

December 2016 - Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30a.m. Breakfast & Sunday School 11:00a.m. Worship	7p.m. Boy Scouts	6p.m. Cub Scouts	5:30p.m. KOW 6:15p.m. Wed Night Supper 7p.m. Adult Study 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7p.m. SMASH	11:00a.m. Bible Study		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Festival of Lessons and Carols 6p.m. Committee Night 8p.m. Men's Concert	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	10a.m.-8p.m. Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Debbie Hart Cooking Team	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry	MOPS	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Noisy Offering 4:30p.m. Session 6p.m. Officer Workshop	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	Dutch Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon 10a.m.-8p.m. Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Hoover-Radabaugh Cooking Team Children's Christmas Program	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry	MOPS 6:30p.m. Ladies Dance Class	Hart's Open House
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Joy Offering Christmas Caroling	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	6p.m. Officer Workshop 10a.m.-8p.m. Salvation Army Bell Ringing	NO WNS	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry		Christmas Eve Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Office Closed Food Pantry Closed		NO WNS	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry		



Trinity News



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Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by...
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by...
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

*As Stewards, we will honor God by...
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



LESSONS and CAROLS

Once again Trinity's Chancel Choir and Trinity Lay Readers will treat us to our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 4, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.** This worship experience is based on the

traditional service at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. It is drawn from ancient and modern sources. The lessons tell the story of salvation from both Old and New Testaments. Anthems sung by the choir and carols sung by the congregation will punctuate the story. All are encouraged to participate in this holiday tradition.



It's Time To Ring The Bells

The time is here for us to help the Salvation Army. Trinity is signed up to ring the bell at the Colonial Mall on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. thru December 20. The sign-up sheets are posted on the office windows.

Please help us fill these one-hour slots as soon as possible! There are still 12 slots open : 4 on Dec. 8; 4 on Dec. 13; and 4 on Dec. 20.

Campus Ministry Sunday

Offering collected during Campus Ministry Sunday on November 20, 2016, amounted to \$379.00. This will help with expenses of the monthly luncheons provided to students at The Center @ VSU by the Dutch Lunch Bunch. Thank to all who made contributions.

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree

As is our custom, we are again "adopting" the families at the Pines Family Center to provide Christmas presents for the children and a gift card for the mothers. Please visit the display at church and pick up one or more "angels" with the names and ages of the children. Preliminary deadline for returning gifts will be **December 18**, and we still have 16 angels needing to be taken. For more information please contact Cathy Hoover. a limit of \$35 is suggested.

Officer Workshops

The newly elected elders who will serve on the Session beginning in January will participate in officer workshops on Sunday, **December 11**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and then again on Tuesday evening, **December 13**, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Please pray for these church members as they accept and prepare for the important duties to which they have been called by God and the congregation.

Session Committee Night

The Committees of the Session will meet this coming Sunday evening, **December 4** at 6:00 p.m. If you are not on a Session Committee, please come sit in on a committee meeting to check it out and find your niche in ministry! (Elders will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a Called Meeting and then to prepare the agenda for committees.)

Stewardship Season 2016

As of this date, 71 pledge cards have been submitted for a total of \$ 181,169.00
Many thanks to all who responded to the appeal. We are hopeful a number of other pledge cards will be turned in to help us fully fund our budget plans for 2017.

Greening of the Church

Our thanks to all who assisted with decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Special thanks to the Worship Committee and Denise Dupras for coordinating the effort.



KOW Christmas Program is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 14**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. You don't want to miss it!



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.



