

Name That Room!!!

Last year Alexa Singer did an outstanding job putting a fresh coat of paint on the room that used to be the Middle School Classroom. Tables and Chairs have been placed in the room making it an excellent location for adult Bible Study and Session meetings. The room needs a name because now it is called: The Old Middle School, Confirmation Classroom Across from the Movie Theater at the End of the Hall Room



which doesn't really roll off the tongue. There is a box in the Atrium ready to receive your suggestions for the new room name. The Christian Education Committee will pick their top three favorites to be put up for a vote.

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.

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 lookout for the box here at the church to place your books and they will be taken to the presbytery office.



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.

Presbytery Launches Feasibility Study for Capital Campaign

Flint River Presbytery has retained the services of Horizons Stewardship, Inc. as consultants to assist with a study of whether to conduct a major gifts campaign throughout the Presbytery which might significantly increase the Campus Ministry Endowment Fund. The Feasibility Study is underway and is designed to gather feedback and data from Presbyterians in all our congregations about a possible campaign. Face-to-face interviews, focus groups, and an on-line survey will be the means employed to gather this information. Horizons will evaluate all the data and give a full written report to the Presbytery indicating whether a campaign is advised, what a reasonable goal would be for such a campaign, and how such a campaign might best be conducted. Trinity members will be invited to participate in interviews or a focus group or the on-line survey.

Pastor Hart serves as the chairman of the Campaign Steering Committee, along with members Mr. Royce Coleman, Mr. Cary McCoy, Mrs. Tena McQueen, Mrs. Pam Moye, and Mr. Rex Whiddon. For more information please contact Pastor Hart.

Flint River Presbytery's Celebration of Faith 2018 There is still time to Register!

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.



Scout Sunday 2018

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, their leaders, and families were present to celebrate Scout Sunday. God and Country awards were presented to several Scouts. They led the congregation in a flag ceremony and in the pastoral prayer during worship. Our scouting program is strong and benefits many boys and young men. We are pleased to sponsor two of the largest and best quality units in the Council.



Session Committee Meetings Time Change Mark your calendar for this month's Session Committee Meetings - Sunday, February 25, 2018. Session meets at 12:30 p.m. to prepare the agenda Committees meet at 1:00 p.m.

Responding to several requests, the Session implemented 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.



The Observance of Lent 2018 Wednesday, February 14 - Saturday, March 31

Lenten Morning Devotions

Pastor Hart will offer a Lenten Observance Discipline every morning for 40 days during Lent, beginning Wednesday morning, **February 14**. He will lead a 20 minute devotional at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for any who wish to participate. We will use a Lenten Devotional Guide prepared by Pastor Hart. It will include music, readings through the book of Proverbs, prayer, and quiet reflection on a theme for the day. Participants may be on their way by 7:20 a.m. each morning.

Part of the discipline in this observance is an attempt to do it every day. Participants, however, are not expected to be present if unable to do so on any given day. This is not the only way to observe Lent. Everyone is encouraged to find a Lenten discipline which suits his or her own needs and intentions.

Sundays in Lent

The Pastors will be preaching from several Parables of Jesus for the Sundays in Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 18. Once again, prayer centers will be available during worship in the sanctuary each Sunday of Lent. The centers will connect to the parable used each week in worship and anyone can visit the centers during the week as well as during worship time. The centers are changed on Thursdays to get ready for Sunday by our outstanding Worship Committee!

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!



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 for the Pastors.

Those who are writing annual reports are asked to turn in those reports by **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**. Reports may be submitted electronically, type-written, or hand-written if legible. For more information, please contact one of the Pastors.

Flint River Presbytery Stated Meeting

Highlights of the Presbytery Meeting last Saturday include the following:
~ The Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek, pastor at Forsyth Presbyterian Church and Campus Minister at Mercer University, was installed as the Moderator of the Presbytery for 2018.

~ An inspiring report was shared by PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer, about their work in Guatemala, with which Flint River Presbytery has a direct partnership. Several folks from Flint River who traveled to Guatemala last month gave inspirational testimony about how our work with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala is a blessing to them and to us.

~ Learned about the work of Presbyterian Women in churches of the Presbytery and in the Presbytery as a whole.
~ Participated in a meaningful service of worship which included robust singing of hymns of praise and remembrance of our baptism.

