

SUMMER 2020

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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HT Parishioners Provide PPE!

Since the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic across the United States, several Holy Trinity parishioners have worked to provide PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for medical staff, first responders, your clergy and many others both here in Brevard and across the country.



It began with Dinah Beverly sewing face masks for the clergy and parishioners of Holy Trinity. Her masks also went to medical

personnel in New York with her daughter Heather, a Nurse Practitioner who traveled to work in NYC area hospitals. Dinah’s masks were also donated to Devereaux in Viera.

Megan and Dave Paauwe got creative with 3-D printing to provide PPE across Brevard. Face masks worn over long periods of time can cause sores on the backs of ears. Cloth headbands with buttons are a great alternative. Face mask elastics can be looped over the buttons instead of the ears. Megan ordered the headbands and Dave 3-D printed buttons. Megan and daughter Amy, along with parishioners Joanna and Adalynn Jacobson, Michaella Allen, KC and Amy Crawley and vestry member Susie Kilgallin all helped sew on the buttons. The headbands were donated to Lisa Crum and Enie Clermont (both nurses here in the parish) and the rest went to the Medical/Nursing Staff at Viera Hospital where Megan works.

In addition, Dave made 600 face shields at home. He 3D printed the visor pieces and got donations of plastic sheets from many different people including Megan’s parents, Fred and Susie Kilgallin. They bought some of the plastic sheets from Office Depot. Dave hole punched all of the plastic sheets and would assemble about half from each batch. He also worked with Harris to procure another 100 face shields that were already made. He donated the face shields along with 500 3D printed ear savers to Enie Clermont, Lisa Crum, Viera Hospital, Brevard Homeless Coalition, Devereaux, Brevard Health Alliance, Brevard County Fire Rescue, Melbourne Fire Department, Palm Bay Fire Department, and three different nursing homes in New Smyrna Beach.

Way to go Holy Trinity!

THE HOLY TRINITY FAMILY: FLEXIBLE AND FAITHFUL

Four months ago, COVID-19 entered our world and turned things upside down. Through it all, the Holy Trinity Family has followed our theme verse for the year: “Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus forever.” Ephesians 3:20-21

When we chose that verse for 2020, we had no idea all the ways in which we would all need God’s power! God really is working through all of us at Holy Trinity in ways far greater than we could have ever asked or imagined!

You will notice that this is the first print edition newsletter that we have produced since February. Starting in March, life changed so quickly there was no time to put anything in print. We immediately upgraded our email address lists and began sending informational emails to the church family at least once a week.

In mid-March, not long after we had our grand celebration for the revitalization of the historic chapel, we had to close our worship services to in-person participation. The first service we live streamed was a Wednesday evening prayer service. KC Crawley brought an iPhone and set it up on a tripod. There were four of us in the building. We worshipped the Lord that evening and asked for divine guidance. Dozens joined us live on Facebook.

By the following weekend, we had both an iPhone on a tripod and a video camera on another tripod. Thank you to Randy Evans and Frank Dawson. One device live streamed to Facebook while the other live streamed to YouTube. Every week after that until about the end of June, something new was added to improve our ability to live stream our services in a professional way. We are still learning and growing in this new ministry. A proposal for two more cameras and a few new microphones is nearly ready so that we can take the next step in improving our system. We are so grateful to Frank Dawson and Frank Crawley for their technical expertise in putting together a custom designed video production system for our church. Thank you also to Abby and Sam Nunez and Kevin Arter who are part of the tech team running the live streams. And a special thanks to our musicians who have gone above and beyond in leading worship online. Live streaming of the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am services will continue into the future.

As a small team of people gathered in the church to create live streamed worship services, the parking lot was a busy place. We quickly put together a plan for Drive Thru Communion. Starting in mid-March, Deacon Stacey and Deacon Christine along with Mike and Becky Crews have been hosting the Drive Thru, come rain or shine or scorching heat. We plan to continue Drive Thru Communion until everyone feels safe coming back into the church for worship. It is a sweet time of visiting, praying and sharing the sacrament. Attendance at the Drive Thru has ranged from 75 to 192 on a Sunday morning.

