

# The Herald

## September 2022

Nativity will be closed on Monday,  
September 5 in observance of



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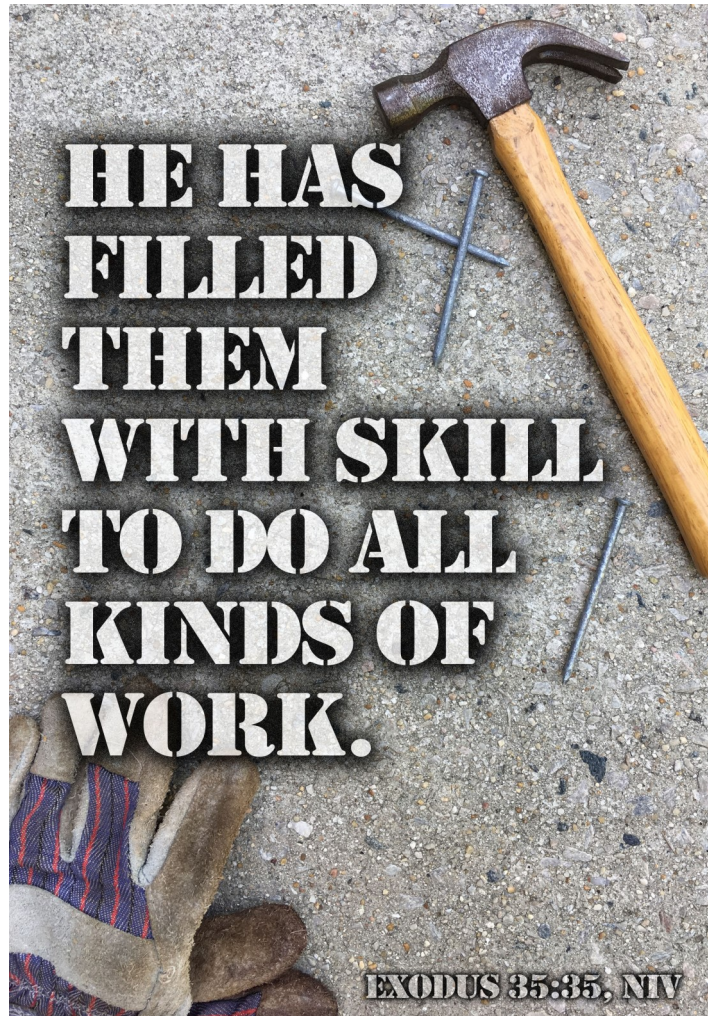
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**Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday's**  
**8:00AM & 10:30AM**  
**Wednesday Healing**  
**10:00AM**  
**Online &**

**In-person worship:**  
 Masks are recommended  
 for those with health  
 conditions or those not  
 fully vaccinated  
**Online:** [https://  
 www.facebook.com/  
 nativitypsl](https://www.facebook.com/nativitypsl) **OR**  
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**Drive-Thru**  
**Communion First**  
**Sunday of the Month**  
**11:30AM to 12:30PM**



## Season of Creation

September 1st through October 2

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season “Celebration” begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme, “Listen to the Voice of Creation.” The Psalmist declares, “The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge...their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world.” (19:1-4)

**The Season of Creation is a celebration that allows all people to recognize ourselves as “the work of the Lord’s creative act,”** to contemplate nature and all that dwells in it, and to care for our Common Home.

As Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si’*, “‘Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God’s creation’. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” (LS 14).

Foundations of Faith will meet ONLINE Thursdays from 8:30-9:15PM from September 8 through September 29 to discuss the themes of the Season of Creation, Praying our Way through Creation, and Caring for all Creatures great and small. Join with Google Meet at: [meet.google.com/soh-pvcc-amh](https://meet.google.com/soh-pvcc-amh) Join via phone at (US) +1 937-476-7670 PIN: 270 106 709#

I invite you to pray with me in this season an Old prayer in a new way.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen. (Adapted from *The New Zealand Book of Prayer* | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. This version of the Lord’s prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)