~ Heard a report about plans to study the feasibility of a major gifts campaign in the Presbytery to augment our Campus Ministry Endowment Fund.

~ Trinity was well represented by Elder Commissioner Grant Wright, observer Elder Bernie Preyna, Clerk of Session and member of Presbytery Advisory Board, Elder Bryan Wright, along with Richard and Debbie Hart.

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
Beverly Peters
 John Roe
 Sherry Stranahan

Relatives

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*
 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*
 Lori Payne, *niece of Bernie Preyna*
 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*
 Kay Ward, *mother of Jerri Radabaugh*

Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)
 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)
 Catherine Raynor (Beverly Peters)
Desiree Shields (Jansom Butts)
 Sarah Singletary (Catherine Loveday)
 Erin Smith (Marcie Swank)
 Jeani Spencer (Mili Collins)
 Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)
 Beth Suber (Libby Bickers)
 Tim Tart (Zane Dees)
 Betty Tillman (Mili Collins)
 Dan White (David Armond)
 Hazel Williams (Linda Brown)
 Dean Winters (Kathy Roe)
 Anita Woods (Jeff Bickers)

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)
 Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)
 Bubba Hundley (Brooke Webb)
 Brian Russell Johns (Bernie Preyna)
 Leilani Jones (Lisa Pearce)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

John and Paula Chick
 Pat and Mili Collins
 Noelle
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 Our Military Personnel  
 Missionaries  
 All Refugees  
 Victims of Terrorism  
 Those suffering the effects of recent hurricanes and wildfires

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 18 February 2018  
 First Sunday in Lent**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 9:8-17  
**Psalter:** Psalm 25:1-10  
**New Testament:** 1 Peter 3:18-22  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:2-9

**Prayers for Bangladesh  
 12 February 2018**

O God of all life and joy, we give you thanks for the 150 nursing students at the Nursing Institute at Christian Mission Hospital in Rajshahi, Bangladesh, who this week pooled their spare money to take a picnic together at the site of a 15th-century mosque two hours away, near the border with India. After loading all the food and drinks onto their four hired buses, they set off, singing and dancing to their favorite songs all along the way. At the picnic site, they ate rice and curry prepared in cauldrons over fire pits as music blasted from loud speakers they had brought. To share in the fun, they invited the nursing school's staff to come along (without whom they would not have been allowed to make the trip, anyway!). Lord, we thank you for the opportunities you have given to these young women and men who are learning how to bring joy as well as healing into the lives of the people to whom they have been called to minister. We lift our thankful hearts to you in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.



**Our Wednesday Schedule:**

For Wednesday, **February 21, 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 Jan Hobson's cooking team. The menu will include Marinara meatballs on polenta. 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.**

| March Birthdays      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Bill Bickers         | 3-Mar  |
| Mickey Dooly         | 4-Mar  |
| Lyle McGhin          | 4-Mar  |
| Linda Brown          | 7-Mar  |
| Christal Dudley      | 8-Mar  |
| Hanae Kanno          | 9-Mar  |
| Mark Ferguson        | 10-Mar |
| Mickeala Mittelstadt | 12-Mar |
| Cathy Hoover         | 16-Mar |
| Bob Radabaugh        | 18-Mar |
| Annie McGhin         | 21-Mar |
| De'Arrell McCrae     | 23-Mar |
| Woodson Bickers      | 26-Mar |
| Chuk Holzworth       | 27-Mar |
| Beth Reid            | 30-Mar |
| Annalee Bickers      | 31-Mar |

**SMASH REPORT**

Youth this week will attend the Ash Wednesday Service and next week we will go bowling after dinner...so bring a friend.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday morning, **February 22, 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.

**Dutch Lunch Bunch**

The Dutch Lunch Bunch will gather at 12 noon on **February 20 2018**. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at Trinity or call the Church Office to put your name on the list.

**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.

**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 active 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!!

**Congratulations to Molly and James!**

Announcing with joy the birth of Lucy Christine Ferrier, born on Friday, February 9, 2018 and weighing in at 6lb 14oz. She is the daughter of James and Molly Roan Ferrier. Her proud grandparents are John and Chris Roan.

