

Holy Trinity

Episcopal Church



2017
Annual
Report

*...to know
Christ and to
make Him known.*

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting: January 21, 2018

AGENDA

Call to Order	Election of New Vestry Members	Co-Rectors' Report
Opening Prayer	Presentation of Retiring Vestry	Further Business
Election of Secretary	Treasurer's Report for 2017	Closing Prayer
Minutes of 2017 Meeting	Presentation of 2018 Budget	Adjournment
Report of Nominating Committee	Senior Warden's Report	

Minutes of the 131st Annual Parish Meeting, January 22, 2017

The Rev. Stephen Easterday and The Rev. Pamela Easterday, Presiding.

- **Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Fr. Steve called the 131st Annual Parish Meeting meeting to order and opened with prayer at 10:33am.
- **Election of Secretary:** Motion to elect Frank Dawson as Secretary of the Meeting. MMSA Kevin Bartczak/Rick Beverley
- **Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting:** The congregation was asked to review the minutes. Motion to adopt as printed MMSA Mike Crews/Anne Faye
- **Report of the Nominating Committee:** Susan Seybold gave report and placed the following names in nomination: John Seybold, Roger Teurfs, Nancy Trezza, Jeanne Hakkila-Wills, Jay Olsson for the four open three year terms and one open two year term. *Motion to close nomination. MMSA Janet Gray/Chuck Pierce Sr. Motion to elect by acclamation. MMSA Chuck Pierce Sr./Bob Fontaine.* Following the election the incoming members of the vestry drew sticks to determine who would serve the two-year term. Jeanne Hakkila-Wills drew the short stick.
- **Presentation of the Retiring Vestry:** Joye Jennings, Susan Seybold, Milt Miller and Ted Peters were thanked by the co-rectors and the congregation for their service. Each was presented a Bible by the co-rectors.
- **Treasures Report:** Mike Crews thanked church staff. He then presented the 2016 financial report, stewardship program results and 2017 budget. *Motion to receive budget MMSA Jackie Menzel/Judy Henderson.*
- **Nourishing Body & Soul Campaign:** Mike Crews recognized the members of the kitchen committee that were present: Rick and Dinah Beverly, Rich and Pat Franck, Ted Peters, Frank Crawley, Frank Dawson and Becky Crews. Mike Crews also reported on the progress of the restoration of the historic chapel.
- **Senior Warden's Report:** Faye Bottomley gave her report and discussed the commitment of the vestry to seek the mind of Christ.
- **Co-Rectors Report:** The Co-Rectors report was given as the sermon on January 22nd.
- **Closing Prayer:** Rev. Pam closed the meeting with a prayer and the co-rectors expressed their thanks to the congregation for attending.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn. *MMSA John Jahn/Bob Fontaine.*
- Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary of the Meeting, Frank Dawson

Statistics for 2017

Average Weekend Attendance	358	Confirmations	12
Baptisms	11	Receptions	1
Marriages	2	Reaffirmations	3
Funerals	30		
New Members	41		

Treasurer's Report *(Mike Crews)*

ASSETS

Operating Accounts

Checking	\$145,729.50
Memorial Funds	\$69,254.17
General Building (reserve)	\$44,276.98
Elder Fund (reserve)	\$18,346.37
Chapel/Kitchen Remodeling Fund	\$379,304.87
Boyer House Repair/Maintenance	\$251,941.76

Total Operating	\$908,853.65
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Endowment (Market Value)

Scottrade Endowment	\$565,430.88
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Total Endowment	\$565,430.88
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Investments

Mortgage Receivable	\$0
Limited Partnership	\$0

Total Investment	\$0
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,474,284.53
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LIABILITIES **\$0**

STEWARDSHIP RESULTS as of January 10, 2018

	2017	2018	If you have not yet pledged for 2018, we invite you to do so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.
Pledges:	279	262	
Totaling:	\$530,360	537,020	
New pledges:		32	
Increased pledges:		68	

Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Summary Operating Budget vs. Actuals for Year 2017
Summary Operating Budget for Year 2018
Adopted by Vestry on January 11, 2018

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
REVENUES				
Pledge and Plate				
Pledges & General Donations	\$523,281	\$547,458	\$556,476	\$544,474
Regular Contributions	\$30,558	\$28,000	\$23,332	\$23,000
Loose Plate	\$28,616	\$28,500	\$21,178	\$21,000
Reimbursements	\$64,781	\$76,754	\$77,763	\$70,617
Foundation Income	\$254,903	\$263,765	\$263,765	\$303,029
Endowment	\$27,231	\$27,060	\$27,060	\$27,200
Thrift Shop Donations	\$45,000	\$36,000	\$18,000	\$24,000
Other Income	\$32,636	\$33,029	\$40,154	\$41,300
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EXPENSES				
Outreach				
Church-Related	\$59,544	\$62,496	\$60,129	\$66,767
Community	\$9,497	\$12,100	\$8,285	\$9,600
Subtotal Outreach	\$69,041	\$74,596	\$68,414	\$76,367
Ministries & Worship				
Ministries	\$16,039	\$21,500	\$15,877	\$23,150
Worship	\$6,687	\$9,400	\$7,800	\$8,200
Subtotal Ministries & Worship	\$22,726	\$30,900	\$23,677	\$31,350
Personnel Expenses	\$654,260	\$675,305	\$661,982	\$683,258
Operations				
Office/Administration	\$35,805	\$29,620	\$26,344	\$31,370
Maintenance	\$33,004	\$30,400	\$49,749	\$44,650
Capital Improvements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$18,458	\$25,000
Utilities	\$60,262	\$58,780	\$61,830	\$55,990
Taxes & Insurance	\$79,955	\$92,732	\$94,162	\$84,224
Contracts	\$22,864	\$20,137	\$22,532	\$20,702
Convention & Retreats	\$4,045	\$3,050	\$315	\$1,700
Subtotal Operations	\$260,934	\$259,719	\$273,389	\$263,636
Total Expenses	\$1,006,962	\$1,040,520	\$1,027,462	\$1,054,611
NET	\$45	\$46	\$266	\$9

Co-Rectors' Report *(The Revs. Pamela & Stephen Easterday)*

The Co-Rectors give their Annual Report as the sermon at each service on the Annual Meeting weekend. A print version is available.

Assistant Rector's Report *(The Rev. Meghan Farr)*

As always this past year has been busy and full with both parish and diocesan events. I continue to work to meet the pastoral care needs of the parish which grow and change almost weekly! I continued ministering at both the East and South Tower at Trinity Towers in the first part of the year, however, in the fall both towers began large construction projects that made it difficult to meet and so we have temporarily put things on hold. I was able to lead Ash Wednesday service and Christmas Eve services in the East tower and I stay in touch with staff and residents regularly. Once again the Elder Care Fund provided goodie bags and gift cards as door prizes for a Christmas party at the South Tower. Elder Care funds also helped provide two months of funding to the South Tower's Second Harvest food program as well as some other pastoral care needs there. I look forward to construction completion soon (as do the residents!) so that I can return to ministry activities at the Towers.

