

**Flint River Presbytery Family Day** was a great success. We had about 100 people come to fellowship and play together. The dental clinic saw about 35 children. Thanks to Doug Maxwell and Glennie Wicks who worked alongside Larry Perkins from Albany to teach children good dental hygiene and do wellness checks. Our Presbytery continues to reach out to our neighbors affected by the storms earlier this year.



<i>November Birthdays</i>	
<i>Noah Dalton</i>	<i>2-Nov</i>
<i>Kim Dudley</i>	<i>3-Nov</i>
<i>Betty Greer</i>	<i>6-Nov</i>
<i>Noelle Collins</i>	<i>9-Nov</i>
<i>Bill Hoover</i>	<i>10-Nov</i>
<i>Susan Johnson</i>	<i>12-Nov</i>
<i>Nita Cross</i>	<i>12-Nov</i>
<i>Brian Greene</i>	<i>15-Nov</i>
<i>Grant Wright</i>	<i>19-Nov</i>
<i>Richard Hart</i>	<i>21-Nov</i>
<i>Margaret Bruch</i>	<i>24-Nov</i>
<i>D. J. McCrae</i>	<i>26-Nov</i>

**And the Dads in Plaid winner is....**  
**Eddie Webb**  
 Thanks to all who voted. We raised about \$80 to go towards the children and youth's mission projects.

**Washington DC Mission Trip**  
 The following depart for the Washington DC Mission Trip this Saturday, October 14, 2017: David Armond, Bill Bickers, Linda Brown, Leta Cone, Debbie and Richard Hart, Jan Hobson, Cathy Hoover, Charlie Oliver, and Glennie Wicks. Members of Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Augustine, Florida, participating are Amy Camp, Mary Clukey, Nancy Cona, Judi Cowan, Andrea Jones, Jim and Julie Reffel, Judy Robb, Tim Robb, Carol Saunders, and Katherine Sykes. Please pray for their safety, meaningful work, and deepened spiritual awareness.  
 The group will return home on Saturday, October 21.

**Kirkin' O' the Tartans**  
 Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss out on our Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans scheduled for Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017! Gentlemen are encouraged to wear kilts. Ladies may wear plaid accessories. The service will include hymns and music from our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians. Tartans will be processed to bagpipe music and prayers of blessing will be offered for all families represented.  
 The service will be followed by a Fellowship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. This year as a special treat our children and youth will be preparing and serving a set menu meal including chicken, green beans, and macaroni & cheese. Donated tips recognizing their work will be used for Trinity's ministry of camps, trips, service projects, and programs for children and youth.  
*A Word About Kirkin' O' the Tartans*  
 The word "kirk" is the Gaelic (Scottish) word for "church." Tartans are the plaid materials distinctive to the various clans (families) of Scotland. The kilt was the traditional attire of men in Scotland, and woolen tartan material was used in the making of Scottish kilts. At a time in Scottish history when, by decree of antagonistic rulers, Scots were forbidden to wear tartan material or anything that represented their clan, they would secretly bring a hidden swatch of their tartan into the church where a blessing would be offered for the clans and families so represented.  
 Picking up on that theme near the close of World War II, the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, himself a Scotsman, began the Kirkin' O' the Tartans ceremony to raise awareness of, have prayer for, and secure funding for relief of the people of Great Britain who suffered significantly the ravages of that war. Thus was born the practice in the United States of celebrating the Kirkin' O' the Tartans.



# Trinity News



**10 October 2017**

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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.*

**Church Work Day Scheduled Oct. 14, 8 a.m. - noon**  
 Some of the items on the list of things to do:  
 •Paint interior and exterior of metal door  
 •Replace light bulbs Repair light fixture pulling from ceiling  
 •Install 2 handrails in sanctuary  
 •Attach facing at East side of building entrance at awning  
 •Bleach kitchen and fellowship hall trash cans  
 •Clean carpet  
 •Clean windows  
 • Replace AC filters  
 •Remove shrubbery and plant pansies

