

Dear Friends,
 Thanks to all for your many kindnesses shown me during my recuperation from my snow skiing mishap. You have been most generous with your prayers, expressions of concern, cards of encouragement, delicious food, and other meaningful gifts. I am making steady progress and feeling quite good. My plan is to be in the pulpit this Sunday, February 4. I hope to see you all then if not before. Grace and peace to you all in Christ.
 With deepest gratitude I remain --
 Sincerely yours,
 Pastor Hart

Take-Them-a-Meal
 The Care/Share Team has used the online tool, Take Them a Meal for the last couple of years to provide meals to members who have had a hospital stay or other crisis. The response from the congregation has been mixed. We would like to continue using this tool for this caring ministry, but we need folks willing to click on the link: <https://takethemameal.com/> when the meals schedule is set up and sign up for a meal. We will begin sending links to everyone we have email addresses for to spread out the opportunity to care for our members.



Trinity News



30 January 2018

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 Find us on Facebook... search for Trinity Presbyterian Church-PCUSA

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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 Congregational Meeting Scheduled
 The Session has called the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, March 4**, at 12:00 p.m., immediately following worship that day. During the Pot Luck meal, Annual Reports will be shared, the 2018 Budget will be presented to the congregation as information, and the congregation will review and act on any changes to the Terms of Call of the Pastors.
 Those who are writing annual reports are asked to turn in those reports by **Sunday, February 18, 2018**. Reports may be submitted electronically, type written, or hand-written if legible. For more information, please contact one of the Pastors.

**Youth Mission Trip
 July 8-13 to Memphis, Tennessee**
 We want you! Youth (rising 6th-graduated 12th), College Students, Young Adults and Adults are welcome to join us for this amazing mission opportunity this summer. The final cost per person will depend on fundraising dollars. We have 18 spots, not just for youth! To hold your spot for the trip please turn in a deposit of \$25 by February 14, to Pastor Dees.

Youth Yard Sale!!!!
 We need lots of volunteers!!! Ways to volunteer:
 Help sort and price donations on Thursday & Friday from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Help set up the Fellowship Hall and move donations on Wednesday, January 31 after supper.
 Provide snacks for our volunteers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 Work the Sale on Saturday from 7:00 a.m.-2:00pm (actual sale time is 8 a.m.-1 p.m.)
 Serve as a Cashier during the Sale on Saturday from 7:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
 Help break down the Fellowship Hall after the sale on Saturday, come around 1:00 p.m.
 Hang up signs around town advertising our sale (posters & yard signs)
 Tell your friends and neighbors to come shop on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Remember all volunteers get to shop early on Friday night at 5:00 p.m.!!
AND OF COURSE WE STILL NEED YOUR STUFF!!! WE TAKE EVERYTHING!

**SOUPER BOWL of CARING Sunday February 4
 Communion Sunday**
 As is our tradition on Super Bowl Sunday, we will collect an offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring that will benefit our Food Pantry. Souper Bowl of Caring was started by Presbyterian Youth in Columbia, SC over twenty years ago to help tackle hunger. More than \$90 million has been raised by young people across the country. **The youth and children will collect this offering along with the Noisy Offering this Sunday.** These donations are to support our Food Pantry ministry. If you would like to bring a Food Offering this Sunday for our Food Pantry, please bring SOUP or powdered milk to help stock our shelves. Thank you for your support and help us reach a goal of \$300 to tackle hunger in our community!

Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018
 Clear your calendars and plan to attend a wonderful, 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 a wonderful event for all ages...there are activities for children, youth and adults. The dates are March 9-11, 2018 and registration packets are around the church for more information about workshops, speakers and worship. Lake Blackshear is a beautiful setting to meet old friends and make new ones...you will not regret spending the weekend with your extended church family. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask one of the pastors. Online registration is quick and easy...go to www.flintriverpresbytery.org and click on COF.

Church Directory Updates
 Bryan, our wonderful photographer continues to update pictures for the directory after worship each Sunday. The Care/Share Team will be set up on Sundays, February 4 & 11, after worship and on Wednesdays, February 14 & 21, before supper to update and correct information in the directory. Please be sure to stop by their table and make certain we have your most current information in the Church Directory.

