

Elder Nominee Biographical Sketches

The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) offers the following church members as nominees for the office of elder to serve on the Session in the class of 2020. By request of the CONC the following biographical sketches are being provided by the nominees for information. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 19, 2017, at noon immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the Committee's recommendation. All of these nominees have agreed to serve if elected by the congregation.

Nominees from the floor will be permitted during the Congregational Meeting. Anyone making such nomination from the floor must have secured the willingness of the nominee to serve if elected.

David Armond was born in West Jefferson, Louisiana in April, 1969. Before he moved to Valdosta he lived in Columbia South Carolina for 17 years where he worked for Direct TV as an installer. He is now on disability because of kidney disease. His father worked for the New Orleans Police Department and his mother worked for the Department of Agriculture. He is the youngest of his mother's five children and the fifth of his father's children, five brothers and two sisters. He was raised in the Roman Catholic Church. David joined Trinity by Reaffirmation of Faith in March 2008. He has served as an usher and is currently an Usher Team Captain. He has also been part of our Wednesday Night Supper Cooking Teams.

David says, "God is my healer, protector, and comforter. He has put people in my path and led them to me at just the right time as to His will and purpose. For that I feel loved and blessed to be called a child of God. My Trinity family has always been available when I needed them, especially through my kidney transplant operation. I feel that God has called me now to give back to Trinity."

Carol A. Hartley-Oliver is her name as it appears on the charter of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Guy, have indeed been charter members since the church's founding in 1985. Guy retired from the Air Force at Moody Air Force Base in 1995. They have lived in Valdosta for quite some time. Before moving to Valdosta, they were stationed in Germany for five years. She retired recently as director of the Literacy Volunteer Program.

Charlie says, "I believe in grace through faith, and that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life. I also believe that we should love our neighbors and be merciful to our enemies. As a charter member of Trinity, I have been in a variety of positions - from Sunday school superintendent to choir member as well as being on a variety of church committees. I am an ordained elder as well. If elected, I will listen and will do my best to move Trinity forward as a strong faith-based church."

Bernie Preyna was born in Buffalo, New York. She and her late husband were married for 25 years before his death, and reared two wonderful sons, one of whom is a member and elder at Trinity - Brian, Chief Master Sargent in the Air Force. She says she has "five beautiful grandsons."

She was a cardiology nurse for 32 years before transitioning to medical insurance which she did for 23 years. In both professions she has held numerous positions with upper level responsibilities. Bernie is currently semi-retired, still working to help patients have access to quality services.

Formerly Roman Catholic where her faith was formed and developed, Bernie participated actively with her extended family at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

She says, "My faith has been brought to a new level since becoming a member at Trinity Presbyterian in 2016, where I have experienced many levels of fellowship, education, committee work, and mission programs. I believe in God, and the action that my faith imparts is who I am and how I choose to live my life. My faith in God is the basis of my morals and values."

Beth Reid was born in Lincoln, Illinois. She has two grown children, Jenn Smith Schneider and Alex Smith. She moved to Valdosta in August 2016 from Panama City, Florida where she was a para-professional at Bay High School. Prior to that she completed a career in the United States Air Force. She moved here with her mother, Marilyn, who is also a member at Trinity. Beth is currently employed as a para-professional in special education at Lowndes High School.

Beth was born a Presbyterian, christened in her grandparents' church, the United Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which her parents were married, and in which both of her children were christened. She belonged to that church until 2011 when she transferred her membership to Grace Presbyterian Church in Panama City, Florida. While at Grace she worked in the food pantry, vacation Bible school, and as an ordained elder, serving on the Christian Education committee.

Beth says about her faith that, without trying to be flippant, "The Apostles' Creed gets to the crux of my beliefs way better than I ever could."

Grant Wright was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he lived until 1978. He and Janet were married in 1972, and they moved to Lowell, Michigan where they lived until moving to Valdosta in June 2016. He has a daughter, Melissa, also a member at Trinity, and two grandchildren, Austin and Mickeala.

