



Trinity was blessed with a meaningful Christmas celebration, thanks in large part to our children and their leaders. Christmas Day was inspirational with our informal and impromptu Nativity with many folks taking part as the Christmas story was read and carols were sung.



Children's Choir singing *Break Every Chain*, under the leadership of Makinsey Rosser, during the Children's Message, the Third Sunday of Advent.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who rang the bell for the Salvation Army this year. We will receive a report soon from Capt. Thomas about the amount we collected on Tuesdays in December.



Kids On Wednesday went to see the movie *Sing*, followed by dinner at Mellow Mushroom.



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.*

Belhar Confession Banner Dedication

With the addition of another document to our PCUSA Book of Confessions, a new banner has been commissioned, designed, and constructed by our own Trinity members. The banner will be dedicated this Sunday, January 8, 2017, during worship at 11:00 a.m.

This will initiate a series of sermons by the Pastors focusing on the Belhar Confession. It was written and adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in the early 1980s. This group of churches and pastors was designated in South Africa for biracial people, known as "coloured." This was during apartheid, a system of laws that separated people by race from 1948-1994. That system required that Christians participate only in the churches designated for them according to their race. The Belhar Confession opposed such institutional segregation of the Christian church. It addressed the question of how the church should respond when sin disrupts the church's unity, creates division among the children of God, and constructs unjust systems that steal life from God's creation. The Belhar Confession became an official statement of faith for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) after affirmative votes in all the presbyteries and by the General Assembly in 2016.

Special thanks to Barbara Aiken, Roberta Boyd, Chris Roan, and others for designing and making the banner. We intend to submit the design to the PCUSA Office of Worship for use by other congregations who might like to make the banner. Trinity will retain the rights to the design, but give permission for its use.

Christmas Joy Offering and Pastor-Session Fund Offerings

Our **Christmas Joy Offering** now amounts to \$685.00. This will be added to donations all over our denomination to assist church workers and their families as well as students attending our racial/ethnic schools and colleges. Thank you for your gifts.

Pastor-Session Fund Offerings received on Christmas Eve amounted to \$616.00. These funds will be used to assist members of our congregation and people in our community who have various kinds of emergency needs.

Service of Ordination and Installation

Our newly elected ruling elders will be ordained and installed by the Session on Sunday, January 8, 2017 during worship at 11:00 a.m. Please make every effort to be present and support those who have been called to serve our congregation in this important office.

Elders-elect to be ordained and installed are: Bill Bickers, Nita Cross, and Debbie Radabaugh.

Previously ordained elders-elect to be installed are: Lyle McGhin, Brian Preyna, and Ruth Stonestreet.

Newly elected elders will meet with the Session Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for examination and the approval to proceed with their ordination and installation. All currently serving elders on the Session are asked to be present for the examination.

Stated Session Meeting

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Hart, Pastor Dees, or Bryan Wright if you cannot attend.

Flint River Presbytery Leader Exchange

The Annual Flint River Presbytery Leader Exchange, also known as a "pulpit swap," will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2017. Pastors, elders, and members who wish to do so, will travel to a different church for worship on that day. Pastor Dees will be preaching at First Presbyterian Church, Albany, Georgia. Pastor Hart will be preaching at Boston Presbyterian Church, Boston, Georgia, and their pastor, The Rev. Don West, will be preaching at Trinity. Please support our guest minister by your presence at Trinity that day.

New Flower Chart for 2017

The flower chart for 2017 is now available in the atrium. You are invited to sign-up for the Sunday you wish to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our Worship Service. The cost is \$48.00, payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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
Janet Wright

Gina Trulock, *sister-in-law of Chris Roan*
Davi Watkins, *sister of Barbara Aiken*

Friends (contact person)

Scott Aley (Sherry Stranahan)
Sherrard Ashley (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Melvin Benjamin (Chance Bickers)
Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)
Sharon Coleman (Mili Collins)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)
June Denney (Richard Hart)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)

