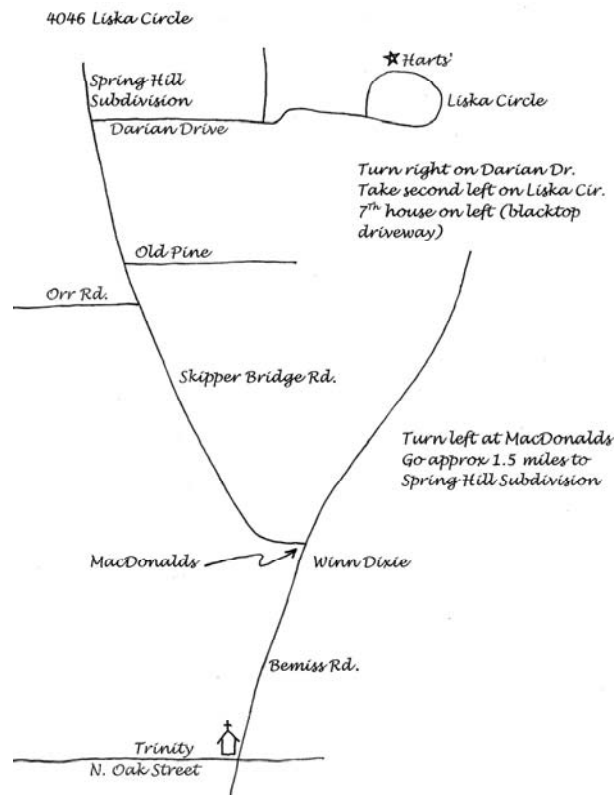


You're Invited to the Harts'

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.)



Tour of Tables

A very big thank you to all who decorated a table for our first ever Tour of Tables. This was such a hit I'm sure we will do it again, next year. If you have not been by our Fellowship Hall you should, the decorations are beautiful and really put you in the spirit of Christmas. Lots of pictures have been posted on Facebook for everyone to enjoy. Our youth did an outstanding job judging the tables and the following awards were presented:

- Most Lavish: Debbie Hart
- Most Lovely: Marcie Swank
- Most Angelic: Roberta Boyd
- Best Use of Fantasy: Margie Vollenweider
- Youth Favorite: Deb Radabaugh & Reme Mattice
- Most Creative: Nita Cross & Rachele Frey
- Most Magical: Kelly & Glennie Wicks
- Sweetest: Angharad Teague Dees
- Most Elegant: Cathy Hoover
- Most Festive: Sherry Stranahan
- Merriest Table: Renae Preyna



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.*

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.

Advent Christian Village Christmas Program

Sunday afternoon, December 17, 2017, you are invited to Dowling Park, Florida, for the annual Christmas Program at The Advent Christian Village (home of our dear friend, Jean Snyder.) Tickets are free, but we need to know how many folks want tickets. Please call the Church Office, 242-3468, to make your reservation. Meet at Trinity at 1:00 p.m. to ride the church bus. The plan is to return to Valdosta before supertime.

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**.

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. One Tuesday remains, **December 19**, and one slot is still open. If you have signed up and cannot ring, please inform the office.

Spreading Holiday Joy

Join your Trinity family for Christmas Caroling to the homes of folks in our church to whom we hope to bring a message of good cheer. On Wednesday evening, **December 20, 2017**, we will meet at Trinity at 6:00 p.m. Our plan is to visit five or six church members' homes. We will take the Trinity bus, and other vehicles if needed. Paul Guilbeau has agreed to provide accompaniment for us. Those who wish to do so may gather afterward for something to eat at Chick-fil-A.

Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday morning – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship
Sunday Evening – 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

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 65 pledge cards in the amount of 221,090. 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 Sunday, December 31, 2017 to be credited for this year's tax returns. Please make sure your gifts for this year are received on or before that day. Contributions mailed must be postmarked on or before December 29.
~ 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.

Worship Assistance Calendar - January 2018

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
7	Prep: Glennie Wicks Bryan Wright Jeff Bickers Nita Cross Brooke Webb Linda Brown Mili Collins Brian Preyna	Guy Oliver Bill Bickers Roberta Boyd John Roan Ann Smith	Elder Frank Kilgard Lynn Kilgard Marilyn Reid Beth Reid	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Grant Wright	Andrew Preyna	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Renae Preyna
14		Bill Wicks Leta Cone Nita Cross Benjamin Dudley David Roe	Elder Grant Wright Janet Wright	Brian Preyna Debbie Radabaugh	Frank Kilgard	Mickeala Mittelstadt	Mike Cross Nita Cross
21		Eddie Webb Noelle Collins Brian Preyna Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	Elder Nita Cross Tyler Cross	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Denise Dupras	Emma Micklon	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
28		Zane Dees Melissa Mittelstadt Lisa Pearce	Elder Bill Bickers Libby Bickers Annalee and Woodson	Jeff Bickers	Jan Hobson	Eric Micklon	Jean Snyder Sunday School Class

