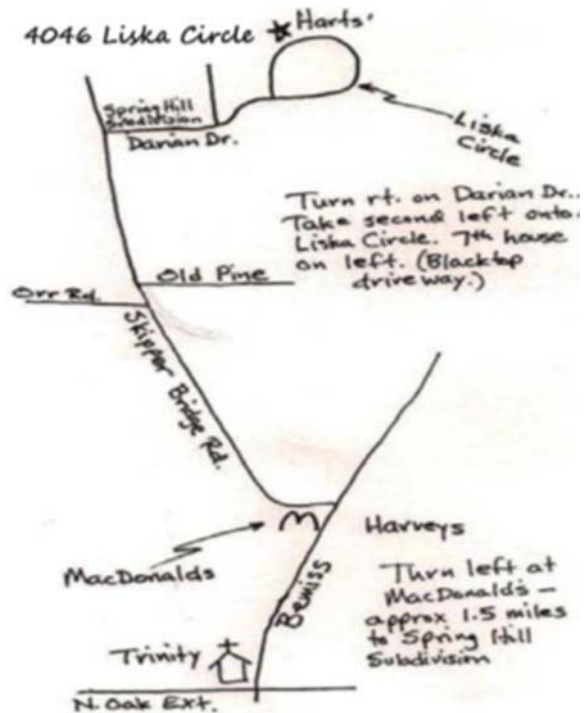


You're Invited to the Harts'

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.)

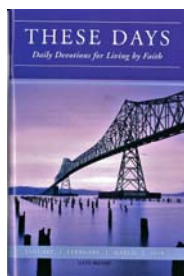


Annual Christmas Joy Offering

Traditionally throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) an offering has been received during Advent for two important causes. Half of the Christmas Joy Offering will go to provide financial assistance to retired church workers and their families on limited income. Administered through the Board of Pensions these funds also assist ministers and missionaries experiencing significant emergency financial crises for themselves and their families. The other half of the offering will go to support racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA). Those receiving funds this year are the Menaul School, a Christian High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico; the Presbyterian Pan American School, an international high school in Kingland, Texas; and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering at Trinity on **Sunday, December 17, 2017**.

These Days Devotional Booklets

These Days Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by our denomination, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge by Trinity's Worship Committee. This issue begins **January 1**. Be sure to pick up your copy.



Trinity News



5 December 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.*

Pines Family Center Angel Christmas Tree

Thanks to all who are helping with this worthy ministry. Please remember a limit of \$30 is suggested for each "angel" as a way to keep it fair amongst all the children. Also be reminded the deadline for returning wrapped gifts is **December 17**. If you need more information please contact Cathy Hoover.

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. Two Tuesdays remain, **December 12 and 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. December 12 is full and one slot remains on December 19. The sign-up sheets are posted on the office windows. If you have signed up and cannot ring, please inform the office.



Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **December 10, at 11:00 a.m.** 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.

Some of the Trinity gang enjoying hot chocolate at the Dees' after the Valdosta Christmas Parade.



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.

Noisy Offering

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message Sunday, **December 10**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

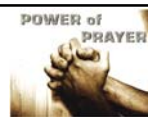


A Message from the Finance Committee

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 64 pledge cards in the amount of \$218,390. 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
John Roe
Bryan Singer
Valerie Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Shannon Hobbs (Mark Micklon)
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)

Long Term Prayer List

Members

Mae Baker
Marvin & Margaret Bruch
Dorothy Parker
Barbara Sanders

Relatives

Mary Brady, *mother of Kathy Roe*
Sue Braswell, *aunt of Judy Bickers*
James Dees, *father of Zane Dees*
Greg Fox, *brother of Debbie Hart*
James & Johnnie Kinchen, *parents of Jackie Wright*
Edna McElroy, *sister-in law of Martha Bennett*
J. W. & Delores Oorlog, *parents of Linda Reinhard*
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*
John & Gwen Seanor, *grandparents of Paul Guilbeau*
Rachael Speck, *niece of Beverly Peters*
Richard Zulauf, *brother of Cathy Hoover*

Friends

Rachele Davis (Charlie Oliver)
Ann Embry (Margie Vollenweider)
Mary Marshall (Margaret Bruch)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)

