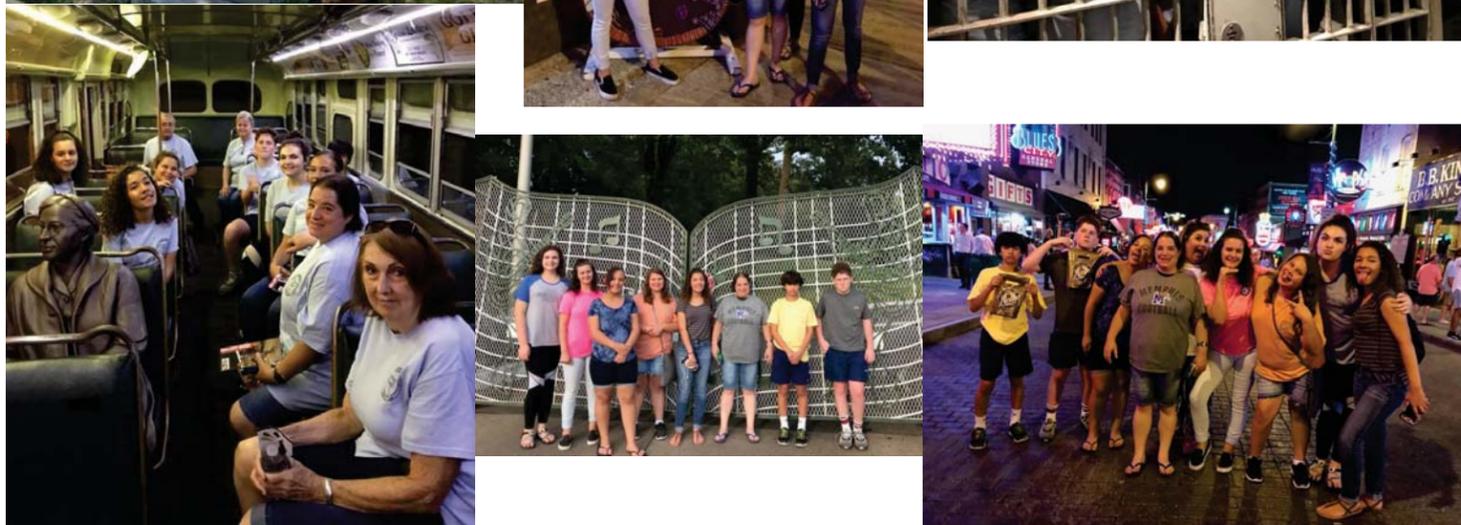


## Memphis Youth Mission Trip

WOW! What an amazing week for our team of 12 missionaries: Connor Bickers, David Preyna, Annalee Bickers, Emma Micklon, Audrey Rhoads, Shyra Arzola, Angel Arzola, Cathy Hoover, Noelle Hunt, Angharad Teague Dees and Bob and Deb Radabaugh. Much of our work centered around the urban center of Memphis where our host church, First Presbyterian, is located. We worked at Manna House a day center for the homeless, where we served lots of coffee, played some Scrabble, and visited with the guests there for respite and a shower. We delivered Meals on Wheels and worked with Project Transformation a literacy project for elementary children at risk. We worshipped with the homeless community at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral and then served them breakfast. We helped clean up historic Elmwood Cemetery and played with children at Carpenter Street Art Project...we did a lot of meaningful work and had lots of fun. We also experienced first hand the harsh reality that we are vulnerable to theft. During the week cash was stolen from our bags while we ate dinner at the church. Even though we believed that our stuff was safe in the room where we slept, someone slipped into the locked church and slipped out with our money. It was a terrible first for most of our youth, but they rallied beautifully and did not allow it to diminish their fun the next day. On our free day the youth toured the Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, visited the observation deck at the Bass Pro Shop and saw miles and miles of the Mississippi River, saw Sun Studio, watched the Peabody Ducks, walked on Beale Street and even had a horse carriage ride around historic Memphis. On our last morning before heading back to Georgia Youth Mission Co., the umbrella organization of MYM, reimbursed our group all of the cash that was stolen, which was something they did not have to do, but we are grateful that they did. Many of our youth experienced a lot of firsts on this trip a first Uber ride, a first Trolley ride, a first view of the Mississippi River, a first Mempo, a first mission trip, and I foresee that for all of them this will not be their last mission trip!