Even as things slowed down at the Towers, they have certainly gotten busier in other areas! As always I share in the worship life of Holy Trinity preaching and celebrating at the services on Saturday and Sunday as well as Wednesday mornings and evenings. I serve as the Chaplain to the Diocesan Altar Guild and I attended their annual meeting in February. I led an evening group during our Lenten Program, served as a committee member and workshop leader for the women's retreat, and kept up a series of daily Lenten posts on Facebook. In May I organized and led a Lord's Prayer service as part of Holy Trinity's commitment to Thy Kingdom Come, a global call to prayer by the Archbishop of Canterbury. During the summer our family was blessed to travel back to Wisconsin to spend a week at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, my Alma Mater. I was there to work on my STM (Masters in Sacred Theology) and I took an excellent course on bible study which I then turned into my first 5-week study series during Whole Church Family Night. I then led two more Bible study series during the fall WCFN.

In addition to being involved in the start of WCFN this fall, I also began a new study which meets on Tuesdays called Coloring the Scriptures and, along with the Co-Rectors, taught confirmation classes to our awesome youth group. What a joy it was to see them confirmed by Bishop Brewer in November! Do you follow the church's Facebook page? If not, you should! I've had a lot of fun looking for more ways to use Facebook including sharing our daily SOAP journal passages during October and reflections during the 12 days of Christmas.

Holy Trinity held our second Blue Christmas service for the parish and the community. Thank you to Carolyn Wilt and the Health Ministry Team for their work in putting the service together and, along with the Daughters of the King, and so many of you, for a successful Parish Christmas Caroling event. We visited and sang to more than 75 parishioners and then enjoyed a potluck supper afterwards. I was also blessed to lead an Advent quiet day for the Daughters of the King from our church and others.

I look forward to all the ways God will use the people and ministries of this parish in 2018. God bless you.

Respectfully submitted, Reverend Meghan Farr, Assistant Rector for Pastoral Care

Sr. Warden's Report *(Faye Bottomley)*

It is the Rector(s) of a parish who appoint a member of the Vestry to be the Senior Warden and I have been honored to serve in this role for two years. 2017 was especially productive as the kitchen part of the *Nourishing Body and Soul Campaign* was completed. Still to be finalized is the chapel renovation.

In the spring of 2017, the Vestry endorsed a survey of ministry leaders as part of a *Mutual Ministry Review* which is encouraged by the diocese for every parish. The survey was facilitated by Canon Timothy Nunez, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Central Florida and sent to all those who have leadership roles in any facet of Holy Trinity's ministry. The results were compiled by *Survey Monkey* and distributed to the Vestry at the June 29, 2017 meeting. A discussion of the results was conducted at the August Vestry meeting. The survey is meant to do the following:

- Provide the Co-Rectors, wardens and the Vestry the opportunity to assess how well they're fulfilling their responsibilities to each other and to the ministry they share
- Establish goals for the work of the parish for the coming year
- Isolate areas of conflict or disappointment which have not received adequate attention and may be adversely affecting mutual ministry
- Clarify expectations of all parties to help put future conflicts in manageable form

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The survey affirmed progress already being made in children's and youth ministry, the relationship between HTEC and HTEA, the formation of a young adult group and the Whole Church Family Night.

Action items to be addressed were identified as follows:

- Better communication by the Vestry to the congregation
- Outreach to the community in closest proximity to the church
- Continue to cultivate the relationship with Holy Trinity Episcopal School
- Further development of small groups for study, fellowship and ministry
- Approach stewardship as a year-round focus

Speaking of stewardship, the 2017 stewardship campaign was conducted by the entire Vestry as opposed to the usual approach where one Vestry person is charged with coordinating and executing the plan. It proved quite effective with each person managing one of the many tasks to be done. On several occasions the entire Vestry gathered to label and stuff packets. Great team-building activities!

As I reported last year, the Vestry continually explores opportunities to maximize the human, financial and property resources of Holy Trinity. For the entire congregation, though, our primary focus must be centered on our Mission, *to know Christ and to make Him known*.

Jr. Warden's/Buildings & Grounds Report *(Joe Libasci)*

Many accomplishments were attained and challenges surfaced this past year with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and buildings at Holy Trinity. Many good people lent a hand (and financial help) to make things right and to contribute to the ongoing success of our church surroundings. Of course, the hurricane was a major (negative) contributor of time and loss of money to our action items.

Here is a brief list of action items both finished and unfinished from 2017:

- Church floral room completely upgraded (complete)
- Hurricane damage to the east church wall (interior)
- Hurricane damage to the east exterior church wall was also discovered
- Courtyard flooding, new drainage system being considered
- Carpet replaced in the parish hall due to flooding
- Security improvements needed due to damage and unsanitary conditions provided by unwanted overnight guests in the grounds
- Overhead plumbing lines to reduce future expenses of ripping up floors due to leaks (complete)
- Several projects on Elizabeth St. completed and some unfinished
- Lewis Hall awnings replaced (complete)
- Upgrades and repairs to plumbing in the two older bathrooms in parish hall (complete)
- Upgrades and repairs to the walls in the two older bathrooms in parish hall (complete)
- Ice machine needed for the upgraded kitchen (without ice)

Other minor projects were completed in 2017 but to say the least, we were never without something to do. Blessings to all of our supporters! God Bless!

Stewardship Report *(The Rev. Pamela Easterday)*

The entire Vestry participated as the Stewardship Committee, dividing up the responsibilities among the entire group. The theme verse was "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10. On the first weekend in October we distributed "SOAP" journals to be used for the month. "SOAP" stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. A different Bible passage was provided for each day of the month focusing on the word "heart." By writing down our thoughts and ideas and prayers during the month, we were able to go back and remember what we prayed about and what we received. On the third weekend in October, volunteers delivered stewardship packets to households throughout the parish. The packets contained a pledge card along with a homemade bar of soap. The ingathering of pledge cards happened the weekend of October 28-29. Thanks be to God that we reached our goal!

Nourishing Body and Soul Campaign *(Joe Libasci & Mike Crews)*

The kitchen was finished first part of 2017 and is in use for the Wednesday night dinners, coffee hour and receptions. Thank you to all the people who worked on this project. Work on the Chapel has started but is moving ahead slowly. The windows have been repaired and new protective coverings were installed. Doors were refinished, Chapel was painted and west side porch was repaired with new floor and steps. A bell was purchased for the new bell tower. We hope to have the Chapel renovation completed in 2018. Thank you for your support and payers for this project.

