

**Family Day at Flint River Presbytery
October 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

All are invited to a Family Day at our presbytery office for fun, food, fellowship and outreach to our neighbors from the Hispanic community in Albany. The presbytery will be hosting a dental clinic for our neighbors as well as a lot of fun activities. They are seeking donations of new or gently used children's books to be given to our guests along with dental hygiene kits.

Celebration of Faith

This is one of our presbytery's best traditions. If you've attended in years past, you know how fun and inspiring it is to spend a weekend with our brothers and sisters from around the presbytery. Please mark your calendars today so that you won't miss out on COF 2018, March 9-11 at Lake Blackshear.



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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds

Among the many relief agencies working in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and Irma is our own Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Gifts may be made through Trinity to go directly to aid victims of the storm and flooding. In addition, PDA will also be responding to any damage Hurricane Maria may potentially cause to Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, as well as in other countries.

The appeal from PDA follows the acronym G.A.P. which stands for "Give, Act, Pray." Folks are asked to "stand in the gap" for the sake of those affected. Check out the PDA website <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/tropical-storm-harvey> and <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-irma/> for information about giving, suggestions of ways one may act to help, and for suggested prayers to be used specifically for people who are victims of these terrible circumstances.

Funds collected to date and sent to PDA from Trinity members amount to \$717.47. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous contributions!



Don't miss any of these amazing opportunities in October!

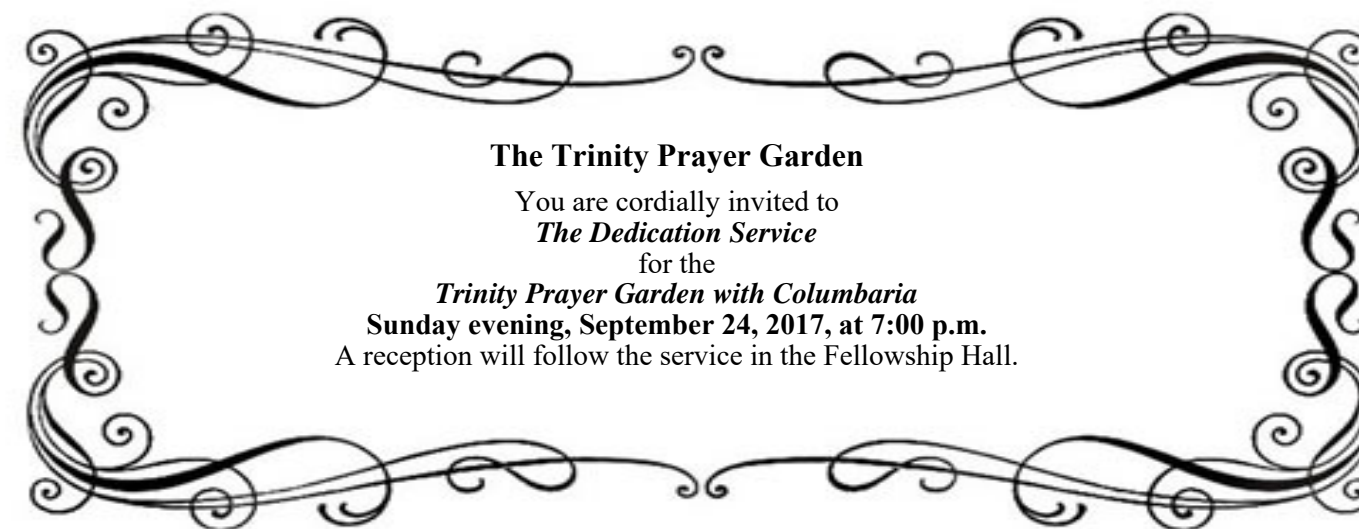
Cut this list of dates out today and stick them on your refrigerator:

- Oct. 1 World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 1 Congregational Meeting
- Oct. 1 Stop Hunger Now!
- Oct. 7 Family Day at Flint River Presbytery
- Oct. 14-15 Fall Youth Overnight
- Oct. 14 VSU Tailgating
- Oct. 14-21 D.C. Mission Trip
- Oct. 25 Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 28 VSU Tailgating
- Oct. 29 Kirkin' of the Tartans



Worship Assistance Calendar - October 2017

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
1	Prep: Jane Gore Brian Greene Jeff Bickers Nita Cross Brooke Webb Kim Dudley Mili Collins Brian Preyna	Pat Collins Noelle Collins Charlie Oliver Jeremy Ware Kelly Wicks	Elder Frank Kilgard Lynn Kilgard Ray Josey	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Bill Wicks	Emma Micklon	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Rena Preyna
8		Mike Cross Tyler Cross Ebb Dudley Ray Josey Doug Maxwell	Elder Don Thieme Grant Wright Janet Wright	Lyle McGhin Brian Preyna Debbie Radabaugh	Bryan Wright	Eric Micklon	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
15		Guy Oliver Bill Bickers Roberta Boyd John Roan Ann Smith	Elder Nita Cross Mike Cross, Tyler Noel Collins	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Herb Reinhard	David Preyna	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
22		Bill Wicks Leta Cone Nita Cross Benjamin Dudley David Roe	Elder Bill Bickers Libby Bickers, Annalee, Woodson Bob Wakefield Candy Wakefield	Jeff Bickers Cathy Hoover Don Thieme	Lee Bradley	Annalee Bickers	Doug Maxwell Libby Bickers
29		Eddie Webb Noelle Collins Brian Preyna Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	Elder Lyle McGhin Sherry Stranahan Beverly Peters	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Grant Wright	Christal Dudley	Brooke Webb Eddie Webb Beth Reid



The Trinity Prayer Garden

You are cordially invited to
The Dedication Service
for the

Trinity Prayer Garden with Columbaria
Sunday evening, September 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.
A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, **1 October 2017**, at 12:00 noon, immediately following worship, to elect three members of the congregation to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

Elders from the Session who will serve on the committee are Lyle McGhin and Kelly Wicks.

