

*January Birthdays*

Bob Wakefield	3-Jan
Keiosha McCrae	7-Jan
Faith Cockren	8-Jan
Mae Baker	8-Jan
Logann Pearce	10-Jan
Glennie Wicks	11-Jan
James Ferrier	11-Jan
Dottie Davis	22-Jan
John-Alan Gourdine	23-Jan
Shupora McCrae	24-Jan
Tod Butenschon	24-Jan
David Roe	27-Jan
Jane Gore	29-Jan
Errol Crossman	29-Jan
Leta Cone	31-Jan

**Poinsettias**

Trinity Youth and Children are providing an opportunity for interested individuals or families to beautify the church and honor or remember a loved one with the purchase of a Christmas poinsettia plant. Poinsettias will be available for \$14.00 per plant and can be purchased in honor of a loved one, in memory of a loved one, or for the glory of God. Poinsettias will be displayed in the church atrium through Christmas Eve and can be picked up 12/24 or 12/25. Sunday bulletins will contain a list of those who purchased poinsettias with the names of those being honored or remembered. Proceeds from the sale of poinsettias will be used by the youth and children to offset costs of the Montreat Youth Conference, Camp Dogwood Acres and other trips throughout the year. All orders and money must be received by Friday, December 16, 2016.



**Save the Date for Christmas Caroling**

Again this year we are planning an evening out of Christmas Caroling to the homes of several church member families. Plan to attend and bring a joyful noise to our friends. The date is **Sunday, December 18, 2016**. We will meet at Trinity at 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Joy Offering**

Annually Presbyterian churches throughout our denomination receive the Christmas Joy Offering. These special donations are used by the Board of Pensions to assist retired church workers and their families, along with providing emergency assistance to church workers who need extra help. In addition, the donations will also be used to support the racial-ethnic colleges and schools of our denomination providing needed scholarship assistance to minority students. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering at Trinity on **Sunday, December 18, 2016**.

**Congratulations College Graduates**

We are overjoyed to celebrate the college graduation this month of Miranda Cross from Wiregrass Technical College with a Certificate in Cosmetic Aesthetics, and Lorrie Wicks from Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. We congratulate them and their families on this milestone achievement. Lorrie's commencement ceremony is **December 10, at 5:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of Valdosta State University. Miranda's commencement ceremony is **December 16, at 10:00 a.m.** in the John Hunt Auditorium, UGA Conference Center, Tifton, Georgia.

**YOUTH YARD SALE**

The yard sale is back AND we need your stuff! The Yard Sale which benefits our youth & children summer trips is scheduled for February 4, 2017. We can start accepting items here at the church on December 26th! Please bring your items and place them in the Noah's Ark room. And if you are willing to volunteer to help with the sale let Pastor Anghaarad know!

**Journaling in Color & Christmas Cookies**

Tuesday, **December 20th** we will gather in the Fellowship classroom at 6:00pm for a little journaling and some yummy cookies & cider. If you've never joined us before but are curious please come and get creative in this Advent season.



# Trinity News



**6 December 2016**

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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.*

**Stated Session Meeting**

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Hart, or Pastor Dees, or Bryan Wright, if you cannot attend.

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

**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.

**Stewardship Season 2016**

As of this date, 74 pledge cards have been submitted for a total of \$ 205,668.60

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.

**Noisy Offering**

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message this Sunday, **December 11**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry. \$333.36 was collected last two months for the Trinity Food Pantry ministry. 211 individuals received food from the pantry during the month of November. Thank You!



 **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 4 slots open : 2 on Dec. 13; and 2 on Dec. 20.

**Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree**

Thank you to all who have taken "angels" to assist with Christmas for the Pines Family Center folks. Two additional families have moved in so we have 11 more angels to be taken. Please consider helping with these additions if you have not already, or if you are willing to take on extras. 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. For more information please contact Cathy Hoover or Marcie Swank. A limit of \$30 is suggested.

