

Washington DC Mission Trip

A great big thank you to our Trinity family from all the participants in last week's Mission Trip to Washington DC. We are especially grateful to the youth and children who provided goody bags for participants on the trip to DC. Your cards of encouragement and prayers were meaningful and helpful. Great work was accomplished and new friends from St Augustine were made. All ran smoothly and while the group was able to touch the lives of those who are living with harsh circumstance, they were in fact touched by the blessing of serving others.



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.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Join your church family and our guests for a Fellowship Luncheon immediately following the Kirkin' O' the Tartans 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. Plan to stay for this free lunch and assist our children and youth with their mission trip next year to Memphis, Tennessee, as well as other events and service projects of our Trinity Youth Ministry.

The service of worship will include recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation as well as of our Scottish roots as Presbyterians. Mr. Paul Guilbeau will serve as our bagpiper and hymns and special music will be from the Reformation era. Prayers and other parts of the liturgy will be used from our Protestant heritage. This blessing of the Scottish clans will be symbolic of our desire for blessing of all families. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear kilts. Ladies may wear plaid.



Church Officer Nominating Committee Continues Its Work

Please pray for the Nominating Committee as they continue their search for candidates.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Prayer Vigil Standing in hope with Dreamers

A community service of prayer, mediation and fellowship. Sunday, **October 29** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. All are welcome.

Trinity to Host Muslim/Christian Interfaith Event

The Session has given approval to host a gathering of Christians and Muslims to meet each other and share information and dialog about how we may work together to foster cordial and cooperative relationships. The event is scheduled for the weekend of **November 10-12, 2017**. There will be three components of the event: 1) Fellowship Meal and Get Acquainted Activities on Friday evening in the Fellowship Hall; 2) Workshops Saturday morning on Basic Christianity, Basic Islam, and Future Interfaith Efforts in Valdosta; and 3) Working together on the *Building on Faith Habitat House* on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, November 11 and 12.

Reservations for participation will be required and a sign up sheet will be posted at Trinity. This is an opportunity for us to meet and get to know our Muslim neighbors who live, work, and worship here in Valdosta. Mark your calendar and sign up today. Space is limited.

November 2017 - Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30a.m. Breakfast & Sunday School 11:00a.m. Worship	10am - 12 noon Food Pantry 7p.m. Boy Scouts	6p.m. Cub Scouts	5:30p.m. KOW 5:45p.m. Handbells 6:15p.m. Wed Night Supper 7p.m. Adult Bible Study 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7p.m. SMASH	Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 - 7pm Food Pantry		
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			1 Jan Hobson's Cooking Team "All Saints' Day"	2	3	4 Day Light Savings Time Ends - Set Clocks Back 1 hour
5 11:00 a.m. Communion Food Offerings 4:30p.m. Session Meeting	6	7 Election Day	8 Hoover/Radabaugh Cooking Team	9	10 Muslim/Christian Interfaith Event Nov 10 -12	11 Habitat Building on Faith 11-18 November
12 Noisy Offering	13	14	15 Dupras/Wright Cooking Team	16 Valdosta Police Dept. Community Forum @ Trinity	17	18
← Habitat Building on Faith 11- 18 November →						
19 Stewardship Dedication Sunday 6p.m. Committee Night	20	21	22 No WNS	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	24	25
26 5p.m. The Messiah First Methodist	27	28 11a.m. Lunch @The Center 12p.m. Dutch Lunch Bunch	29 Lyle McGhin's Cooking Team	30		

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Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith

There will be three important ways we may support our local Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity affiliate next month during the annual Building on Faith week. **November 11-18, 2017** has been set aside for congregations of our community to provide support to build one house in a week. We may help as follows:

~ **Pray** for the success of the project and for the Habitat Partner Family that will be working to complete construction of their own new home.

~ **Volunteer** to help one or more days during the week. Framing day will be Saturday, November 11. Construction will resume on Tuesday, November 14 and continue through Saturday, November 18. Volunteers may work a half day or a full day. Lunch is provided at the work site. A sign up sheet will be posted at Trinity.

