

The Herald

November 2022



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For Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets we would appreciate donations of stuffing, gravy, cranberry jelly, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, boxed/dry milk, cookies, and holiday napkins. You can help by donating food and/or money (and we will shop for you).

Donations of miscellaneous items, such as baking items (cooking oil, flour, sugar) and tuna/cracker/snack packs for families with children would be most welcome as we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thurs. Nov. 10 9:30AM-10:30AM come help decorate Baskets
 Thurs. Nov. 17 9:00AM-12:00PM Packing of Baskets
 Sun. Nov. 20 Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets

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>

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www.youtube.com/nativitypsl **OR**
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**Drive-Thru
 Communion First
 Sunday of the Month
 11:30AM to 12:30PM**

Giant Squirrels....

At least that’s what I imagined was happening when my roof was replaced. At some point soon Church of the Nativity will be blessed with Scraping, Pounding, and Thumping sounds as we have a total roof replacement.

Hurricane Ian blessed us with rain, winds, and snowing shingles here at church. As many of you know the church has been saving for a roof for sometime in the building fund. Because of the storm we are now required to get a new roof. This will cost approximately \$40,000. Fortunately, the Church Insurance Company of Vermont has sent us a check for \$27,924.46. This means the total cost of the roof to our building fund will be \$12,075.54. Our current balance is sufficient to cover this cost, but will deplete some of our reserves. Anyone wishing to give over and above their regular offering to help offset this cost can do so by writing a check to our building fund. Due to good stewardship, and good insurance, we will have a new roof soon.

Whenever that happens (based on permitting and scheduling) we ask that you use patience and caution around our campus as the giant squirrels, aka roofers, do their work!

Thanks,
 Mother Tracy

All Saints' Ingathering and Memorial Service November 6th

The Collect for All Saints' Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

As we gather together to worship on All Saints' Sunday, please remember to bring in your pledge card and your time and talent commitment sheet. All Saints' is a time where we celebrate that we are linked to the Church that has come before us and celebrate ineffable joys. Ineffable means too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

Imagine joy inexpressible!!!! Such is the joy that awaits us when we enter into the kingdom. Joy and tears are co-mingled for us here on Earth as we commemorate the Saints we see no longer. One day we too will rest from our labors, but for now, we carry on the work of following Christ until the day of His return.

Harvest Sunday: This year will be November 20. This is also Christ the King Sunday! It is the culmination of our Christian Year where we celebrate Christ's triumph, before beginning again with Christ's return. As part of our celebration, we invite you to bring goods from your garden, or the store, to be blessed at our 10:30AM service.

Speaking of Christ's Return, Advent is Coming!!!! We have some special opportunities in Advent. Our New Year Begins November 27.

I'll be hosting a "New Year's Eve" Open House complete with blessing my new home! I invite you to stop by Saturday, November 26, between 3:00 and 5:00PM, for coffee and cookies. 2441 SW Halissee St. We'll have some outdoor games and activities set up for children. All are welcome to come. We will bless the Dugger House at 3:30PM.

Family Movie Night "Elf" December 9!!!! Join us for a family movie night and cocoa on Friday, December 9, at 7:00PM.

Blessings,
Mother Tracy



2022 September Vestry Minutes
Tuesday * September 20, 2022, * 10:00am

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

Absent: **Judy Klimczak, Bunny Webb**

Formation: Dwelling in the Word

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Rector's Report Respectfully Submitted by Mother Tracy Dugger:**
 - a. Pastoral Care:** Made several visits to homebound parishioners and some hospital and facility visits. Including end of life care to 2 parishioners.
 - b. Diocesan:** Attended a seminar on trauma-informed liturgy.
 - c. Youth and Family:** We have some newly more active families and continue to work with scouts as an outreach. 3 of our Youth will receive their religious medal certification For Duty to God this Children and Family Sunday.
 - d. Continuing Education:** Experiments in Ministry, the cookies and lemonade resulted in a just a few interactions, but the exercise class is going well. With attendance of 15 our first week and 17 the next. We are also connecting for the first time with a few online members. Our final experiment will be the October Movie Night and my final trip to Virginia in November to finish out the Missional Leadership Cohort.
 - e. Changeover from Icon to ACS** The directory has been updated to reflect the active folks now in ACS and we are beginning migration of the counters to a new simpler system with acs.
 - f. Safety Team:** A 20 page security assessment was conducted by the St. Lucie county sheriffs department. The Team will be presenting a summary of the recommendations next month.