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

Michael Capece (Jeff Bickers)
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)
Tom Conner (Libby Bickers)
Dawn Curtis (Debbie Hart)
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Becky Mantz (Debbie Hart)
Diana Gardner McConnell (Jan Hobson)

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
Austin Boyd, *great-grandson of Roberta Boyd*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*
Red Cross, *father of Mike Cross*
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*
Michele Giddens, *daughter of Lee & Barbara Bradley*
John Gilbert, *father of Karen Ferguson*
Bill & Melissa Guzman & Family, *cousins of Beth Reid*
Muriel Hart, *aunt of Richard Hart*
George Larimore, *brother of Janet Wright*
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*

Deanna Morris (Brian Preyna)
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)
Victoria Osteen (Libby Bickers)
Bitsy Paige (Catherine Loveday)
Patricia Parrish (Paulette Butts)
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)
Heather Smock (Candy Wakefield)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Markeida Williams (Richard Hart)

Thank you to my Trinity family for your continued prayers and meals during Frank's and my recovery. We are blessed to have such a compassionate and loving church family. I look forward to the time when we can return to the worship and fellowship at Trinity.

Love,
Nellie Stoddard

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 17 December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalter: Psalm 126
New Testament:
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Grant and Janet Wright
Barbara Aiken

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

All Refugees

Victims of Terrorism

Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to the family and friends of Valentine Brown, who died recently, requested by Judy Bickers, and to the family and friends of Billy Drew, who died recently, requested by Chris Roan.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

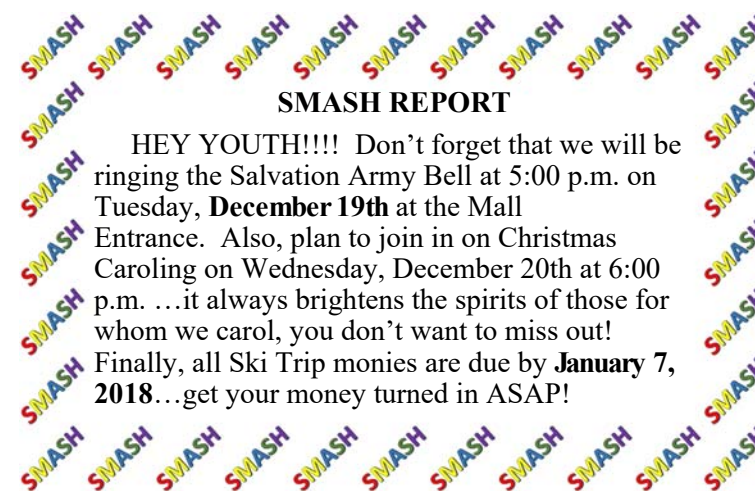
For Wednesday, **December 20, 2017**

There **will not** be any Wednesday night activities on December 20, 27, or January 3, due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Join us when we resume on January 10, 2018.

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!

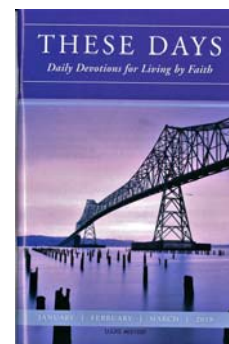


SMASH REPORT

HEY YOUTH!!!! Don't forget that we will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **December 19th** at the Mall Entrance. Also, plan to join in on Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. ...it always brightens the spirits of those for whom we carol, you don't want to miss out! Finally, all Ski Trip monies are due by **January 7, 2018**...get your money turned in ASAP!

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.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

There will be **no** Thursday Bible Study on December 21 or 28. We will resume on January 4, 2018.

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.



Dutch Lunch Bunch

Please join us for a tasty lunch, provided by the Trinity Staff on **December 19th** at Noon. Pastor Hart, Pastor Dees, Bryan Wright and Renae Preyna will each bring a pot of chili for an informal Chili Cook-off. Everyone else is asked to bring sides to go with chili (crackers, cornbread, chips, cheese, etc.) or dessert. It will be a wonderfully festive time of fellowship complete with caroling accompanied by Denise Dupras on the piano. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at Trinity or call the Church Office to put your name on the list.

Thank You, Trinity Children!

Great job by Trinity Children singing in worship last Sunday! Thanks to Makinsey Rosser for directing the children, as well as directing the Chancel Choir anthem that day, too!

