



Trinity Backs the Blazers!!

Tailgating for VSU football will be back this fall and our first game is September 16th. The kick-off for the game is 7:00 p.m. so we will begin tailgating in Drexel Park beginning at 4:30 p.m. Everyone who comes is asked to bring a food item to share and beverage of your choice...bottled water will be provided. Please join us for some fun and football and food!!!



Stop Hunger Now!

We will again participate in *Stop Hunger Now!* sponsored by Flint River Presbytery. The event will take place on the afternoon of **World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta.** This will be one of five sites around the Presbytery packing thousands of meals to be shipped overseas to fight hunger. Each church participating gives a monetary donation to cover the cost of the meals. Trinity's gift of \$450 will come in part from the tithe our youth designated from their Yard Sale fundraiser earlier this year. The remaining amount will come from Trinity hunger funds, including the Noisy Offering.

Volunteers are needed to pack meals. All ages will find something they can do and will have a good time doing it. Mark your calendar now and plan to participate. More details will be available in future editions of *Trinity News*.

Prayer Partners

Our SMASH youth and KOW kids have been assigned prayer partners for the year. The partners will pray for each other throughout the year. The hope is that more adults will make a connection with our youth and children and keep them connected to the church. If you missed the deadline to sign up to serve as a prayer partner and wish to be included...let Pastor Dees know and you can double up with one of the partners.

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| David Preyna | Linda Brown |
| Andrew Preyna | Lyle McGhin |
| Chance Bickers | Bill Wicks |
| Connor Bickers | Jane Gore & Brian Greene |
| Tyler Cross | Kelly Wicks |
| Christal Dudley | Lynn Kilgard |
| Annalee Bickers | Mili Collins & Chris Roan |
| Emma Micklon | Roberta Boyd & Marcie Swank |
| Faith Cockren | Denise Dupras |
| William Cockren | Bryan Wright |
| Eric Micklon | Margaret Bruch |
| J. T. Webb | Marilyn Reid |
| Brody Johnson | Ruth Stonestreet |
| Josie Johnson | Leta Cone |
| Erin Locks | Nancy Knobel |
| Mickeala Mittelstadt | Debbie Hart |
| C. J. Preyna | Deb Radabaugh |
| Matthew Preyna | Sherry Stranahan |
| Yareici Sanchez-Garcia | Andrea Micklon |
| Christofer Sanchez | Zane Dees |
| Woodson Bickers | Bernie Preyna |



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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.

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 10th is Back to Church Sunday when members are not only encouraged to get back in the swing of worshipping regularly in their home congregations but to invite a friend to worship that Sunday. Let's fill the chairs in our Sanctuary on September 10.



Trinity Security Plan

The Session has been exploring ways to provide for the security of our congregation and facilities. One part of that project, by suggestion from law enforcement, was to re-key all exterior doors. Over many years many keys have been given out and there was no orderly way to keep track of keys. By re-keying locks and having a plan for careful tracking of keys, we have made our building more secure. This project has been completed by action of the Session.

Numbered keys, which are not to be duplicated, will be given out to all who need one on a regular basis. Spare keys can be checked out for limited times and events. All staff, elders, cooking team leaders, usher team captains, and food pantry volunteers will be issued keys. Others will be considered by request. Please see Pastor Dees, Pastor Hart, or Office Manager Bryan Wright to sign for your new key. This one key will give access to all exterior doors, including the breezeway door and youth wing door. Separate interior door keys will still be needed for access to the office, choir room, etc.

We apologize for any inconvenience this project has caused.

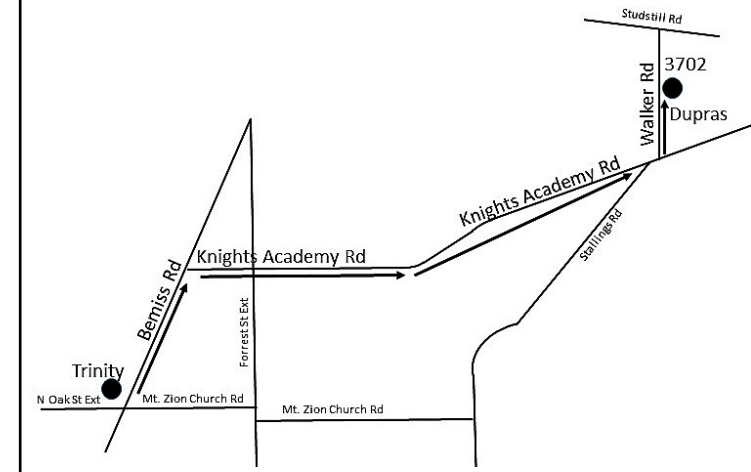


THE CHURCH OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017, FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