Items to Discuss and/or Decide

2022 August Vestry Minutes Ron Herman made motion to accept The August minutes , Michelle Jarski seconded. The Vestry approved

Ron Herman accepted the Rectors Report

Request for approval of Scout Sunday Popcorn Sales between the two services on Sunday, September 25th

Allow scouts to sell popcorn one Sunday per month. Motion to accept from Vasco Coombs, seconded by Terry Garman. The Vestry approved

Review of Outdoor Movie Night: Nightmare Before Christmas will be Screened October 21st at 7:15 pm.

Worship Experience Committee: October is Clergy Appreciation Month. We would like to recommend to the vestry an invitation be issued to The Rev. Mary Rosendahl, The Rev. Robert Brandt, and Mrs. Sandy Wolfe to attend worship with us on October 16th to receive a small gift of appreciation within our Pledge Campaign of "Celebrating Our Past, Securing Our Future." A small gift for Mother Tracy was also discussed.

Ron Herman made a motion to authorize a \$100 gift for each person. Seconded by Wendy Chadbourne. The Vestry approved

Vestry Financial Considerations to Decrease Deficit in 2023

Ideas Presented from Finance Committee

- 1. Attempt to Increase Stewardship**
- 2. Reduce Rector Pay to move from ASA 100-150 size church to an up to 100 ASA church.** We are at 30-35 at the 8:00 service and 65-70 at the later service. This would be a reduction of \$1,900 per year. Mother Tracy finds this acceptable if her total time off package is increased by 1 week to compensate. To begin January 1st, 2023.

Ron Herman made a motion to begin Jan. 1, 2023, seconded by Viola Gittens. Vestry approved

- 3. Reduce Sexton/Facilities Ministers Hours:** Recommended beginning OCTOBER 1st, reduce from 10 hours per week to 5 hours per week. A \$3,900 per year reduction. Current facilities minister Will Dugger is amenable to this change and would shift from cleaning 2 times per week to once. New hours 9am-12n

Ron Herman made the motion to accept the reduction, seconded by Terry Garman. Vestry approved

- 4. Reduce Extra Principal Payment.** To pay our loan of by its original end date, before refinancing we have been paying \$1,100 extra per month. This could be suspended for a time, but is not highly recommended to do so.
- 5. Reduce Summer Hours of Office from 9-2 Monday-Thursday.** Effects are a \$108 per week reduction in payroll for Admin, and lowered utility bills during our hottest months. Summer is also our slowest financial season.
- 6. Renegotiate with Hazel to have a reduced rate during the summer when there is no choir.**

Would mean a \$4800 savings for items 2 & 3

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report respectfully submitted by Terry Garman, Treasurer:
Treasurer's Report: Respectfully submitted by Terry Garman: Our balance sheet is relatively strong but we continue to have a negative income stream. The attached P&L Budget vs Actual shows a net loss of \$14,881 through eight months. That's an average monthly loss of \$1,860. The Stewardship committee and the Finance committee had a joint meeting August 22. Certain budget adjustments were discussed and remain on the table pending the results of the 2023 pledge campaign. It was also decided to have a committee member/parishioner speak briefly at each Sunday service beginning September 25 and continuing to All Saints Day. It's important that the parishioners understand our negative cash flow situation and at the same time be reminded of all the good things that have happened at Nativity over the past few years, in spite of the restrictions placed on us by Covid.

The following reports are attached:

- Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
- Income vs Expense line chart
- Bank Balances

Ron Herman made motion to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Vasco Coombs. Vestry approved

CALENDAR INFORMATION:

October 7-10 Mother Tracy on Vacation taking my 3rd Sunday off this year of 4 in my contract

October 16 Clergy Appreciation Sunday

October 18 Vestry Meeting 10 am

October 21 Family Movie Night 7:15 pm

October 24-26 Clergy Conference in Oviedo No Wednesday Service

October 29 Halloweenfest 3-5pm

November 14-16 Mother Tracy in Richmond, Va for Continuing Education, last trip of the Missional Leadership Cohort

November 20 Harvest Sunday

Adjourned adjourned 11:05a Vasco Coombs made motion, seconded by Terry Garman. Vestry approved

Update from the Treasurer

I reported earlier that our average monthly income shortfall at the end of July was \$2,500 per month. We now have two more months of data and unfortunately our shortfall is not only continuing, it's increasing. Our average monthly shortfall through nine months is now \$4,210 per month.

It's still early in the 2023 pledge campaign. As of the writing of this article, we've received 11 pledges for a total of \$8,010.

I will continue to update you as new data is received.

Blessings,
Terry Garman, Treasurer



In November a Quiet Day will be held at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Port Saint Lucie, and a DOK Quarterly Board Meeting will be held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Vero Beach. One or two members will be attending each one. Our Chapter's Corporate Communion will be held at the 10:30AM service on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 6, and the November meeting will follow this service.