And a special thanks to the Holy Trinity Altar Guild. We are so grateful for their flexibility and their creativity. They immediately began preparing pre-intincted wafers. They carefully place a small amount of wine on each wafer in the shape of a cross. They let them dry and then package each wafer in its own zippered bag.

As we prepared for re-opening the church, we ordered a large supply of masks, hand sanitizer, and special sanitizing wipes for cleaning the church. We roped off every other pew and removed all the books and cushions. We resumed in-person worship to celebrate Pentecost the weekend of May 31 - June 1. Attendance inside the church remains small at all the services. We are doing everything we can to make worship safe, sanitized, and spirit-filled.

Now in July we are saying “good-bye” to Rev. Meghan as she and her family prepare to move to Wisconsin where she has been called to serve four churches in the north woods. We are so very grateful for her ministry at Holy Trinity for these past five years. We will all cherish so many great memories of the times we’ve shared.

And by next week your Co-Rectors will be away on sabbatical. It will be a time for both an inward journey and an outward journey. Our goal for this sabbatical time is to keep our hearts and minds open to Jesus so that we center on Christ and experience God’s presence. We anticipate that we will be refreshed, find peace and have stories of God’s love to share when we return at the end of October.

While we are away, the Holy Trinity Family will be well-cared for by the “sabbatical rector” Fr. Dave Newhart. He will be in the office Monday-Thursday each week and will preach and preside at the Sunday services. Fr. Bob Bruckart will preach and preside at the Saturday 5pm service. Deacon Stacey and Deacon Christine will be here to lead classes on Zoom, offer pastoral care, and assist in worship.

God continues to bless this church family in the midst of this pandemic! Thanks be to God for His continued faithfulness! And we thank you for remaining faithful and flexible throughout this time. Thank you for continuing to pray. Your prayers matter! Thank you for your generosity! Thank you for embracing new ways to worship. And thank you for keeping your sense of humor.

God has brought us all this far, and the Bible gives us good reason to believe that God will continue to walk with us each day into the future. We look forward to seeing you all again as we celebrate All Saints Day in worship on October 31 and November 1.

May God protect you and fill you with His peace!

Rev. Pam and Fr. Steve

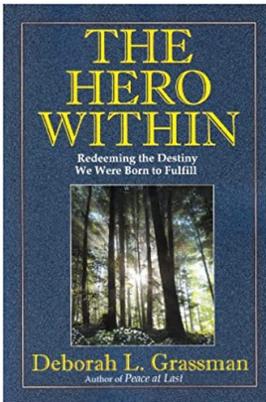
Meet Deacon Christine Croskey!



Born in Bryn Mawr PA and baptized in the Episcopal Church, Christine grew up on the Jersey coast and became a Board Certified Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) in 1974. She joined the USAF in 1985 lived in Germany for 6 years and was stationed at Patrick AFB from 1992-1995. She retired from the USAF in 2005 and moved back to Indian Harbour Beach in 2005. She retired from anesthesia in

2016. Her son, Aaron is an active duty Marine who has blessed Christine with two grandchildren; and her daughter, Rebecca is an ICU nurse who just married this Feb. Christine was Ordained in 2016 by Bishop Brewer and has served in several churches in the area. An avid nature lover, her favorite hobby is SCUBA diving. Christine married Brian Nemeth in 2005 and gained four more children and eight more grandchildren.

New Zoom Book Study!



Deacon Christine will be offering a ZOOM book study on Soul Injury, beginning in August, based on the book, *The Hero Within*, by Deborah Grassman.

“Learning how to grow in wisdom and love better.” Deborah Grassman’s book helps you access your “hero within” using a three step process of abiding, reckoning, and beholding. Soul Injury occurs

to all of us. We need to learn how to re-home scattered pieces of self that were traumatically or insidiously disconnected. Learn how to face a Soul Injury, redeem yourself, and experience Post Traumatic Growth.