Scout Sunday
 Scout Sunday is **February 11th** at 11:00 a.m. Each year we celebrate our Scouts during worship. Our Cub Scout Pack 454 and Boy Scout Troop 454 will be with us along with their families to participate in worship that morning. Some of the scouts will be presented their *God and Country* awards. If you are a Scout, plan to wear your uniform to worship that day and invite your scouting friends.



Flint River Presbytery Book Drive
 Our Presbytery has identified 3 ministries within our bounds in Moultrie, Bainbridge and Albany to share the gift of gently used or new children's books. We will be collecting books to take to the Presbytery office throughout the year. The books will be distributed twice a year. If you have new or gently used children books that you would like to donate please be on the look out for the box here at the church to place your books and they will be taken to the presbytery office.

Noisy Offering
 The children and youth will be collecting the "Noisy Offering and Souper Bowl of Caring" during the Children's Message this Sunday, **February 4**. Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry. **Please note, this is one week earlier than usual.**

Hymn Sing
 On **February 7th**, after Wednesday Night Supper, we will have a hymn sing to learn more about the new hymnal, *Glory to God*. Pastor Hart and John-Alan Gouridine will introduce some of the new hymns, returning hymns and old favorites as well as give everyone time to look at how the new hymnal is laid out. This new hymnal has over 150 more hymns and songs than our current hymnal and was published in 2013.

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

Lee Bradley

Marvin Bruch
Richard Hart
John Roe
Bryan Singer
Sherry Stranahan

Relatives

Reed & Tammy Armond, *brother & sister-in-law of David Armond*
Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*
Chester Dubberley, *brother of Winnie Dooly*
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*
Janet Gulik, *sister of Debbie Radabaugh*
Bill & Melissa Guzman & Family, *cousins of Beth Reid*
Muriel Hart, *aunt of Richard Hart*
Robert Earl Pennington, *relative of Beverly Peters*
John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*
Tammy Radabaugh, *niece of Bob & Debbie Radabaugh*
Liz Ross, *daughter of Mark & Karen Ferguson*
Richard Ross, *son-in-law of Mark and Karen Ferguson*
Tom Speck, *brother of Beverly Peters*
Gino Vecchio, *nephew of Melissa Johnson*
Kay Ward, *mother of Jerri Radabaugh*

Friends (contact person)

Jan Bristow (Marcie Swank)
Darryl Brown (Charlie Oliver)
Susan Butenschon (Nita Cross)
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)
Jessica Clark (Kathy Roe)
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)
Nikolas Conley (Libby Bickers)
Ben Davis (Catherine Loveday)
Riley Davis & family (Annalee Bickers)
Betty Hardy (Nita Cross)
Carol Herndon & family (Lyle McGhin)
Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)
Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)

Brian Russell Johns (Bernie Preyna)
Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
Micheal Lane (Eddie Webb)
Holly Lustfeldt (Libby Bickers)
Diana Gardner McConnel (Jan Hobson)
Wanda Morgan (Ray Josey)
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Jack Oliver (Zane Dees)
John Timmy Padgett (Paul Guilbeau)
Bitsy Paige (Catherine Loveday)
Patricia Parrish (Paulette Butts)
Debbie Pippin (Catherine Loveday)
Carolyn Poe (Jackie Wright)
Ward Porch (Anghaarad Dees)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Amelia Pruner (Jeff Bickers)
Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)
Sarah Singletary (Catherine Loveday)
Erin Smith (Marcie Swank)
Heather Smock (Candy Wakefield)
Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)
Beth Suber (Libby Bickers)
Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
Dan White (David Armond)
Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
Dean Winters (Kathy Roe)
Anita Woods (Jeff Bickers)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Linda Brown
Marvin and Margaret Bruch
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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
All Refugees  
Victims of Terrorism  
Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .**

to  
Joe Lundy and family  
on the death of his sister,  
requested by Eddie Webb,  
and to  
the family and friends of  
Bill York,  
who died recently,  
requested by Leta Cone.

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 4 February 2018  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 40:21-31  
**Psalter:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
**New Testament:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

**Prayers for Bangladesh  
29 January 2018**

O God of grace, we pray for Shubol Soren, a poor field laborer in northwestern Bangladesh, who three months ago, while riding his bicycle to the market, was hit hard from behind by a motorcycle and broke his hip in the fall. The motorcyclist abandoned him without providing any compensation, and then the regional government hospital where Shubol's family took him sent him home without definitive treatment; so he finally sought help from an untrained bone-setter in his village. Now, with the bone misaligned, he is in pain and unable to walk without a crutch. Lord, in your righteousness and mercy, come to the aid of Shubol, ease his pain and grant him the ability to walk freely again, we pray in the name of Christ the Healer. Amen.