Church Picnic at the Dupras'

Bring food to share and come have a great time at the home of Bill and Denise Dupras on **Saturday, September 9, 2017.** If possible please bring a couple of dishes, enough for your family plus a little extra. Drinks will be provided. For cold dishes, ice chests will be available to keep food cool prior to the meal (or you may bring your own ice chest.) For warm dishes, coolers will also be designated to keep food warm. If you wish, you may bring a Crock Pot to keep your food warm.

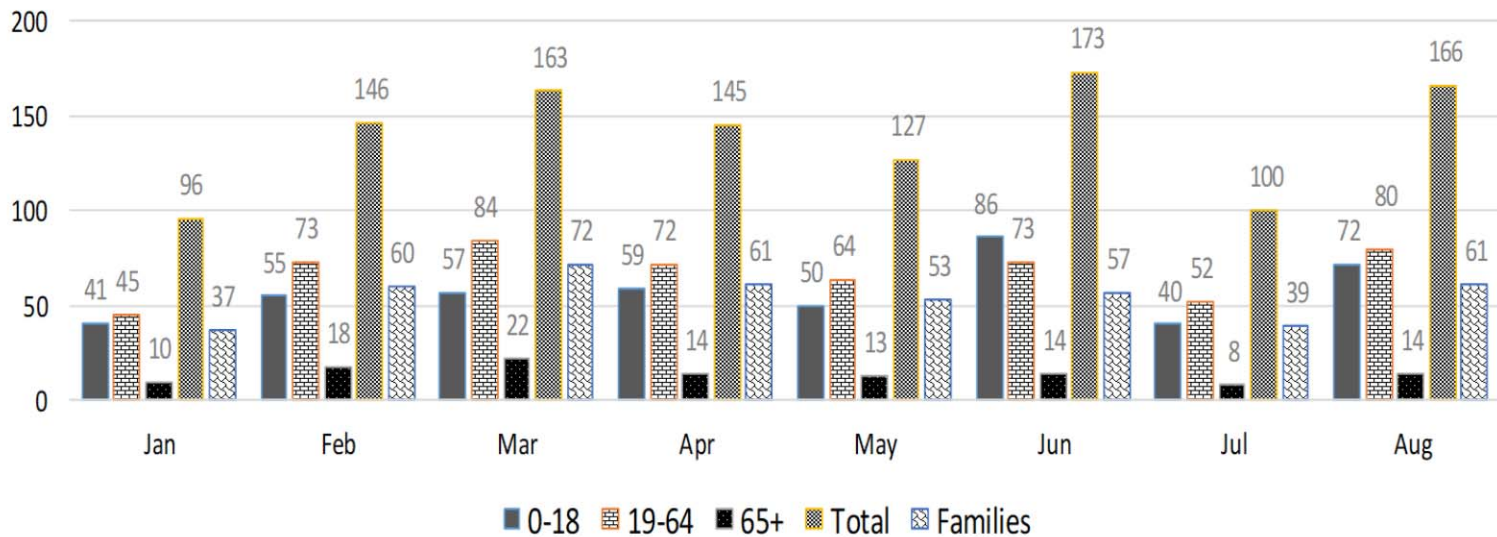
Plan to come around 2:00 p.m. Activities planned include a fishing derby in the farm pond, yard games, and hay rides on a trailer pulled by one of their antique tractors! The picnic will conclude at dusk around a campfire.



Trinity Sends "Missionaries" to Washington D.C.

Please consider helping defray expenses of Trinity participants on this Mission Trip with a donation payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked clearly "DC Mission". Gifts are tax deductible and should be over-and-above one's pledge. Thank you kindly for your support.