Currently Available	\$379,305
Unpaid Pledges	\$61,434

Total Available	\$440,739
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Spent

Kitchen	\$114,334
Chapel Windows	\$33,800
Chapel Doors	\$7,895
Painting Chapel	\$4,925
Repairing West Porch	\$2,105
Bell	\$9,550
Architect & Engineer	\$59,900

Total	\$232,509
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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc. *(The Rev. Stephen Easterday)*

Annual Report of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation Inc. (HTECF), by Fr. Stephen Easterday, prepared on January 17, 2018

The total assets of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation as of December 31, 2017 were:

General Endowment Funds Invested with Raymond James:	\$4,154,195.	*
Elder Endowment Funds Invested with Raymond James:	\$3,942,652.	**
TTE Owner Financing Note associated with "Holding Company"	\$1,691,116.	***
TTW Owner Financing Note associated with "Holding Company"	\$2,043,123.	***

Total Assets of HTECF	\$11,831,086.
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* General Endowment Funds Invested at RJ Total as of 12/31/2016 was \$3,802,644.

** Elder Endowment Funds Invested at RJ Total as of 12/31/2016 was \$3,776,057.

*** The Owner Financing Notes are associated with POAH/Trinity Loan Holding Co. LLC.

(These valuations on the Owner Financing Notes do not reflect the valuations of the annually adjusted "Special Redemption Price," which will reflect interest income adjustments, but which are not yet calculated by POAH.)

The officers of the Foundation were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation on February 6, 2017 and are as follows:

Fr. Steve Easterday, Chair of the Board and Vice President
Ron Meehan: President
Tom Stallard: Treasurer
Bill Thornburg. Secretary

Other members of the Board include: Bob Merrill, Dr. Jay Olsson, Alan Smith, Anneke Bertsch, Jack Ryals and Steve Lacey.

The By-Laws of the Foundation state that, "Persons serving on the Board of Directors at the time of the adoption of these Bylaws shall continue to serve on the Board of Directors. Upon the death, retirement, resignation or removal of a member of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall nominate a replacement who must be approved by the Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church." The By-laws also state that "in no event shall the Board of Directors consist of less than seventy percent (70%) of confirmed communicants in good standing of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church."

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There are really three parts to the Foundation: (1) The General Endowment is the money from the sale of Trinity Towers, and is invested with Raymond James. On an annual basis, 4% of these investments go to the church for general budgetary support. (2) The Elder Endowment is the money that came from the Boyer Trust, and is invested with Raymond James. On an annual basis, 4% of these investments goes to the church to serve “seniors” in the church. In both (1) and (2) the income that comes to the church is to “enhance and supplement the ministries of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.” The Elder Endowment has the additional restriction that the money should be used to serve “seniors affiliated with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.”

The third part of the Foundation is really a subset of “(1) The General Endowment.” When the Trinity Towers buildings were sold, the Foundation provided owner financing on the Trinity Towers East and Trinity Towers West buildings. There are two “notes” with a total value of approximately \$3.7 million. As part of the refinancing for the \$20 million in renovations on the Trinity Towers buildings by Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc. (POAH), these notes were associated with a holding company, “POAH/Trinity Loan Holding Company, LLC.” This action was taken to facilitate the remodeling of the buildings while providing for ongoing cash flow into the Foundation. The notes themselves have a 4% return, but the actual amount that comes to the Foundation every year is based on a “preferred distribution of all net earnings available for distribution with respect to a given year.” The Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation is first on the list for preferred distributions, and is to receive \$185,000 /year. In 2017, which was a partial year for these distributions, the Foundation received \$135,428 for the 2016 distribution. The key points about this “3rd part” of the Foundation are that: (a) the assets are not directly accessible by the Foundation and; (b) the return on these assets, as of this report, have only been used to increase the General Endowment in the Foundation.

The “spending rule” currently in use by the endowment board calls for 4% of the assets invested at Raymond James on October 31 of a given year to go to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, for the following year. Since the assets are segregated into the “General endowment” and the “Elder endowment” two different distributions are made, one from each source.

For the 2017 grants to the church, the Foundation board met on November 7, 2016. At that meeting the Board authorized the “Elder” distribution of \$145,939 to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in 2017 in twelve equal monthly installments. The Board also authorized the “General” distribution of \$134,357 to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in 2017 in twelve equal monthly installments. Those distributions were received in 2017. The major expenditures by the church from the “Elder” distributions were used to pay the compensation packages for the Assistant Rector for Pastor Care and the Faith Community Nurse.

For the 2018 grants to the church, the Board of the Foundation met on November 6, 2017 and approved a total “Elder” distribution of \$153,307 to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in 2018 in twelve equal monthly installments of \$12,776. At the same meeting, the Board approved a total “General” distribution of \$155,379 to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in 2018 in twelve equal monthly installments of \$12,948.

Camp Wingmann, the church camp of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, received a total of \$32,872 from the Foundation in 2017. The Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation Board has an ongoing commitment to tithe on the gross proceeds of the sale of the three Trinity Towers Buildings. Whenever an owner financing payment comes into the Foundation, 10% of the payment is sent to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, which then forwards it on to Camp Wingmann after approval by the church Vestry. All told, as of this writing, the camp has so far received over \$472,800 as the tithe on the sale. Camp Wingmann will be undertaking renovation of the old Camp Mess Hall (now named Yates Hall) with part of this money.

2017 was also a very important year for the remodeling of Trinity Towers East and Trinity Towers South for the well-being of the Trinity Towers residents. I am very pleased and proud every time I walk by the buildings and see the seal of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation on the board displaying all the partners in the renovations. I also rejoice in the changes that have happened in the buildings. Changes include: new kitchens and bathrooms, new windows, roof replacement, exterior painting, flooring upgrades, and energy-efficient features, including a new HVAC system. The dedication of the improvements for Trinity Towers East and Trinity Towers South will be sometime in March of 2018.

I continue to thank God for his incredible grace in providing the resources to both endow the parish and to remodel the buildings. It is one of the great privileges of my life to have served as a steward of these resources as God has multiplied his blessings for the well-being of our church and community.

Faithfully,
Fr. Stephen W. Easterday

Children's Ministry *(KC Crawley)*

- We offer three Sunday School classes for ages 3 years through 6th grade.
- During the 9:00am worship service we offer Children's Chapel for children ages 7 and under, which includes a Bible story from the lectionary, a song, and free play.
- In the fall of 2017, Treasure Kids Club moved to Wednesdays as part of our Whole Family Church Night and gained participation by more parish families.
- The Treasure Kids Choir continued to share music once per month during the 9:00am worship service.
- In the fall we welcomed Megan Paauwe as our Children's Ministry Assistant.
- Vacation Bible School was exciting this year and well attended with approximately 100 children and 30 volunteers. We offered new electives including, handbells, drama, sewing, cooking, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)
- We continued to have a Family Easter Service in the gym, complete with an Easter Egg Hunt.
- The children of Holy Trinity again presented a Christmas Pageant at the 3:00pm Christmas Eve service, followed by our Birthday Party for Jesus.