Blessings,  
Mother Tracy

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

2022 July Vestry Minutes  
Tuesday \* July 19, 2022, \* 10:00am

Present: **Rector Tracy Dugger, Jr. Warden Ron Herman, Wendy Chadbourne, Terry Garman, Viola Gittens, Michelle Jarski, Judy Klimczak, Bunny Webb**

Absent: **Sr. Warden Vasco Coombs, Rose Skeete, Starr Coulter (Vestry Clerk)**

**Formation:** Dwelling in the Word: Joshua 3: 1-14, 17 – Discussed going forward in different ways, knowing that God is with us always.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
  - a. Pastoral Care:** several hospital visits and phone calls were made.
  - b. Diocesan:** I attended and spoke at General Convention regarding future locations of General Convention from 7/6-7/13, thank you to Rev. Mary for supplying in my absence.
  - c. Youth and Family:** VBS was wonderfully successful with 15 kids. We will be mailing invites to movie night next week to the kids that participated. Nativity Night at the Mets was also well attended as an intergenerational event! 25 folks attended.
  - d. Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry Team meeting July 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss how VBS went, plans for Movie Night, and plans for an experiment to engage our neighbors.
  - e. Changeover from Icon to ACS** Melissa continues to work on this
  - f. Website:** There was a major disruption to staff email, and the website was down for approximately 4-5 days. The new website is live. Through multiple phone calls we were able to solve the issues and should not have any repeat problems going forward. Thank you Karl Godfrey for your help and assistance in this.
- 2. Senior Warden's Report Respectfully Submitted by Vasco A. Coombs**
  - a.** Mother Tracy informed me, that the following individuals will be doing the Church's audit, Deborah Benway, Wendy Chadbourne, along with Neville Lake.
  - b.** July 6 – 13, Mother Tracy will be off to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. Mary Rosendahl, will be assisting us on Sunday, July10, at both services.
  - c.** Assisted Ron around the campus with the trimming of the hedges, and blowing the leaves into piles, making it much easier for the young fellow that helps us around the campus.
  - d.** With Mother Tracy out of town, I received a call from Karl Godfrey informing me that the church's website is now up and running.
- 3. Junior Warden's Report Respectfully submitted by Ron Herman**
  - a.** June was mostly a regular maintenance month except for one major project. 8 Solar Lights were installed along our driveway and handicap parking area.

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**

**Viola Gittens seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

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

**2022 June Vestry Minutes were respectfully submitted by Starr Coulter.**

**Motion:**

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

**Bunny Webb seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

### **1st 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. It was mentioned that Panera donates leftovers and that will be explored. There will be no Sunday School the first time. Sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex starting this Sunday, 7/24/22.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** Equipment and license was purchased and will be delivered this week and we will run a test of the equipment in the last week of July to make sure we are ready for August 5<sup>th</sup> movie night. The license and equipment have been purchased. The outdoor movie will be "Wally" and will be open to the entire neighborhood and passers-by. It is recommended that people bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. The Boy Scout Troop will be selling drinks and popcorn. Showtime is 8:00 pm.

**Group Exercise Class:** Mother Tracy has a meeting with potential instructor on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The instructor has accepted a set fee and will bring her credentials to that meeting.

**Safety Team:** Will Dugger has received a list of potential team members and is contacting them to arrange an initial meeting.

**Audit Report:** The Audit has been completed and is being reviewed by our Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report respectfully submitted by Terry Garman, Treasurer: I've included the P&L Budget vs Actual and the Bank Balances reports for the first six months of 2022. The P&L Budget vs Actual shows all major income and expense accounts to be right around 50% of budget, which is right on target.

The Bank Balances report shows our progress for the past 2 1/2 years. The operating fund balance is for our normal bills and that continues to be in a very strong position. The operating fund balance is relatively high because of the following two programs: Payroll Protection Program loans plus the Seventh Day Adventists offset donations. The total received was \$92,349. Both those programs are no longer active.

The financial health of Nativity is relatively strong and the finance committee agreed that budget adjustments are not necessary. The committee also agreed to review the need for budget adjustments monthly rather than quarterly. The committee feels this is necessary at least for the balance of this year, especially since those additional/unusual funds are no longer available.

