



The Belhar Confession Banner was unveiled and dedicated Sunday, January 8, during worship. The words "Justice, Unity, and Reconciliation" are primary themes of the 1986 Confession. These themes are symbolized by the clasped hands and arms, and the diversity of the people raising hands in praise. The olive branches are a universal symbol of peace. Thanks to those who designed and constructed the banner: Pastor Dees, Barbara Aiken, Roberta Boyd, and Chris Roan.



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.

Session Organizes for the New Year

All our newly installed elders participated in their first Session meeting of the new term Sunday afternoon. The Session organized itself for work in 2017. Among other things the following were accomplished:

- ~ Elder Bryan Wright was elected to another one year term as Clerk of Session. Thank you, Bryan!
- ~ Mr. Mark Micklon was elected to another one year term as Church Treasurer. Thank you, Mark!
- ~ The following Session Committee assignments were made:

Building & Grounds Committee

Elder Jeff Bickers
Elder Brian Preyna
Elder Kelly Wicks

Care/Share Committee

Elder Nita Cross
Elder Kim Dudley
Elder Ruth Stonestreet

Christian Education Committee

Elder Don Thieme
Elder Brooke Webb

Finance/Stewardship Committee

Elder Bill Bickers
Elder Frank Kilgard
Elder Bryan Wright

Missions Committee

Elder Cathy Hoover
Elder Deb Radabaugh

Worship Committee

Elder Lyle McGhin
Elder Marcie Swank

Session Committee Night is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Church members are invited to serve on a Session Committee of your choosing. If you are not on a committee already, come to Committee Night and sit in on one that interests you. For a list of Committees and their duties, please contact the Church Office and a copy can be e-mailed to you. Your presence and help will be greatly appreciated.

Flint River Presbytery Leader Exchange

The Annual Flint River Presbytery Leader Exchange, also know 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. She will be accompanied by Elders Jeff Bickers and Ruth Stonestreet.

Pastor Hart will be preaching at Boston Presbyterian Church, Boston, Georgia. He will be accompanied by Elders Kim Dudley, Cathy Hoover, and Marcie Swank.

The Rev. Don West, pastor of Boston Presbyterian Church, will be preaching at Trinity. All other elders on the Session will assist with hosting a luncheon for Rev. West and members of his congregation who accompany him here.

Church members are invited to go either to Boston or Albany for worship that day. The host church will provide lunch for all from Trinity who attend. Please let us know if you would like to go with Pastor Dees or Pastor Hart so that we may let the host church know how many to expect for the meal. You may call the Church Office to make your reservation. For all other Trinity folks, please support our guest minister by your presence at Trinity that day.

Pastor Hart Granted a Sabbatical

Last year the congregation of Trinity approved a sabbatical in the Terms of Call of Pastor Hart. He has requested and the Session has granted him leave for that purpose beginning Saturday, February 4, 2017. He will take two months off, returning to Trinity on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. (The Terms of Call provide for as much as six months for the Sabbatical.)

He will spend at least six weeks of the time in Atlanta studying interfaith dialog. The resources of Columbia Theological Seminary, including faculty and the library, will assist with this independent study. In addition, Emory University's Candler School of Theology will provide additional opportunities to explore the topic. A number of individuals and groups in Atlanta are engaged in interfaith dialog and these contacts will prove valuable in his study. Prompted by interest expressed in interfaith dialog by folks participating in our Thursday Morning Bible Study and the recent workshops on Islam, the intent is that additional knowledge and experience gained during the sabbatical will assist Trinity members who are interested in doing so to pursue opportunities in our own community for this kind of endeavor.

Tentatively, though not yet confirmed, he will spend two weeks at the end of the sabbatical at the Iona Community in Scotland, participating in the worship, conversation, and work in that birthplace of Celtic and Scottish spirituality. This would be a fitting opportunity for personal reflection and prayer during the concluding time of his sabbatical.

He is most grateful for this opportunity to take a break from parish duties and concentrate on personal growth and enrichment.



