



The Herald

July 2024



From the Senior Warden ...

Greetings,

I cannot believe it is July already. June was an amazing month with lots of things happening. I have shared pictures of all the events and performances that I was blessed to attend.

We have signed a new contract with Acton Academy for next year. We will be renting two rooms to accommodate the school's growth. I will need support to relocate items to alternate locations within the Church. The plan is to complete this project in mid-July. Please call the office if you would like to help me.

The Vestry and I have agreed to continue with Supply Priests until we have found a new Priest. We have been truly blessed to have the Supply Priests we have had and will continue to have as we go through the search process.

The Search Committee has been appointed and will be trained by Canon of the Ordinary Dan Smith in July. The search process was rewritten by Canon Dan Smith when he joined our Diocese. When I talked with Bishop Holcomb, he told me this is Canon Dan Smith's strength in Ministry. He will lead us through the training, and then the work will begin. We will send out a survey to all Members that will assist the search committee in identifying what we as a Church need.

I am asking each of you to pray the prayer found in the Book of Common Prayer, page 818, daily as we begin this process.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

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From the Senior Warden cont'd ...

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church,
and so guide the minds of those who shall
choose a Rector for Church of the Nativity,
that we may receive a faithful pastor,
who will care for your people
and equip us for our ministries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Your Search Committee Members are: *Rose Skeete, Pete Szelwach, Deborah Benway, Elaine Clem, Barbara Zebosky, Neville Lake, Adelia Sanabria, Eric Frihart, and Katie Dempsey.* And the Consultants to the Search Committee are: *Bunny Webb and Dennis Gallagher.*

If you are traveling or having a staycation and want to send us pictures to include in the August Newsletter, that would be great.

Blessings,
Deborah



Happy Holy Hookers

In July, 35 bibs, 5 stuffed animals, 6 pairs of booties, 2 blankets and 48 hats were delivered to Tradition. That's not bad for only three people working in their spare time. If you crochet/knit, we would love to have you make one (or more) of the items listed to go to the hospital. Items can be brought to church in a bag with my name, Dotti Johnson, on it and left in the narthex.

Blessing,
Dotti Johnson

Vacation Bible School 2024

We held a very successful Vacation Bible School the week of June 17th learning about COMPASSION and Psalm 104 (What Every Living Thing Needs). Nativity was filled with lots of energy and smiles!



Thank you for the generous donations of supplies, snacks, and money. We are forever grateful to all our wonderful volunteers for their dedication and hard work to ensure the campers had a great time.



See page 7 for more pictures from VBS ...

July Birthdays and Anniversaries



- July 2: Vasco Coombs
- July 7: Ann Boatswain
- July 8: Eula Bryan
- July 12: Yvonne Robertson
- July 12: David Vernon
- July 15: Kenneth Hamilton
- July 16: Barbara Monaghan
- July 18: Dennis Zebosky
- July 20: Wendy Garcia
- July 21: Bunny Webb
- July 21: Kimberly Corners
- July 26: Rev. Robert Brandt
- July 30: Doreen Smith
- July 31: Frances Cadet



- July 6: Victor & Carol Cyrus
- July 20: Vasco & Audrey Coombs
- July 24: William & Gladys Siekierka
- July 25: Lee & Pat Wish
- July 27: Benjamin & Fay Scott
- July 28: Robin & Marva Murray
- July 31: Kenneth & Myrna Bridges

School Supply Drive 2024

Please join us for our annual drive to help students in need get ready to head back to



the classroom. Collection bins for new school supplies will be located in the Narthex beginning Sunday, July 7, through Sunday, August 4. Supplies will be sorted and delivered to local schools on Wednesday, August 14.

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

Questions? Please contact Elaine Clem (eg_clem@bellsouth.net) or the church office with any questions.

Thank you for your generous support!



Men's Breakfast - July 27, 2024



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

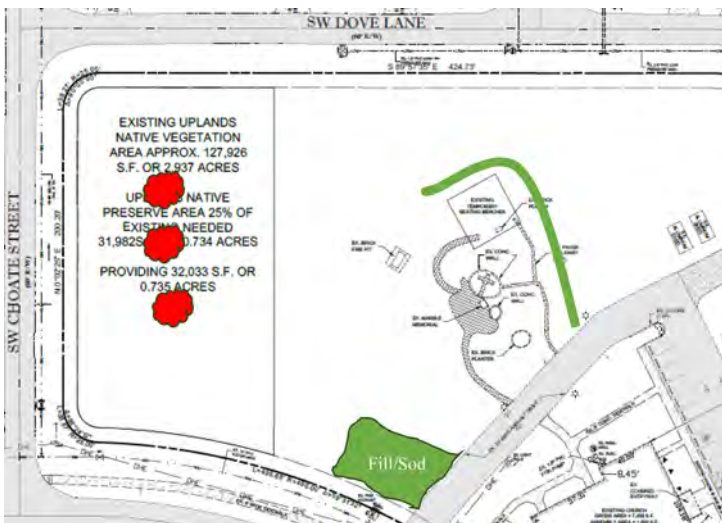
Memorial Garden Update

This is an update to last month's comments. I've included another drawing in case anyone missed it.

