

The Herald

November 2023



From the Rector ...

THANK YOU! THERE AREN'T ENOUGH WAYS TO SAY IT.

I echo Paul's words in Thessalonians: We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only do I thank God for you, I want to thank you directly. I may not know how to thank you in the language of your heart, but here's 45 heartfelt thanks.

What I'm thankful for this month and every month are the ways each of you reflect the light and love of God. A warm embrace. A heartfelt hello. A handwritten card. The ways you volunteered in the past year. The ways you might be praying and even considering volunteering in the next. The gifts you've shared. The hands you've held. The tears you've shed. The heartfelt tears. The hopes we've birthed. The fears we've faced.



1. Spanish: Gracias (Thank you), Muchas gracias (Thank you very much)
2. French: Merci (Thank you), Merci beaucoup (Thank you very much), Merci mille fois (Thanks so much)
3. Italian: Grazie (Thank you), Grazie mille / Grazie infinite (Thank you very much), Molte grazie (Many thanks)
4. German: Danke (Thanks), Dankeschön (Thank you kindly), Danke sehr (Thank you very much)
5. Dutch: Bedankt (Thanks), Dankjewel (Thank you) informal, Dankuwel (Thank you) formal
6. Portuguese: Obrigado / Obrigada (Thank you - male / female speaker), Muito obrigado (for boys) / Muito obrigada (for girls) (Thank you very much)
7. Turkish: Teşekkürler (Thanks), Teşekkür ederim (Thank you), Çok teşekkürler (Thank you very much)
8. Russian: Спасибо [Spasiba] (Thanks), Благодарю [Blagadaryu] (Thank you), Большое спасибо [Bol'shoye spasiba] (Thank you very much)

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

Explore Faith

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Healing

10:00 a.m.

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Drive-thru Communion

First Sunday Each Month

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

From the Rector (cont'd) ...

9. Chinese (Mandarin): 谢谢 [xiè xiè] (Thank you), 多谢 [duō xiè] (Thanks a lot), 感谢 [gǎn xiè] (Many thanks)

10. Korean: 감사합니다 [gahm-sa-hab-ni-da] Formal Thank you, 고마워 [go-ma-wo] Casual Thank you 대단히 감사합니다 (dae-dan-hi gahm-sa-hab-ni-da) Formal Thank you very much, 정말 고마워 [jeong-mal go-ma-wo] Casual Thank you very much

11. Vietnamese: Cảm ơn (Thanks), Cảm ơn bạn (Thank you), Cảm ơn bạn rất nhiều (Thank you very much)

12. Arabic: شكراً [šukran] Thank you [šukran 'alā kalāmak el-la], شكرًا على كلامك اللطيف [šokran 'alā kalāmak el-la], ده كرم منك [dah karam menna] That's very kind of you

13. Polish: Dzięk (Thanks), Dziękuję (Thank You) (Note that dziękuję - or nie, dziękuję - can also be used to refuse an offer, as in "no, thanks), Stokrotne dzięk (Many thanks), Wielkie dzięk (Thanks alot)

14. Croatian: Hvala (Thank You), Puno hvala / Hvala lijepa (Thanks a lot), Hvala najljepša literary / Baš ti hvala colloquial (Thank you really)

15. Danish: Tak (Thank you), Mange tak (Thank you so much), Tak skal du have (Thanks alot)

16. Czech: Děkuji vám (Thank you), To je od vás velmi laskavé (That's very kind of you), Díky moc! (Thanks a lot!)

17. Estonian: Tänan (Thank you), Aitäh (Thanks), Tänan väga (Thank you very much)

18. Finnish: Kiitos (Thank you), Kiitos ystävällisistä sanoistasi! (Thank you for your kind words), Kiitos paljon! (Thanks a lot)

19. Greek: Σ' ευχαριστώ! [S' epharistó!] I thank you (singular - less formal), Σας ευχαριστώ! [Sas epharistó!] Thank you (plural - formal), Σας ευχαριστούμε! [Sas epharistóume!] We thank you

20. Hawaiian: Mahalo (Thank you), Mahalo nui loa (Thank you very much)

21. Hindi: धन्यवाद [dhun-yuh-vaad] Thank you (pure Hindi), बहुत शुक्रिया or बहुत धन्यवाद [bahut shu-kri-yaa or bahut dhun-yuh-vaad] Thank you very much, शुक्रिया [shu-kri-yaa] Thanks (colloquial Hindi)