**Motion:**

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

**Bunny Webb seconded the motion.**

**The Vestry voted to approve.**

**CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

August 5 Family Movie Night at 8p. show Wall-E

August 7 Social Sunday, blessing backpacks

August 8 Executive Committee Meeting 11 am?

August 16 Vestry Meeting 10 AM

A meeting of the Policies and Procedures Committee was scheduled to immediately follow the August Vestry Meeting.

**Motion:**

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

**Bunny Webb 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.

August 17, 2022

## Update from the Treasurer

My last update referenced income and expense as of July 1, 2022. I selected that date (July 1) to meet the publication date of the HERALD. I now have financial data for the full seven months of this year, and that is the reason for this update.

Our balance sheet continues strong and we continue to reduce the mortgage debt at a rate which will satisfy the mortgage in 2032. As I mentioned in the last update, our checking account continues to hold funds received from the PPP stimulus package and also from the SDA Offset program. In other words, the checking account is unusually high because of income from those two programs, not because of regular income, i.e., pledges and plate.

The first seven months of 2022, showed a net loss of \$18,202.42. The average monthly expense exceeded the average monthly income by \$2,600/Mo. In other words, our regular monthly income is being subsidized by unused PPP and SDA Offset funds remaining in the checking account. While this is not an immediate problem, it is not sustainable and needs to be corrected. Our expenses are not unreasonable or unnecessary. The income stream is not sufficient.

As this update is being written, the finance committee and the stewardship committee is scheduled to meet August 22, to begin discussions on how to move forward.

Blessings --- Terry Garman, Treasurer

## **Parents Night Out**

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer! Parents Night Out will resume on Friday, September 2, from 7:00PM - 9:30PM. This is an opportunity to drop off your children ages 4 - 12 where they will be cared for by trusted adults in a safe environment. Kids enjoy an evening of crafts, games, snacks, and a movie. Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office for additional information.

## **HALLOWEEN FEST 2022**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Plans have started for our annual Halloween Fest on Saturday, October 29, from 3:00PM – 5:00PM. Always a fun event for our congregation and the neighboring community to join together for a great time. There will be hotdogs & chips; a bounce house; popcorn machine; fun games & prizes; and Trunk or Treat.

Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Specifically, we are looking for help with games, food, and folks to decorate their cars for Trunk or Treat. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact





Two members attended a meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winter Haven, on August 13. These are always interesting since you hear what other Chapters are doing and see and meet members from other Chapters. It was announced that a total of \$22,843.72 was donated for Canterbury so far. A new project covering September 2022 to September 2023 will be announced at the Fall Assembly at Canterbury on September 17. At our August meeting, names of all members were put in a container and Elsie Batista drew the name of our Chapter's nominee for The Bishop's Cross. Our nominee is Lolita Howard. Her name will be put in a container along with the other nominees and one name will be drawn at the Fall Assembly. Chapter projects were discussed and it was decided that we will deliver Christmas cookies to some of our parishioners. We will also be helping Outreach make their Goody Bags for Christmas. The Fall Assembly is on Saturday, September 17, at Canterbury. As this would be our September meeting, and three of us will be attending the Fall Assembly, our SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 11:45AM.

Blessings, FHS  
Dotti Johnson

## **Blessing and Remembrance of the Animals** Sunday, October 2 at 4:00PM In the Outdoor Chapel







Hello Nativity! Our **Outreach Fund-Raiser Rummage Sale** is almost here! Saturday, September 24 in Wolfe Hall and the immediate outside area from 8:30AM to 1:00PM. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex September 11 for sign up to help sort, price, set up, clean up, and work the sale. Any time you can give will be appreciated. Masks are encouraged.