We are still waiting on the landscape architect to get the plan updated. At that time, we will resubmit and hopefully gain approval on the revised plan as well as installation of a Clusia screening shrub (approx. 300 linear feet).

After approval, I plan to bring a proposal to the Vestry for fill and sod at the entrance to make this area look more presentable and easily mowed. Lastly, I'm making plans with the Scouts to help us remove 3-4 invasive Schefflera trees from the preserve – these don't look bad but removal is required by the City. We will begin planting immediately after we get final approval.

Thanks for your continued patience!



Revised drawing showing the Uplands Preserve and as-built garden features including proposed screening shrubs and fill/sod at the entrance.

Picture the Memorial Garden *Decorated for Independence Day by Bill Shaver*



Flower Guild

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

Matthew 6:28-33 (KJV)



Although some of our Nativity ministries are taking a much needed hiatus over the summer months of July and August, your Flower Guild is still committed to maintaining our mission of providing fresh flowers on the altar each Sunday. However, there will be a few exceptions to this plan when we have a supply priest or other clerical visitor who is allergic to fresh flowers and greenery. During these occasions, there will be no flowers on the altar or in the Narthex.

However, if you wish to memorialize or honor a birth date, anniversary or passage of a loved one, please do not hesitate to place your request on the form located in the church office. The office angels will contact Mary Mosley, Flower Guild Coordinator, who will make arrangements to provide flowers for you at the earliest opportunity. The assigned Flower Guild member will contact you to set up that date.

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It is always our pleasure to honor God's presence in our sanctuary through the gift of flowers, and you are welcome to share your donated gift with family and friends after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please make sure you return the vase to the office. In addition, if you know of a special someone who is homebound and would like to have the gift of flowers, please contact Mary, mosleym48@bellsouth.net. She will do her best to accommodate your request.



August Ladies' Lunch

Join the ladies of Nativity for lunch and fellowship on August 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Restaurant to be determined.



We look forward to seeing you!



Picture the Cub Scouts Car Wash ...



Parents Night Out ...



Our Parents Night Out ministry is on summer hiatus and will resume in September.

Parents Night Out is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to drop off their children ages 4 – 12 where they will be cared for by trusted adults in a safe environment.

Parents Night Out is from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. on a Friday evening. Following is our schedule for the remainder of 2024:

- September 6th
- September 27th
- November 1st
- December 6th

Questions? Please contact Elaine Clem, eg_clem@bellsouth.net, or the church office, office@nativitypsl.com.



Dennis and Elaine say "Hello" from Daytona Beach!

Outreach Ministry

Hello Nativity! We hope this summer finds you staying cool, healthy and busy!

Outreach continues to provide food for some families in our community through the summer months. Thank you for your continuing support. At this time, we would appreciate donations of mashed potatoes, jelly, boxed/dry milk, green beans, corn and pasta sauce.

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 toiletries, 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.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please contact the church office or Mary Justice.

God Bless You!

Outreach Ministry

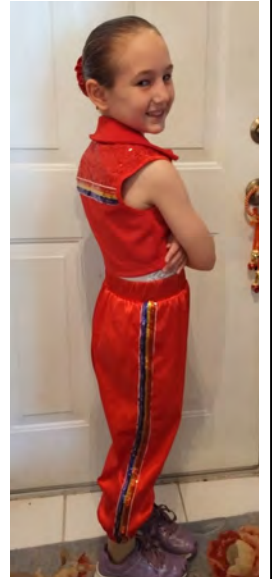
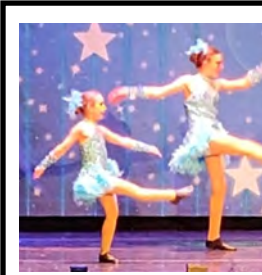


8 o'clock Coffee Hour: Our 8 o'clockers go to a restaurant for food and fellowship.

Picture Vacation Bible School 2024 at Nativity ...



Florida Ballet Festival Company presents “La Fille mal Gardee” and more ...



Emily Frihart, Jazz & Hip-hop



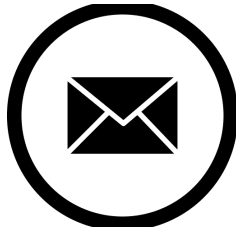
Picture Acton Academy's last day of school ...



Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



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

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

Help us update our records!

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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.



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