22. Indonesian: Terima kasih (Thank you), Anda sungguh baik hati (Thank you kindly), Terima kasih banyak (Thanks a lot)

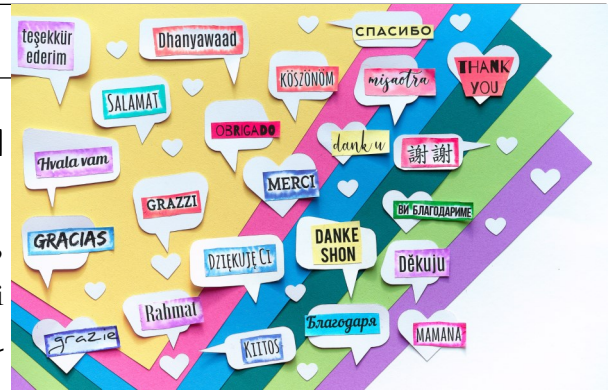
23. Japanese: ありがとう [Arigatou] Thanks, ありがとうございます [Arigatou gozaimasu] Thank you, どうもありがとうございます [Doumo arigatou] Thank you kindly, どうもありがとうございます [Doumo Arigatou gozaimasu] Thank you very much

24. Latvian: Paldies (Thank you), Liels paldies (Thank you very much), Paldies par jūsu viesmīlību (Thank you for your hospitality)

25. Romanian: Mulțumesc (Thank you), Este foarte amabil din partea dumneavoastră (That's very kind of you), Vă mulțumim pentru cuvintele frumoase (Thanks for your kind words)

26. Swahili: Shurkan (Thanks) - mostly used in oral communication, Shukran sana (Thanks a lot) - mostly used in oral communication, Asante (Thank you), Asante Sana (Thanks a lot)

27. Thai: ขอบคุน [khawp khun] (Thank you), ขอบใจนะ [khawp jai] (Thanks)




From the Rector (cont'd) ...

28. Filipino: Salamat sa-LAH-mat (Thank you), Napakabuti ninyo (That's very kind of you), Salamat sa iyong mga papuri (Thanks for your kind words)
29. Slovak: Ďakujem JAH-koo-yehm (I thank you), Ďakujeme (We thank you), Ďakujem mnohokrát (Thanks a lot)
30. Norwegian: Takk skal du ha (Thank you), Takk for hjelpen (Thanks for your help), Tusen takk (Thousand thanks)
31. Hebrew: Toda (Thank you), Toda raba (Thank you very much), Rov todot (Many thanks)
32. Hungarian: Köszönöm (I thank you), Ez nagyon kedves tőled (That's very kind of you) - informal, Köszönöm a kedves szavakat (Thanks for your kind words)
33. Māori: Tēnā koe (Thank you), Tēnā rawa atu koe (Thank you very much)
34. Icelandic: Takk (Thank you), Kærar þakkir (Thanks a lot)
35. Esperanto: Danko (Thanks), Dankon (Thank you)
36. Samoan: Fa'afetai (Thank you)
37. Hausa: Na gode (Thank you)
38. Yoruba: Adúpeṣi (Thank you)
39. Igbo: Daalụ (Thank you), Daalụ nke ukwu (Thank you very much)
40. Uzbek: Rahmat (Thank you), Katta rahmat (Thank you very much)
41. Maltese: Grazzi (Thank you), Niringrazzjak (More formal thank you)
42. Welsh: Diolch (Thank you), Diolch yn fawr (Thank you very much) - commonly used, Diolch yn fawr iawn (Thank you very much) - quite formal
43. Afrikaans: Dankie (Thank you), Baie dankie (Thanks a lot), Dit is baie gaaf van jou (That's very kind of you)
44. British English: Thank you / Thanks very much , Thanks mate / Cheers mate / Ta (friendly, informal), You're a life-saver / You're my hero (to show immense gratitude, usually for some act of kindness), You're too kind (when someone pays you a compliment)
45. American English: Thank you / Thanks so much / Thanks a lot / Thanks a bunch / Thanks a ton / Thanks! (informal), Thanks a million (to show immense gratitude)



With Love and Gratitude,


Mother Tracy



Announcements ...

CALLING ALL VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

November 12 is Veterans Day Sunday

A few of our vets are planning on wearing their uniforms and we invite you to as well! We also wish to thank and honor our first responders.



