

# The Herald

## October 2022

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Sunday, October 2, at 4:00PM we will gather in the Outdoor Chapel with all creatures of our God and King to receive a special blessing.

For all our friends’ safety please bring pets on a leash and/or in a cage/ crate.



### HALLOWEEN FEST 2022

Please join us on Saturday, October 29, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM for our annual Halloween Fest. This is a great opportunity to “be the light” in our local community while enjoying a good time with one another and our neighbors. There will be hotdogs & chips; a bounce house; popcorn machine; fun games & prizes; and Trunk or Treat.

Lots of volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Specifically, we are looking for help with food, games, and decorated cars to pass out candy for Trunk or Treat. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Elaine Clem via email at [eg\\_clem@bellsouth.net](mailto:eg_clem@bellsouth.net) or call the church office.



**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:** <https://www.facebook.com/nativitypsl> **OR**  
<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**

## October Newsletter Committing Our Time

Time slips away, 20 minutes on Facebook here, 30 minute nap there, 1 hour of television here...The days can seem long and yet time is racing by. Fall and the (nominal) changing of the seasons always reminds me to reflect on the cycles of life. As the days begin to get shorter, I invite you to take inventory of them...How are you spending them? Are you investing your time as the incredible God-given gift it is?

Each of you should have received a Time and Talent Commitment Form in your Stewardship Packet. Please pray over this and choose a few ways to serve God in the year to come. Most of these acts of service require 2 hours a month.

Serving the church is NOT Giving Up your time...It is investing it in the Kingdom! Recently our vestry sat down and conducted a Participation Analysis Worksheet for the Welcome Ministry of Ushering and Greeting.

If you were to volunteer as an usher and participate for a year you can expect the following return on your investment: spiritual formation and strengthening the gift of hospitality, increased knowledge of our community members, more acquaintances, opportunities for new friendships, the opportunity to welcome Christ when you welcome a stranger.

This is just one of the many ways you can grow spiritually here at Church of the Nativity. Please come to our ministry fair October 2 at 9:15AM to learn more about what others have gained from the many ways they love and serve here.

Remember each of you has God-given gifts! And the apostle Peter encourages us: <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

The church and the world needs every ounce of grace it can get! Let's use God's grace in us to spread grace and love in our church and in Port St. Lucie!

Matthew 35: <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Remember that I love you all. Whether your labor is physical, in prayer, or both, we can ALL pray for God to send laborers, and if you hear that whisper of the Holy Spirit, don't be afraid to say "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Blessings,  
Mother Tracy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy", followed by a plus sign (+).

2022 August Vestry Minutes  
Tuesday \* August 16, 2022, \* 9:00am

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

Absent: **Starr Coulter (Vestry Clerk), Wendy Chadbourne**

**Formation:** Dwelling in the Word

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
  - a. **Pastoral Care:** visits to Jane Oliver, Hyacinth deRoche', Iverine Raffington, and various phone calls, committal for Philbert Roach held.
  - b. **Diocesan:** I will be taking a parishioner to the Conference on Ministry August 25<sup>th</sup> in Winter Garden, FL, this conference is for those discerning a call to licensed lay preaching, diaconate, or priesthood.
  - c. **Youth and Family:** We had a great family movie night and a successful kick off Sunday. We will discuss the movie night more.
  - d. **Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry Team planned for Lemonade and Cookies to our School Children
  - e. **Changeover from Icon to ACS** Acs is now active and Melissa, Carol and I will be taking the next month to review the data transferred is correct, update the books, and then begin to utilize the financial services in a month or so. Icon will be deactivated after August.
  - f. **Website:** The new website is live and active, we are no longer paying for the old company and everything will be done through HostGator in the future. Carol is able to update the newsletter on the new website. NOTE: the old domain churchofthenativitypsl.com has been redirected to nativitypsl.com for 2 years. Churchofthenativitypsl.com is now expiring and would cost \$289 to continue to hold. It is the recommendation of Mother Tracy that we allow that domain to lapse and continue forward only with nativitypsl.com. Approval of Consent Agenda constitutes approving this lapse.
  - g. **Safety Team:** An initial meeting of the safety team was held August 4<sup>th</sup> with a 4 person team comprised of 2 law enforcement/security training individuals, a vestry person, and a nurse.
  - h. **Group Exercise Class:** Christine Fenerty has agreed to teach our class beginning Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Chair Yoga will be offered.