His career in the auto service industry started in 1969, from which he retired after 45 years. He started out washing cars, then worked his way up to fixed operations manager. Continued education in the industry was provided by Chrysler Corporation with 4000+ hours technical, parts, and management training over the course of his career.

He attended Community of Christ Church from birth until moving to Valdosta. He was baptized in 1959 and ordained to the office of Priest in October, 2009. He has served the church on the pastoral support team and as Pastor.

Grant says of his faith, "God has always been important in my life. The wonder of creation never gets old. Every time I study the Bible I discover something new. God has continued to lead me forward, and that continues and becomes more apparent every day. That includes coming to Trinity, becoming a member, and being nominated as elder on the session."



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.

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 Guidebook

Many thanks to all who agreed to write a reflection for our Advent Devotional Guidebook. Please remember that we need your devotionals by this Sunday, **November 12**. The preferred method for submission is by e-mail to office@trinitypresval.org. You may turn it in to the Church Office handwritten, but please be sure to print legibly.

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.

Session Committee Night

The Committees of the Session will meet on **Sunday, November 19**, at 6:00 p.m. *Please note this is one week earlier than usual.*

Stewardship Season Continues

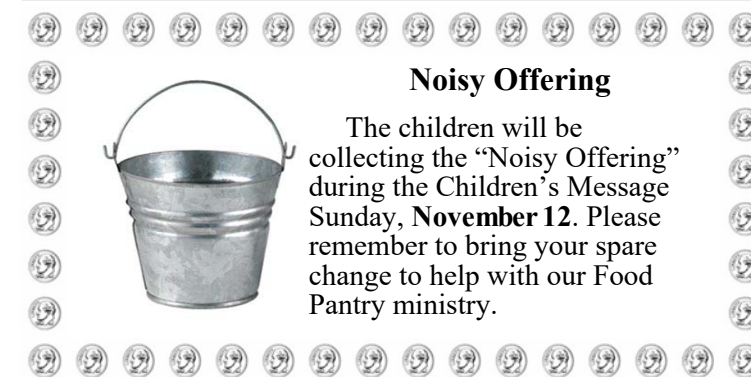
Looking to the future, we are spending a few weeks being reminded of the vital ministries of our congregation that need our continued support in 2018. Stewardship Season began last Sunday, November 5, 2017, and will conclude with our Stewardship Dedication Sunday on November 19, 2017. Pledges of support in 2018 will be presented during worship on Dedication Sunday and we will gather for a Thanksgiving Meal after worship that day to celebrate. *Reservations for the luncheon are requested. Please sign up at church or call the church office.* Pledge cards for 2018 are being mailed this week for individuals, families, children, and youth. Be on the lookout 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.



Operation Christmas Child

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. You will find a sample filled shoebox in the church atrium. Boxes must be ready for delivery next week. *Also needed are donations to cover shipping cost - \$9.00 per box.*



Noisy Offering

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message Sunday, **November 12**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

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
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Bud Perry (Eddie Webb)
Debbie Pippin (Catherine Loveday)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)
Sarah Singletary (Catherine Loveday)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
Mark & Mary Spoeneman (Bernie Preyna)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)
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*

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Don Thieme, Hanae Kanno
Erica

Joy Trulock

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Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 12 November 2017  
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Old Testament:** Joshua 24:1-25

**Psalter:** Psalm 78:1-7

**New Testament:**  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**A Prayer for Sutherland Springs**

*Written by Jill Duffield, editor of Presbyterian Outlook*

How long, O, Lord? How long will we keep killing each other? How long until sanctuaries are truly sanctuaries? How long until shootings stop and peace prevails? God of grace, as we rend our hearts in grief, dismay and despair, hear our cries, comfort those who mourn, galvanize us to do whatever needs to be done to bring healing, reconciliation and a loving way of life together.