For a definition of Soul Injury and more information, visit opuspace.org.

We are also planning additional offerings in August, so keep your eyes open.

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Bible Verse for 2020: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21

Our Mission:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

Our Vision: Every member in ministry.

CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer	Bishop
The Rev. Stephen Easterday	Co-Rector
The Rev. Pamela Easterday	Co-Rector
The Rev. Meghan Farr	Assist. Rector for Pastoral Care
The Rev. William G. Lewis	Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Stacey Westphal	Deacon
The Rev. Christine Croskey	Deacon

STAFF

Barbara Bayley	7:30am Organist
Dinah Beverley	Kitchen Supervisor
Aaron Cain	Children's Ministry Assistant
Amy Cain	Substitute Secretary
Keith Cain	Financial Administrator
Justin Clermont	Worship Leader, TKC Choir Dir.
KC Crawley	Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Eloise Evans	Family Choir Director
Benjamin Kubwimana	Youth Ministry Assistant
Sharon Lester, Cheryl Stephens	Parish Secretaries
Patti Loyd	Connections Coordinator
Dale Pierce	Facilities Manager
David Vogeding	9:00 & 11:15am Organist
Kathy Walker	Thrift Shop Manager
Stacey Westphal	Faith Community Nurse

HOLY TRINITY VESTRY

- Mike Crews '21: Sr. Warden
- Milt Miller '22: Junior Warden
- Frank Christopian '22: Clerk
- Kevin Bartczak: Treasurer
- Gail Pearson: Assistant Treasurer
- Kevin Arter '21
- Ted Peters '21
- Marilyn Scott '21
- Jeanne Hakkila-Wills '22
- Scott Morgan '22
- Art Dubois '23
- Heather Goodwin '23
- Susie Kilgallin '23
- Pete Soloway '23

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday:	7:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)
	9:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
	11:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)
Saturday:	5:00pm	Holy Eucharist, Contemporary (Church)

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

Saturday, 5:00pm & Sunday, 9:00am on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page. Visit holytrinitymelbourne.org for the links.

CHILDREN & YOUTH News

From KC Crawley, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

As the Coronavirus brought many ministries to a halt we quickly shifted our Children's and Youth Ministries to virtual platforms, mostly through Zoom. Since the end of March, we have offered Sunday School via Zoom and our Youth Group has continued to meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. It seemed very important to continue connection with our children and youth through these outlets during this time of quick change and so much uncertainty. Zoom cannot replace a hug or high five, but it has enabled our students to see and talk to each other and grow their faith as we learn new ways of being together. Children's Zoom Sunday School is on break for the month of July, so stay tuned for upcoming info regarding Sunday School in August. Zoom Youth Group continues on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The meeting typically includes a virtual game and short Bible lesson. For the safety of our students, information on how to get connected is private and you can learn more by contacting KC Crawley, kccrawley@holytrinitymelbourne.org. We would love to have new students join us!

Virtual Bible School

Vacation Bible School brings members and the community together each summer with 80 - 100 participants each year. As it became clear we could not safely gather in person, we hosted Zoom conversation with parents that led to the launch of our Virtual Bible School program this summer. We launched in faith, not knowing how much participation we would have. The response has been excellent given the non-traditional method, with a total enrollment of almost 50% of our usual participation. This ministry has involved many volunteers who have served in front of and behind the screen. We distributed VBS materials to participating families, one from VA and others elsewhere in Florida, as well as our own parish families. We welcome prayers from the parish for the rest of July as we continue to spread God's word virtually through storytelling, music, cooking, crafting and science! Much thanks to all who have helped make this a great success: Frank Dawson, Tech Director; Rev. Pam and Fr. Steve, Bible storytelling; Justin Clermont, Music; Harry and Joey Jachec, science and cooking; Candace Harris, crafts; Cindy Pegion, cooking; Gabrielle Knoblock, Recreation; Kate Crawley, Grace Peters, and Joanna Jacobson, materials delivery; Aaron Cain, packet assembly and Children's Ministry Assistant.

