

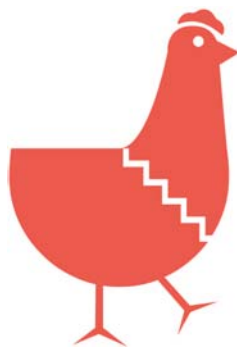
### Session Highlights

Trinity Session met Sunday, May 6, 2018. Here are highlights from the meeting:

- ~ Appointed the Music Director Search Committee made up of the following members who have agreed to serve – Annalee Bickers, Denise Dupras, Brian Greene, Frank Kilgard, and Glennie Wicks. They will convene soon to begin their work.
- ~ Concurred with the Worship Committee that a permanent accompanist will not be hired until after a new music director has been hired. Substitute pianists have been scheduled through the summer.
- ~ Approved the 2018 First Quarter Financial Statement, noting that giving is running a bit ahead of expectations, and expenses are generally at or under budget year-to-date. A copy of the Statement is available upon request from the Treasurer or Administrative Assistant.
- ~ Elected Elder Beth Reid as Alternate Commissioner for the June 9 meeting of Flint River Presbytery. Elder Deb Radabaugh is the Elder Commissioner for that meeting.

### Chicken Dinner to Go!

The youth and children are selling tickets for a Chicken Dinner that will be ready to be picked up on May 21st from 5:00pm-6:30pm. The cost is \$20 and serves a family of four. The menu is a Smoked Whole Chicken, Green Beans and Mac & Cheese. The proceeds will go to support the mission endeavors of our youth and children. Please purchase your tickets from one of the youth or church office by May 16th!



# Trinity News



8 May 2018

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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.*

### Farewell to Farwell

A final performance of the St. John's Youth Choir under the direction of longtime Trinity friend, Donna Farwell, is scheduled for Saturday Mass, May 12, 2018, at St. John's Catholic Church. Trinity members are invited to support Donna in this celebration of her retirement after 25 years of directing this outstanding choir.

### Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners for our Youth and Children take note. The school year is winding down and our younger members are facing tests, exams, and end of year celebrations. It would be a great time to connect with them with a card or other expressions of care! Watch the Newsletter carefully in the next few weeks for the those who will be going to camps and mission trips this summer. This way you will be prepared to send a small care package with them!

### Congratulations! Graduates

The following individuals will be receiving diplomas or degrees in graduation ceremonies within the next month. We offer our sincere congratulations to them and their families.

**Ms. Kendra Beasley**, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music from Valdosta State University.

**Ms. Heather Wakefield**, Associate of Science Degree from North Florida Community College in May and Associate of Science Degree in Nursing in August.

**Mr. Benjamin Dudley**, Associate Degree in Computer Programming from Wiregrass Technical College.

**Ms. Rebecca Reinhard**, Masters of Social Work Degree from the University of Georgia.

The following High School Graduates will receive a congratulatory gift from Trinity, the classic devotional guide, *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers.

**Miss Christal Dudley**, State of Georgia Home School High School Diploma.

**Miss De'Arrell McCrae**, Valdosta High School Diploma.

Kids of Trinity, tell your parents to register you today for one of our awesome Day Camps! Early Bird registration is only \$15.00.



3rd—5th graders don't miss the fun! **June 19-21** 9 AM—Noon



K-2 Kids this is the camp for you! **June 26-28** 9 AM—Noon

Go to this link to register:

<https://fs29.formsite.com/y6Csky/Form1/index.html>

### Support Break Bread Together

The annual *Taste of Valdosta* event will be held on Thursday evening, **May 17, 2018**, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Rainwater Conference Center. It is sponsored by the Quota Club, which in turn has given a grant to *Break Bread Together*, the meals on wheels program for seniors in our community run by First Presbyterian Church. Support of *Taste of Valdosta* means support for *Break Bread*. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and we have them at Trinity. Please contact Pastor Hart if you would like to attend.

*Break Bread Together* is in need of driver volunteers to deliver meals. Typically there are 8 to 10 homes on a route at mid-day for the noon meal and it takes about one hour to complete the deliveries. Volunteers need to drive their own vehicles. Meal pick-up is at First Presbyterian on N Patterson Street downtown. For more information, please contact Ms. Beth Mathis, Director, at 229-247-0779.