2. **Senior Wardens Report Respectfully Submitted by: Vasco A. Coombs**

- a. Ron and I met with Mother Tracy, and was updated to the fact, that we have moved on from ICON to ACS, and now have the database installed from ICON which needs to be reviewed and updated.
- b. The Church's audit for the year 2021 has been completed, and a few recommendations made. The recommendations are minor, but still need to be completed to satisfy Diocesan requirements. Example: finance committee meetings must be documented.
- c. St. David's by the Sea Cocoa Beach, will be doing a seminar on dementia, while here at Nativity, an exercise class "Chair-Yoga" will begin Friday, September 9, at 9:30 AM.
- d. Safety & Disaster Team met Thursday, August 4, along with a certified nurse and Vestry member. Training of individuals comes at a later date.

**Junior warden report**

**3. Junior Warden's Report Respectfully submitted by Ron Herman**

July was all a regular maintenance month except for one little project:

- 1) A diaper changing fold down unit was hung in the youth room bathroom.

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.

**Motion:**

**Ron Herman made a motion to accept the consent agenda with addition.**

**Viola Gitten seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

**Items to Discuss and/or Decide**

**2022 July Vestry Minutes were respectfully submitted by Judy Klimczak.**

**Motion:**

**Ron Herman made a motion to accept the July 2022 Vestry Minutes.**

**Rose Skeete seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

**1 Sunday Social Sunday**

How'd it go? Observations? Recommendations? On for September 4<sup>th</sup>?

Although not many signed up to bring food we had plenty of food, however not many stayed to help. Would like a clean up request not a food request.

Women's lunch group will be starting

Worth doing for next three months

**Outdoor Movie Night:** The first set up took 1 hour and 45 minutes, the second set up took 35 minutes. Observations: Need to start 15 minutes after sunset to see best. Others? Next Movie Night suggested was October and Nightmare Before Christmas. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> is Parents Night out, October 29<sup>th</sup> is Halloweenfest. Maybe October 21<sup>st</sup>? Sunset that day will be 6:47 as opposed to 8:07 in July? Nightmare before Christmas running time is 1h16m.

**Start at 7:15PM October 21**

**Ron thanked Tracy and Will for setting up**

**Audit Report: Please see attached Report, of the Audit Committee.** Thank you to Deborah Benway, Wendy Chadbourne, and Neville Lake for their time and talents. The vestry needs to vote to approve the audit for submission to the diocese of Central Florida. Mother Tracy, Melissa Lewis, Terry Garman and Deborah Benway met on August 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the audit and implementation of its recommendations. We need 2 votes, 1 to accept the audit, and 1 for the resolutions.

**Motion:**

**Vasco Coombs made a motion to accept the Audit Report for 2022.**

**Ron Herman seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

### **Vestry Financial Resolutions**

Vestry of Church of the Nativity Pursuant to the 2021 Calendar Year Audit resolves:

- Check Policy: All checks require 2 authorized signatures regardless of monetary amount
- Designated Signors: Authorizes signers are to be the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden.
- Emergency Authorization signor: The treasurer is designated as an authorized signer in the event of the unavailability of the other authorized signers to prevent late payments etc.
- Signature Exemplars: A sample of each authorized signature is to be kept on file in the audit book to verify proper signature/identity in the audit

- Check Request Form: A check request form will be utilized for all reimbursement checks issued to individuals on behalf of church of the Nativity. This form is not required for regular recurrent bill pay.
- Notes from finance committee meetings shall be taken and retained for the audit, and to be included in the treasurers' report.

This resolution shall go into effect immediately, but will be binding beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, for the purposes of our future audits.

**Motion:**

**Ron Herman made a motion to accept the Audit Resolutions.**

**Vote was taken. Motion carried.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report respectfully submitted by Terry Garman, Treasurer:

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Attached to this report is the Profit & Loss (1-1-2022 to 7-31-2022) and the Income vs Expense

Line Chart (through 7 months 2022).

We've experienced a net loss of \$18,202.42 through seven months. The average monthly expense exceeded the average monthly income by \$2,600/Mo. During that same seven-month period, the operating fund (checking acct.) balance was reduced by an average of \$2,007/Mo. In other words, it appears our monthly income shortfall is being subsidized by the unused PPP funds remaining in the checking account. While this is not an immediate problem, it is not sustainable.