**Session Selects Director of Christian Education**  
 We are pleased and excited to announce that the Session has hired Mrs. Renae Preyna as our new Christian Education Director. She will begin her duties immediately. Her job description covers all Christian Education activities for children and youth, working closely with the pastors and the Christian Education Committee to coordinate those ministries. She will work, on average, 15 hours per week in that role. To insure the success of these ministries we will rely on volunteers taking part in all aspects of our program, and it will be Renae's job to assist with recruiting and coordinating them. Church members are asked to pitch in and help when called upon to provide quality Christian Education for our children and youth.  
 Thank you to our Search Committee members, Libby Bickers, Brooke Webb, Doug Maxwell, Ruth Stonestreet, Annalee Bickers and Don Thieme. We also want to extend deepest gratitude to Andrea Micklon for the faithful service she has given to the children and parents of Trinity. We plan to honor Andrea Micklon on October 22.

**Birthday Card Shower for Dorothy Lee Parker**  
 Members of the congregation who will be encouraged to send a birthday card to Mrs. Dorothy Lee Parker, wife of the late Colonel Clarence Parker. Even if she is not known personally to many, we believe this "card shower" will be a joy to her and a blessing to her family and her care givers. Her address is: 2310 North Sherwood Drive, Valdosta, Georgia 31602.  
 She will be 91 on October 14, 2017.

**Church Officer Nominating Committee Begins Its Work**  
 The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) was elected recently by the congregation and they have begun their work. Elder Lyle McGhin was elected moderator of the CONC, and Ms. Lisa Pearce was elected recording secretary. Other members of the CONC are Mike Cross, Nancy Knobel, and Kelly Wicks. Tyler Cross is youth representative on the committee. They solicit names of active church members to be considered for nomination. Five candidates will be nominated for the Session Class of 2020. The following guidelines are given for those being considered:  
 "They should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel in the church and in the world..." Book of Order (BOO) G-2.0104  
 "Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry..." BOO G-2.0201  
 "Congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit... They exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline, and have responsibility for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church..." BOO G-2.0301  
 Please keep these qualifications in mind as you offer your suggestions. The CONC will be using these guidelines in their selection of a slate of nominees.

**Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018**  
 Plan to attend a wonderfully relaxing, educational, and spiritual retreat sponsored by our Flint River Presbytery at The Conference Center at Veterans State Park, Lake Blackshear, Georgia. Celebration of Faith is scheduled for March 9-11, 2018. In this beautiful setting we will meet old friends and make new ones. Enriching and informative classes will be offered for all ages. Inspiring worship will touch our souls.  
 A full program guide is available at Trinity. It includes class descriptions, including those being taught by Pastor Dees and Pastor Hart. Registration forms are provided for individuals, families, day students, and youth. Registration begins on **October 21, 2017**. Don't delay – sign up today!



**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  
**William Cockren**  
 Mary Connell  
 Jane Gore  
 Larry Henderson  
 Marie Hill  
 Frank Stoddard  
 Nellie Stoddard  
 Karen Whelihan

**Relatives**

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*  
 Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*  
 Lisa Davis, *daughter-in-law of Marcie Swank*  
 Juanita Devine, *sister of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*  
 Dennis & Heather Dibble & Family, *cousins of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
 Ruth Duss, *mother of Sherry Stranahan*  
 Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*  
 Beverly Jackson, *daughter of Leta Cone*  
 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 Schrecengost, *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*  
 Logan Gabriel Wakefield, *grandson of Bob & Candy Wakefield*  
 Dorothy Whelihan, *aunt of Karen Whelihan*

**Friends (contact person)**

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)  
 Kathy Boone (Chris Roan)  
 Ed Bynum (Eddie Webb)  
**Michael Capece** (Jeff Bickers)  
 Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
 Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)  
 Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)  
 Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)  
 Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)  
**Ben Davis** (Catherine Loveday)  
 Larry Devane (Catherine Loveday)  
 Cathy Fisher (Charlie Oliver)  
 Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)  
 Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)  
 Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)  
 Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)  
 Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)  
 Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)  
 Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)  
 Gary Knowles (Catherine Loveday)  
 Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)  
 Amanda Leverett (Heather Wakefield)  
**Becky Mantz** (Debbie 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)  
 Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)  
 Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)  
 Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)  
 Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)  
 Kirsty Yearsley (Sherry Stranahan)

**Birth Announcement**

Lee and Carl Price (USAF) are the happy parents of a baby girl born on October 5, 2017. Her name is Katherine Rollins Price. She joins her older sister, Alice, in the family. Congratulations to these parents on this wonderful addition to their family.