**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.

## 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

**Mae Baker**  
**Marvin Bruch**  
Jansom Butts  
Courtney & Josh Geidel  
Barbara Sanders  
**Brooke Webb**  
Janet Wright

Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)  
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)  
Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)  
Ernst Klaus (Kathy Roe)  
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)  
Madison Lay (Chris Roan)  
Alex & Lydia Mai (Alexa Singer)  
Hank & Tana Majeski (Kelly Wicks)  
Rick McCall (Brian Greene)  
David Moorer (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)  
Ashton Morgan (Catherine Loveday)  
Richard Olphie (Billy Ryan)  
Marilyn Onan (Janet Wright)  
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)  
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)  
Doug Pool (Suzanne Lee)  
Les Preston (Matthew Hart)  
Rachael Prodanovic (Janet Wright)  
Minnie Quartey (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)  
Julie Seccord (David Johnson)  
Amy Slaven, Leah & Ava (Melissa Mittelstadt)

### 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*

**Ruth Duss**, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*

Beth Anne Ellzey, *cousin of Anghaarad Dees*

Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*

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*

John Luketie, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*

Greg Majewski, *brother-in-law of Zane Dees*

Terry Paynter, *relative of the Radabaughs*

**Herb Reinhard II**, *father of Herb Reinhard III*

Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*  
Bonnie Schmidt, *mother of Lisa Pearce*

John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*

Gina Trulock, *sister-in-law of Chris Roan*

Davi Watkins, *sister of Barbara Aiken*

### Friends (contact person)

Les Bass (Zane Dees)  
Melvin Benjamin (Chance Bickers)  
Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)  
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)  
Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)  
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)

**Lizbeth Stevens** (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)  
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)

### Long Term Prayer List Members

Margaret Bruch

### Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*  
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*  
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*  
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*  
Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*  
J. W. Oorlog, *father of Linda Reinhard*  
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*  
Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*  
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*  
Mary Ellen Tyre, *aunt of Nita Cross*  
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

### Friends

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)  
Bobby Dugger (Richard Hart)  
Barbara Ehrhardt (Jane Gore)  
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)  
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)

### Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 11 December 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Psalter:** Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55

**New Testament:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

### Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Don Thieme and Hanae Kanno  
Erica  
Joy Trulock

### Our Military Personnel

#### Missionaries

Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan,  
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  
the family and friends of  
Mitch Tait,  
who died recently,  
*requested by Jane Gore,*

and to  
Shirlee Carroll and family  
on the death of her mother,  
Louise Sainz,  
*requested by Chris Roan.*

### Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 14, 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 Hoover/Radabaugh cooking team. The menu will include lasagna. 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.**

### 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

### You're Invited to the Harts'

Debbie and Richard Hart invite the congregation to their home for their Annual Christmas Open House on Saturday evening, **December 17, 2016** anytime from 5:00 til 8:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bring only yourselves, your appetite, and desire for a fun evening. No reservations required. The address is 4046 Liska Circle (off Skipper Bridge Road about 3.5 miles north of Trinity.)

### 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](mailto:5678letsdancestudios@gmail.com) or 404 245 9560.

### SMASH Report

This week we are going bowling after dinner and exchanging our Dirty Santa presents which should be fun! Next Wednesday we will watch the KOW Christmas Program after dinner. On Tuesday, December 20th we will ring the bell for Salvation Army at the Mall. Meet in the food court at 12:30pm and we will eat a quick lunch together before ringing the bell until 2:00pm. On Friday, December 16th we will be placing the poinsettias in the atrium and anyone who can come an assist at 4:00pm it would be greatly appreciated.

### 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 began **Wednesday, November 30th** and all bids must be placed no later than 6:00pm on **Wednesday, December 14th**. 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.

### 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 Our Newest New Member!

The Session received Mrs. Bernie Preyna into membership on Sunday, December 6, 2016, by reaffirmation of faith. Bernie is a registered nurse. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, and has been a faithful member of that denomination. Her stated desire to join Trinity included affirmation of the warm and welcoming nature of this congregation. She is the mother of Brian Preyna. She lives with him and his family, especially enjoying her grandsons and assisting with their growth and development. This is the Preyna's second "tour of duty" in Valdosta at Moody Air Force Base, and Bernie has decided this time to make her relationship with Trinity official as an active member. We welcome her with joy to this fellowship of God's people.