ron Herman moved to approve \$750 from Boaz Children and Family bucket for movie night, Judy Klimczak seconded. Vestry approved**

**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.

**This will be a 1 hr class, authorize for 1 year. She will take donations. Motion made by Judy Klimczak to authorize a maximum of \$50 to \$75 per class for these expenses. Seconded by Ron Herman. Vestry approved**

**Walkway Report:** Repairs completed

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report Respectfully Submitted by Terry Garman

I've attached two reports, one showing the P&L for the first five months and the other showing monthly income vs expense. The P&L shows a net income of \$19,952.72 but that does not include the principal expense. After deducting the principal costs, we still have a net income of \$7,032. The other report is a crude line chart of monthly income vs monthly expense. This shows how income and expense fluctuate from month to month. I plan to include this line chart every month.

Although the Balance Sheet is not included in this report, it's worth noting that the checking account is \$26,790 less than last year at this time. I attribute that to the fact that we received a PPP loan last year plus we received the monthly SDA Offset funds. Both those are no longer active. While our total equity has increased by \$146,396, I attribute that to receipt of the BOAZ fund. It's difficult to accurately compare the balance sheet to last year because of those "one-time" exceptions.

In summary, our income is sufficient to meet expenses and our balance sheet shows slow and steady progress in the financial health of Nativity. At the end of the second quarter, the finance committee will do a detailed review of our financial condition to determine if adjustments are necessary.

**Ron Herman made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report Vasco Coombs seconded. Vestry approved**

**Discussion regarding Church safety –**

- Safety audit for active shooter**
- Fire safety**
- Disaster Plan**
- Posted evacuation Plan**
- Create a Safety Team**

**CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

July 6-13 Mother Tracy out of town due to General Convention, Rev. Mary supplying July 10<sup>th</sup>.

August 5 Family Movie Night at 8p. show Despicable Me

## HAPPENING IN AUGUST

### Friday, August 5

**8:00PM** Family Friendly Movie Night in the Field Featuring “Wall-E”

### Sunday, August 7

**7:50AM** **Flag Raising**

**9:00AM** Social Sunday

**9:15AM** Youth Sunday School Resumes

**9:30AM** Adult Sunday School

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

### Friday, August 12 & 19

School Outreach “Being a light on the way home” Volunteers Needed

### Saturday, August 20

**1:00PM** DOK Monthly Meeting

### Saturday, August 27

**8:00AM** Men’s Breakfast at Dawn’s Café

## SEPTEMBER

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

## 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.





Several of our members will be attending a quarterly meeting on August 13 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winter Haven, FL. A report will be given at our August meeting. The Fall Assembly will be held in September at Canterbury, Oviedo. Hopefully, some of our members will be attending. This is always a nice time, several members have gone in the past and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 1PM in Wolfe Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend - you don't have to be a member to attend a meeting.

Blessings, FHS  
Dotti Johnson

### Back 2 School Blessing

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August already! Time goes by so quickly and we are happy to report that our Outreach Ministry has continued to support some families on a regular basis, and some families on an “as needed” basis. Our “Ready Bags” have proven to be helpful to a variety of families who have reached out to Nativity. Thank you so much for your continuing food donations over the summer. Our most needed items at this time are peanut butter, pasta sauce, gravy and boxed or dry milk.

Thank you for the donation of an electric lift chair to a family who are most appreciative!

Outreach also donated a huge bag of clothes, toiletries and new sheet sets to the Veterans. Thank you for those donations.

As you are traveling, shopping or cleaning out your homes, please be on the lookout for items that Outreach could use in our Christmas gift bags. These items could be travel size toiletries, such as lotion, soap, shampoo or conditioner; note paper, greeting cards, pens, pencils, tissue packs, socks, mittens, wrapped hard candies, playing cards, etc. These gift bags have been appreciated by our Seniors, School Families, and Local Families that receive our Christmas Food and Gift Bags.

Outreach has an increasing need to help transport people to doctor appointments and therapy sessions. If you are willing and able to drive someone, on an occasional and as needed basis, please contact the church office or Mary Justice.

The Outreach Rummage Sale will be coming Saturday, September 24 in Wolfe Hall and the lawn area outside, weather permitting. We hope you have started a box of treasures that may not be needed at your home anymore, but that someone else can enjoy anew!

Please do not give us:

- Adult clothing (except jackets, coats or sweaters)
- Large Appliances
- Printers, Computers or Electronics (TVs, monitors)
- Ripped items (children’s clothing, linens)
- Rusted or dirty items (tools, cookware, dishes, etc.)
- Loose Christmas trees, loose lights, ornaments or loose garlands

*(These items could be donated to Hospice, Animal Shelter Thrift Store, Habitat for Humanity Restore, or Mustard Seed or your favorite.)*

Look for final and specific information in the September Herald!

Outreach WILL be selling Enjoyment Books again this fall. Lots of goodies for dining, car washes, entertainment, and store coupons are available for discounts with this book full of coupons. Nativity Outreach makes \$10.00 on every book sold. Watch for further information next month.

If you or someone you know who would benefit from our Outreach, please contact the office (772-343-0401) or Mary Justice (772-708-7475).

God Bless You!  
Outreach Ministry



8/01	Michelle Jarski	8/18	Seth Jagger
8/04	Reneie Latortue	8/19	Terry Davis
8/05	Ouida Barnes	8/20	Gwen Carey
8/06	Elizabeth Davis	8/20	Peter deRoche'
8/09	Jane Oliver	8/21	Ruth Carlisle
8/12	Violet Arscott	8/21	Sandy Wolfe
8/12	Abby Kelly	8/23	Yvonne Broestler
8/12	Thomas Sanders	8/23	Jean Lopata
8/13	Jean Abrahams	8/23	Bert Taylor
8/14	Lee De'ja	8/26	Yolene Jabloin
8/14	Joyce Velzy	8/28	John Robertson
8/15	Stephanie Davis	8/29	Hyacinth deRoche'
8/15	Frederick Fiskaali	8/31	Bernadine Bunch-Lee
8/15	Karl Wallace	8/31	Marjorie Dance
8/16	Joanne Field		



8/02	Xenia & Ronaldo Beckford	8/24	Elizabeth & Garnet Davis
8/04	Becky & Terry Davis	8/25	Sophia & Hayden Garriques
8/08	Wendy & Glenn Chadbourne	8/31	Joan & Terry Garman
8/09	Hyacinth & Peter deRoche'	8/31	Bernadine Bunch & Melvin Lee
8/23	Mary & Bruce White		

#### BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

9/05	Maureen Wallace	9/07	Maisy Roberts
9/06	Dennis Gallagher		

#### ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

9/05	Elinor & Robert Townsend	9/06	Celia & Doug Warren
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### **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