Members & Regular Participants

Marvin Bruch
Jansom Butts
Courtney & Josh Geidel
Brian Greene
Barbara Sanders
Don Vollenweider
Janet Wright

Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)
Jean Bruder (Kathy Roe)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Sharon Coleman (Mili Collins)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Sherrard Ashley (Leonard Mittelstadt)
June Denney (Richard Hart)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)

Relatives

Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Tim Bruch, *son of Margaret Bruch*
Steve & Twila Capps, *cousins of Lynn Kilgard*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Jerry Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Beth Anne Ellzey, *cousin of Anghaarad Dees*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*

Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)
Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)
Marcia Kay Humphrey (David Armond)

Jeff Gore, *son of Jane Gore*
Diane Haines, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Melanie Jones, *niece of Jackie Wright*
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*

Ernst Klaus (Kathy Roe)
Mollie Knowles (Catherine Loveday)
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)
Madison Lay (Chris Roan)
Teri Leinbach (Kim Dudley)
Anna Lepedz (Catherine Loveday)
Alex & Lydia Mai (Alexa Singer)
Hank & Tana Majeski (Kelly Wicks)

Terry Paynter, *relative of the Radabaughs*
Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*
Bonnie Schmidt, *mother of Lisa Pearce*

Rick McCall (Brian Greene)
David Moorer (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)

John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*
Gina Trulock, *sister-in-law of Chris Roan*

Ashton Morgan (Catherine Loveday)
Jenna Oldt (Margaret Bruch)
Richard Olphie (Billy Ryan)
Marilyn Onan (Janet Wright)

J. J. Warrington, *cousin of Bill Stonestreet*
Davi Watkins, *sister of Barbara Aiken*
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)
Doug Pool (Suzanne Lee)

Friends (contact person)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Melvin Benjamin (Chance Bickers)

Les Preston (Matthew Hart)
Rachael Prodanovic (Janet Wright)
Minnie Quartey (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)

Julie Seccord (David Johnson)
Amy Slaven, Leah & Ava (Melissa Mittelstadt)

Nancy Vernon (Chris Roan)
Robby Walker (David Armond)
Nick Whilse (Kathy Roe)

Dale Willingham (Lyle McGhin)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)

Phyllis Woody (Kathy Roe)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 4 December 2016 Second Sunday of Advent

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
New Testament: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Christmas Cards For the Morgans

When addressing your Christmas cards this year, don't forget to send greetings to Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan and their children, Laura and Stewart. Their addresses are:

Drs. Les & Cindy Morgan
HC 33 Box 53A
Pettigrew, AR 72752

Laura & Chris Trosen & Lewis
6674 Odell Ave. South
Denmark Township, MN 55033

Stewart & RoShunna Lea-Morgan
141 N Galt Ave Apt. 2
Louisville, KY 40206

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Sherry Stranahan
Marcie Swank

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries

Victims of hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters

Refugees fleeing oppression and countries that are offering those refugees shelter and aid. Victims of terrorism within our borders, and around the world.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to
Melissa Johnson and family,
on the death of her aunt,
Louann Nelson.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 7, 2016**
5:30 p.m. – KOW for Children or Music with Makinsey Rosser
5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study led by Pastor Hart
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Debbie Hart's cooking team. The menu will include ham and mac-n-cheese. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

The charge for the meal will be as follows:
\$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$12.00 Maximum per family.
Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.

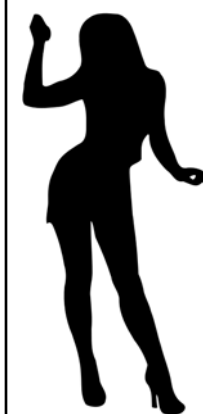
A Message from the Finance Committee of Flint River Presbytery

Many retirement accounts (IRA's etc.) require that you take a "minimum distribution" each year after you turn 70½. However, if you don't need the extra income, we hope you might consider a charitable donation to your church or to Flint River Presbytery, since there are many mission projects of our Presbytery that are in need of an extra financial boost. The deduction for your charitable contribution offsets the additional income taxes you would otherwise pay.

A Message From Your Finance Committee

As the end of the year approaches, please note well: For contributions to be credited in the 2016 tax year, they **must be received by Thursday, December 29, 2016**. These monies must be deposited in the Church's account prior to the last day of the year to be claimed as a 2016 donation. Year end contributions over and above one's pledge benefit the church and provide an additional tax benefit to the donor. Please consider your church if you are considering additional charitable contributions this year.