Ladies, you are welcome to attend a meeting and see what we are all about.

Blessings, FHS

Dotti Johnson
President

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.



Happy Thanksgiving!


We are pleased to announce that we made over \$1200.00 from our Rummage Sale for our Outreach ministry! Thank you again to all who helped out in any way! We are planning to return to the pre-COVID February date for our Rummage Sale Fundraiser. Hurricane season is just too risky weather wise. So look for more information for a February 24, 2023 sale.

Enjoyment Books are now available! Coupons for car washes, restaurants, sight seeing such as the Navy Seal Museum, and much more is included. They also make great gifts! Please contact Susan Montgomery (973-476-5164) for purchase. The price is still \$35.00 and \$10.00 goes to support our Outreach.

Outreach has many things going on through the Holiday Season. We are again working with the Council on Aging, School Social Workers, and our community to help families celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with food baskets, which includes a Publix gift card. The Thanksgiving baskets will be packed on Thursday, November 17, and delivered on Sunday, November 20. Donations have been coming in, but we especially need: stuffing, gravy, cranberry jelly, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, boxed/dry milk, cookies and holiday napkins. You can help by donating food and/or money (and we will shop for you).

If you would like to volunteer to help decorate laundry baskets for Thanksgiving, come to Wolfe Hall on Thursday, November 10, from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. If you have a glue gun or decorative fall items to use, please bring them along. So far we have 36 baskets to decorate for Thanksgiving.

Included with our Christmas Baskets will be bags of extras such as toiletries, socks, gloves, notepads, pens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, cards, etc. Any little extras would be welcome.

Our *Angel Tree*  will be up Thursday, November 17, in the Narthex and these specific gifts for children should be **wrapped and the Angel tag attached** to the gift and **Angel Gifts must be returned to the Church no later than Sunday, December 11. Thank you!** Last year we helped make Christmas special for 26 children. If you know a family with children from infant to age 16 who would benefit, please contact the office or Mary Justice **before** November 15 to be part of this.

Advent is November 27 through Christmas Eve. If you would like to donate towards the Christmas baskets, each day during advent, put 1 item of food aside for our food pantry. Bring your food to Nativity each week or after Christmas and the Outreach elves will put it away for our upcoming needs. An Advent calendar will be posted for ideas, such as: Nov. 27 – cereal, Nov. 28 – mashed potatoes, Nov. 29 – gravy, Nov. 30 – peanut butter, Dec. 1 – jelly. Dec 2 – 24 suggestions will be in the December Herald.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

God Bless You!

HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

Friday, November 4

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

Each Friday

9:30AM Chair Yoga

Sunday, November 6 **All Saints' Ingathering, Memorial Service**

2:00AM **Daylight Savings Time—Turn Clocks Back**

8:00AM **Rite I Service**

9:00AM **Social Sunday**

9:15AM Youth Sunday School

9:15AM Adult Sunday School

10:20AM **Flag Raising**

10:30AM **Rite II with DOK Corporate Communion**

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


11:45AM DOK Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 10

9:30AM-10:30AM Thanksgiving Basket Decorating in Wolfe Hall

Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day.

To All Veterans—Thank you for your Service!!

Thursday, November 17 Our *Angel Tree*  will be up in the Narthex

Thursday, November 17

9:30AM-12:00PM Thanksgiving Basket Packing in Wolfe Hall

Sunday, November 20

**HARVEST SUNDAY and
MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

Thursday, November 24—Happy Thanksgiving

10:00AM Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, November 26

8:00AM Men's Breakfast at Mission Kitchen Café

3:00PM—5:00PM "New Year's Eve" Open House at the Dugger's
2441 SW Hallssee Street, Port St. Lucie, FL



11/01 Stanley Brimm	11/16 Elsa Craig
11/01 Jonathan Diaz	11/16 Jane Shaver
11/01 Terry Garman	11/17 Victor Cyrus
11/01 Lee Sherman	11/18 Carr Lee March
11/07 David Hutchins	11/21 Anne Cannon
11/08 Soo Keller	11/21 Calvin Lewis
11/09 Melvin Flournoy	11/22 Sterling Pusey
11/11 Barbara Hills	11/23 Starr Coulter
11/14 Kenneth Bridges	11/26 Vincent Molina
11/14 JoAnne Hutchins	11/28 Arlene DeRoy
11/15 Joan Garman	11/29 Elaine Gallagher



11/21 Kate & Robert Smith
 11/23 Annette & Larry Jennings
 11/26 Brenda & William Perry

BIRTHDAYS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER

12/02 Wilfred Craig 12/03 Mary Mosley
 12/03 Carol Cyrus

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER

NONE



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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