Youth Yard Sale!

On Saturday, the "Trinity Moving Crew" picked up items from the estate of Leslie Harpe for the Youth Yard Sale. Leslie had two daughters, Ashley Leighdig of Waco, Texas, and Jessie Harpe, of Lakewood, Washington. It was their decision to donate all to the youth at Trinity. Many hands made (relatively) light work! Many thanks go out to Noah Dalton, Nita and Tyler Cross, Kim and Benjamin Dudley, The Micklon Family, The Jeff Bickers Family, The Bill Bickers Family, Renae and Matthew Preyna, Patsi Peacock, and Anghaarad Dees.

We still need items and volunteers for the Yard Sale. Sorting will begin on Wednesday, February 1, after Wednesday Night Supper. The sale will be on Saturday, February 4. We need as many volunteers as possible!

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
Jansom Butts
Courtney & Josh Geidel
Barbara Sanders
Levi Ware
Janet Wright

Friends (contact person)

Scott Aley (Sherry Stranahan)
Sherrard Ashley (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)
Sharon Coleman (Mili Collins)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)
June Denney (Richard Hart)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)
Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)
John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Susan Hancock (Winnie Dooly)
Harry Haverkamp (Candy Wakefield)
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)
Rachael Prodanovic (Janet Wright)
Minnie Quartey (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Sean Richardson (Mary Beckett)
Julie Seccord (David Johnson)
Nathan Shaffer (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Amy Slaven, Leah & Ava (Melissa Mittelstadt)
Janie Spooner (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
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)

Relatives

Eric Aiken, *grandson of Barbara Aiken*
Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Hannah Capece, *granddaughter of Jane Gore*
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*
Beth Anne Ellzey, *cousin of Anghaarad Dees*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
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*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*
Laurie Teague, *mother of Anghaarad Teague Dees*
Gina Trulock, *sister-in-law of Chris Roan*

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 15 January 2017
Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalter: Psalm 40:1-11
New Testament: I Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42

2017 Cards to the Morgans
Please sign up to sign a card for Les and Cindy Morgan. The sign up sheet is located in the church atrium. For more information see Marcie Swank.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week
Bryan and Jackie Wright
Melanie George
Grant and Janet Wright
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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.

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .**  
to  
Barbara Aiken and family,  
on the death of her sister,  
Davi Watkins.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**  
For Wednesday, **January 18, 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 Mark Micklon’s cooking team. The menu will be meat loaf. 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.**

**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 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!

**Faith in 3D**  
Every three years, three denominations (Presbyterian, Co-operative Baptist and Episcopalians) gather together at Disney World for a 3 day event celebrating diversity and unity in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. This year Trinity will have the following youth and adults attending this amazing event: Chance Bickers, Connor Bickers, Noah Hart, Annalee Bickers, David Preyna, Andrew Preyna, Christal Dudley, Renae Preyna, Bill Bickers, Jeff Bickers, Judy Bickers and Anghaarad Teague Dees. We will depart early Friday morning (5:30 am load up and then depart). Over the weekend we will visit 3 parks, worship with a few thousand other youth and have a behind the scenes experience in Epcot's World Showcase. Please pray for traveling mercies, meaningful worship, and of course that our group will have a BLAST.

**SMASH Report**  
SMASH is going to begin planning Youth Sunday starting January 18th...we are going to work on ideas and planning a little bit each week as we look to have Youth Sunday a little bit earlier this year the date is to be decided, but please come regularly to be a part of the planning. Some activities on the schedule for this Winter and Spring will include set up for the Yard Sale, Mall Scavenger Hunt, Bowling and Putt-Putt.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet on **January 19, 2017.** We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We are studying *Beyond 9/11.*

**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.

**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.

**KOW Bowling Bash!**  
The KOW kids will be going to Jac's Lanes on **Friday, January 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Pizza will be served for dinner. Please let Andrea Micklon know if your child(ren) will be attending.

**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.