Youth Ministry *(Phil Nunez, KC Crawley)*

- In 2017 the youth hosted our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the newly remodeled kitchen.
- In the spring our youth led us in worship during our Annual Youth Sunday.
- Our weekday Youth Group made a solid move to Wednesdays as part of our Whole Church Family Night and saw a notable increase in attendance.
- Sunday morning Youth continued steadily and saw an increase in average attendance.
- In the fall we offered a Youth Confirmation series that was well attended and resulted in nine youth being confirmed by Bishop Greg Brewer on November 12.
- In September, Hurricane Irma came through Central Florida during the weekend of Rock the Universe, causing us to miss this amazing event for the first time in several years.
- We hosted the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat following our "In - Tents" worship service.
- The Youth of Holy Trinity service the church in many ways including, serving as acolytes, nursery workers, volunteering at Parent's Night Out and Vacation Bible School.

Discipleship/Adult Education

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *(Jack Bottomley)*

Purpose: Encourage a closer walk with Christ by the understanding of Christian basic principles through the study of scripture. In 2017, we completed a study of Paul's Letter to the Colossians and began the study of the Gospel of Matthew. For 2018, we will continue the study of Matthew. Due to the length of this Gospel, it will take the rest of the year to complete.

During 2017 we had an average attendance of 20 people and had as many as 40 for some classes. We continue to have a loyal and enthusiastic group of attendees that are eager to learn scripture and how it affects their Christian walk.

CURSILLO *(Chuck Pierce Sr.)*

We had 2 Pilgrims to attend Cursillo in 2017. Dates for Cursillo 2018: February 22-25 – Women's Weekend #126; March 1-4 – Men's Weekend #126, we have 1 Pilgrim; and October 5-7 – Coed #127. If interested in attending a weekend please contact Chuck Pierce Sr. (772-318-9290) or the Church Office.

In the New Year look for the Holy Trinity Cursillo Facebook page in the future.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

MEN'S RETREAT (The Rev. Stephen Easterday)

The Men's Retreat is held in the fall on the grounds of Camp Wingmann Retreat and Conference Center in Avon Park, FL. The 9th Annual Retreat was held in November 2017 with 30 men from around the Diocese in attendance. This year's featured speaker was The Rev. Canon Dr. Justin Holcomb, Canon for Vocations at the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and we explored God's call on our lives through reflections on the Book of Acts. The Men's Retreat is open to all men (and friends) in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and is a time for the men of our churches to come together for great food, exploring the masculine side of God, hanging out with the guys, renewing a friendship with God, climbing on a ropes course or low-impact activity, fixing/building things around the camp, praying for healing and help, laughing around the campfire, making music, and much more! Men's Retreat 2018 will be November 16 - 18, 2018.

LIBRARY (Susan Mann)

Holy Trinity Lending Library contains about 2,000 books. Several donations were processed last year. It is maintained for the religious education and convenience of parishioners and staff.

WOMEN'S RETREAT (KC Crawley, Connie Dow)

The 2017 Women's retreat entitled "Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks" was held at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center in Oviedo, FL on March 10 - 12, 2017. The retreat committee chaired by Connie Dow and KC Crawley with 7 additional committee members, planned and hosted this year's event with approximately 50 women from the Diocese of Central Florida in attendance. Our speaker, Rev. Phyllis Bartle, led us as we explored what it means to rejoice, give thanks and pray through all moments in life. With Clare Toy as our music leader, Rev. Pam and Rev. Meghan presiding over worship, participants enjoyed rich worship experiences. Plans for the 2018 retreat are underway. It will again be held at Canterbury, March 9 - 11, 2018 and the speaker will be Rev. Beth Pessah, from Ormand Beach.

Guilds & Fellowship Groups

FOYER GROUPS MINISTRY (Linda Edwards)

October 2017 marked the start of the 14th Foyer rotation. We had a total of 53 people sign up to create a total of six groups that are currently meeting. Sign up for Foyer Groups continue to be in September of 2018, with our 'kick-off' Super Supper in October 2018.

Foyer Groups are not intended to do anything, but simply to be what Christians are: groups of people who gather together and "love one another." Foyer Groups provide time to be with one another so that friendships may grow. Consider joining us next fall.

KEENAGERS (Rose Himmenger)

We are a lively group of seniors, young at heart, here at Holy Trinity. We enjoy getting together for pot luck luncheons each month, September through May. We meet every third Tuesday at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a guest. The more, the merrier. There is always plenty of food. Ask anyone who comes, and they will tell you we are all good cooks; of course store-bought works well, too.

There are two special luncheons each year, our Christmas celebration in December, and our indoor picnic in May, where we always have fun making ice cream sundaes and fried catfish. So come join us and enjoy the good company. For more information, call Rose Himmenger, 951-7320.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO) (KC Crawley)

- In the spring of 2017 we continued to meet on alternating months and have had some great outings including an Escape Room night and a Scavenger Hunt.
- Many thanks to Phil and the youth group who provide fun and safe childcare, and to our nursery staff who provide care for our children under age 4.
- In December 2017 PNO raised \$200 that was donated to *Promise in Brevard*.

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD (Janet Autio)

St. Catherine's Guild, is now in its 57th year of Christian fellowship and service to Holy Trinity Church and the communities surrounding Melbourne, Florida. St. Catherine's Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month, September-May at 10:00 a.m. in Lewis Hall, except for December and May when they have their luncheons. This year, 2017, we again enjoyed our Spring luncheon at the Olive Garden as the food is always delicious there. Since we now have a big beautiful kitchen in Parrish Hall we decided to have our Christmas Luncheon and Party there with Rev. Megan's husband, Chef Daniel catering it. The food was delicious and the party was enjoyed by all. Each month we began our meetings with refreshments hosted by different members each month. We then have the ECW Prayer and the Devotion by Regina Crowe, Vice President. We also have a special prayer, The Keep Watch Prayer, for members, family members or friends that are ill or bed ridden. We finish our meeting with the ECW Closing Prayer. After our business meeting we have either a speaker or a Christian Video. At the January meeting Regina Crowe gave an informative talk about the Fellowship of the Least Coin project. Our February 14th meeting, Regina gave a very interesting talk about St. Valentine, a Priest from Rome, who lived in the third century AD. Members asked Regina, our Program Planner, to give the March program on St. Patrick for St. Patrick's Day. For the April program our Rev. Megan Farr shared the story of her calling to serve as a Priest. The May Spring Luncheon was held at the Olive Garden with delicious food as always. The September 12 meeting was canceled due to the hurricane. October, Patty Hurst from the Devereux Behavioral Health Florida Organization explained the urgent concern throughout the country and the world with Human Trafficking. She invited our group to visit Devereux for a tour. Regina is planning the visit for February and will organize the trip. The November program was in honor of Veteran's Day with our Lady Veteran's Susan Mann and Kitty McGuire speaking. Every February and April the Guild members make up large fruit baskets for each of the three Genesis Houses. At Christmas we give a gift card for each house; Christmas stockings, hats, and booties made by Polly Adams and Christmas stockings stuffed with toys for the children with cosmetic bags filled for the mothers. Another St. Catherine's project is the Fall and Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. This year Guild members, led by Judy Henderson, promoted the UTO and helped collect \$1,114.79 at the Church services in the spring and \$900 in the fall. The moneys collected go out in grants throughout the United States and the world. At each meeting our Guild members give for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, which is donated to the Church Women United in April of each year. CWU makes financial distributions to organizations such as the Women's Center, Operation Hope, Serene Harbor, Daily Bread, Salvation Army, New Beginnings and The Master's Workshop. This year our St. Catherine's Guild gave \$150.00 to the CWU. All women of the church are invited to share with us as we learn and grow together in fellowship and caring. Contact: Janet Autio 321-266-0266.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD (Barbara Dillery)

