

Trunk or Treat was a super fun night with lots of clever trunks filled with goodies. Thank you to everyone who decorated and filled a trunk. We had lots of visitors and everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere. A shout out to our hot dog chefs...we look forward to next year so start thinking of ways to decorate your trunks!



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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends this Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks and watches back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday or first thing when you get up on Sunday or you will be late for church.

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 17 people signed up, but still need 5 more. We need your devotionals by **November 12**. Please consider helping with this meaningful Trinity tradition.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Many participated last Sunday in our grand celebration of the 500th Anniversary of The Protestant Reformation and of our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians during The Kirkin' O' the Tartans. Special thanks to Trinity Children and Youth and their parents for a delicious meal and their polite service at table. Tips donated raised over \$600 for Children and Youth Ministry.

We are also indebted to Paul Guilbeau for teaching himself to play the bagpipes in a crash course, and then doing so during worship. The Worship Committee worked hard to set the Sanctuary and organize our Kirkin' celebration, for which we are most grateful. Eddie Webb was a great sport as the winner of our *Dads in Plaid* contest, which raise an additional \$80. His new nick name is Braveheart! He was our Usher Team Leader for the day and also served as "beadle" carrying the Bible into the Sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Many other gentlemen turned out in kilts while others wore plaid and tartan accents in commemoration of the day.



Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **November 5, at 11:00 a.m.** by Intinction. Those who wish to receive Communion will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and dip it in the cup. Anyone who cannot come forward may receive the Sacrament at his or her seat. 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 ~Cereal

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

Stewardship Season Kicks Off This Sunday

Looking to the future we shall spend a few weeks being reminded of the vital ministries of our congregation that need our continued support in 2018. Stewardship Season begins this Sunday, November 5, 2018 and will conclude with our Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 19, 2018. Pledges of support in 2018 will be presented during worship on Dedication Sunday and we will gather for a Thanksgiving Meal after worship that day to celebrate. Please be present in Worship and at Wednesday Night Suppers during this season to hear testimonials and receive information about our future mission plans. Members and regular participants will receive information in the mail, including a pledge card for 2018. Be on the look out for these materials and prayerfully consider your commitment to God and your church for next year. Sincere thanks to all for your generosity in the past, now, and into our promising future.

Stated Session Meeting

The Stated Session meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 5**, at 4:30 p.m. Please note this is a week earlier than usual. Please contact Pastor Dees or Pastor Hart if you cannot attend.



**through
shelter we
empower**

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.

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
Larry Henderson
Marie Hill
David Johnson
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard
Karen Whelihan

Friends (contact person)

Ronnie Alligood (Jackie Wright)
Kelly Austin (Charlie Oliver)
Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)
Kathy Butterbaugh (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 (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)
Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeni Spencer (Mili Collins)
Mark & Mary Spoeneman (Bernie Preyna)
Lizabeth 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*
Leon Fox, *father of Debbie Hart*
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*

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of Matt Mashburn, who died recently, requested by Debbie Hart.

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 5 November 2017 Thirdly-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Old Testament: Joshua 3:7-17
Psalter: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Prayers for Bangladesh 30 October 2017

O heavenly Father, we pray for the more than 20,700 Rohingya orphans among the more than 603,000 refugees who have fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar since late August. The orphans, having lost their parents to the systematic killing, torture, rape and arson by Myanmar armed forces, and then having made the treacherous journey across the dangerous international border, now suffer under the physical and psychological stress of life in makeshift refugee camps. Among all the refugee children, international aid agencies are finding hundreds suffering from acute severe malnutrition. Lord, in this dark, unfolding chapter of hatred and violence in our world's history, we cry to you for mercy and peace. In your compassion, bring relief to all who are suffering in this humanitarian catastrophe, we pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Sherry Stranahan
Marcie Swank

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **November 8, 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 Hoover/Radabaugh cooking team. The menu will include lasagna. 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.

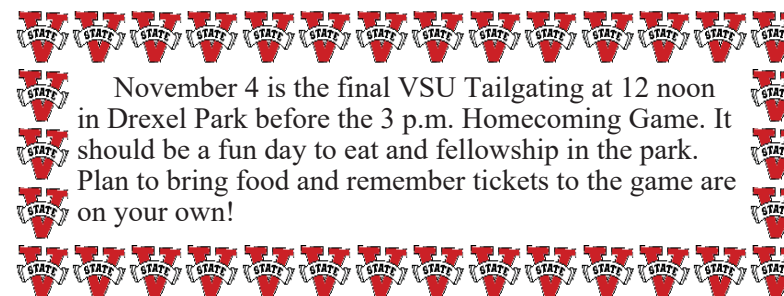
Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018

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.