The attached line chart shows that in five of the seven months, expenses exceeded income. As far as I can tell, our expenses are reasonable, necessary and not frivolous. We don't have an expense problem; we have an income problem. All bills are paid on time and the checking account is still healthy. We still have unused PPP loan funds in the checking account

Assuming we continue on the same income/expense trajectory for the remainder of the year, it would result in withdrawing \$13,000 from the checking account just to cover the income shortfall. As of now, the checking account could withstand that withdrawal, but I would not agree to allowing it to continue into 2023. My recommendation to the finance committee was to not make any budget adjustments and continue to monitor the financial situation. The finance committee has agreed to not adjusting the budget and continuing to closely monitor the budget. Along with advice from the executive council, it was decided that the finance committee and the stewardship committee meet to begin discussions on how to move forward with the goal of increasing income. That meeting is scheduled for August 22.

The 2021 Audit has been completed. The recommendations were mostly minor but necessary to meet Diocesan and accounting requirements. Mother Tracy, Deborah Benway, Melissa Lewis and myself met July 1, 2022, to clarify the recommendations and begin implementation of necessary changes.

Tracy proposed take time to continue with heavy emphasis on raising income for next year. Sept mtg to focus on input from Committee and Vestry, what expenses can be cut.

**Motion:**

**Ron Herman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022.**

**Judy Klimczak seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

**CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

August 16, 23, 30 Mother Tracy in virtual conference "Stepping Up Into Supervision"

August 19 Experiments in Ministry 2:30-4:30 lemonade and cookies

August 22 11 AM Joint Stewardship and Finance Committee Meeting

August 27 Conference on Ministry 10-3 in Orland (for those discerning a call to ordination or licensed ministry)

September 12 Executive Committee Meeting 11 am

September 20 Vestry Meeting 10 AM

**Motion:**

**Mother Tracy Dugger made a motion to adjourn the August 2022 Vestry meeting with prayer.**

**Ron Herman seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

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.



Three members attended the Fall Assembly at Canterbury in Oviedo on Saturday, September 17. There were approximately 100 DOK members attending and Bishop Brewer was the Celebrant for Eucharist. Our project covering September 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022 was Canterbury and the total amount raised was \$30,000. We were told that this amount would be matched (don't know by whom) so the total is \$60,000!! Our project covering September 1, 2022 to September 1, 2023 is Feed the Lambs, an enrichment program in Indian River County for children. Training for a new member will be starting shortly and, if you think you are interested, please let me know. We will be doing cookies for shut-ins for Christmas. Our October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 11:45 as the service for our beloved Bill Jenkins will be held on October 15.

Blessings, FHS

Dotti Johnson

### HAPPY, HOLY HOOKERS

A trip was made to Tradition and we delivered 8 teddy bears, 19 bibs and 123 hats. Not bad for our little group. If you crochet or knit, we would love to have you join us in making items for babies at Tradition. You can do them at your leisure and bring them to church in a bag marked "Dotti Johnson" and I will pick them up. If you have yarn at home you no longer use, we would love to have it.

Blessings,

Dotti Johnson





***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you*** for all your help with the Outreach Rummage Sale, whether it be donating, sorting, pricing, setting up, purchasing, working the sale, cleaning up and packing up the items left over. Items not sold were donated to the Hospice Thrift Store, Humane Society Thrift Store and the Habitat for Humanity Restore. Outreach has raised over \$1,000.00, so far, with some items on consignment for sale.

*Fall is upon us and Outreach is already busy coordinating Thanksgiving food baskets in cooperation with the Council on Aging and St. Lucie Schools. If you are able to help by donating food; we will need gravy, yams, cranberry jelly/ sauce, stuffing, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, corn, green beans, pasta sauce, cookies, and holiday napkins. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will do the shopping for you.*

*Thank you so much to those of you who have been contributing food on an ongoing basis. We cannot tell you how much this means to those families we are able to help each month and as needed. Once again, if you, or someone you know, need help, please contact the Church Office or Mary Justice.*

*Outreach will be selling Enjoyment Books this fall for 2023 for \$35.00. Each purchase is a \$10.00 donation to Outreach. They also make great gifts!*

*Next month, look for our updates on Thanksgiving and Christmas plans, as well as our Angel Tree information. You are all truly wonderful stewards for Nativity and for our community.*

*Thank you!*

*God Bless You.*

*Outreach Committee*

## HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

### Sunday, October 2

- 9:00AM** Social Sunday and Ministry Fair  
9:15AM Youth Sunday School  
9:30AM Adult Sunday School  
**10:20AM** Flag Raising  
11:30AM-12:30PM Drive Thru Communion  
**4:00PM** Blessing and Remembrance of the Animals

