

The Trinity Columbarium and Prayer Garden

A number of items in the Trinity Prayer Garden have been donated by generous gifts of church members, including the limestone cross, fountain, benches, and iron gate. Additional items are available for anyone to donate in honor or in memory of someone. Such gifts will be acknowledged in our Memorial Gift Book and on a plaque displayed indoors. Items remaining include the indoor Columbarium cabinet, the Japanese Red Maple trees, the willow tree, Custom cushions for benches, and two planters with pencil evergreens. For more information about the amounts of each item, please contact one of the pastors or any member of the Columbarium Committee.

Other monetary donations of any amount are welcome and will be acknowledged in the Memorial Gift Book. Checks may be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked for the Prayer Garden. Such gifts are tax deductible and should be over and above one's regular church pledge.

Please mark on your calendar the Dedication Service for the Trinity Prayer Garden scheduled for Sunday evening, **September 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**



Trinity News



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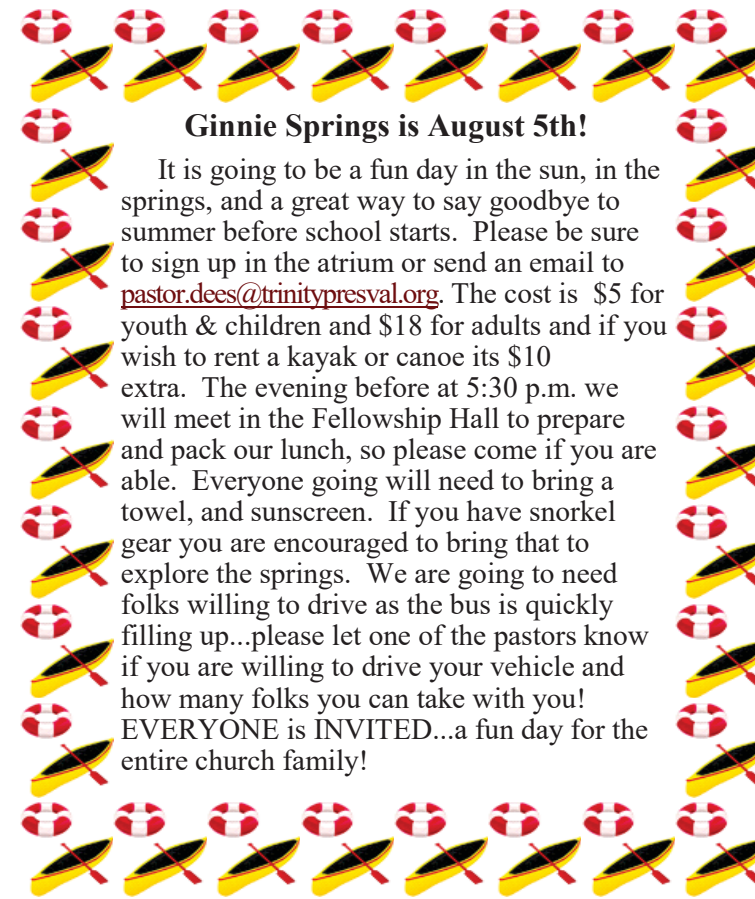
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Mission Statement

*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.*



Ginnie Springs is August 5th!

It is going to be a fun day in the sun, in the springs, and a great way to say goodbye to summer before school starts. Please be sure to sign up in the atrium or send an email to pastor.dees@trinitypresval.org. The cost is \$5 for youth & children and \$18 for adults and if you wish to rent a kayak or canoe its \$10 extra. The evening before at 5:30 p.m. we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to prepare and pack our lunch, so please come if you are able. Everyone going will need to bring a towel, and sunscreen. If you have snorkel gear you are encouraged to bring that to explore the springs. We are going to need folks willing to drive as the bus is quickly filling up...please let one of the pastors know if you are willing to drive your vehicle and how many folks you can take with you! EVERYONE is INVITED...a fun day for the entire church family!

August is coming...

As the summer break winds down and the promise of a new school year approaches, we say goodbye to lazy days and hello to new teachers, school supplies and busier schedules. August is when we start back our school year routines so lots of fun and fellowship is on the horizon. Please mark your calendars for the many activities happening at Trinity next month:

- ⇒ August 6th Communion and Food Offering
- ⇒ August 6th Blessing of the Backpacks
- ⇒ August 13th Rally Day
- ⇒ August 13th 4:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting
- ⇒ August 23rd Wednesday Night Supper Kick-Off
- ⇒ August 27th 6:00 p.m. Session Committee Night



August 6th, during worship, students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed. Each bag will be given a luggage tag to show that it is a blessed backpack. We will also be collecting new backpacks for local children who do not have one...please bring your backpack donation with you to worship and they will be blessed as well. You can fill the backpack with school supplies or just bring a new backpack.

Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated **August 6, at 11:00 a.m.** Food offerings will be received and dedicated for the Trinity Food Pantry Ministry during worship. We ask for specific items which are not typically available at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The following food items are especially needed:

~Rice ~Jelly

Please place your food donations in the baskets at the sanctuary door as you enter for worship.