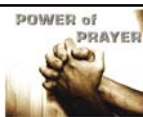
Trinity Food Pantry Use 2017



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Year Total
0-18	41	55	57	59	50	86	40	72	460
19-64	45	73	84	72	64	73	52	80	543
65+	10	18	22	14	13	14	8	14	113
Total	96	146	163	145	127	173	100	166	1116
Families	37	60	72	61	53	57	39	61	440

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 Connell
Jane Gore
Marie Hill
Jim Micklon
Kathy Roe
Nellie Stoddard
Don Vollenweider

Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
Ed Bynum (Eddie Webb)
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Debbie Cribbs (Mary Beckett)
Valarie Dannels (David Roe)
Frank Davidson (Jeff Bickers)
Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)
Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)
Irene Gallagher (Jane Gore)
Parker Greene (Lisa Pearce)
Rev. Virlon Griner (Richard Hart)
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)
Lacy Hall (Beverly Peters)
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Amanda Leverett (Heather Wakefield)
Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Jamie & Sarah Phelps (Melissa Johnson)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Pam Poorman (Paul Guilbeau)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
Judy Simpson (Richard Hart)
Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Yolanda Surry (Nita Cross)
Robby Walker (David Armond)
Karen Whelihan (Anghaarad Dees)
Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*
Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, *cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Beverly Jackson, *daughter of Leta Cone*
Johnnie Kinchen, *mother of Jackie Wright*
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*
Adams McGhin, *nephew of Lyle McGhin*
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*
Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark and Karen Ferguson*
Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*
Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*
Judy Webb, *mother of Eddie Webb*

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Les Bass (Zane Dees)
Kathy Boone (Chris Roan)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 3 September 2017 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
New Testament: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Prayers for Bangladesh 28 August 2017

God of grace, we pray for Rani, a humble Santal tribal woman and faithful, lifelong church member who, having never been to school, cannot read or write in Bengali, the national language of her country, Bangladesh. This month her congregation had selected her to attend a Christian women's conference to be held in the capital, but she ended up declining the offer, fearing embarrassment on account of her illiteracy. Lord, lift Rani up and help your Church ensure that she and all believers have the opportunity to learn to read and write, so that illiteracy may never be a stumbling block to fellowship and the enrichment of faith in you. We pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Bob and Debbie Radabaugh
Catherine Redles

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Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of Hurricane Harvey

### Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **September 6, 2017**

5:30 p.m. – KOW  
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  
Adult Bible Study – *The Protestant Reformation*  
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Debbie Hart's cooking team. The menu will include Presbyterian Chicken. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

**The charge for the meal will be as follows:**  
**\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$15.00 Maximum per family.**  
**Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.**

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, September 7, 2017. We meet in the Fellowship Classroom at 11:00 a.m. The coffee pot will be on! We are studying the book of Genesis, using a study guide called *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis*. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Hart.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join us Wednesday evenings this Fall after supper in the Fellowship Classroom for a study of *The Protestant Reformations*. We are using a study guide in the "Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding" series. This study will cover several weeks and is in commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year.

### The Trinity Prayer Garden

You are cordially invited to  
**The Dedication Service**  
for the

**Trinity Prayer Garden with Columbaria**  
**Sunday evening, September 24, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

Monetary donations in honor or in memory of someone are most welcome and will assist with the cost of this meaningful addition to our facility and mission. Please contact one of the Pastors to indicate who you would like to honor or memorialize with a gift. These will be acknowledged and recorded in our Prayer Garden Memorial Book. They are also tax deductible.

### A Word About Special Fundraisers

Frequently appeals are made to our congregation to support a variety of worthy mission projects that are not part of our benevolence budget. Currently we have been making appeals for The Prayer Garden and for the Washington DC Mission Trip. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working on relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and donations may be made to offer help. Soon there will be an opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith and Operation Christmas Child. Sometimes it may seem these requests are too numerous.

We make an effort to keep these requests to a minimum, but the needs are often compelling. Individuals are urged to consider such requests, but to support only those in which one is most interested. Everyone does not contribute to every project, nor should you be expected to do so. Consider each request carefully and give only to those to which you are most committed.

In every case you choose to give, please do so over-and-above your regular pledge to the work and mission of our Trinity. Thank you most sincerely for your generosity to and care for God's mission here.



Everyone who came to Wednesday Night Supper Kickoff enjoyed the snow cones and fellowship!

### SMASH REPORT

The plan for next week is to head over to Grand Bay to watch the sunset. Bring bug spray and be prepared to depart at 7:00 p.m. on the dot! You are welcome to bring a friend. On Sunday, September 10th, it is Back to Church Sunday and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to worship and Sunday school that day...any youth who brings a friend will get a candy bar the following Wednesday, so lets invite our friends to join us for worship and fellowship! Be sure to add the date for the Yard Sale to your calendars...it will be February 3rd this year and it will be ALL HANDS ON DECK that week as we prepare for the sale.