### Support for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

Trinity will join Presbyterian Churches all over Georgia in receiving the annual Mothers' Day Offering for the Caring Hands Fund. These donations will assist residents of all the homes who need help with the cost of living. Some 400 of their most vulnerable residents will receive subsidies through the generosity of these gifts. Homes are located in Quitman, Austell, Decatur, Buckhead, and soon to be in Athens, Georgia. Plan now to give a gift on Mothers' Day at Trinity. Checks payable to Trinity should be marked clearly for "Mothers' Day Offering" and placed in envelopes provided that day.

### Annual Church Picnic on the Grounds

Our final regular Wednesday Night Supper will be held on May 9, 2018. The following week, May 16, we will hold our Annual Church Picnic on the Grounds. Supper will be served at the usual time of 6:15 p.m. and will include hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill.

Pastor Hart is organizing a crew to assist with the meal. We need folks to help with cooking on the grill, set-up, food prep, and clean-up. We will begin around 4:00 p.m. Wednesday with set-up. Please let Pastor Hart know if you are able and willing to help.

Law Enforcement Vigil, **May 17** at 8:00pm on the Lowndes County Courthouse lawn. Please come and support your local Law Enforcement by remembering all officers who have died nationwide this year.

### Sine Nomine Singers Concert

You are cordially invited to the Spring Concert of the Sine Nomine Singers. This is Dr. David L. Johnson's final concert as the director of the Singers as he and Susan are moving to north Georgia this summer to be closer to family. Come hear beautiful music and support Trinity members of SNS: John Alan Gouridine, Paul Guilbeau and Angharad Teague Dees. Sunday, May 20, 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, downtown Valdosta.

### Noisy Offering

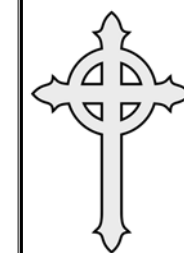
The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message on Sunday, **May 20**. **Note: This is one week later than usual.** Please remember to bring your spare change to help with our Food Pantry ministry.



### In Memoriam

*Beverly Speck Peters*  
*April 13, 1937- May 6, 2018*

Graveside Memorial Service  
Saturday, May 12, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.  
Cat Creek Church Cemetery



**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**

Barbara Aiken  
Alf Alford  
Roberta Boyd  
Sonja Guilbeau  
Bryan Singer  
Frank & Nellie Stoddard  
Bob and Candy Wakefield  
Barnes Walker

Erin German (Karen Whelihan)  
Helen Hastings (Mili Collins)  
Buddy House (Chris & John Roan)  
Brian Russell Johns (Bernie Preyna)  
**Daryl Jones** (Creation Divine)  
Wendy Jowers (Catherine Loveday)  
Riley Kendall (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Connie Kendrick (Marcie Swank)  
Travis Leggette (Eddie Webb)  
Holly Lustfeldt (Libby Bickers)  
Diana Gardner McConnel (Jan Hobson)  
Wanda Morgan (Ray Josey)  
Darius Nelson Family (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Patricia Parrish (Paulette Butts)  
Sarah Penn (Andrea Micklon)  
**George Poirier** (Debbie Antonoff)  
Ward Porch (Anghaarad Dees)  
Fred Quinn (Chris Roan)  
Deborah Richardson (Bernie Preyna)  
Marcia Robbins (Chris Roan)  
Leo Santos (Jan Hobson)  
Ferrell & Penny Sellers (Judy Bickers)  
Desiree Shields (Jansom Butts)  
**Jaе Paul Smith** (Beth Reid)  
Jean Snyder (Linda Brown)  
Kim Stokes (Winnie Dooly)  
Beth Suber (Libby Bickers)  
Dean Winters (Kathy Roe)  
Anita Woods (Jeff Bickers)

**Relatives**

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*  
Margie Brown, *aunt of Eddie Webb*  
Jansom Butts, *daughter of Paulette Butts*  
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*  
Dennis Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
Chester Dubberley, *brother of Winnie Dooly*  
Billy Garrett, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*  
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*  
Bill Hayes, *brother of Barbara Bradley*  
**Emily Hunt & Children**, *daughter of Ray Josey*  
Richard Ross, *son-in-law of Mark & Karen Ferguson*  
Betty Jean Silver, *cousin of Deb Radabaugh*  
Joann Thompson, *mother of Judy Bickers*  
Denice Vickery, *daughter of Linda Brown*  
Kay Ward, *mother of Jerri Radabaugh*

**Friends (contact person)**

Joe Boyles (Debbie Hart)  
Darryl Brown (Charlie Oliver)  
Frank Chandler (Mili Collins)  
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)  
Pat Coley (Marcie Swank)  
Niko Conley (Libby Bickers)  
Jill Crace (Eddie Webb)  
David Crenshaw (Jeff Bickers)  
Riley Davis & family (Annalee Bickers)  
Donna Delaney (Charlie Oliver)  
Becky Flythe (Chris Roan)

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**  
Chuk Holzworth  
Cathy Hoover  
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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
Victims of, and all those affected by, recent school shootings - Parkland, Florida and others.