**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **February 7, 2018**

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  
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Mark Micklon's cooking team. The menu will include meat loaf. 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.**

**Camp Dogwood**

Dogwood Acres for children and youth rising 3rd grade through 12th grade is scheduled for June 24-29 and the registration should be live on the website soon so be on the watch at [www.dogwoodacres.org](http://www.dogwoodacres.org). The cost is \$50 for the deposit and parents are asked to pay a third of the balance which is \$140.00. Your participation in the fundraisers helps offset these costs!!

We will be hosting a Blood Drive on **February 28th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to support our local blood bank. Please mark your calendars if you are able to be a blood donor. Give the gift of life...donate blood!



**Habitat for Humanity Birdhouse Auction**

Valdosta-Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity's fifth Bird House Auction is just around the corner returning **February 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Valdosta Country Club**. Mark your calendars because we need everyone's help to make it a success! **Tickets are \$25.00 per person.**

For more information please contact Misty Dupree, Family Support Coordinator, at (229) 245-1330, ext. 30.



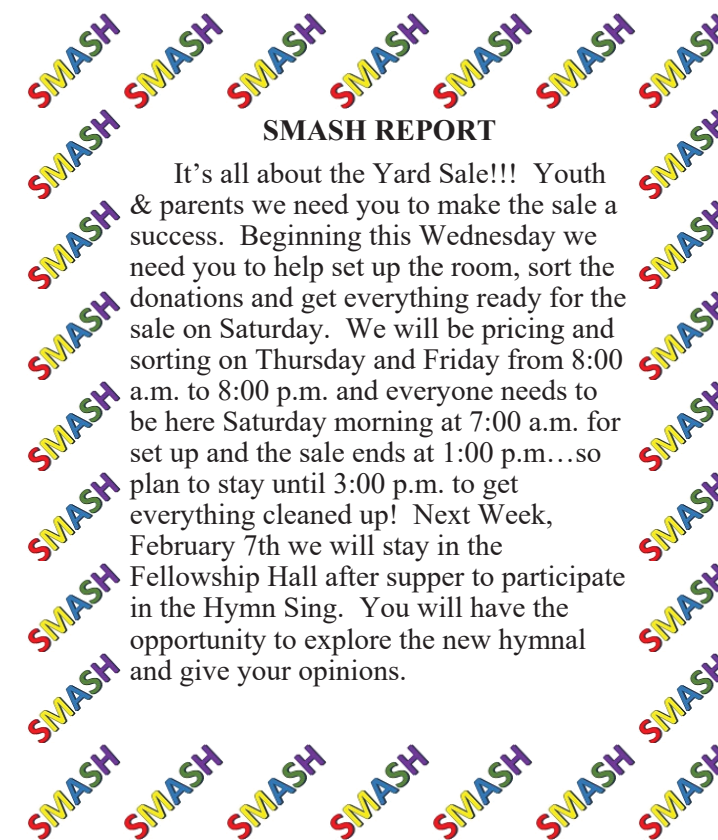
In January 2018, our missionaries began attaching a picture of the person(s) they are asking us to remember in prayer. The ongoing newsletters will now be posted on the windows near the office in order for you to see who we are lifting in prayer. The prayers will be added to the notebook at the end of the month.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, **February 8, 2018**. 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.



Ash Wednesday is February 14th, and we will have a worship service to begin the Lenten Season immediately following our Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper in the sanctuary. The first Sunday of Lent is February 18th and once again prayer centers will be back in the sanctuary to deepen our worship and reflection during the Lenten Season.



**SMASH REPORT**

It's all about the Yard Sale!!! Youth & parents we need you to make the sale a success. Beginning this Wednesday we need you to help set up the room, sort the donations and get everything ready for the sale on Saturday. We will be pricing and sorting on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and everyone needs to be here Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. for set up and the sale ends at 1:00 p.m...so plan to stay until 3:00 p.m. to get everything cleaned up! Next Week, February 7th we will stay in the Fellowship Hall after supper to participate in the Hymn Sing. You will have the opportunity to explore the new hymnal and give your opinions.