# 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.*

### Session Committee Afternoon

The Committees of the Session will meet Sunday afternoon, **July 22**, at 1:00 p.m. Those Committees are Building & Grounds, Care & Share, Christian Education, Finance & Stewardship, Missions, and Worship. Two elders on the Session are moderators of each committee. We need church members to help generate ideas, plan ministries and activities, and work to carry out those plans. If you are on a Session Committee, please plan to attend that afternoon. If you are not on a Session Committee, please come sit in on a committee meeting to check it out and find your niche in ministry! (Elders will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to prepare the agenda.)

### More on the Appeal from Second Harvest Food Bank

Upon inquiry we have learned that the financial loss experienced by Second Harvest was a sophisticated computer hacking job that involved the generation of false invoicing that appeared legitimate and was missed by internal controls. The amount of the loss cannot be shared at this time because of the ongoing investigation. Insurance claims have been filed, but it remains to be seen what level of recovery of the loss that will provide. As a matter of policy Second Harvest does not participate in online fundraising efforts such as "Go Fund Me." They are hoping the appeal to their donor base and the insurance coverage will put them in a position to recover from the loss and be prepared for hurricane season and severe weather threats.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation may send it directly to Second Harvest or contribute through Trinity. Contributions over-and-above your pledge should be made payable to TPC and marked clearly for "Second Harvest."

### Support for Trinity's Food Pantry Ministry

Each second Sunday Trinity's children collect the Noisy Offering. These pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars are used to support our vital Food Pantry Ministry. Since the first of this year the Noisy Offering has amounted to a total of \$821.67, or on average, \$117.28 per month. Many thanks to our generous contributors and to our children who eagerly participate in this ministry.

Many folks work as volunteers in the Food Pantry Ministry, such as Mark Ferguson, who keeps us supplied with food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. It is truly a team effort and serves an important need in our community.



### Usher and Lay Reader Workshops

One **Usher Workshop** remains – scheduled for next **Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Those who have not been able to attend a previous session are urged to come to this Workshop.

One **Lay Reader Workshop** remains – **Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 9:50 am** in the Sanctuary.

For more information or to schedule an alternate date, please contact Pastor Hart.

### Georgia's Detracted Driving Bill

As of **July 1, 2018**, it is illegal to hold your phone while driving in the state of **Georgia**, part of a sweeping **hands-free law** that went into effect Sunday. ... The **law**, signed by Gov. Nathan Deal in May, aims to curtail driving fatalities in the state.



**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  
Melissa Johnson  
Frank & Nellie Stoddard  
**Don Vollenweider**  
**Margie Vollenweider**

**Relatives**

Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*  
Margie Brown, *aunt of Eddie Webb*  
Jansom Butts, *daughter of Paulette Butts*  
Hannah Capece, *granddaughter of Jane Gore*  
Lori Carter, *sister of Janet Wright*  
Barbara Chisham, *cousin of Marcie Swank*  
Dennis Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*  
Tim Ferguson, *brother of Mark Ferguson*  
Billy Garrett, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaar*  
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*  
Emily Hunt & Children, *daughter of Ray Josey*  
Linda Kirsch, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*  
J. W. Oorlog, *father of Linda Reinhard*  
John Radabaugh, *brother of Bob Radabaugh*  
Kathy Arzola Ragan, *mother of Angel & Shyra Arzola*  
Kim Roe, *mother of John Roe*  
Richard Ross, *son-in-law of Mark & Karen Ferguson*  
Laurie Teague, *mother of Anghaarad Dees*  
Joann Thompson, *mother of Judy Bickers*  
Denice Vickery, *daughter of Linda Brown*