Girls Bible Study

Prior to the pandemic there had been frequent student rumblings about a desire for a girl's Bible study. With more free time on our hands than usual, quarantine made this possible! A small group of girls (always willing to add more!) has been gathering weekly on Monday's at 2:30 pm to discuss a study we are reading through the YouVersion Bible App. To join this group, email kccrawley@holytrinitymelbourne.org for details about getting connected.

Altar Flowers

If you wish to place memorial flowers on the altar, please fill out this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or you can place it in the offering plate. Note: there are no Altar flowers during Advent and Lent. Suggested donation: \$50. Questions? Contact Bonnie Register at 725-4711.

Given by: _____ Phone: _____ For Sunday, _____

(Circle one) In memory of: In thanksgiving for: In celebration of:





Welcome Fr. Dave Newhart!

Grace and peace in our Lord Jesus to the family of Holy Trinity. For the next three months I will have the joy of joining you in worship while Fr. Steve and Rev. Pam are on a well needed Sabbatical and refreshing time in our Lord Jesus. I am honored that they and your Vestry have called and entrusted me to shepherd you along with Fr. Bob these next few months.

The question that many of you may be asking is “Who is Fr. Dave?” You might ask “Do you have a favorite Bible verse?” The answer is yes: Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NRS)

On a personal note, here is brief introduction. I was raised as an Air Force dependent, served five years in the Air Force, graduated from Arizona State University, spent 16 years in the corporate world, and was ordained 40 years later after I told God when I was 9 years old I wanted to be a minister for Him. I have been married to Tillie for 22 years and we have a blended family of 7 children and 10 grandchildren. I recently retired after serving 13 wonderful years at St Elizabeth’s in Sebastian.

Another question... “Why retire?” To which I would reply, I do not think you ever retire from ministry; you serve in a new ministry that God has called you. I continue to serve on the Diocesan Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and the Disciplinary Board. I also sit on the Board of Directors for Veterans Council of Indian River County. And now I am blessed to be serving with you.

I truly thank God for the privilege of being at Holy Trinity and look forward to being with you the next three months of ministry doing worship services, pastoral care, and Bible studies and praying for your needs as well as Fr. Steve and Rev. Pam as God graciously refreshes them.

Blessings in our Lord Jesus,
Fr. Dave

EXERCISE & HEALTH – DID JESUS DO IT?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR HEALTH?



Back in the day when Jesus walked here on earth most people walked from three to ten miles daily. When Jesus was four or five years old, he walked from Egypt to Nazareth more than four hundred miles. Many of his missions took him from the Galilee region to Jerusalem, a 120 mile journey. Much of the data agrees that he walked an average of ten to twenty miles a day, and in his lifetime (remember he was only 33 years old when he died) the distance around the earth. Exercise doesn’t mean you need to walk ten or twenty miles a day, but by walking just 30 minutes a day is known to have significant health benefits. You can start off slow, begin with five minutes of walking, and increase your time as time goes by.

Fresh air and sunshine is a main source of Vitamin D, which helps prevent the development of osteoporosis, cancer (use sun screen) and depression. Walking has been known to do produced those brain chemicals serotonin and dopamine that elevate your mood. Walking also decreases your health risks for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke and of course weight gain. There are so many more benefits that walking and being outdoors brings. It has been known to give you more energy, resilient to physical illness and better sleep at night.

It’s always a good idea to get up, get out and take regular mental and physical breaks. So, go for a walk, work in the yard or read a book outside. You’ll be keeping your social distance, but you won’t be isolating yourself. If running into someone while walking and you want to chat just remember you can, maintaining social distancing.

American Heart Association News. *Amid coronavirus crisis, exercise caution when exercising outdoors.* April 3, 2020.

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**THRIFT
SHOP**

THRIFT SHOP NEWS! What a wonderful gift God gave us with our new shop. Then, bam! Coronavirus! We were bringing in \$10,000 per month. Fantastic! The pandemic forced us to close on March 18th. A few of our loyal volunteers have been coming in to sort through donations and I am so thankful for them. However, due to the increasing number of cases in our country I have asked Rev. Pam for permission to shut down and stop taking donations. The health and safety of our staff is my major priority and she agreed. Questions? Contact shop manager, Kathy Walker (321-727-2797).