St. Margaret's Guild was formed by Fr. Alex Boyer over 60 years ago. Fr. Boyer encouraged the members to care for each other, serve Holy Trinity and support the community. Those same rich traditions still hold true today. Our goal last year was to expand our group and enlarge our vision while maintaining our valued traditions. God has blessed us with many new members in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and we have more than met our goal! With the influx of new members we are focusing on forming new friendships while maintaining the old. We have been having monthly themed luncheons which have been a lot of fun. St. Margaret's Guild is stress free! We are revitalized and we are renewed! We offer a wonderful opportunity to meet some awesome ladies! We generally meet on the third Thursday of the month at 11 am in either the Parish Hall or Lewis Hall. All ladies of their church and their friends are invited to attend. Please come and join us! Contact: Barbara Dillery: 321-676-2062.

Hospitality

COFFEE HOUR (Janeen Merrill)

The social hour, held in the Parish Hall between the 9:00 and 11:15am services on Sundays, offers an opportunity for general fellowship and light refreshments. It is hosted by 10 different ministries and groups from our church, including Daughters of the King, Family Choir, Health Ministry, HT Academy Families, Home Bible Fellowship, Newcomer Ministry, St. Cuthbert's, St. Theresa's, Vestry and Youth Group.

KITCHEN MANAGER'S REPORT (Daniel Farr)

In August of 2016 we began a major remodel of our Parish Hall kitchen under the direction of Dinah Beverley, Rich Franck and many others who served on the Kitchen Committee. The project was completed at the end of January 2017 and our grand opening came on February 28th for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the Holy Trinity youth. Despite some minor technical difficulties, we had a record number of attendees and the youth came through expertly! We kept the kitchen busy through the spring with our Lenten soup suppers which averaged 30 or so people each week. The youth once again got hands-on in the kitchen making Resurrection Rolls for Easter Sunday. The new warming box made keeping the rolls warm and moving them out to enjoy in the Cub Cafe after the service a breeze! Throughout the rest of the spring and summer the kitchen was used by St. Joanna's Guild for funerals, Vacation Bible School for snacks and a cooking workshop, and we hosted a training to teach folks how to use the new equipment in the kitchen.

We really put the new space to the test, however, when we launched Whole Church Family Night (WCFN) on August 16th. We fed roughly 130 people beef bourguignon, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert for our first dinner. The design and layout of the kitchen has really paid off and has provided us the perfect amount of space to prepare food for 80-100 people, on average, every week without a problem. We have a great team of volunteers helping with set-up and clean-up and thank you to Cindy McCrackin for making wonderful desserts each week. As with any new project there are some things to fine tune, but over time and with communication we are figuring it all out. I think that the kitchen remodel has been a great success and will provide a wonderful hospitality space for years to come. I look forward to year two and all the ways we will put this space to use for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Farr, Kitchen Manager

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY (Betty Shanks)

The Newcomer Ministry welcomed over 100 individuals during the year. A dedicated group of volunteers make a personal welcome visit, delivering information regarding Holy Trinity along with a jar of Florida Jelly. Welcome dinners are held twice a year and the annual Newcomers Appreciation Weekend will be held on February 24 & 25, 2018. The ministry hosts the coffee/social hour after the 9:00 service every other month, inviting the newcomers to participate in bringing food. A huge "Thank You" to all who volunteer to make Holy Trinity a truly warm and friendly church to all who enter its doors.

Music Ministry

MUSIC REPORT (Eloise Evans)

In 2017, Family Choir and the Bell Choir continued to meet regularly and add new members. After an event-filled Epiphany, Lent and Easter, we enjoyed eating Chef Daniel Farr's delicious meals together as part of Whole Church Family Night in the fall. Our annual Christmas party was held for the 24th time at the beautiful home of Sandy and Rich Hillyer on December 8. Many current and former Family Choir members came out to sing for the five, eight and eleven o'clock Christmas Eve services.

The Family Choir, directed by Eloise Evans and accompanied by Organist David Vogeding, rehearses in the music room every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 PM. The youth, bells, flute, cello and percussion have joined us several times this year for multi-generational, instrumentally enhanced anthems. The Choir leads congregational worship and sings anthems at the 9:00 AM Rite II service and at other special times. We enthusiastically encourage new members and the return of former members: many voices make beautiful worship! The Bell Choir, the Trinity Ringers, is also actively seeking new members. The bell choir rehearses every Wednesday in Pearson Hall from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and plays once or twice a month at 9:00 AM and at special services.

CW Sorrows continues as the worship leader at the 11:15 AM Rite I service leading the Chancel Singers. The Singers hold a brief practice session between 10:45 and 11:00 AM on Sundays in the church. CW plays guitar and sings the offertory solos. He continues to play most of the 11:15 AM service with his guitar-midi technology. Barbara Bayley continues to faithfully play at the 7:30 AM service.

Thank you to all the talented musicians who serve in these groups or provide special music on a regular basis!

SATURDAY PRAISE TEAM: “ACCIDENTAL GRACE” (Justin Clermont)

Accomplishments:

- We have learned new songs (around 15)
- Grown tighter as a band
- Adapted to a new leader and way of doing things
- Added songs that are old hymns with a new twist

Goals for 2018:

- Grow the team with new musicians
- Adding reliable drummers, guitarists, and/or keyboardists
- Try to get young musicians involved to earn community service hours
- Adding a sound person (every week)
- Learning new songs and implementing them often

TREASURE KIDS CHOIR (Justin Clermont)

Accomplishments:

- The children have adapted well to new leader
- Have done 5 great performances
- Sang variety of songs

Goals for 2018:

- Grow the choir
- Sing more difficult literature
- Add body motions and percussion instruments
- Sing without director conducting

Pastoral Care & Healing

EVERYONE’S COUNSELING CENTER (Sharon Jones, Ph.D.)

It has been another exciting year for Everyone’s Counseling Center here at Holy Trinity. With two therapists in the office, Cynthia Koppler and Sharon Jones, we were able to offer services to more people with extended hours. Both therapists presented together for the Women’s Retreat for Holy Trinity Church during March of this year. In addition, Cynthia, who has an extensive background in grief therapy, presented a grief group at the Church for those recently bereaved.

This office continues to be involved in the development of Critical Incident Stress Management services for Indian River County emergency services. There is continued consultation with Melbourne Police Department as well as other first responder services throughout Brevard County. Support includes ride alongside especially with new officers and peer support for all personnel.

