

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 12/7/25 Jennifer Fischer, Margo Kiepert, Jackie Possel 12/1/25 the family of Marie Bingaman, Tee Callan, 11/16/25 Chuck Witzke, 11/10/25 Rosemarie Conklin, Dagny Scheelk



Our friends and relatives: Week of: 11/30/25 Andrew Wolf, Nat. Guard survivor in DC, the family of Sarah Beckstrom, WV National Guard member, Gura Mandy McDonald, Yvonne & Greg Cambray, John Schwerdtfeger, Joe & Brenda Sproul 11/16/25 Barbara 'Babs' Frische, the homeless, the unemployed, those suffering from food insecurities, Vito Kusmin 11/10/25 The Wagner Family, Steve Champ

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Joanne Donaldson, Darlene Foster, Mary Lou Burke, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins Kline, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Bill Lotito, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Sharon Faulkner, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola

Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Tender Hearts, Ministry of Blue Butterfly Hospice, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders and their families.



BE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY
SECOND OF EVERY DAY THAT
YOU GET TO SPEND WITH THE
PEOPLE YOU LOVE. LIFE IS SO
VERY PRECIOUS.



December 14, 2025

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

Large Print Service Slide Binders—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a binder for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the binder, then return it at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – To connect to the sound system, please download the AUDIOFETCH app, (see barcode) and connect to the **audiofetchexpress** wifi on your cellphone. Refer all questions to Phil Deel.



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SUNDAY STAR

Volunteers

TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Dave and Fran Kern **BULLETINS:** _____

READER: Margaret Rose

Acolyte : Luke Glabe

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Harriette DiStefano, Jack Hrivnak, Pam Hrivnak, Jo Duhn

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Tom Mount **BULLETINS:** Sally Simpson

READER: Janice Hanus

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, Tom Mount

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Rob White, Lorrie Kobliska, Richard Schnur, Mr. or Mrs Wiedewitsch

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Ruth Ann Wicks Late: Joyce Holdrich

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Mr. Prancer

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT WEEK ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold, black** print.

BIBLE READING: Luke 1:26-56

10:45 HYMNS - OPENING: ELW 242 SERMON: ELW 723 SENDING: ELW 244

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

President –Theda Bunker, Vice-President-Phil Deel,

Secretary-Jeanne Gaston, Treasurer-Shawn Hernandez.

At large: Beau Beaudine, Mike Felt, Richard Schnur, Jan Schroeder, Lisa Mohr, Mandy Knollenberg

In-person Attendance

Dec. 7, 2025— 295 Last year 2024— 335

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Dec 15

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Dec 16

10:00a—Bible Study

1:00p—Finance Committee

1:00p—Dorcas Circle Bible Study

Wednesday—Dec 17

9:00a—Food Pantry

Council Meeting

6:30p—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Dec 18

9:00a—Quilters

9:00a—Men's Breakfast

11:00a—Joyful Ringes

5:30p— Trinity's Praise

Friday—Dec 19

Office Closed

Saturday – Dec 20

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Sunday - Dec 21

9:00a—Celebration Service

9:15a—Let's Talk

9:45 Sunday School

10:45a—Traditional Service



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 14 Chris & Jan Lippitt 34 yrs!
Dec 18 Greg & Lorrie Kobliska 7 yrs!



Today's altar flowers are
presented by
Pat Isom
In honor of her mother

Charline McGurk

Today's communion wine is presented by

Hal and Joyce Jandola

In honor of the 11th birthday
of their granddaughter'

Piper



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec 14— Jenny Versnik
Dec 15— Karen Newkirk
Dec 17— Mike Hintz
 Anthony Morgani
Dec 18— Cheryl Dawes
 Gwen Wild
Dec 19— Bob Luther
 Nancy Dummer
Dec 20— Jennifer Fischer
 Patricia Griffin



Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD: Actual vs needed
(000s)

NOV Actual \$516.8

 Needed \$540.6

Over/(Under) (\$ 33.8)



ACTUAL NET YTD:

NOV 25 (\$23.2)

NOV 24 \$20.5

Diff: (\$42.7)

15 year Mortgage

on 1/1/25 \$213.3

on 10/31/25 \$ 83.9

Reduction \$129.4

**If your spouse is upset
with you, go buy
yourself a horse. They
were already upset but
now you have the horse**



OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU DURING THIS SEASON OF ADVENT