Ladies Night Dance Class



Come Join Us on **December 16th** at 6:30 p.m. for our First Ladies Night Dance Class. Whether you are an experienced dancer or just love dancing to the beat of the music, this class is for you because its all about dance, fellowship, and fun. The class will fuse several dance genres including: Modern, Jazz, Hip-Hop, and African. Class will be \$10 per person. See you on the dance floor! If you have any questions please email or call Andrea R. Gourdine at 5678letsdancestudios@gmail.com or 404 245 9560.

Dutch Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon

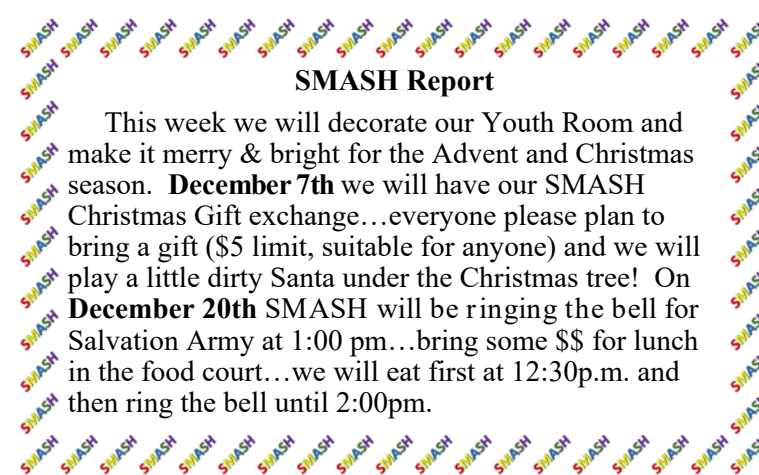
The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather for their annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, **December 13, 2016**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be provided so there is no need to bring any food to share. Reservations, however, are needed to prepare adequately. Please sign up at Trinity or call the church office to make a reservation.

Welcome to New Members!

The Session received Leonard Mittelstadt into membership along with Mickeala, daughter of Leonard and Melissa Mittelstadt, on Sunday, November 20, 2016, by reaffirmation of faith. They moved here from Michigan in the summer and are members of the Wright-Dupras-Gittins family. Leonard works two jobs with Valdosta City Schools and Lowes. Mickeala is a fourth grader who was confirmed in the Community of Christ Church in Michigan. Among his hobbies, Leonard lists collecting military memorabilia and going to tractor shows, while Mickeala says she enjoys singing and crafts. A warm Trinity welcome to the Mittelstadts.

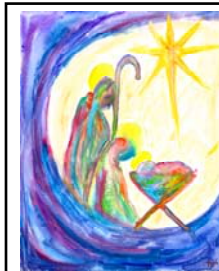
The Session received Sean and Melissa Johnson into membership on Sunday, November 27, 2016, by reaffirmation of faith. They have two children, Brody, age 8, and Josie, age 7. Sean works for AT&T Wireless and Melissa is a teacher of blind and deaf children through the public schools. Also last Sunday, Sean and Melissa presented Brody and Josie for Christian baptism during worship. It was a special occasion for our church family and for the Johnsons and their extended family members who were in attendance. We are pleased to welcome the Johnsons into our congregation.

SMASH Report



This week we will decorate our Youth Room and make it merry & bright for the Advent and Christmas season. **December 7th** we will have our SMASH Christmas Gift exchange...everyone please plan to bring a gift (\$5 limit, suitable for anyone) and we will play a little dirty Santa under the Christmas tree! On **December 20th** SMASH will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army at 1:00 pm...bring some \$\$ for lunch in the food court...we will eat first at 12:30p.m. and then ring the bell until 2:00pm.

Auction to Support the Youth Trip Fund



The original painting that graced the cover of this year's Advent Devotional booklet will be auctioned off to the highest bidder to help support the Youth Trip fund. The auction will be begin **Wednesday, November 30th** and all bids must be placed no later than 6:00pm on **Wednesday, December 4th**. There will be a bid sheet next to the painting for you to place your bid on and the opening bid will be \$20.00. Help support the youth and have an original piece of art to decorate your home or give as a gift.