The WORSHIPPING IN SAFETY program, initially presented here at Holy Trinity, was presented to both Delaney Street Baptist Church in Orlando and to Resurrection Episcopal Church in Longwood last year. It has been adopted by the Diocese and will be presented a minimum of two times in different deaneries.

Referrals continue to be received through local physicians, attorneys, clergy, insurance companies and EAP services. The most meaningful referrals come from within Holy Trinity and the Episcopal community.

On March 1, 2017, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of your counseling center at Holy Trinity and now, as throughout those years, we ask your prayers that we may continue to provide needed services to the parish and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jones, Ph.D. LMHC, NCC

FLOWER OUTREACH MINISTRY (Maureen Hamilton/Betty Shanks)

Flowers from the altar are rearranged into smaller containers on Monday mornings. Another team of approximately 50 volunteers have delivered over 500 arrangements to parishioners and friends who have birthdays, anniversaries, are home bound, or hospital patients and “just because”. This is a “pay it forward” ministry and if you would like to be a part of the team, please call Maureen Hamilton (723-2132) or Betty Shanks (728-2703).

HEALTH MINISTRY (Carolyn Wilt, RN)

Our Health Ministry Team continues to be active in our commitment to provide sources of wellness for our church community. Here are a few of the activities we brought to our church family in 2017. Monthly blood pressures screenings: The first Saturday and Sunday of the month we are at the tables in the Narthex ready to read your blood pressure and provide lifestyle information to attain normal readings. Hatha Yoga postures happen Monday night led by Peggy Snead. Free weekly exercise programs using an exercise video bring flexibility and balance into our bodies. These activities will continue in 2018 as scheduled.

The new church website has provided a space for the health ministry to feature monthly health topics, and news and events. Each month a different health topic has been discussed. The team made available two outstanding Sunday morning forums: In May Dr. Kartsonis spoke on colon health, and in October an excerpt from the documentary "Alive Inside" was introduced, and a discussion of dementia and hope followed.

December 4 marked the second service for the Blue Christmas. This is a service of healing the heart that is hurting, especially during the holidays.

As the Faith Community Nurse, I visit, listen, support, teach and pray with parishioners on an individual basis with the utmost confidentiality. Our team members visit at assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers and individual homes, providing prayer and encouragement to the home-bound.

The health team is open to church members having a heart and willingness to work with the goal of wholeness in body, mind, and spirit of all God's children. We meet the third Thursday of the month in Lewis Hall at 6:00pm. We welcome your input and suggestions.

HEALTH LENDING CLOSET

Connected to the Health Ministry is the Health Lending Closet that makes available personal hygiene supplies and medical equipment. We have wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical products available, not only to our church members but also the community. The way this works: if you have a clean workable piece of medical equipment and want to give it away, let us know. It becomes part of the "stock" and when we hear of a need it is passed on to that person free of any charge. Phone 723-5272 for more information.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Deacon Stacey Westphal)

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV'S) bring communion from the Sunday Service of worship to those who are incapable, due to infirmity, of attending the regular service in church. A Eucharistic Visitor represents the church to those they visit by being living reminders that the sick and infirm are integral parts of the community, which is the Body of Christ.

"We who are many are one as we share one bread and one cup," is the constant reminder that what takes place when we eat the bread and drink the wine of communion something more than bread and wine enters our bodies. In some mysterious way, the Holy Spirit moves through the elements and nourishes our souls, making us one with God and each other.

Every year there are more parishioners that are no longer able to attend church, but still want a continued connection with Holy Trinity. We have added several new licensed ministers this year. Each homebound parishioner that is visited is included in the Prayers of the People the week that they are visited. Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors also go to the hospital to bring communion to admitted parishioners on Sundays after church.

LEVs: Vern Lester, Carolyn Wilt, Dolores Faughnan, Sherry and Jack Ryals, Linda Edwards, Dinah Beverley, Mary Jo Chisler, Barbara Clarke, Dawn Shanks, Nina Keck, Sandra Bryan

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Nimble Needles (Beverly Lewis)

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Lewis Hall from 10:00am - noon. We begin with a prayer: for our hands, our minds, and our conversation while together as a group.

This year we began knitting prayer squares and prayer pockets for those "on the go" or conversely for anyone less mobile as a reminder he or she is remembered and prayed for. They are available in the drawer of the table behind the prayer desk for altar prayers.

We are a group of like-minded women (though we would welcome men) who knit or crochet to join us in fellowship and some serious hands on for the Lord. Our name is *The Nimble Needles*. Each prayer shawl and prayer square is delivered with a printed prayer. All are available in the church office.

You are invited to join us, or if you prefer to knit and crochet at home, we welcome your handiwork to be blessed by our priests. Our hope is to comfort others with the knowledge that they are prayed for, appreciated, loved, and wrapped in the everlasting arms of God.

Service

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (Dinah Beverley)

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. This year we have continued to pray for our clergy and congregation as well as Bible study. We were blessed this year to have had two quiet days, one in Lent and one in Advent, in the home of one of our members. We included members from several other DOK groups to join us. Our service projects have been dedicated to helping our community nurse as needed. Our ministry also made the contact calls to parish shut in list for the Christmas Caroling Project and helped set up the pot luck dinner that followed. Several of our members are busy crocheting barrier mats for the homeless made out of plastic bags and knitting hats for the cold night shelter. I encourage all women of the church to consider being empowered to profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and join us at our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00am in Lewis Hall.

HOLY TRINITY THRIFT SHOP (Kathleen Walker)

We are all aware that the Thrift Shop has been through many challenges and changes over the past year. I am pleased to tell you that I feel secure in my commitment to increase sales, encourage customers to return and assure that our volunteer list grows. When I became the new manager on August 21st my biggest challenge – well, one of them, was when hurricane Irma arrived just weeks after my appointment. I am proud to say that in the wake of the storm, even with no a/c for two weeks (it was 98 degrees) we only lost a few days of business. The storm hit on Sunday and we opened the store the following Wednesday. Business was slow and volunteers were busy with their post hurricane chores but we muddled through. Fortunately, our loyal volunteers came through and we were able to function. It's been an uphill climb getting the shop back on track but I believe we are winning the battle. I am seeing a steady increase in sales as well as a camaraderie among the volunteers. One issue not yet resolved is a lack of volunteers. We have our trusted regulars and a handful of subs who have come to the rescue many, many times. I am so grateful for their help – they are the shop! We do need more volunteers to step up so that we don't burn out our loyal and dependable worker bees who devote so much time. In summation, I am extremely pleased with the progress we've made and I am joyfully and prayerfully looking forward to a fantastic – fun filled – financially sound 2018.

I do want to thank all of our volunteers who have helped me – I couldn't do it without you. God bless you.

