

**More From the Wilderness!**

I happened upon this Church of Scotland in Kilmartin, Scotland, on the Argyl Peninsula, first thing on Sunday morning, March 26, 2017. I got there at 10:00 am and worship was scheduled to begin at 11:45. Perfect timing! Another serendipitous moment I had not planned, but sensed the presence of God offering my first opportunity to worship at a local “mother church.” I had a cup of coffee at a little cafe and then toured the Kilmartin Museum while waiting for worship to begin.

The distinctive thing about the Kilmartin Glen and the Argyl peninsula are the ancient ruins found throughout. Dating in some cases as far back as 4,000 years, one encounters standing stones, burial cairns, rock art in the form of cup-and-rings, stone circles (the same idea as Stonehenge though not as large), and Fort Dunadd where the coronation of Scottish kings took place centuries ago. And as always the ubiquitous Celtic Cross. Of all the places I visited in Scotland this was probably the most intriguing, mysterious, and puzzling.



The preacher who led worship that morning.



Church members with whom I worshiped including the couple on the right who are retired mission co-workers who served many years in Malawi, Africa.



Standing Stones in Kilmartin Glen, Scotland. Erected some 3,200 years ago, they are placed in order to line up with the rising and setting moon and sun at significant times.



The cemetery of the Church of Scotland in Kilmartin, as do nearly all church cemeteries, features numerous Celtic Crosses. The Cross, of course, represents God's great love for people, and the circle represents the “orb of the earth” signifying God's love for all creation.



The Church of Scotland in Kilmartin, Scotland on the Argyl Peninsula. The Church of Scotland gave birth to the Presbyterian Church in North America.



**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.*

**YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

This Sunday the Youth and Children will be leading us in worship. Their theme is “Noise” and they have prepared a variety of interpretations of different Psalms. They will also be leading us in a Drum Circle as a part of the worship service...you don't want to miss it! Please plan to support our young disciples by making every effort to attend worship this **Sunday, April 23 at 11:00am.**



**Washington DC Adult Mission Trip**

Flyers and Registration Forms are now available for the Washington DC Mission Trip scheduled for October 15-21, 2017. The cost is \$400 per person excluding airfare. Fund-raisers will be held and donations will be solicited to help reduce that cost per person. A \$50.00 deposit is requested to hold a place for anyone interested in attending. Make checks payable to “Trinity Presbyterian Church” and mark clearly for “DC Mission Trip.” The deadline for signing up is June 1, 2017 and the deposit is refundable until that date. Space is limited so sign up today!

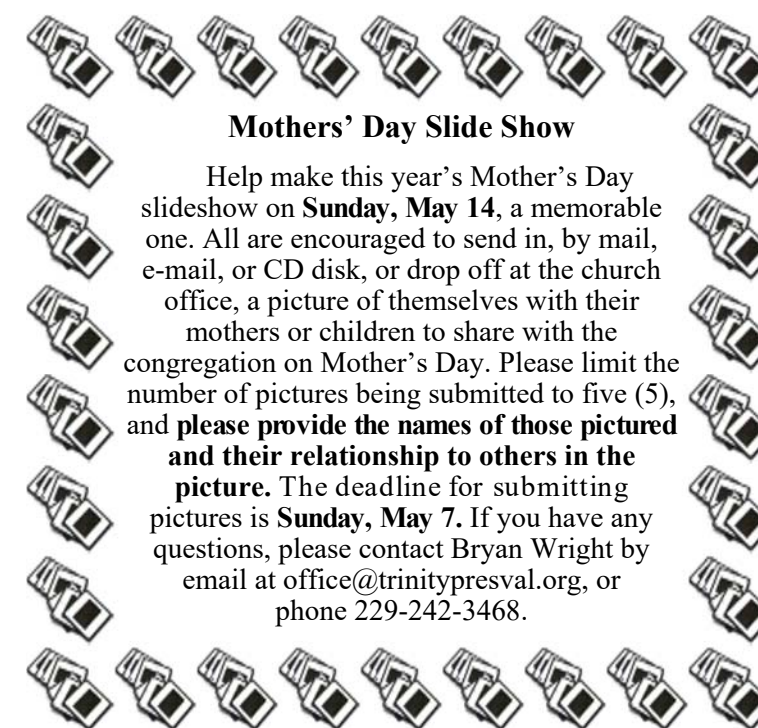
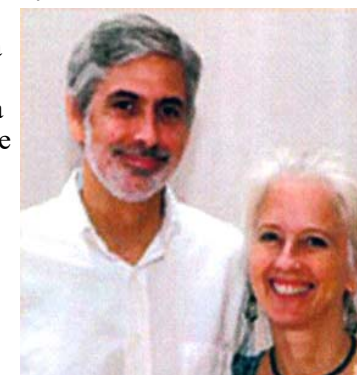
We will be working in various service agencies in Washington and our accommodations will be at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, The Washington Seminar Center, just a three block walk from the US Capitol. This trip is being jointly held with Memorial Presbyterian Church, St Augustine, Florida, where Jim and Julie Reffel are members. They are helping to organize their end of the trip and will be attending. Please contact Pastor Hart for more information.