**HELP Prepare: Drop Off Items in Wolfe Hall after Sunday Services on Sept. 18 - Thursday, Sept. 22, from 9-12 (Please no later than 11:00AM on Thursday).**

**Help with Set up and pricing – Wed. Sept. 21 from 9-12 and Thurs. Sept. 22 from 9-12. Your help with this is most appreciated.**

Bring items to Wolfe Hall in a box or bin. Please no loose items  
Wrap all pieces/parts together or use zip loc bags w/labels  
Children's game sets taped together  
Have sizes listed - e.g. Queen sheet, twin spread etc. Child shoe size 5, adult shoe size 8  
Wrap sets together with price and size  
Nothing of value less than 25 cents or bundle in a baggie for 25 cents  
If possible, price your items prior to bringing to Nativity

**Wanted:**

Gently used items - **clean**, usable and in working condition  
Dishes – clean and no chips or cracks; sets of clean dishes/glasses should be in box or container together  
Decorative or Holiday items: seasonal, includes Boxed Christmas Trees and Christmas lights in boxes  
Children's clean clothes, shoes, books, DVDs and games  
Adult DVDs, CDs and Audiobooks  
Adult shoes, purses, and clean jackets, coats and sweaters only  
Linens: clean, mark sizes, such as 84x84 curtain panel pair, oblong 93 x 48 tablecloth, queen sheet/2 pillowcases  
Only Furniture that 2 people can move  
Tools in good working condition (instruction book if available)

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING:** *(These items could be donated to Hospice, Safe Space, Habitat for Humanity Restore or Mustard Seed)*

Adult clothing (except coats, jackets, sweaters)  
Large Appliances (Call PSL Restore 772-249-0792)  
Printers, computers or Electronics  
Ripped items (children's clothing, linens)  
Dirty or Rusted items (tools, cookware, dishes, etc)  
Loose Christmas trees, loose lights, or loose garlands

**Clean Up** will be in two parts: After the sale from 1-2PM, and Monday morning from 9:30-10:30AM. On Saturday following the sale this will help us consolidate items not sold, put away unneeded tables, sweep the floor and allow us to have items available for Congregation members to shop for last minute deals after both church services on Sunday, September 25.

On Monday morning, everything left will be boxed for donation to Hospice, Habitat for Humanity and the Humane Society.

*To help get ready for our Thanksgiving Baskets, food items needed are yams, stuffing, cranberry jelly, gravy, boxed/dry milk, pasta sauce and peanut butter. Once again, we will be collaborating with Council on Aging, School Social Workers, and our Monthly Community Members.*

*Toys for Tots will NOT be supported at Nativity this year. We have so many things that we ask for, we have determined that this is one area that is supported throughout the community. We want to focus on the Angel Tree gifts and the Food and Gift Bags that we provide for Christmas.*

**Thank you for your help! Stay safe and healthy!**

**God Bless!**

**Outreach Ministry**

### **HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER**

**Friday, September 2**

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

**Sunday, September 4**

**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

**Monday, September 5**

Office is closed in observance of Labor Day

**Thursday, September 8**

**8:30PM** Foundations of Faith Online

**Friday, September 9**

**9:30AM** Chair Yoga Begins weekly

**Sunday, September 18**

**11:45AM** DOK Monthly Meeting

**Sunday, September 18 to Thursday, September 22**

**9:00AM—2PM** Rummage Sale Drop Off

**Saturday, September 24**

**8:00AM** Men's Breakfast at Mission Kitchen Cafe

**9:00AM –1:00PM** Rummage Sale

**Save the Date in October:**

**Sunday, October 2**

**9:00AM** Social Sunday with Ministry Fair

**4:00PM** Blessing and Remembrance of the Animals

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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



9/05	Maureen Wallace	9/18	Barbara Zebosky
9/06	Dennis Gallagher	9/21	Eldekah Wildgoose
9/07	Maisy Roberts	9/22	Verna Murray
9/13	Tiffany Kryceski	9/22	Gene Salkey
9/14	Mary Colinet	9/23	Rose Skeete
9/14	Glen Pender	9/25	Thomas Kelly
9/15	Paul Chang	9/28	Maxon Jaboin
9/18	Sophia Garriques		



9/05	Elinor & Robert Townsend	9/12	Melissa Woods & Jordan Marshall
9/06	Celia & Doug Warren	9/23	Elise & Stanley Brimm

**BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER**

10/01	Maurice Davis	10/6	Elsie Batista
10/01	Madison Errickson	10/6	Brigitte Dasme
10/01	Darcy Miller	10/8	John Errickson
10/5	Sally Lippincott		

**ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER**

10/05 Dotti & Jack Johnson



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

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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  
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Rose Skeete  
Bunny Webb