Relatives

Eric Aiken, *grandson of Barbara Aiken*
Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Tim Bruch, *son of Margaret Bruch*
Hannah Capece, *granddaughter of Jane Gore*
Steve & Twila Capps, *cousins of Lynn Kilgard*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Alan Davis, *husband of Paran Barrett Davis*
Jerry Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Violet Dupras, *mother of Bill Dupras*
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*
Dave Hart, *uncle of Richard Hart*
Doris Humphreys, *grandmother of Alexa Singer*
Melanie Jones, *niece 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*
Keith Robbins, *son-in-law of John & Chris Roan*
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*

Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)
Harry Haverkamp (Candy Wakefield)
Cil Herndon (Catherine Loveday)
London Herring (Richard Hart)
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)
Alex & Lydia Mai (Alexa Singer)
Hank & Tana Majeski (Kelly Wicks)
Rick McCall (Brian Greene)
Nancy Miles (Marcie Swank)
David Moorer (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Ashton Morgan (Catherine Loveday)
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)
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)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 8 January 2017
Baptism of the Lord**

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalter: Psalm 29
New Testament: Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Glennie Wicks
Lorrie Wicks
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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.

**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*  
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*  
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)

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **January 11, 2017**  
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  
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Lyle McGhin’s cooking team. The menu will be baked spaghetti. 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.**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet on **January 12, 2017**. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We are studying *Beyond 9/11*.

**Faith in 3D**

MLK weekend some of our youth and adults are traveling to Disney World in Orlando for a Youth Conference.

**You're Invited to the Olivers'**

Charlie and Guy Oliver invite the congregation to their home for their New Year Reception on **Saturday, January 7, 2017**, from 2 to 5 p.m. Their address is 112 Sunnymead, or call Charlie or Guy at 229-247-1893 for directions.

**Dutch Lunch Bunch**

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather at 12 noon on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017**. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at Trinity or call the Church Office to put your name on the list.



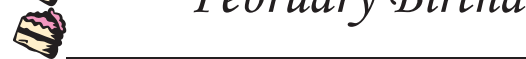

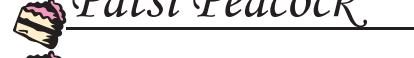


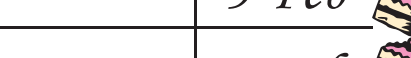



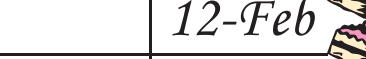

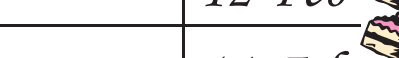


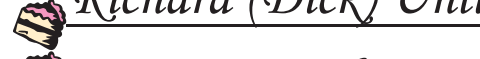
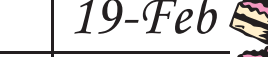

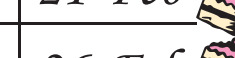
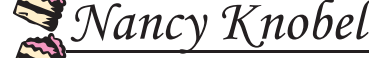
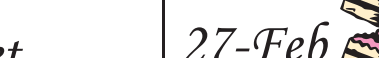




**These Days Devotional Booklets**

*These Days* Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge by Trinity’s Worship Committee. This issue begins January 1. Be sure to pick up your copy.

**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 started accepting items here at the church on **December 26th!** Please bring your items and place them in the Noah’s Ark room. If you are willing to volunteer to help with the sale let Pastor Anghaarad know!

**February Birthdays**

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|    |                             |               |    |
|    | <i>Patsi Peacock</i>        | <i>5-Feb</i>  |    |
|    | <i>Catherine Redles</i>     | <i>9-Feb</i>  |    |
|   | <i>Jim Micklon</i>          | <i>9-Feb</i>  |  |
|  | <i>George Bennett</i>       | <i>9-Feb</i>  |  |
|  | <i>Denise Dupras</i>        | <i>9-Feb</i>  |  |
|  | <i>Brian Preyna</i>         | <i>12-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Jim Hill</i>             | <i>12-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Molly Roan Ferrier</i>   | <i>14-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Richard (Dick) Uhler</i> | <i>18-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Marvin Bruch</i>         | <i>19-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Charlie Oliver</i>       | <i>21-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Nancy Knobel</i>         | <i>26-Feb</i> |  |
|  | <i>Bill Stonestreet</i>     | <i>27-Feb</i> |  |