**Let's Give Les and Cindy Morgan a Grand Trinity Welcome!**

Please plan to be at Trinity on Sunday evening, April 23, to welcome and hear from PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan. There will be a program beginning at 7:00 pm during which the Morgans will tell us about their work. There will be something for all ages, including Les and Cindy's ability to speak to and include young children. We will have a reception after the program with light refreshments.

The Morgans are on “home-assignment” during which time they try to visit the many congregations with which they have a special relationship. Trinity is somewhat out-of-the-way and they are making a special effort which includes a “400 mile detour” to be with us that evening. So let's have a good turn-out to show them we appreciate their visit with us.

Please stop by the display in the atrium to view information on the Morgans and see pictures in the new photo album.



**Mothers' Day Slide Show**

Help make this year's Mother's Day slideshow on **Sunday, May 14**, a memorable one. All are encouraged to send in, by mail, e-mail, or CD disk, or drop off at the church office, a picture of themselves with their mothers or children to share with the congregation on Mother's Day. Please limit the number of pictures being submitted to five (5), and **please provide the names of those pictured and their relationship to others in the picture.** The deadline for submitting pictures is **Sunday, May 7**. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Wright by email at [office@trinitypresval.org](mailto:office@trinitypresval.org), or phone 229-242-3468.

**Worship Assistance Calendar - May 2017**

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
7	Prep: Glennie Wicks Bryan Wright Bill Bickers Lyle McGhin Debbie Radabaugh Marcie Swank Kelly Wicks Chris Roan	<b>Bill Wicks</b> Leta Cone Nita Cross Benjamin Dudley David Roe	Elder Kelly Wicks	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Bill Wicks	Annalee Bickers	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart
14		<b>Eddie Webb</b> Noelle Collins Brian Preyna Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	Elder Bryan Wright	Kim Dudley Brian Preyna Debbie Radabaugh	Bryan Wright	Christal Dudley	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
21		<b>David Armond</b> Zane Dees Melissa Mittelstadt Lisa Pearce Billy Ryan	Elder Cathy Hoover	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Herb Reinhard III	Connor Bickers	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
28		<b>Pat Collins</b> Noelle Collins Charlie Oliver Jeremy Ware Kelly Wicks	Elder Frank Kilgard	Jeff Bickers Cathy Hoover Don Thieme	Lee Bradley	Andrew Preyna	Jean Snyder Sunday School Class

**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**

Margaret Bruch  
Marvin Bruch  
Melanie George  
Marie Hill  
Chris Roan  
Ann Smith  
Nellie Stoddard

Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)  
Lacy Hall (Beverly Peters)  
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)  
Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)  
Jack Justice (Jackie Wright)  
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)  
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)  
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)

**Relatives**

Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*  
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*  
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*  
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*  
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*

**Robert Earl Pennington** (Beverly Peters)  
**Jamie & Sarah Phelps** (Melissa Johnson)

Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)  
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)  
Andrea Scruggs (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Andrea Shover (Brooke Webb)  
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)  
Janie Spooner (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)  
Sharon Stalvey (Jeff Bickers)  
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)  
Mildred Thompson (Judy Bickers)  
Maggie Tuten (Kathy Roe)  
Nancy Vernon (Chris Roan)  
Robby Walker (David Armond)

**Diane Haines**, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*

John Luketic, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*

Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*

Peggy Ann Myers

Jeremy Neeman, *brother of Edward Neeman*

Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*

**Russell Popham**, *uncle of Nita Cross*  
Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*

Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*

David Shaw, *brother of Marilyn Reid*

Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*

Laurie Teague, *mother of Anghaarad Teague Dees*

**Long Term Prayer List**

**Members**

Mae Baker  
Dorothy Parker  
Barbara Sanders

**Relatives**

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*  
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*  
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*  
Ruth Doss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*  
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*  
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*

Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*

J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*

Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*

Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*

John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*

Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*  
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*

Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

**Friends**

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

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 23 April 2017  
Second Sunday of Easter**

**New Testament:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**Psalter:** Psalm 16

**New Testament:** I Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**

Bill and Denise Dupras  
Verallynn Edwards

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries  
Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

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 Reme Mattice and family, on the recent death of her cousin, Antonito,

and to Nita Cross family, on the recent death of her aunt, Mary Ellen Tyre.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **April 26, 2017**

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 Jan Hobson's cooking team. The menu will be a surprise. 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.**

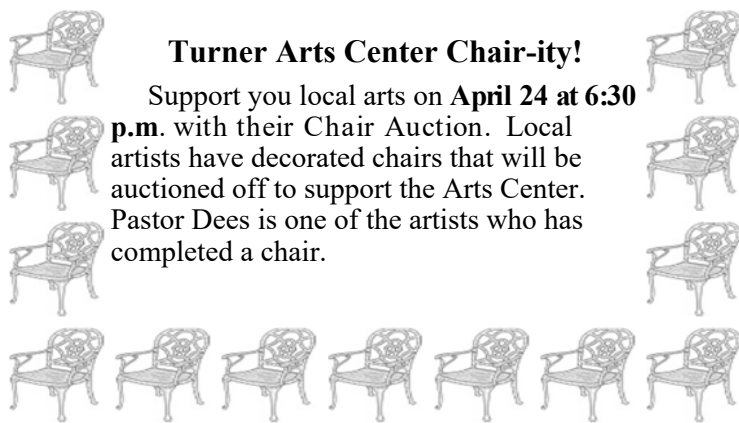
**Columbarium and Prayer Garden Construction**

To see more pictures of ongoing construction of the outside columbarium and prayer garden, and the inside columbarium, visit our Facebook page.



**Turner Arts Center Chair-ity!**

Support you local arts on **April 24 at 6:30 p.m.** with their Chair Auction. Local artists have decorated chairs that will be auctioned off to support the Arts Center. Pastor Dees is one of the artists who has completed a chair.



The Valdosta Police Department is holding a Community Forum at the Church of Nazarene (4434 Forrest Street Ext.) on **May 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Please attend and show your support for our local police.

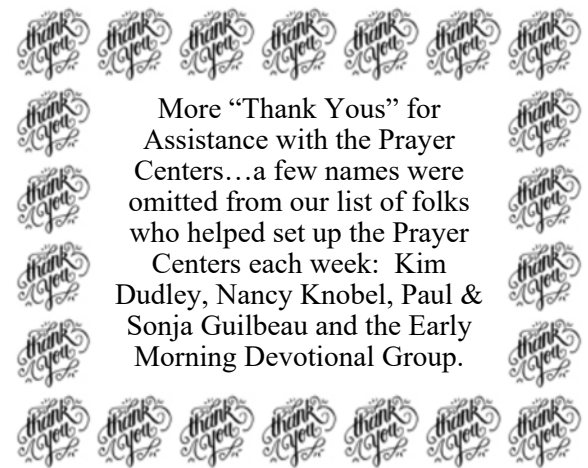


**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **April 27, 2017**. We are studying a book titled, *Waking Up White*, written by Debby Irving. The meeting will last one hour, and coffee will be served. All are welcome to attend.

**Dutch Lunch Bunch Serving Lunch at The Center @ VSU**

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will be preparing and serving the monthly lunch for The Center at VSU on **April 26**. Those preparing desserts are asked to bring them to Trinity **before 10:00 a.m.** on Tuesday.



More "Thank You's" for Assistance with the Prayer Centers... a few names were omitted from our list of folks who helped set up the Prayer Centers each week: Kim Dudley, Nancy Knobel, Paul & Sonja Guilbeau and the Early Morning Devotional Group.

**Seeking a Male Chaperone!!!**

The Presbytery could really use one more chaperone for Montreat, June 11-17. To be a chaperone you must be at least 21 years old and complete the background check. You will also be asked to pay a portion of your costs and assist with driving Trinity's bus to and from Montreat. If you think you might be interested in attending the Montreat Youth Conference this summer please let Pastor Dees know ASAP!



**SMASH Report**

Great job leading the Easter Sunrise service... everyone did an excellent job! Thank you for being on time and pitching in to get the worship space set up. Rehearsal for Youth Sunday continues! This week we need everyone present on Wednesday for SMASH so that we can rehearse your parts...if we can't get everyone year we will need an extra rehearsal on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse and everyone needs to wear all black.