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)
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Dawn Curtis (Debbie Hart)
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)
Erika Harding (Christal Dudley)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 10 December 2017
Second Sunday of Advent**

Old Testament:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalter: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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

Lorrie Wicks
Bryan and Jackie Wright
Melanie George

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to Don Vollenweider and family on the recent death of his sister Vera Nell Vollenweider, and to the family and friends of Alex McFadden, who died recently.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 13, 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. – KOW Christmas Program
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SMASH for Youth

Supper for December 13 will be catered. The menu will include BBQ pork and chicken with mac & cheese, green beans, and broccoli salad. 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.

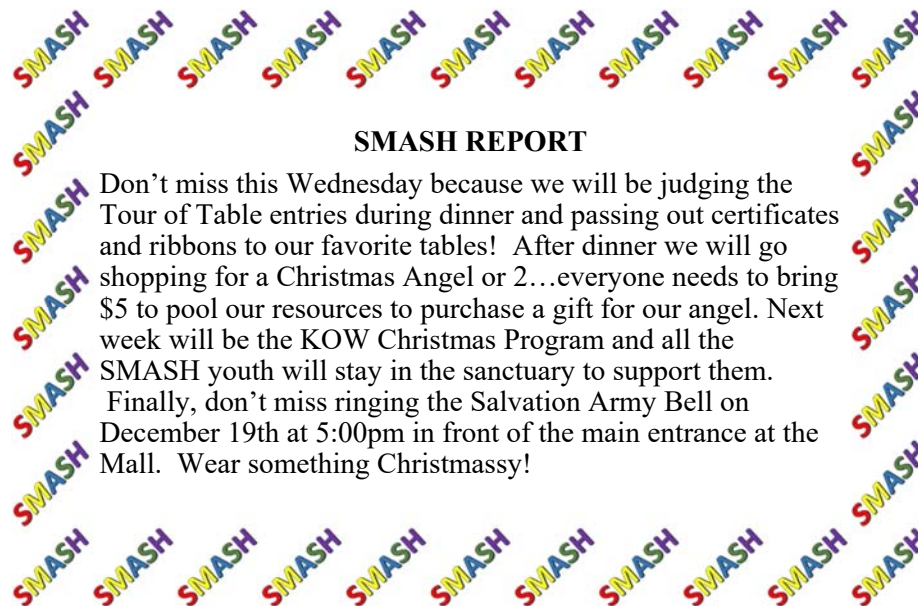
Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018

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 began on October 21, 2017. Don't delay – sign up today!

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 to 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.



SMASH REPORT

Don't miss this Wednesday because we will be judging the Tour of Table entries during dinner and passing out certificates and ribbons to our favorite tables! After dinner we will go shopping for a Christmas Angel or 2...everyone needs to bring \$5 to pool our resources to purchase a gift for our angel. Next week will be the KOW Christmas Program and all the SMASH youth will stay in the sanctuary to support them. Finally, don't miss ringing the Salvation Army Bell on December 19th at 5:00pm in front of the main entrance at the Mall. Wear something Christmassy!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, **December 14, 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.

Thank You, Trinity Choristers and Musicians!

What a grand introduction to Advent and our preparations for Christmas! The Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers provided a meaningful and top quality Service of Lessons and Carols last Sunday. Special thanks to Music Director, John-Alan Gourdine; Chancel Ringers Director, Paul Guilbeau; and Pianist, Edward Neeman, with assistance from Stephanie Neeman. Thanks to all these musicians for their hard work, time, and talent given to the praise of God and the glory of the coming Christ. You inspire us all to deeper faith and more joyous celebration.

	
January Birthdays	
Bob Wakefield	3-Jan
Keiosha McCrae	7-Jan
Faith Cockren	8-Jan
Mae Baker	8-Jan
Logann Pearce	10-Jan
Glennie Wicks	11-Jan
James Ferrier	11-Jan
Dottie Davis	22-Jan
John-Alan Gourdine	23-Jan
Shupora McCrae	24-Jan
David Roe	27-Jan
Jane Gore	29-Jan
Errol Crossman	29-Jan
Leta Cone	31-Jan
	