Daughters of the King

As part of our "Service" to our church, four of our members helped with the repast following the Celebration of Life for Peter deRoche, which was much appreciated by his family.



Pictures of various DOK events were found and will be put in an album. As there are no names/dates on these pictures, one of our members has volunteered to try to figure out who the members are and when the events took place. This may turn into a trip down memory lane remembering those who have gone before us. We heard about Deborah, which was very appropriate as she was a "warrior for Israel."

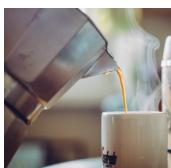
Decision was made to continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th at 10:00 a.m. in Wolfe Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us for coffee and see what we are all about.

Remember to give thanks for your many blessings on Thanksgiving and every day.

Dotti Johnson



Men's Breakfast - November 25, 2023



All men are invited to meet the last Saturday each month at 8:00 a.m. at Mission Kitchen, 6650 S. Federal Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

Ladies' Lunch - November 6th

Join the ladies of Nativity for lunch and fellowship on November 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Cheddars, 1375 St. Lucie West Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL. Questions? Please contact the church office at office@nativitypsl.com



Christmas Bags for Outreach Families



We are collecting the following for Christmas bags for our outreach basket recipients (38 families): full-size shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, and liquid hand soap, boxes of candy canes, bags of Christmas candy, Crayons, and Christmas coloring books.

Questions? Please contact Deborah at 772-353-0232 or office@nativitypsl.com.



Happy Holy Hookers



On October 18th, I delivered 150 hats, 65 bibs and 8 stuffed animals to Tradition. That's not bad for three of us doing the crocheting. If you crochet, knit or sew and would like to make something for Tradition, please contact Dotti at 772-418-1968 or jackdot57@gmail.com. Next delivery date will be in December.



EXPLORE FAITH

FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR
AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE



Sundays at 5pm

Announcements ...



Featuring
The Award Winning
Lauderhill Steel Ensemble
And Accomplished Saxophonist

Saturday, December 2, 2023
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$40.00 per person, children under 12 \$10.00

Refreshments for sale.

Advanced ticket sales only.
No tickets will be available at the door.

Call for tickets:
(917) 561-6103 * (772) 807-1874
(718) 753-3555

A fundraising event of
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1151 SW Del Rio Boulevard
Port St Lucie, FL 34953
(772) 343-0401



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in having altar flowers or a rose placed on the lectern in memory of an anniversary or other special occasion, please notify the church office at least one week in advance to give Flower Guild members adequate time to complete the arrangement.



Checks should be submitted to the church bookkeeper as follows: Altar Flowers, \$45.00 and /or a Remembrance Rose, \$10.00. Also, if you wish to have altar flowers delivered to a shut-in, please let the office know so this can be arranged in advance with the Flower Guild. If you are interested in helping us deliver flowers, please notify Mary Mosley at mosleym48@bellsouth.net or 772 370-3498.



November 1: Terry Garman
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November 7: David Hutchins
November 8: Soo Keller
November 9: Melvin Flournoy
November 11: Barbara Hills
November 14: JoAnne Hutchins
November 14: Kenneth Bridges
November 15: Joan Garman
November 16: Elsa Craig
November 17: Victor Cyrus
November 18: Carr Lee March
November 21: Calvin Lewis
November 22: Sterling Pusey
November 23: Starr Coulter
November 26: Vincent Molina
November 28: Arlene DeRoy
November 29: Elaine Gallagher



November 21: Robert & Kate smith
November 23: Larry & Annette Jennings
November 26: William & Brenda Perry

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!
Please contact the church office at
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Announcements ...

Outreach Ministry

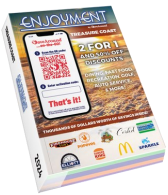
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by at the Ministry Fair to learn more about our Outreach Ministry. Your ongoing help has allowed us to maintain the ongoing success of our Ministry. If you did not get to stop by and would like more information, please contact Mary Justice. If you would like to participate more actively, please let us know. We need volunteers throughout the year for monthly food deliveries, as well as Holiday deliveries at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Rummage Sale needs MANY, MANY hands to help set up, work the sale, clean up and deliver leftover items to worthy causes, such as Humane Society, Hospice, and Habitat for Humanity Restore.