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 15 October 2017  
 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Old Testament:** Exodus 32:1-14  
**Psalter:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
**New Testament:** Philippians 4:1-19  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Prayers for Bangladesh  
 9 October 2017**

O God of everlasting mercy, we thank you for hearing our prayer and bestowing your healing grace upon our sister in faith Sokhina, wife of a poor field laborer and mother of a third-grader, from a rural village in northwestern Bangladesh. After being gravely ill from a ruptured appendix and surviving thirteen days with no nutrition other than intravenous fluids, she now has begun to eat and is gaining strength and hope for recovery. Our souls magnify you, O Lord; our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior, for you have looked with favor on the lowliness of your servant Sokhina and saved her. We lift up to you our prayer of thanksgiving in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Written by Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
 Mission Co-Workers / Bangladesh*

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**

Zackary Serrott  
 Valerie Singer

Our Military Personnel  
 Missionaries  
 All Refugees  
 Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent Hurricanes

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .**

to the family and friends of Barbara Boyd, who died recently, requested by Charlie Oliver.

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **October 18, 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 Mark Micklon's cooking team. The menu will include meat loaf. 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.**

**A Word of Thanks**

The kind and generous gift to your pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month is gratefully acknowledged. We thank you for your prayers and the opportunity to serve this congregation. May God continue to bless us as we all seek to be "the light of the world and the salt of the earth" in this place.  
 Sincerely,  
 Pastor Hart and Pastor Dees



Calling all Trunks! We are going to need your trunks for a fun night with our Trinity family and neighbors. Trunk or Treat is scheduled as part of our Wednesday Night Supper activities. We will need lots of willing folks to decorate their trunks, fill them with candy and fellowship with the children who come trunk or treating. If you are not able to provide a trunk but would like to support the event you are welcome to donate bags of individually wrapped candy that will be distributed amongst the participating trunks throughout the evening. AND finally invite your neighbors to come and join us for a fun night.



Last week everyone did a great job painting rocks. The rocks will be placed on the tables at Wednesday Night Supper and folks can take one to hide somewhere in Valdosta to share a little kindness. This week the youth will make prayer bags for our Mission team. Next week we will begin discussing homelessness issues in our community and state.

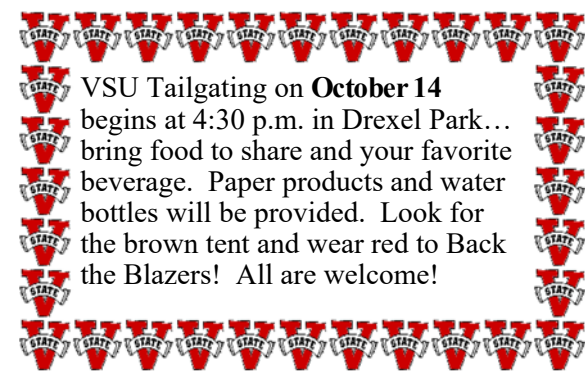
**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
 Thursday Morning Bible Study **will not** meet on **October 19**. Study will resume October 26.



**Dutch Lunch Bunch**

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather at 12 noon on **October 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.

**Operation Christmas Child** is coming in November...donation baskets will be out in the atrium beginning October 15th...place any of the following items in the baskets to help fill shoeboxes for children around the world: toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, small toys, socks, small balls, sunglasses, ball caps.



**VSU Tailgating on October 14** begins at 4:30 p.m. in Drexel Park...bring food to share and your favorite beverage. Paper products and water bottles will be provided. Look for the brown tent and wear red to Back the Blazers! All are welcome!

**VSU College of the Arts Pink Showcase**

Tuesday, **October 17**, 7:30 p.m. In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the College of Arts will present a Pink Showcase: Celebrating cancer survivors through the arts. Performances will include Sine Nominee Sings, Azalea City Jazz Quartet, VSU Percussion Ensemble, St. John's Catholic Youth Choir and more. The event will be in Whitehead Auditorium and is free and open to the public.