

Elders Elected by the Congregation

The Congregation recently elected elders to serve on the Session in the Class of 2020. They are: Mrs. Charlie Oliver, Mrs. Bernie Preyna, Mrs. Beth Reid, Mrs. Kelly Wicks, and Mr. Grant Wright. We offer sincere thanks to these for their willingness to serve Trinity in the years to come. We are also grateful to all who gave careful consideration to the call to serve. And we thank the Church Officer Nominating Committee for their careful and prayerful work – Elder Lyle McGhin, Moderator; Elder Kelly Wicks; Mrs. Lisa Pearce, Secretary; Mr. Mike Cross; Mrs. Nancy Knobel; and Mr. Tyler Cross, Youth Advisory Member. These elected Elders will be ordained and installed on Sunday, January 7, 2018, and begin their term of office immediately.

Handel's Messiah Presented

Sincere thanks to Music Director John-Alan Gourdine, Trinity Choristers and Soloists, and all other Vocalists and Instrumentalists for their time, energy, and talent given for this year's presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. Special thanks to Donna Farwell and the St John's Catholic Church Youth Choir for their participation in the presentation. This holiday classic helps to usher in the Advent and Christmas Seasons, and presents the Gospel in a compelling and meaningful way. An offering of \$615.00 was received for hurricane relief efforts by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico.



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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.



Lessons and Carols

This Sunday, **December 3**, our Chancel Choir will present "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. You don't want to miss this beautiful service which will include many beloved carols and readings to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. Our Handbell Choir will also present musical offerings as part of the service. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this annual tradition.

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree

The angels have arrived and need "adopting" to help provide the families at Pines Family Center a wonderful Christmas. The display is in the atrium and everyone is encouraged to pick up one or more "angels" to shop for. Be sure to sign the angel registry on the board when you have made your selection. A limit of \$30 is suggested for each "angel" as a way to keep it fair amongst all the children. The deadline for returning wrapped gifts is **December 17** and if you need more information please contact Cathy Hoover.

Tour of Tables, December 6, 2017

Help the SMASH youth celebrate the Christmas Season by decorating a table in the Fellowship Hall. We have 12 round tables and 1 long table ready for your festive trimmings. The youth will award prize ribbons to their favorite tables. You don't have to attend Wednesday Supper to decorate a table.

You may begin decorating your table anytime after December 3rd.

Please sign up with Anghaarad or on the sign-up sheet in the atrium by November 26th if you plan to decorate a table.

It's Time To Ring The Bells

The time is here for us to help the Salvation Army. Trinity is signed up to ring the bell at the Food Court Entrance of the Valdosta Mall for the four Tuesdays before Christmas. Three Tuesdays remain, **December 5, 12, and 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The sign-up sheets are posted on the office windows. Please help us fill these one-hour slots as soon as possible!



Poinsettias for Sale

This holiday season Trinity Youth and Children will be offering the opportunity to place poinsettias in the church to honor or remember loved ones and to spread Christmas cheer. Three color options are available - red, white, and red/white variegated. This is a fund-raiser for youth ministry. Flowers may be taken home on Christmas Eve.

Plants are \$15.00 each. The plants have been ordered but you may purchase one as long as we have some available. Please make your purchase by **December 13**, to be included in the bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and marked "poinsettia project." For more information please ask Annalee Bickers, Linda Brown, or Pastor Dees.

'Tis the Season

Many thanks to all who helped with the Greening of the Church last Sunday. Advent begins this Sunday, December 3, and we are ready! Advent Devotionals are hot off the press and can be picked up this week! Please save the \$1.61 cost of postage by picking up your devotional this Wednesday or Sunday. If you know that you will pick up your devotional, but can't do so by Sunday, December 3rd, contact Bryan Wright and he will hold it for you in the office and email you a pdf of the first week of devotionals.

Advent Devotional Booklet cover art work by Annalee Bickers



A Message from the Finance Committee

Please be mindful of the following as part of our Stewardship of financial resources for ministry:

- ~ Thanks to all who have turned in pledge cards for 2018. We have in hand 61 pledge cards in the amount of \$207,390. Those who have not yet done so are asked to turn in pledge cards as soon as possible to help us achieve our financial goals for next year.
- ~ Year-end contributions need to be deposited in the church's account by December 31, 2017 to be credited for this year's tax returns. Please make sure your gifts for this year are received no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017 to be properly credited.
- ~ Extra gifts to your church help insure we complete our year in the black and provide additional tax benefit to the donor. Please keep Trinity in mind as you complete your charitable giving for 2017.

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
Marie Hill
Beverly Peters
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Dawn Curtis (Debbie Hart)
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)
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)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)
Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)

Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Bitsy Paige (Catherine Loveday)
Debbie Pippin (Catherine Loveday)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Easton Rains (Matthew Hart)
Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)
Sarah Singletary (Catherine Loveday)
Randall Smith (John & Chris Roan)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)

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*
Muriel Hart, *aunt of Richard Hart*
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*
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*
Dorothy Whelihan, *aunt of Karen Whelihan*

Friends (contact person)

Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)
Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)
Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Rebecca Christopholi (Sherry Stranahan)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 3 December 2017 First Sunday of Advent

Old Testament:
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalter: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Christmas Cards for the Morgans

When addressing your Christmas cards this year, don't forget to send greetings to Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan and their children, Laura and Stewart. Their addresses are:

Drs. Les & Cindy Morgan
HC 33 Box 53A
Pettigrew, AR 72752
Stewart & RoShunna Lea-Morgan
141 N Galt Ave Apt. 2
Louisville, KY 40206
Laura & Chris Trosen & Lewis
6674 Odell Ave. South
Denmark Township, MN 55033

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Bill and Kelly Wicks
Glennie Wicks

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
All Refugees
Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 6, 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 Debbie Hart's cooking team. The menu will include chicken spaghetti. 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.

Greetings from the Olivers!

All of our Trinity family are invited to Guy and Charlie's Annual Holiday Reception! The big day is this Sunday **3 December** ...we are opening our doors from 3 to 6 PM. Our address is 112 Sunnymead Drive. It is a casual affair and all you need to bring is yourselves. Happy Holidays and God bless! (If you need directions or sending regrets, call us at 229-247-1893.)



Youth Yard Sale 2018

It is that time of year again! We need your stuff for another successful yard sale. We are ready and able to receive your donations for the yard sale...please place them in the Noah's Ark Room in the Youth Wing. If you have larger donations like furniture or appliances we will gladly take those and if you need assistance getting them to the church let Pastor Dees know and we will do our best to arrange pick up. The sale is scheduled for February 3 and we will begin set up on February 1 after WNS. We will need lots of volunteers to help the youth set up and on the day of the sale. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the sale and or set-up please let Pastor Dees know.

You're Invited to the Harts'

Debbie and Richard Hart invite the congregation to their home for their Annual Christmas Open House on Saturday evening, **December 16, 2017** anytime from 5:00 til 8:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bring only yourselves, your appetite, and desire for a fun evening. No reservations required. The address is 4046 Liska Circle (off Skipper Bridge Road about 3.5 miles north of Trinity.)



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, **December 7, 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.

Christmas Parade

Let's watch the parade together! The Valdosta Christmas Parade rolls at 5:00 p.m. down Patterson Street. Everyone is welcome to park near the home of Zane and Anghaarad Dees (200 E. Cranford Ave) and then walk down the street to view the parade together. Following the parade everyone is welcome back to our home for Hot Chocolate on the front porch. It should be a fun evening!!!