Respectively submitted, Kathleen Walker

ST. JOANNA'S GUILD (Church Office)

At Holy Trinity, when a family has lost a loved one, the family has the support of St. Joanna's Guild in the form of a reception at the church following the funeral. The members of St. Joanna's Guild host the reception, prepare and serve the food, as well as set up and clean up before and after the reception. This ministry serves our parish families when they are most vulnerable and in need. Currently, the St. Joanna's Guild has 55 members who are divided into four different teams. In 2017, these wonderful teams took turns hosting 16 receptions. More teams and team members, women and men, are needed. Please call the church office (723-5272) if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Worship

9:00AM GREETERS (Evelyn Corry)

I'd like to express a big thank you to all volunteers of the Lord, and I want you to know how much you are appreciated. Keep up the good work! Cathryn Thornton has agreed to take over this ministry in 2018. Love you all, Evelyn.

ACOLYTE MINISTRY (Chris Arter, Vern Lester)

Our Acolyte Ministry continues to amaze!!! We have over 20 youth in our ministry. Their ages range from college age to newly trained 4th graders, included in these numbers are three Master Acolytes. We celebrated this past summer with a pool party and will continue to be thankful for having this ministry. We feel absolutely blessed to see these children so involved at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

LEMS AND LECTORS *(Janet Gray)*

A Licensed Eucharistic Minister (LEM) is a lay person licensed by the Bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist. Here at Holy Trinity, the LEM is the chalice bearer at the service and serves the wine during Communion. Our LEMs are: Polly Adams, Chris Arter, Kevin Bartczak, Dinah Beverley, Frank Crawley, KC Crawley, Julie Derrick, Dolores Faughnan, Jim Fletcher, Rich Franck, Heather Goodwin, Janet Gray, George Henderson, Carla Hughes, Vern Lester, Ann Lorelle, Lee Ann Meehan, Jackie Menzel, Marv Meyers, Charles Pierce, Chuck Pierce, Margot Reed, Geri Riley, Fred Ruddle, Jeannette Russell, Steve Russell, Dawn Shanks, Stephanie Rubin, Melissa Euziere, Mary B Stallard and Susan Welch.

A Lector is a lay person trained in reading scripture who is appointed by the clergy person in charge of the congregation to read Lessons, Psalms or lead the Prayers of the People during a service. Lectors have a critical role in the celebration of the Liturgy as they proclaim the Word of God. The ministry of the Lector calls for a person to grow in a warm and loving knowledge of Scripture, the living word of God. There is no license required for this lay ministry. There are 49 active Lectors: Polly Adams, Kevin Bartczak, Tim Brown, Cathy DeMeyer, Julie Derrick, Connie Dow, Sandra Drummond, Aidan Farr, Dolores Faughnan, Jim Fletcher, Pat Franck, Rich Franck, Heather Goodwin, Gary Grant, Janet Gray, Sandy Hillyer, George Henderson, Sue Hills, Carla Hughes, Harrison Jachec, Randy Jacobson, Mark Kirschner, Nora Kirschner, Mitch Kreher, Sharon Lester, Vern Lester, Ann Lorelle, Marcia Macy, Susan Mann, Jenifer Marx, Lee Ann Meehan, Jackie Menzel, Bridget Morton, Jack Morton, Marv Meyers, Amanda Peters, Grace Peters, Charles Pierce, Chuck Pierce, Margot Reed, Geri Riley, Tommy Rogers, Fred Ruddle, Jack Ryals, Dawn Shanks, Peggy Snead, CW Sorrows, Mary B Stallard, and Gill Streatfield.

We are grateful to Barbara Clarke, Babs Ervin, and Philip Nunez, for their past participation in these ministries in addition to the many parishioners who assist with the readings for The Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday and Lessons and Carols during Advent.

A special remembrance to Hooper Adams and Nancy Trezza who have passed through this life to celebrate an eternal life with Jesus. We remember their dedication to sharing the word of our Lord. "Through their own sacrifice of time, effort, and preparation, God's living Word continues to be proclaimed to all of his people. May the Lord be in their hearts and on their lips that they may worthily proclaim His Holy Word."

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR GUILD *(Judy Henderson)*

Altar Guild members faithfully prepare the altar and care for the linens, silver, gold, brass, glass and wood used in the sacraments at each worship service. The majority of our work is "behind the scenes." We are the "Guardians of the Sacred Spaces and Sacred Elements." We have the privilege of handling holy things as we clean and maintain the elements and sacred space. The Flower Guild, Linen Guild, and Wedding Guild are all parts of the Altar Guild, and each has its own responsibility. Even though we had some challenges during 2017, with many funerals, last-minute changes to schedules and locations (moving from the Chapel to the Church at the last minute, etc), and transforming the Church from Advent to Christmas in a couple of hours, the Altar Guild always stepped up to the occasion and got the job done. Thankfully, we have added some new members to the Altar Guild, and the new and older members are always figuring out better ways to accomplish our tasks. We are always looking for new members; if you would like to volunteer for the Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, the Linen Sewing Guild, or the Wedding Guild, please contact Judy Henderson at 321-327-3175 or the church office.

The Flower Guild prepares the Altar flowers each Sunday (except during Advent and Lent, when no flowers are on the Altar). Christmas and Easter are especially busy for the Flower Guild, as they decorate the church, chapel, and the gym (for the Easter services in the gym). Some volunteers help with Christmas and Easter flowers, even if they can't help weekly. Besides the weekly Altar Flower arrangers, we have a group of members called the "Re-Arrangers"; these members arrange the Altar Flowers into smaller arrangements that are delivered to the sick and shut-ins, as well as birthday and anniversary celebrants. As you may know, the Flower Guild was blessed in 2017 with a remodeling of the flower room including a new commercial-grade floral refrigerator that helps keep the flowers fresh and more counter space for flower arranging.

The Linen Sewing Guild hand sews and embroiders the many linen cloths we use each week. This includes the fair linens used on the Altars.

The Wedding Guild helps keep weddings stress-free and on schedule – weddings are a happy occasion and a terrific opportunity to show people what a wonderful church we have to offer the community.

Sadly, we lost two of our Altar Guild members this year with the death of Mary Anny Jury and Nancy Trezza. They will be missed.

USHERS (7:30 & 9:00am) *(Vince Angleton)*

We have two dozen dedicated women and men who serve as ushers for the two early Sunday morning services. If anyone would like to join the usher ministry, please contact the church office or Vince Angleton at 723-9203.

Outreach & Missions *(The Rev. Stephen Easterday)*

Outreach efforts were strong at Holy Trinity in 2017. Thank you to all who worked so hard on Outreach in 2017, especially to those who were involved in hands-on activities such as: volunteering at Daily Bread; organizing special collections for UTO and the Least Coin; making Christmas stockings for Devereux and prayer shawls; and giving personal belongings such as blankets, food and toiletries. I am sure that I am leaving out many acts of kindness, but these actions listed are enough to illustrate the great heart of Holy Trinity in Outreach. I extend a special thank you to our Deacon, The Rev. Stacey Westphal, who through her prayers and leadership constantly keep before our parish "the needs, concerns and hopes of the world."