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 13 May Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**1st New Testament:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
**Psalter:** Psalm 1  
**2nd New Testament:** 1 John 5:9-13  
**Gospel:** John 17:6-19

**Prayers for Bangladesh 7 May 2018**  
O God of compassion, we pray for Arsu Soren, an elderly woman who for the past three years has spent almost all her daytime hours sitting on the floor of the verandah of her mud-walled home in the rural Bangladeshi village of Laldighi Para. She had been healthy and active until a motorcycle veered off the road in front of her house and hit her, breaking the bones in her right thigh and left forearm. Not stopping to help her, the motorcyclist sped on his way. Although Arsu's family took her to the government's regional hospital, the doctors there did little for her; and so, without proper healing of the bones, she was left unable to stand and with restricted use of her left hand. Lord, send your Servant Church to care for Arsu and to speak to her your Word of hope. Have mercy upon her and touch her with your healing grace, we pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.



**Thank You! Trinity Chancel Choir**  
Our heartfelt thanks to the Chancel Choir; Music Director, John-Alan Gourdine; and pianist, Andy Lagrimas, for leading us in worship and communion through their presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem*. Their commitment of time and hard work resulted in a very meaningful celebration of the Lord's Supper and the promise of resurrection life. Once again we are reminded of the quality of our music ministry here at Trinity, enriching our worship life and fellowship.

**Dutch Lunch Bunch Meets One Week Later**  
Please note well, that our Dutch Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018**, at noon for a pot luck lunch. **This is one week later than our usual meeting time.** Participants are asked to bring food to share for the luncheon.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on **May 17, 2018**. We continue a study at 11:00 a.m. reading excerpts from the **Book of Job**, along with a book by **Rabbi Harold Kushner, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People***. Copies of the book are available from Pastor Hart.

**Interfaith Event in Valdosta Friday evening, May 11 and Saturday morning, May 12, 2018 First Christian Church N. Patterson Street at Alden Avenue**  
**Friday evening, May 11**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**  
Coffeeshouse Entertainment  
Joe Smothers, Valdosta singer and song-writer  
Trinity Choral Ensemble, Gospel Hymns  
Poetry Readings  
And more!  
**Saturday morning, May 12**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**  
Continental Breakfast  
Open Space Technology Small Group Discussions Topics of interest will be generated by the whole group. Participants then select which discussion group they wish to join. There is no cost to attend the event. Those attending the Friday Evening Coffeeshouse are asked to bring finger foods to share.

**KOW Mission Project**  
Would you like to help our Trinity children and our Food Pantry? The children will be donating snack food items for our church's food pantry. During KOW we will decorate bags. We would love to have donations of individually wrapped snacks: crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, chips, freeze pops (popsicles in plastic sleeves to freeze). Please bring these items to Renae's office.



**Summer Bible Journaling** will return on Tuesdays, **June 5th** at 6:00pm

**Women's Summer Bible Study**  
Ladies of Trinity a summer Bible Study is in the works just for you! Judy Bickers has agreed to teach a class that will meet seven times in the evenings this summer using Jen Hatmaker's book, Seven: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess. Addressing seven areas of excess in a typical American family's life the study helps make simpler choices that fight back against the modern-day disease of greed, materialism and overindulgence. The book and workbook are available at Amazon as well as on her website, [www.jenhatmaker.com](http://www.jenhatmaker.com). The first meeting will be Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00pm in the Emmaus Room.

**KICKBALL!!!!**  
Adults, Children and Youth are encouraged to participate in our annual Kickball Game during the Church Picnic on May 16th! Wear your appropriate game attire and be prepared for some friendly competition on the ballfield!

**SMASH REPORT**  
Well...the school year is drawing to a close! I hope that everyone has a productive last few weeks of school. Next week is our last SMASH for the school year...we will be playing Kickball after dinner at the Church Picnic, so wear some appropriate attire for a fun night on the ballfield. If you are attending Montreat or the Mission Trip this summer please be on the lookout for paperwork that is being emailed to you this week!!! Follow instructions and please get that turned in ASAP! Also, don't forget to sell those Chicken Dinner tickets and May 16th is the day to turn in all the tickets. Parents there will be further communication about when and where we will be prepping food for pick up on May 21st!