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Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 7, 2025 at the 10 am service, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. All students and teachers/instructors are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing for the school year.

Our talented Neda has designed backpack tags, which will also be blessed and given to students of all ages. Parishioners can pick them up and send them to their family members who are students.

On Sunday, September 15, after the 10 am service, Maria+ will also bless the two benches in the wisteria arbour.



Eva Rea Millennium Fund Student Bursary

One day, a young woman came into the office and asked to be let into the sanctuary. About to enter, she asked, "How do I pray?" Later, she spoke for a while with Maria+. In a moment of need, when her heart was prompting her in an unfamiliar direction, this young woman came to the only church she knew of, which was Holy Trinity, Thornhill — because she was a past recipient of an ERMF student bursary. The ERMF Committee is pleased to announce the awards for 2025: Gabriel Aigbede, Luke Baskin, Achebe Culpepper, Mariana Garcia, Michaela Gillespie, Samantha Gillespie, Dzsesszka Ramna Hrenko, Hayden Johnson, Brandon Moncrieffe, Rachael Moncrieffe, Robert Muranaka, Alejandro Olivares, Lola Rimmer, Rozhin Ansari, Léandra Culpepper.

Congratulations, students, and may the school year ahead bring abundant blessings.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Revenue and Expense Statement for 6 months ended June 30, 2025

Revenues	Actual	Budget	2024 Actual
<i>Envelopes Receipts</i>	103,105	107,000	99,887
<i>Open Receipts</i>	16,018	9,800	21,789
<i>Property</i>	32,480	30,750	31,265
<i>Housing Income (Rectory Fund)</i>	28,321	27,000	26,947
<i>Mission & Ministries</i>	13,719	6,000	12,288
<i>Bequests</i>	0	0	0
<i>Other</i>	40,522	40,200	38,633
Total Revenues	234,165	220,750	230,809
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>	33,153	26,891	24,471
<i>Building</i>	47,144	38,413	40,717
<i>Diocesan Allotment</i>	37,823	37,823	31,868
<i>Programs</i>	11,067	14,300	8,041
<i>Staff</i>	116,067	133,002	98,283
Total Expenses	245,255	250,430	203,380
Excess Revenues over Expense	-11,090	-29,680	27,429



FROM THE DIOCESE

Season Offers Fall Workshops

The Season of Spiritual Renewal fall workshops are now open for registration. Some are offered during the day and some in the evening. Take time to explore both the single- and multi-session workshops and courses and share this information with your congregation.

- The multi-session courses all require participants to order a book/workbook before the start date, so encourage anyone interested in Christian Foundations, Everyday Witness or The Love of Learning & the Desire for God to register in August. Registration for these multi-session courses will close Sept. 9.
- Other workshops include Preaching Evangelistically (two sessions, John Bowen), Especially for Lectors (Judy Paulsen), Hospitality and the Spiritual Life of a Church (Janet Marshall) and A New & Ancient Evangelism (Judy Paulsen).

Visit the [Season of Spiritual Renewal Workshops page](#) for more details.



JOY Ministry Bulletin 2

This is a mid-summer update from the Joy Ministry team. Our work on the parish list is completed, for the moment; please remember to keep the office informed of any changes to your contact information. The parish telephone contacting is in progress. The first phase is near completion and the wider calling will start within the month. As we noted in Bulletin #1, this is just an outreach for a friendly conversation.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about two very important activities that are part of our responsibility - the Card & Prayer Shawl Ministries. Many of you will be familiar with them and may have even assisted with them from time to time but there have been some changes or modifications.

Card Ministry: "Get well soon" cards are sent when someone is sick, in the hospital or undergoing some extended treatment. Sympathy cards are sent when there has been a death in the HTC family or of a close friend. Seasonal cards are sent to a broader group of parish members (especially the sick or shut-ins) at Christmas and Easter. To request a card, please let Rev'd Maria and/or the office know and please make sure to include the address and all relevant details. Angella Smith and Linda Robertson are the leads for this ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: This is the continuation of a long-standing activity at HTC. This work provides an opportunity to contribute by knitting a shawl (wool and directions provided) as well as suggesting possible recipients. The prayer shawls are for any parishioner, their family or friends. They



ON VACATION

AUGUST 15 to 22 your office administrator Laura will be on vacation. Churchwardens will be checking phone and email messages so please communicate in Laura's absence through these channels. And, of course, Maria+ is available for pastoral matters.

are for both happy and sad events. Any request outside of that would be considered on an individual basis. Shawls and wool are available at the church. Sue Hogeboom is organizing this work now so please contact her or Rev'd Maria or Laura to arrange for a shawl for someone or for the wool to start knitting. We will ask for information on the proposed recipient for tracking purposes.

Our next bulletin, in the Fall, will hopefully contain information on upcoming activities. In the meantime, if you have ideas or want to help, let us know.

Blessings,
Marilyn, Eleanor, Ruth, Osaro, Miranda,
Thumeka & Nancy

*Joy is the feeling of grinning on the
inside.*

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