

Children's Christmas Program, The Friendly Beasts was a huge success. A very big thank you to Marilyn Reid for helping make costumes, Makinsey Rosser for assisting with the music, Grant Wright for setting up the stable and all who attended the performance. The children did an outstanding job reminding us of the awe and wonder that are central to the Christmas story.



Another Successful Angel Tree Project

Thank you, Trinity! Mothers and children at the Pines Family Center will receive special Christmas cheer because of your hard work and generosity. This year we will distribute presents to 84 children and their mothers. Special thanks to Cathy Hoover for organizing this project. Her diligent efforts and careful management of all details were essential to its success.

Trinity Photo Album Updates

Bryan Wright, our faithful photographer, will be set up in the Atrium at Trinity on Christmas Eve morning and evening to take individual and family photos to update our pictorial directory. Stop by to have your picture made this weekend, if you will.

Montreat College Conference

On January 2 thru 5, Anghaarad, along with three of our college students, Noah Dalton, Benjamin Dudley and Makinsey Rosser will be headed to Montreat to join over 1200 other college students for a 3 day conference. This year keynote speakers include Rick Ufford-Chase and Denise Anderson, former and current moderators (respectively) of the General Assembly. Flint River Presbytery is sending 28 students and adults this year for this outstanding conference.

January 2018 - Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30a.m. Breakfast & Sunday School 11:00a.m. Worship	10am - 12 noon Food Pantry 7p.m. Boy Scouts	6p.m. Cub Scouts	5:30p.m. KOW 5:45p.m. Handbells 6:15p.m. Wed Night Supper 7p.m. Adult Bible Study 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7p.m. SMASH	Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 - 7pm Food Pantry		
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	Office Closed	1	2	3	4	5
		NO WNS Montreat College Conference				6
		8	9	10	11	12
11:00 a.m. Communion Elder Ordination / Installation Food Offerings 4:30 PM Session Meeting			Jan Hobson's Cooking Team	VPD - Community Forum		
		15	16	17	18	19
Noisy Offering	Ski Trip 12-15	12p.m. Dutch Lunch Bunch	Hoover/Radabaugh Cooking Team			
		21	22	23	24	25
			11a.m. Trinity serves lunch @ The Center	Dupras/Wright Cooking Team		
		28	29	30	31	
1 p.m. Committee Meetings			Mark Micklon's Cooking Team			



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.*

Annual Christmas Joy Offering

Our thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. We collected \$550.00. Half of that amount will be used by the Board of Pensions to assist church workers and their families with emergency financial needs and retirement supplements. The other half will go to schools and colleges of our denomination serving minority students.

Stated Session Meeting January 7

The first Stated Session Meeting of the new year will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Session members and elders-elect are asked to make special note of the date since it is one week earlier than usual. Please contact one of the Pastors or the Clerk of Session if you cannot attend.

Christmastide and Epiphany Schedule

Christmas Eve Morning – 9:30 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 9:30 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Ordination & Installation of Officers
Communion

Session Committee Meetings

Responding to several requests, the Session will implement a trial plan for Session Committee Meetings through the first three months of 2018. Committee Meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Sunday, but the meeting time will be after worship instead of in the evening. The new time for all committees meeting simultaneously will be 1:00 o'clock p.m. It is suggested Committee Members bring a sack lunch or get something to eat right after worship and be back in time for the 1:00 o'clock start. Elders will meet at 12:30 p.m. that day to prepare the agenda items for committees. For more information please contact one of the Pastors or the Clerk of Session.

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Join your church family, and bring your Christmas guests for a meaningful celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will include the singing of Christmas Carols interspersed with Scripture. Special music will be provided by Pastor Dees singing "Jesu Bambino" accompanied by Elder Frank Kilgard and Denise Dupras and Bryan Wright singing "O Holy Night." Communion will be served by the ancient practice of intinction. Worshipers will come forward to receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. The service will conclude with candlelight spread to all participants while singing "Silent Night." We hope to see everyone there!

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 66 pledge cards in the amount of 223,370. 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.

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
David Johnson
Beverly Peters
Bryan Singer
Frank Stoddard
Nellie Stoddard

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
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*
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*
Liz Ferguson Ross, *daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson*
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
Vicky Thomas, *niece of Jane Gore*
Gino Vecchio, *nephew of Melissa Johnson*

Friends (contact person)

Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)

Kathy Butterbaugh (Debbie Radabaugh)
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)
Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Aidan Legg (Judy Bickers)
Holly Lustfeldt (Libby Bickers)
Diana Gardner McConnel (Jan Hobson)
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)
Ward Porch (Anghaarad Dees)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
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)

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 24 December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16
Psalter: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
New Testament: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 29 December 2017 First Sunday after Christmas
Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalter: Psalm 148
New Testament: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week
Debbie Antonoff
David Armond

Members Remembered in Prayer Next Week
Mae Baker
Nancy Barrett

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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
All Refugees  
Victims of Terrorism  
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

#### Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **December 27, 2017**  
There **will not** be any Wednesday night activities on December 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!

The Church Office will be **closed** in observance of the following holidays:

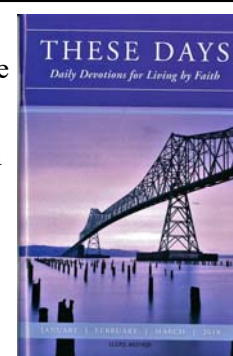
**Christmas – Monday-Tuesday – December 25 and 26, 2017**

**New Year's – Monday – January 1, 2018**

**SMASH REPORT**  
Ski Trip! Ski Trip! Ski Trip!  
Think Cold! They can make snow!  
All your monies are due by January 7th!  
Please be on the look out for paperwork regarding ski equipment rental being mailed to your house this week...return it to the church office ASAP!  
More paperwork with medical release, etc. will be coming from Lake Junaluska as soon as it is received I will send it out to everyone. The plan is to depart at 12noon on January 12th and drive to North Carolina, we will ski on Saturday & Sunday before heading home early on Monday morning. Any questions let me know 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 28. We will resume our study 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.

#### Poinsettias

##### In Honor of

Linda Brown..... Bill & Libby Bickers  
Our children..... Don & Margie Vollenweider  
Our children..... Bob & Debbie Radabaugh  
Christmas blessings to Our  
Trinity Family..... Lee & Barbara Bradley  
Phillip Popham..... Nita & Mike Cross  
Ann Dees & Laurie Teague..... Anghaarad & Zane Dees

##### In Memory of

Wayne Beckham..... Bill & Libby Bickers  
Millard Brown..... Linda Brown  
Gene Conner..... Virginia Conner  
Bill & Craig Edwards..... Verahynn Edwards  
Michael Hoover..... Cathy Hoover  
Cliff Hoover..... Cathy Hoover  
Kathryne Horning..... Bill & Ruth Stonestreet  
Dorothy & Frank Kilgard..... Frank & Lynn Kilgard  
Francis A. Preyna..... Bernie Preyna  
Pete & Birdie Stonestreet..... Bill & Ruth Stonestreet  
Darius Thieme..... Don Thieme  
Richard Thieme..... Don Thieme  
Ernest Thompson..... Judy Bickers  
Traci Lindsey, Shirley & Tom Tomasello..... Candy Wakefield  
Bob & Joy Wakefield..... Bob Wakefield  
Damian Wojdula..... Bernie Preyna  
George & Lorraine Larimore..... Grant & Janet Wright

If you wish, you may take your poinsettia home after services on Christmas Eve.