~ **Give** financially to support the project. Freewill offerings over-and-above one's pledge can be made by check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked for HFH BOF. Our Missions Committee challenges the congregation to raise \$1,000 or more for this effort.

Trinity's Advent Devotional Tradition

Once again we will be preparing our own "in house" devotional guide book for the season of Advent. Church members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to write a brief devotional to be printed in the daily guide book. Tell a story, share a favorite Christmas memory, or write about what faith in Christ means to you. There is a sign up calendar at church. We have 13 people signed up, but still need 9 more. We need your devotionals by **November 12**. Please consider helping with this meaningful Trinity tradition.

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
Emma Micklon
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard
Karen Whelihan

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Kelly Austin (Charlie Oliver)
Kathy Butterbaugh, *requested by Debbie Radabaugh*
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)
Tommy Hagy (Sonja Guilbeau)
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)
Harold (Charlie Oliver)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
Tim Huff (Sonja Guilbeau)
Bubba Hundley, *requested by Brooke Webb*
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
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)
Mark & Mary Spoeneman (Bernie Preyna)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
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*
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*
John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*
David & Susan Reid, *brother & sister-in-law of Beth Reid*
Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson*
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*

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 29 October 2017
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalter: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

**Prayers for Bangladesh
23 October 2017**

O heavenly Father, we pray for Johon Mardi, a 17-year-old laborer in rice fields in the poor rural village of Borshapara in northwestern Bangladesh. For the past three months he has been suffering from a severe psychotic illness, with hallucinations of ghosts coming after him to do him harm. Now sitting at home, debilitated, he at times falls into an angry rage and at other times weeps bitterly. Only this week was he finally seen by a health care professional, when a mission team visited his village. Lord, in your mercy, help Johon receive the treatment he so desperately needs, in this country where mental health resources are scarce. Empower your Church to care for him, and by your grace grant him mental stability and peace, we pray in the name of Christ the Healer. Amen.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Frank and Nellie Stoddard
Bill and Ruth Stonestreet
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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
All Refugees  
Victims of Terrorism  
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **November 1, 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

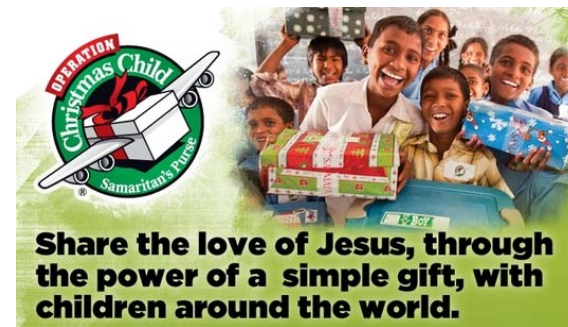
Supper will be provided by Jan Hobson's cooking team. The menu will include Ribollita. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

**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.**

**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!



**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.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, November 2, 2017. Please note change of meeting place – We will meet in the classroom in the Youth Wing at the end of the hall on the left 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.

**Blankets for Salvation Army Shelter**

The Mission Committee is seeking donations of new or gently used blankets to be given to the Salvation Army Men's Shelter. The blankets will help the shelter keep their residents warm in the cooler months ahead. Please bring any donation to the church by Wednesday, November 15th...the SMASH youth will deliver them that evening.

Boy Scout *God and Life* and *God and Church* classes are being taught to our troop members who wish to earn these badges by Pastor Hart and Pastor Dees this fall. The scouts who complete these courses will be presented their badges on Scout Sunday in February.



**SMASH REPORT**

Next week we will continue to talk about the issues around Homelessness in our community. We hope to have a guest speaker join us, so please plan to be there and on your best, hospitable behavior! **November 5th** we will meet with the KOW families at A-Maze-N Cane for some fall fun at 1:00 p.m. On November 8th we will be going to see the movie *A Same Kind of Different As Me* as soon as we know the time I will let everyone know...we will depart from the church with a sack lunch to eat on the way to the theater and once there we will get popcorn and a drink for everyone! Finally, the next payment for the ski trip is due by **November 12th**...please pay \$60 to the church by then. The final payment of \$75 will be due by **January 5, 2018**.