### Friday, October 7

- 7:00PM** Parent's Night Out

### Each Friday

- 9:30AM** Chair Yoga

### Monday, October 10

Office is closed in observance of Indigenous People's Day

### Saturday, October 15

- 2:00PM** Celebration of the Life of Rear Admiral William Jenkins

### Sunday, October 16

- 10:30AM** Clergy Appreciation Sunday and Celebrating our Beloved Leaders  
**11:45AM** DOK Monthly Meeting

### Friday, October 21

- 7:15PM** Family Movie Night "Nightmare Before Christmas"

### Saturday, October 29

- 8:00AM** Men's Breakfast at Mission Kitchen Café  
**3:00PM** Halloween Fest

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NEW BEGINNINGS  
DIOCESE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

OCT 7-9, 2022

MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
RETREAT

## NEW BEGINNINGS RELAUNCH

New Beginnings is a ministry created in the Diocese of Central Florida with a longstanding tradition of partnering with students to help them grow in their love of themselves, others, and God. This Fall, we invite you to the New Beginnings Relaunch! Students will experience a new format to the weekend, along with the well-loved traditions of the ministry. Students will be provided with opportunities to connect, dig deeper within their faith, and intentionally seek the next steps in their walk with Christ.

### WHO

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

### WHAT

WORSHIP • TEACHING SESSIONS • TEAM BUILDING • GAMES & ACTIVITIES • REFLECTION & PRAYER

### WHEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH ARRIVAL AT 7PM (PLEASE EAT DINNER PRIOR) - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH DEPARTURE AT 2PM.

### WHERE

CAMP WINGMANN  
3404 CAMP WINGMANN RD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

### REGISTRATION

COST \$130 PER STUDENT. INCLUDES LODGING & MEALS. T-SHIRTS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE WEEKEND FOR \$15

\*\*Participants do not have to be Episcopalian, but must be recommended by an Episcopal Church. Each church will be required to send a chaperone with their students. We recommend the churches cover the registration costs for their chaperone.\*\*

SCAN TO SIGN UP!





# A 24-hour Men's Retreat to Rewind.Recharge.Rejoice

Twenty-four hours of fun and fellowship in the beautiful natural setting of North Central Florida's Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center. Our objective is to provide you with information to help you reanimate your men's ministry.




**November 4-5, 2022**

**Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center  
(The Episcopal Diocese of Florida)  
11057 Camp Weed Place Live Oak FL 32060**

**Speakers:**

**Tom Welch, Executive Director, Brotherhood of St. Andrew  
Tom Martin, Field Operations Vice President  
Leo Dugger, Province 4 Vice President  
Fr. Adam Young, Vicar, Chapel of the Incarnation, Gainesville FL**

Hosted by Province 4 Brotherhood of St. Andrew



Register on-line at [www.campweed.org](http://www.campweed.org) or call (386) 364-5250  
Registration opens September 6 and closes October 21, 2022  
Check in begins at 3:00 pm Friday, November 4, 2022



10/01 Madison Errickson	10/18 Carol McLoughlin
10/01 Darcy Miller	10/18 Joni Sayers
10/05 Sally Lippincott	10/19 Jeanette Ward
10/06 Elsie Batista	10/20 Errol McFarlane
10/08 John Errickson	10/20 Kymani Wallace
10/11 Elaine Barr	10/22 Marie-Ange Genece
10/12 Luis Diaz	10/23 Candice Surber
10/12 Pamela O'Brien	10/24 Kathy Regan
10/13 Elinor Townsend	10/24 Eva Sutcliffe
10/14 Maria Andreacchi	10/25 Karen Schlitt
10/15 Shah Hosein	10/26 Wendy Chadbourne
10/16 Nicolas Hunter	10/27 Nella Morgan
10/16 Melvin Lee	10/31 Phyllis Brandt
10/17 Kamarri Lee	10/31 Anthony Donegal
10/17 Kathy Woodward	10/31 Whitty Herman
10/18 Aidan Baker	



10/05 Dotti & Jack Johnson	10/17 Racquel & Kirk Wallace
10/10 Yvonne & William Broestler	10/18 Gwen & Bob Carey
10/12 Linda & David Horan	10/21 Arline & Seth Jagger
10/14 Barbara & Dennis Zebosky	10/23 Elaine & Dennis Gallagher
10/17 Kendra & Matt Hunter	10/29 Margaret & Calvin Lewis

**BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER**

11/1 Stanley Brimm	11/1 Terry Garman
11/1 Jonathan Diaz	11/1 Lee Sherman

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER**





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Loving and Serving  
*ALL* People in Christ's  
Name

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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**  
  
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