**Friends (contact person)**

**Tonya Alford** (Bryan Wright)  
Suzanne Bloom (Libby Bickers)  
Darryl Brown (Charlie Oliver)  
Sara Chang (Kathy Roe)  
Eric Clark (Grant Wright)  
Pat Coley (Marcie Swank)  
Niko Conley (Libby Bickers)  
Jill Crace (Eddie Webb)  
David Crenshaw (Jeff Bickers)  
Geneva Davis (Marcie Swank)  
Donna Delaney (Charlie Oliver)  
June Denney (Richard Hart)  
Tanya Enloe (Ruth Stonestreet)  
Becky Flythe (Chris Roan)  
Helen Hastings (Mili Collins)  
Larry Henderson (Richard Hart)  
Daryl Jones (Creation Divine)  
Riley Kendall (Leonard Mittelstadt)  
Connie Kendrick (Marcie Swank)  
Travis Leggette (Eddie Webb)  
Clarence Lisk (Melissa Mittelstadt)  
**Haywood Moore** (Brooke Webb)  
Carla Pandohic (Sherry Stranahan)  
George Poirier (Debbie Antonoff)  
**Dwayne Pride** (Denise Dupras)  
Harriet Roddey (Sonja Guilbeau)  
Leo Santos (Jan Hobson)  
Stewart Scott (Leta Cone)  
Ferrell & Penny Sellers (Judy Bickers)  
Desiree Shields (Jansom Butts)  
Jae Paul Smith (Beth Reid)  
Jean Snyder (Linda Brown)  
Beth Suber (Libby Bickers)

**Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 22 July 2018**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Old Testament:**  
2 Samuel 7:1-14  
**Psalter:** Psalm 89:20-37  
**New Testament:** Ephesians 2:11-22  
**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**A Prayer for Bangladesh 16 July 2018**

God of mercy, we give you thanks for bestowing your grace upon Ronny, a homeless, penniless heroin addict in Rajshahi, Bangladesh, who one morning two months ago was found in tears, sitting on the floor of a hallway in a mission hospital, begging for treatment of a huge abscess on his leg. While receiving care on the ward, he committed himself to recovery from his addiction and subsequently entered a nearby inpatient rehabilitation program, where he is making excellent progress. He is doing so well, that upon completion of the three-month course, the program is considering hiring him as a helper and mentor for others. Lord, you have lifted Ronny from the street and given him hope. In your steadfast love, lead him into fullness of life in you, we pray in the name of Christ the Redeemer. Amen.



**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**  
Lisa Pearce  
Brian and Renae Preyna  
Andrew, David, C J, and Matthew  
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Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
Victims of, and all those affected by, recent school shootings.

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .**  
to  
the family and friends of  
Gary Leff  
who died recently,  
requested by Candy Wakefield.

**Bible Journaling!**  
Please join us in July for Bible Journaling in the Emmaus Room. It is a very relaxing time reading scripture, sharing great conversation and putting our creative spirits to work. No artistic ability or supplies needed, come check it out and be a part of the group. We will be meeting : July 24 and July 31...start time is 6:00 p.m. Please join us.

**PRAYER PARTNERS!**  
We need 6 amazing adults willing to serve as prayer partners for our children and youth of Trinity. If you are willing to pray on a regular basis for our youngest members please let me know. It is also a wonderful way to intentionally learn more about some of our newer families!

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
We will be taking a break from our Thursday Morning Bible Study for the month of July. We will resume on Thursday, August 2, 2018, meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Room. All are invited to join us for this hour long Bible Study.  
We will start a new study in August on the Acts of the Apostles, using a Kerygma Bible Study guide called "Into the World."  
Study books have arrived and are available to anyone who would like to pick one up and start reading ahead. Books are provided by Trinity, but participants may purchase their own personal copy if they wish. The cost is \$22.00 each.



**Blessing of the Backpacks!**  
As the lazy days of summer continue it is hard to believe that the first day of school is just around the corner. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or bags to worship on Sunday, August 5th for the Blessing of the Backpacks. We will also collect backpacks for students in Lowndes County and Valdosta City schools who might not have a backpack...please bring a new backpack to worship that day and they will be distributed to students in need.

**Ginnie Springs**  
The days are hot but the springs are cool!  
Everyone is invited for an all-church trip to Ginnie Springs, Florida on Saturday, July 28. Join us for a fun day in the sun, and springs with your church family. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 25. The cost is:  
Adults \$22.00 includes admission, tube rental and sack lunch  
SMASH Youth \$10.00 includes admission, tube rental and sack lunch  
Children under 12 \$8.00 includes admission, tube rental and sack lunch  
Seniors over 62 \$18.00 includes admission, tube rental and sack lunch  
You can sign up by contacting the church office or by signing the sheet in the Atrium.