

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
1	Prep: Lorrie Wicks Bryan Wright Don Thieme Sherry Stranahan Margaret Bruch Kim Dudley Doug Maxwell Bryan Wright	Guy Oliver Roberta Boyd Charlie Oliver John Roan Ann Smith	TBA	Jeff Bickers Cathy Hoover Don Thieme	Bill Wicks	Christal Dudley	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Alexa Singer Bryan Singer Valerie Singer
8		Bill Wicks Nita Cross Benjamin Dudley Ebb Dudley David Roe Marcie Swank	TBA	Kim Dudley Mark Micklon	Bryan Wright	Connor Bickers	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
15		Eddie Webb Noelle Collins Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	TBA	Brooke Webb TBD	Herb Reinhard III	Emma Micklon	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
22		David Armond Noelle Collins Lisa Pearce Billy Ryan	TBA	Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Lee Bradley	Tyler Cross	Jean Snyder Sunday School Class
29		Mike Cross Ray Josey Doug Maxwell Kelly Wicks	TBA	Jeff Bickers Cathy Hoover Don Thieme	Lorrie Wicks	Andrew Preyna	Brooke Webb Eddie Webb Beth Reid



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.*

Christmas Joy Offering

Annually Presbyterian churches throughout our denomination receive the Christmas Joy Offering. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will raise up leaders from small places that are too often overlooked by supporting the historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. These schools were founded to educate emerging leaders from underrepresented groups so leadership in the church would better reflect the diversity of God's people. Half of the Christmas Joy Offering supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders. The other half of the Offering honors those leaders who serve and have served us well. Through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, current and retired church workers who experience need because of tragedy, health concerns, or financial hardship can receive assistance from the church they have served so well.

We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering at Trinity on **Sunday, December 18, 2016.**

Advent Christian Village Church Christmas Musical

Dowling Park, Florida, **Sunday, December 18, 2016,** 3:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend may sign up and carpool together. Meet at trinity at 1:00 p.m. Contact Linda Brown for more information.

Christmas Caroling 2016

Join the fun and bring Christmas cheer to others during our annual Christmas Caroling outing this Sunday, December 18, 2016. We will meet at Trinity at 5:00 p.m. and ride together on the church bus and van. In addition to visiting a few homes of church members, we will also go to Fellowship Home and Heritage House. Frank Kilgard has agreed to accompany the group on his violin. Bring the whole family and help us spread the joy of the season.

Christmas Day Worship at 11:00am

Please plan to join us for an informal service of Carols and the Christmas Story. Everyone will have a chance to be a part of our Instant Christmas Pageant either as a character in the story, a spectator or part of the heavenly choir. As everyone enters Christmas morning there will be parts to choose from as well as simple costumes as we share the beloved story from Luke's Gospel. Another part of the service will include your participation as well as you help us select what Christmas carols we will sing that day. There will be no Sunday school and no Chancel choir in the loft so bring your family and worship with us Christmas Day.

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.

Stewardship Season 2016

As of this date, 77 pledge cards have been submitted for a total of \$ 205,788.60

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.

Journaling in Color & Christmas Cookies

Tuesday, **December 20th** we will gather in the room next to the Youth Room 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.



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

Relatives

Eric Aiken, grandson of Barbara Aiken
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
Kim Radabaugh, sister-in-law of Bob Radabaugh
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
Laurie Teague, mother of Anghaarad Teague Dees
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)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)
Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)
London Herring (Richard Hart)
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)
Sean Richardson (Mary Beckett)
Julie Seccord (David Johnson)
Amy Slaven, Leah & Ava (Melissa Mittelstadt)
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)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 18 December 2016 Third Sunday of Advent
Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalter: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
New Testament: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week
Dick Uhlir
Don and Margie Vollenweider
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 Terry Paynter, who died recently, a relative of the Radabaughs.

No Wednesday Night Activities for December 21 or December 28.

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 p.m. until 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 or 404 245 9560.

Thursday Morning Bible Study
By request of the group that meets for study on Thursday mornings, we will begin a new study of a book by a former professor of evangelism and spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary, the late Dr. Ben Campbell Johnson. The title of the book is *Beyond 9/11, Christians & Muslims Together*. After a lifetime of dedicated Christian service teaching church growth and evangelism, Dr. Johnson began a new chapter of his life dedicated to interfaith dialog. His book chronicles the way he came to this new discipline and invites readers to know what Muslims should know about Christianity and what Christians should know about Islam. Join the group this Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom.

Poinsettias
All orders and money must be received by **Friday, December 16, 2016**. Poinsettias are \$14.00 per plant and can be purchased in honor or 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.

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree
Thank you to all who have taken "angels" to assist with Christmas for the Pines Family Center folks. Please return your gifts by **December 18**. For more information please contact Cathy Hoover or Marcie Swank. A limit of \$30 is suggested.

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!

SMASH Report
Don't forget that we are ringing the Salvation Army Bell on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00pm. We will meet in the food court at 12:30 p.m., eat lunch together and then ring the bell...wear festive clothing including Santa hats or Reindeer antlers. I will have extra jingle bells and maybe some kazoos to make the time more fun! If you are going to Faith in 3D in January the next payment of \$100 is due by January 4th...thanks so much!