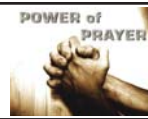
Rally Day is August 13th and we will be meeting for a potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School. Bible Jeopardy is on the agenda so brush up on your Biblical trivia and plan to join the fun! We traditionally give our 3rd graders a Bible. If you have a 3rd grader in your family, please let Andrea Micklon know.

Stated Session Meeting

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 13**, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Dees, Pastor Hart, or Bryan Wright if you cannot attend.

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

Mary Beckett
Jane Gore
Marie Hill
Kathy Roe
Nellie Stoddard
Don Vollenweider

Jack Justice (Jackie Wright)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)
Amanda Leverett (Heather Wakefield)
Landon Lewis (Marcie Swank)
Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Jamie & Sarah Phelps (Melissa Johnson)

Relatives

Hoyt Blackstock, *uncle of Jan Hobson*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, *cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Johnnie Kinchen, *mother of Jackie Wright*
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*
Bobby Miller, *nephew of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*
Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*
Steve Pierson, *brother-in-law of Guy Oliver*
Russell Popham, *uncle of Nita Cross*
David & Susan Reid, *brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid*
Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*
Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*

Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Pam Poorman (Paul Guilbeau)
Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Judy Simpson (Richard Hart)
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Sharon Stalvey (Jeff Bickers)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Yolanda Surry (Nita Cross)
Robby Walker (David Armond)
Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

Long Term Prayer List Members

Mae Baker
Margaret Bruch
Marvin Bruch
Dorothy Parker
Barbara Sanders

Relatives

Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
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 Kinchen, *father 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, 6 August 2017 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-31
Psalter: Psalm 17:1-7, 15
New Testament: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Prayers for Bangladesh 31 July 2017

God of grace, we pray for the eighty-five families in the tribal village of Tripura Para in southeastern Bangladesh, who for the past seven years have been completely neglected by the government's immunization program. As a result, this month a measles epidemic broke out in the village, the virulent infection spreading quickly to eighty-eight children, killing ten of them. The malnourished state of the children contributed to the epidemic's devastating effect. O heavenly Father, comfort the families of Tripura Para and, in your mercy, help the world provide protective health care for all children, we pray in the name of Christ, the Lord of life. Amen.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Edward and Stephanie Neeman
J. J.

Guy and Charlie Oliver

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries

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
Heather Smock and family,
on the death of her son,
Donald Austin Watson,
requested by Candy Wakefield.

Wednesday Night Suppers to Begin

Our Wednesday Night Supper season kicks off on Wednesday, **August 23, 2017** at 6:15 p.m. There will be a slight price increase to cover expenses of our dinners. The new prices, approved by the Session, will be Adults – \$5.00; Children – \$3.00; Family Maximum – \$15.00.

Please mark the date in your calendar and plan now to make this weekly fellowship opportunity a part of your normal routine.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study continues next week on **August 10, 2017**. We meet in the Fellowship Classroom at **11:00 a.m.** for one hour – coffee included! All are welcome.

We are beginning a study of Genesis using a superb study guide by Kerygma, a leading producer of quality Bible curriculum. (For those who remember, we used a Kerygma study guide on Handel's *Messiah* a number of years ago.) This study is entitled *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis*. As we explore the lives of the Patriarchs of Israel from our perspective as Christians, we will also be looking at both Jewish and Muslim traditions regarding this crucial Biblical material.

The first session on August 3 was an introduction and mapping out the course of our study. Those who wish to do so may begin reading Genesis on their own in preparation, but that is not necessary for participation. Study Guides will be handed out. Participants may purchase their own copy if they choose to do so – regardless, copies will be provided to all participants.

Pastor Dees to chaplaincy training August 14-18.

Anghaarad will be traveling to Toccoa, Georgia, for training with the other VPD chaplains presented by Georgia Alliance of Law Enforcement Chaplains. This training helps the chaplains more fully understand the work chaplains do with the police officers and helps our local department with their accreditation.

Church Picnic - Save the date

Bill and Denise Dupras have graciously invited the congregation to a church picnic on their property on Saturday, September 9. Some of the activities planned are a fishing derby in their pond, yard games, and hay rides pulled by one of their antique tractors. Lunch will be pot luck. Look for more information in future newsletters.

BIBLE JOURNALING IN COLOR

Bible Journaling in Color will meet on **August 8th** at 6:00 p.m. in the old Mid High classroom in the youth wing. Come discover your creative side through this meditative and communal devotion. No artistic ability needed and plenty of supplies are available for your use. It is a fun group that gathers. Come be a part! **This is the last session for the summer.**



Dutch Lunch Bunch

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather at 12 noon on **August 15, 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.



Notary Public Service available at Church Office

Our Administrative Assistant, Bryan Wright is now a Notary Public and will notarize documents which require notarization at no charge for church members and those who attend regularly. Please call prior to stopping by the church office to insure he is available.

SMASH REPORT

This Saturday we will head to Ginnie Springs for fun in sun...its not too late to sign up if you have not done so already! And friends are invited...the cost is \$5 for youth. Rally Day is August 13th and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast and Bible Jeopardy! Parents and Youth will meet on Sunday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. to go over the year's calendar of events, so bring your CALENDARS! Don't forget to bring your backpack to worship on Sunday and enjoy your last week of summer vacation!