Our groans mingle with those of our brothers and sisters in Sutherland Springs. We hurt with the part of the body devastated in south Texas. We reel with the reality that those who went to worship this morning were met with violence. As the congregation of First Baptist and the people of Sutherland Springs huddle in prayer, may they know that whole communion of the saints embraces them and will not leave them alone in the days, the months, the years ahead. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.



**KOW Family Game Night**

November 17 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

All our KOW families are invited for a fun evening of games, junk food and fellowship!!

**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **November 15, 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 turkey harvest dinner. 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.**

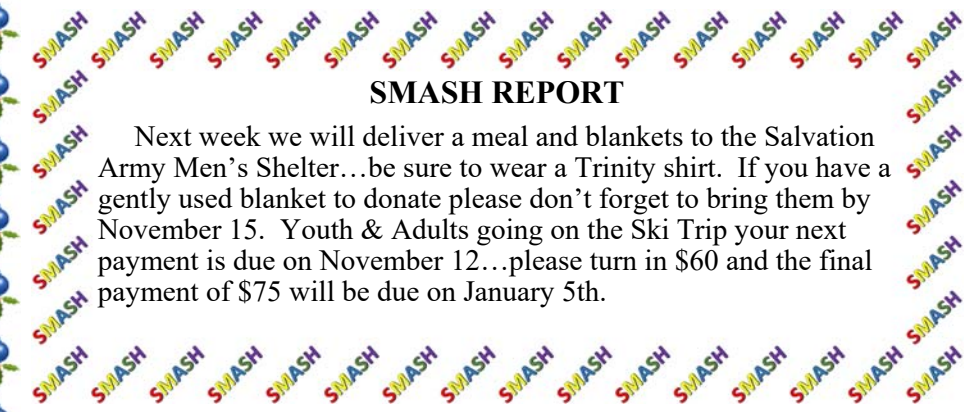
**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, November 16, 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.

A few pictures from a fun day at A-MAZE-N Cane! Thanks to all the families who came out!

**December Birthdays**

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| Abilene Crossman   | 10-Dec |
| Erica Kanno Thieme | 11-Dec |
| Bryan Wright       | 12-Dec |
| Bernie Preyna      | 13-Dec |
| Paulette Butts     | 15-Dec |
| Debbie Radabaugh   | 15-Dec |
| Andrea Micklon     | 16-Dec |
| Graham Geidel      | 16-Dec |
| Carol Micklon      | 17-Dec |
| Aubrey Frey        | 23-Dec |
| Jerome Ware        | 24-Dec |
| Dave Gallahan      | 24-Dec |
| Debbie Antonoff    | 25-Dec |
| Valerie Singer     | 26-Dec |
| Jan Hobson         | 27-Dec |
| Michael Antonoff   | 27-Dec |
| Lisa Ware          | 29-Dec |
| Marilyn Reid       | 30-Dec |
| Preslie Ware       | 30-Dec |
| Peter Lee          | 31-Dec |



**SMASH REPORT**

Next week we will deliver a meal and blankets to the Salvation Army Men's Shelter...be sure to wear a Trinity shirt. If you have a gently used blanket to donate please don't forget to bring them by November 15. Youth & Adults going on the Ski Trip your next payment is due on November 12...please turn in \$60 and the final payment of \$75 will be due on January 5th.

**'Tis the Season...**

As the Advent and Christmas season approaches there are several opportunities to celebrate the season through fellowship and service.

- Community Messiah** is November 26 at First Methodist at 5:00pm
- Greening of the Church** is November 26 immediately after worship.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing** begins November 28 and the sign up sheet is in the atrium.
- Pines Christmas Angels** will be coming after November 12 so be on the lookout to adopt an angel this Christmas.
- Poinsettia Sales** to support the youth and decorate the church have begun and are \$15 each.
- Tour of Tables** is scheduled for December 5th and if you plan to decorate a table please sign up with Pastor Anghaarad today.