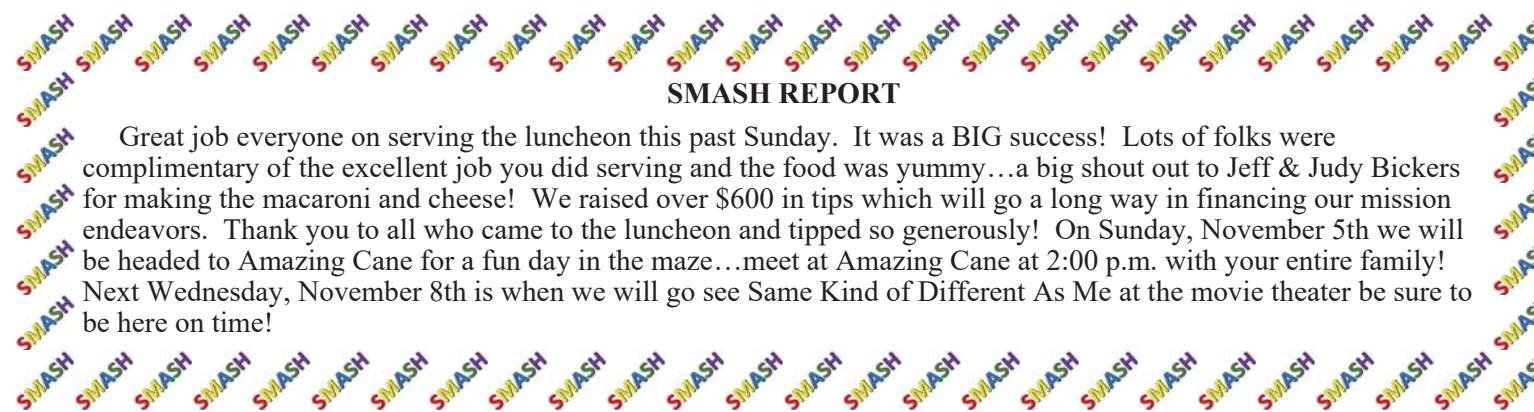
A full program guide is available at Trinity. It includes class descriptions, including those being taught by Pastor Dees and Pastor Hart. Registration forms are provided for individuals, families, day students, and youth. Registration begins on **October 21, 2017**. Don't delay – sign up today!



Operation Christmas Child collection week is only 2 weeks away! Thanks to all for your donations. We now need bonus special items only, as well as empty shoeboxes. These special "wow" items include dolls, teddy bears, matchbox cars and deflated or small soccer balls. Don't forget the pump for deflated balls. You will find a sample filled shoebox in the church atrium.



November 4 is the final VSU Tailgating at 12 noon in Drexel Park before the 3 p.m. Homecoming Game. It should be a fun day to eat and fellowship in the park. Plan to bring food and remember tickets to the game are on your own!



SMASH REPORT

Great job everyone on serving the luncheon this past Sunday. It was a BIG success! Lots of folks were complimentary of the excellent job you did serving and the food was yummy...a big shout out to Jeff & Judy Bickers for making the macaroni and cheese! We raised over \$600 in tips which will go a long way in financing our mission endeavors. Thank you to all who came to the luncheon and tipped so generously! On Sunday, November 5th we will be headed to Amazing Cane for a fun day in the maze...meet at Amazing Cane at 2:00 p.m. with your entire family! Next Wednesday, November 8th is when we will go see Same Kind of Different As Me at the movie theater be sure to be here on time!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, November 9, 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.

Trinity to Host Muslim/Non-Muslim Interfaith Event

This 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 Introduction to Christianity, Introduction to 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 are required. Please contact Pastor Hart if you are interested in participating. Space is limited.

Tour of Tables for Advent & Christmas

The SMASH youth would like to invite anyone willing and able to decorate a table in the Fellowship Hall on December 6th for Wednesday Night Supper. Prizes will be awarded by the youth and it should be a fun and festive night. Sign-up with Pastor Anghaarad if you wish to decorate a table.