The CARES Act

To help alleviate the economic devastation caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Congress has enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Buried among its many provisions is one in particular that may provide a substantial incentive for taxpayers to accelerate large charitable donations into the 2020 tax year.

No Annual Limit on 2020 Charitable Deduction by Itemizers

Under the existing tax law, taxpayers who itemize their deductions may deduct charitable contributions up to only 60% of their adjusted gross income (AGI). Any contributions over this amount must be deducted in future years. For example, if your AGI is \$200,000 you may deduct no more \$120,000 in charitable contributions; so if you contribute \$150,000, the extra \$30,000 must be deducted the next year.

For 2020 only, the CARES Act allows itemizers to deduct contributions up to 100% of their AGI. Thus, for example, if your AGI is \$200,000, you may deduct \$200,000 in charitable contributions and wipe out your income tax liability entirely. Taxpayers might want to consider accelerating pledges earmarked for future years in order to take advantage of this tax break.

\$300 “Above the Line” Deduction for Non Itemizers

Also included in the CARES Act, but of lesser importance, is a brand new universal deduction for charitable contributions.

Taxpayers who don’t itemize may now deduct up to \$300 per year in charitable contributions. Such deductions must be:

- in cash (no property like old clothing), and
- given to a 501(c)(3) charity

Since this is a universal “above-the-line” deduction, taxpayers don’t have to file Schedule A (itemize) to claim it. Instead, taxpayers list it as an adjustment to income on Schedule 1 of Form 1040 and then deduct it from their gross income (along with all other adjustments to income) on the first page of their Form 1040.

For a link to the CARES Act bill itself, please email Holy Trinity Financial Administrator, Keith Cain (kcain@trinitymelbourne.org. (The link is too long to list here! 😊) For questions, call Keith at 321-723-5272.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Due to Covid-19, the creation of the new photo directory was unfortunately delayed! The good news is, all materials have been submitted to the company that will be producing and printing the directory, and we should have an estimated delivery date soon. Thank you all for your patience!



HOLY TRINITY'S 2021 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE!

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Mark your calendars for Stewardship Celebration Sunday:

October 31/November 1

Camp Wingmann Update

As you probably have heard, due to Covid-19 all of Camp Wingmann's summer camps were canceled out of concern for the health and safety of the campers. This was very unfortunate, yet understandable news.



Following is a statement from our former Youth Director, and current Camp Wingmann Summer Camp Director, Josuah "JJ" Joseph regarding camp tuition refunds:

"As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of our community members to meet our mission and to serve our local community, as we have been doing throughout the pandemic by coordinating with the Department of Children and Families to assist families hit hard by COVID-19 and providing continuing employment for staff and contractors. Canceling summer camp will have a dramatic impact on our operating budget, and we hope you will consider converting all or a portion of your tuition into a charitable gift. Please call or email our office about your deposit and tuition refunds. (email: admin@campwingmann.org phone: 863-453-4800)"

Would you like to help?

If you'd like to make a charitable gift to Camp Wingmann to help them get over this "Covid hump", you may do so on their website at www.campwingmann.org (click the blue "Giving" button at the top of the site).



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Five Amazing Years!

As I reflect back on the almost five years spent at Holy Trinity, I'm filled with so many wonderful memories too numerous to count. From annual picnics, to VBS, Christmas caroling, trivia, Daniel as St. Nicholas, Bible studies, dinners and more—what an incredible blessing it has been to serve here! Thank you for welcoming me into the church and your lives. You all have embraced not only me but Daniel, Aidan, Declan, and Cavan with so much warmth, friendship, and love. Leaving is never easy but we go with a treasure-trove of blessings and memories. It has been a joy to share with you in the work of God's kingdom.

God bless you all!

Love,
Reverend Meghan+, Daniel, Aidan, Declan and Cavan Farr