Monetary Donations	Amount	From/Comments
Community of Hope	\$1,200	
United Thank Offering	\$1,567	St. Catherine's, Congregation
Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$104	St. Catherine's, St. Margaret's, Church Women United
Good Friday Offering	\$486	
Tract Ministry	\$2,607	
Holy Trinity Academy scholarships	\$2,000	
Men's / Women's Retreat scholarships	\$270	
Camp Wingmann scholarships	\$2,450	
Yarn for Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$400	
Promise in Brevard	\$250	Parents' Night Out
Eagle Scout Project	\$637	
Rectors' Discretionary Fund	\$3,559	
Assistant Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$541	
Camp Wingmann	\$32,872	HTEC Foundation
Pack Away Hunger (Lesotho, Africa)	\$100	
Carey O'Neil Mission Trip	\$385	
Christmas Families	\$1,000	
Devereux	\$1,578	
Excellerate	\$1,739	
St. John the Divine Hurricane Relief (Houston)	\$385	
Hurricane Relief (Local)	\$500	
Total	\$54,630	

In-kind Donations

- Yarn donations for Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Knitted stockings, hats, and booties for *Genesis House*
- Personal Care Items for the Lighthouse "BIN" for the *Sharing Center*
- Knitted hats for *His Place* cold-night shelter
- Approximately 100 blankets for *His Place* cold-night shelter
- Food and clothes for *Daily Bread*
- 2 Elizabeth Street houses for *Community of Hope*
- Christmas gifts for *Gifts from the Heart Christmas Shop*
- Fruit baskets for *Genesis Houses* (St. Catherine's)
- For *Devereux*: 146 Christmas stockings made, gift cards and in-kind donations totaling around \$4,000
- Use of parish property rent-free for the classrooms, offices, and athletic facilities of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy Lower School (valued by HTEA audit at \$256,000 per year)

BRING IN NECESSITIES (BIN PROGRAM) – SOUTH BREVARD SHARING CENTER

(Dean Wesenberg & Linda Edwards)

We know there are so many things to look at in the Narthex, but notice the Lighthouse to the right as you walk in the west door from the parking lot. This is where we can continue to donate new and unopened basic hygiene supplies; shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, and deodorant to name a few. The South Brevard Sharing Center distributes these to the needy along with so many other services they provide. We thank our parish family for helping in this much needed program.

BUENA VIDA MINISTRIES (Deacon Stacey Westphal)

We hold monthly Deacon led communion services. A Lenten series was also held, and well attended.

DAILY BREAD (Rich Franck)

Daily Bread is a non-profit agency in Melbourne whose mission is to provide dignity and quality of life for the hungry and needy who are less fortunate than most of us, insuring that everyone who wants it has access to the food and services they need to become self-sufficient. They provide their clients with a balanced and excellently prepared hot meal 365 days a year. For many years, Holy Trinity has been fielding a 9-11 person team once a quarter on the fifth Saturday of the month to serve the meal, a very humbling experience. This was an unusual year for Daily Bread service. Last year we reported that we always had exactly the number of volunteers we needed each time we served. This year, for the first time, we had two firsts. In July, we only had three people available to serve. Daily Bread was able to augment us with Community Service persons, so serving went off without a hitch. On December 31, we actually had to turn people away, we had so many responses to a plea for more volunteers. But that's the way Holy Trinity parishioners are. They always step up when asked, and we couldn't be more proud of or more thankful for our great Daily Bread serving team.

DEVEREUX MINISTRIES (Mike & Becky Crews)

For 11 years HTEC has supported Devereux at Christmas time. This year we had eight people make the 146 stockings. Our church members continue to provide the toiletries, candy, chips, crackers, crayons, coloring books, pencils and gift cards totaling around \$4,000. We thank everyone for their support in making another great Christmas for the children at Devereux.

FOSTER TEEN PROGRAM AT HOLY TRINITY (Lisa Soloway)

As you may know, we were planning to implement a program for teens aging out of foster care in January 2018. We ran into a roadblock which has led us to create Holy Trinity's very own foster teen program to launch in August 2018. When one door closes, God opens another!

Thanks to a dynamic team of our Holy Trinity members and a few from the community, our Leadership Advisory Board met in November and December of 2017. We selected our Board members, marketing committee and program development committee. Another exciting announcement is that Deacon Stacey Westphal has accepted the position of Co-Director to work with Lisa Soloway to lead, implement and oversee our foster teen program. We are also busy creating our name and program with the plan to share developments as they occur in our newsletter and bulletin announcements.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL ACADEMY (Academy Staff)

Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, a school founded and sustained in the Episcopal tradition, offers an academically challenging environment that reflects the joy and peace of Christian values. The Lower School serves students in Preschool through 6th grade at 50 West Strawbridge Avenue. The Upper School serves students in 7th through 12th grade at 5625 Holy Trinity Drive.

The 2017-2018 Operating Budget is \$14,590,057. Of the school's 868 students, 18 percent received need-based financial assistance with more than \$1,200,000 awarded this school year.

Students were offered 29 Advanced Placement courses with 92 percent of students taking one or more AP courses. In addition to academic excellence, students excel in athletics and the arts. Between 2013 and 2017, fourteen percent of graduates went on to play collegiate athletics.

As well as fostering academic success, Holy Trinity strives to develop responsible, caring, compassionate and connected young people. This success comes through the school's daily chapel services, character education and meaningful outreach in our local community and beyond. The Class of 2017 completed more than 17,763 hours of volunteer service during their time at Holy Trinity.

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Since its founding in 1957, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy has grown to become the premier independent school in Brevard County – building a tradition of high academic and spiritual programs that focus on developing the whole child. The school has established an environment that encourages every child to reach his or her highest potential.

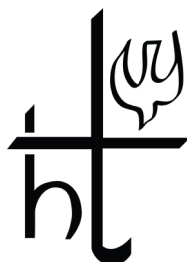
For additional information, please view the Class of 2017 school profile: <http://www.htacademy.org/page/college-and-beyond/college-placement>

LITTLE RED WAGON (*Dean Wesenberg & Linda Edwards*)

This year Dean and I have been given the opportunity to collect the non-perishable foods that our parishioners donate to the “Little Red Wagon” in the Narthex. And each week we are astonished with the abundance of donations. We take the food donations to a distribution center and from there it goes in several different directions; directly to the needy, Daily Bread kitchen and re-donated to other agencies in our county. Thanks be to God for your generosity in helping to feed the hungry.

TRINITY TOWERS MINISTRIES (*The Rev. Meghan Farr, Deacon Stacey Westphal*)

- **For The Rev. Meghan Farr's** ministries at the Trinity Towers complex, please see her report on page 6.
- **Vespers** - Deacon Stacey Westphal regularly leads this Wednesday evening interdenominational worship service which incorporates hymns, prayers and inspirational teaching.
- **Health Care** - Our Faith Community Nurse and our Deacon monitor and minister to the health and spiritual concerns of our Holy Trinity residents.



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