Break Bread Meals-on-Wheels Ministry

The **Break Bread** ministry operating out of our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Valdosta, is holding a chicken dinner fund raiser to support this important work. Dinners can be picked up at First Presbyterian on Thursday, September 28, 2017. Tickets are available for \$10.00 per plate through this Sunday, September 24. Proceeds directly benefit the many senior citizens served by Break Bread meals. For more information please contact Pastor Hart.

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 p.m. 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 you calendar now and plan to participate.

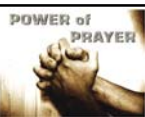
Participants are asked to meet at First Presbyterian Church, 313 N Patterson Street at 1:30 p.m. or as soon after that as one can arrive. Parking is available off Ashley Street behind the church and in the Judicial Complex parking lot across Ashley Street.



STOP HUNGER NOW

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
 Mary Connell
 Jane Gore
 Larry Henderson
 Marie Hill
Guy Oliver
 Nellie Stoddard
 Karen Whelihan

Kathy Boone (Chris Roan)
Barbara Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
 Ed Bynum (Eddie Webb)
 Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
 Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)
 Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
 Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
 Debbie Cribbs (Mary Beckett)
 Valarie Dannels (David Roe)

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*
 Ruth Duss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*
 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*
 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 Schreengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
 Alex Schwiesow, *son of Karen Whelihan*
 Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
 Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*
 Gino Vecchio, *nephew of Melissa Johnson*

Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)
 Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)
 Parker Greene (Lisa Pearce)
 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)
 Leon McCallum (Catherine Loveday)
 Tom McFarland (Richard Hart)
 Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
 Sharon O'Rourke (Lisa Pearce)
 Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
 Haley Grace Peeples (Christal Dudley)
 Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
 Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
 Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)
 Diane Rodgers (Paul & Sonja Guilbeau)
 Harry & Sandi Skoropat (Jane Gore)
 Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
 Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
 Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 24 September 2017
 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
New Testament: Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**Prayers for Bangladesh
 18 September 2017**

O heavenly Father, we pray for Aklima, a blind twelve-year-old girl squatting at the top of the steps of an uncovered, iron footbridge spanning a frantically jam-packed, exhaust-filled vehicle thoroughfare in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Wearing a thin cotton blouse and pants and with only a scarf over her head to protect her from the stormy weather, she feebly extends a white plastic begging bowl containing a mixture of coins and rainwater. From her family's slum dwelling north of town, her mother leads her into the heart of the city each day and deposits her at one of several begging spots. Aklima has never attended school and cannot even remember how many years she has been blind. How long must we wait, O Lord, how long shall we cry for your justice and mercy? Lift Aklima off the street and hold her in your arms of grace, we pray in the name of the Savior, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

John and Chris Roan
 John and Kathy Roe
 David

Our Military Personnel
 Missionaries
 All Refugees
 Victims of Terrorism
 Those suffering the effects of recent Hurricanes

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **September 27, 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 the Dupras/Wright cooking team. The menu will include Chili Mac. 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 28, 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 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year.

Dads in Plaid



Which dad would you like to see in a kilt for Kirkin'? Starting this week cast your vote (a quarter a vote) by placing it in the corresponding jar found in the hall by the kitchen. Each dad of a KOW or SMASH youth has a jar and the one who raises the most money will wear the kilt. All proceeds go to benefit youth and children trips and Mission activities.
The deadline for voting is October 8, 2017.



Special Outing for Dutch Lunch Bunch

The group has been invited to The Orchard, a new residential retirement community in Valdosta, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 (please note the date is one week later than usual.) We will meet at Trinity at 10:00 am to ride the bus to The Orchard. Following a tour of the facility we will head to Cheddar's Casual Cafe for a dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m. The group will return to Trinity after lunch. Please make a reservation by signing up at Trinity or calling the Church Office, 242-3468.

Do You Want To Change The World?

Well, here's a small chance. Can you spare a bar of Ivory soap, a new toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste? Maybe a box of crayons or pack of colored pencils? All of these items can go in a shoebox. Let's start to plan for Operation Christmas Child in 2017. Deadline to donate items to help our KOW children fill boxes is November 8, and deadline to donate a filled box is November 12.



Did you know?

This year some of our cooking teams are preparing extra food to be delivered to the Salvation Army Men's Shelter. Up to twelve guests at the shelter are fed a hot meal from Trinity. This is a new partnership and opportunity to serve the homeless population of Valdosta. So, if you have wondered what happens to the left overs after Wednesday Night suppers...now you know.

SMASH REPORT

Hey Youth...this week we will have a Car Wash in the parking lot (weather permitting). We will clean windows and do a little washing on folks cars while they are in choir rehearsal and Bible Study. Next week we are challenging all who'd like to come and play us in an Adults vs Youth kickball game after supper. If you've not turned in your paperwork for Fall Youth Overnight and you plan to attend please do so by September 27th...the cost per youth to attend is \$50. We are also in need of at least 2 parents willing to go to Fall Youth Overnight with our youth, let me know if you are willing to chaperone. Parents, if you have not settled your accounts from summer trips please see Anghaarad ASAP.