Enjoyment Books are now available! Coupons for car washes, restaurants, sight seeing; such as the Navy Seal Museum, Children's 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 directly to support our Outreach.



Once again, 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 the week of November 13th and delivered on Sunday, November 19th. Donations have been coming in, but we especially need: yams, stuffing,



gravy, cranberry jelly, fruit, boxed/dry milk, jelly, 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 Tuesday, November 7th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you have a glue gun or decorative fall items to use, please bring them along. So far we have 37 baskets to decorate for Thanksgiving.



Our Angel Tree will be up November 8th 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 3rd. Thank you!

Last year Nativity helped make Christmas special for 25 children. If you know a family with children from infant to age 16, who would benefit from this program, please contact the office or Mary Justice before November 6th to be part of this.

An Advent calendar will be posted for food donation ideas in the December Herald.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry



Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

Picture Halloweenfest 2023 ...



Tuesday * September 19, 2023, Minutes

Present: **Rector Tracy Dugger, Sr. Warden Deborah Benway, Jr. Warden Pete Szelwach, Viola Gittens, Darcy Miller, Rose Skeete , Bob Vila, Michelle Jarski, Wendy Chadbourne**

Vestry agenda

Please come wearing appropriate attire to spend some time in the garden. – **We have \$2000 left, it's estimated to be \$1500 to clear the lot & put in new shrubs to be done in Phase 1**

Phase II : site beautification removal of invasive peppers from Choate to Dove Lane and installation of 5 Ft screening shrubs around chapel and tying into existing Palmettos, 15K from BOAZ contingency fund pending Congregation approval – Motion made by Pete Szelwach, seconded by Michelle Jarski, Vestry approved

Agenda items besides the garden are a Vestry nominee to a 3 months term – **Motion to table the unexpired term of Judy Klimczak. Motion made by Bob Vila, seconded by Michelle Jarski, Vestry approved**

Financial report –

September 2023 Treasurer's Report Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Chadbourne

As of the end of August we are showing a net loss of \$9,786 on our P&L. In reality we are at net loss of \$20,686.00. Our advanced pledge amount balance as of the end of August is \$10,900.

Our Balance sheet showed a decrease over July of \$12,180.

In August we received an advance pledges in the amount of \$1,250, we also received additional plate contributions thru PayPal of \$1089.11 and September rent from ActonAcademy for \$2200.

Comparing the total net loss for 2022 which was \$40,308, 8 months into 2023 we are at a net loss of \$20,686. Through August of 2022 we had a net loss of \$14,881. Compared to date for August last year we are not doing as well, but compared to the whole of last year we are not doing as bad. With four months left to go for the year we should see some improvement in our finances, with respect to Acton Academy, pledges picking back up now that summer is over, and not making the extra principal payments every month.

Wc

Terry Garman brought up his concerns about the fact that we continue to show a deficit in spite of the fact that additional principal

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payments have been eliminated, Acton Academy income is being received and some full annual pledge payments have been received. Our expenses are not out of line, our problem is insufficient income to cover those expenses. After third quarter financial data is available, he suggested the finance committee meet to discuss options to lessen our deficit.

Rose Skeete made motion to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Viola Gittens, Vestry approved

And Approving last months minutes. -**Deborah Benway made motion to accept the August Minutes, Wendy Chadbourne seconded, Vestry approved**

Vestry discussed the Time & Talent Adult Commitment form and he various responsibilities

Sunday 7PM Service – change of time...5pm in Winter and 7pm in summer time

October 15th- Packet Sunday Stewardship Committee

October 22 - Ministry Fair Sunday

Meeting adjourned

**Respectfully submitted by Starr Coulter
Vestry Clerk**



OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

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. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb,
Bishop of Central Florida
The People of the Church of the Nativity,
Ministers
The Rev. Tracy M. Dugger, *Rector*
Mr. William Dugger, *Facilities*
Mrs. Hazel Graham, *Minister of Music*
Mrs. Melissa Lewis,
Bookkeeper & Communications
Assisting Clergy:
The Rev. Robert G. Brandt,
Retired Assistant Priest

Vestry Members

Deborah Benway, *Sr. Warden*
Pete Szelwach, *Jr. Warden*
Wendy Chadbourne and Terry Garman,
Co-Treasurers
Viola Gittens
Michelle Jarski
Judy Klimczak
Darcy Miller
Rose Skeete
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