HELEN DAVIS—23033 Westchester Blvd #F516—Port Charlotte, FL 33954

GERT BUSH— 1510 Oriole Court—Punta Gorda, FL 33950

MARY LEA HARDY—2500 Aaron St—Port Charlotte, FL 33948

MARY LOU BURKE—18110 Sullivan Ave.—Port Charlotte, FL 33954

ROD MOLZAHN—PO Box 380543, Murdoch, FL 33938

JUNE PELO—20338 Emerald Ave.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952

DOUG KNOELLER—4207 Wampee Dr., North Port, FL 34286

HELEN HIGGINS KLINE—1293 Arrow St.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952

JACKIE RECTOR—The Gallery—1322 N. Main St. # 2015—North Port, FL 34286

JANICE HOFF—1427 Maile St.—North Port, FL 34288

MARCY RYAN—The Gallery—1322 N. Main St, #302—North Port, FL 34286

BIRGITH LARSON—2285 Aaron St.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952



Pastors' Christmas Gift

With Christmas coming quickly, you are probably thinking about giving a token of appreciation to our wonderful Pastors. If you would care to do so, we will be giving them a gift in the form of a check from the entire Congregation. We need to have this donation **no later than Dec. 14th**. Please use the yellow

pew envelopes and mark it

"Pastors Gift."



DECEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON

hosted by Barbara Schnur (502-432-0204), will be on

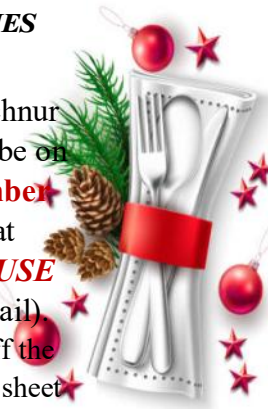
Wednesday, December

17th at 12 noon at

CODY'S ROADHOUSE

(1441 S Tamiami Trail).

We will be ordering off the regular menu. Signup sheet in the narthex.



Sunday School Family—"Jammie" Birthday Party Breakfast for

JESUS' BIRTHDAY!

You can even invite your grandparents to come!—bring the whole family!!



TODAY AT 10:00 am

Wear 'Jammies' to church (and your parents too!)

Christmas Eve Worship — December 24th

4:00pm - Family Service ~ Music by Trinity's Praise

7:00pm - Candlelight Service - Traditional Worship

****SUNDAY, DEC. 28— 10am —One Christmas Worship****

Blood Pressure Check will be today between services. Please stop by!



Classroom E—9:15am

Tuesdays @ 10:00

Join our **BIBLE STUDY**



December

Food Pantry



For December our food pantry is collecting **PEANUT BUTTER** and **JELLY!** Thank you!

Thursday, 12/18/25 @ 9:00 @ IHOP



"HOLY CHOW!"

Holy Chow dinner groups are soon to be formed again. What wonderful fun has emerged from these gatherings. All is geared as an informal way to have a meal in your own home with other church members. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate! In fact, your group of 6-8 can be as creative or simple as they choose in the 3-4 times that they meet. Sign up is easy. **Complete the sign up card** (at Ministry Center in the narthex) **or email your name and contact info to the church office** (office@htlchurch.org).

The goal could be to start our dinner "assignments" by early January 2026.



THINGS NOBODY
SAID IN THE
1970'S.

I'll start:
"I lost my phone"

Miss Me But Let Me Go

By Christina Rossetti

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

WE ARE ALL A LITTLE BROKEN.
BUT LAST TIME I CHECKED...
BROKEN CRAYONS STILL COLOR.



Grandpa
WISE WORDS

'Tis the season'

Just a reminder, please beware of 'phishing' scams. 'Tis the season for phishing using clergy 'accounts'. Neither pastor will send anything by email asking for help with **something requiring DISCRETION**. Make sure that any message is from an email address or number you already have. You're always welcome, and we encourage it, to double check that it was either Pastor Andrea or Pastor Ken. Let us all have a safe and blessed Christmas season!

1. Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
2. A yellow jacket is faster than a John Deer tractor.
3. Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
4. The best sermons are lived, not preached.



Poinsettia order Forms
For Christmas Eve
ARE DUE TODAY!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The 2026 Offering Envelopes on a table in the narthex. **They are in order according to envelope number.** If you don't know your number, there is an alphabetical list available to check with the numbers. **NOTE:** If you have a 300 number, your number has changed for next year. Check for your new number.

PLEASE be sure to check your number against the envelope label.

Notify the office if there is an error. If your envelopes are not there **OR** if you want envelopes, please write your name on the paper.

