



**Dutch Lunch Bunch**

Fun, laughter, and good food was had by all at our summer outing to the home of Richard and Debbie Hart. We had a great crowd as well as a few guests. Dutch Lunch Bunch meets the third Tuesday each month at noon and all are welcome to join this fun bunch!



**Trinity News**



**24 July 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.*

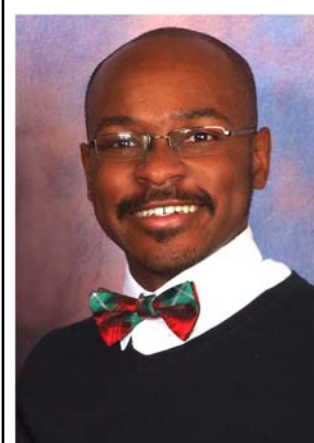
*As Stewards, we will honor God by...  
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*

**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."

**We Bid John-Alan Gourdine Farewell**



John-Alan Gourdine will direct the Trinity Chancel Choir for the final time on Sunday, August 5, 2018, during worship. He will be moving to Houston, Texas to begin graduate studies at the University of Houston. We are sad to see him go, but are pleased he is entering this new and exciting phase of his music career.

During worship on August 5, we will present him with gifts, a resolution, and a fond farewell. Please plan to be in church to add your good wishes to John-Alan on

this, his final Sunday with us.

**Trinity's New Music Director**

We are pleased to announce that the Music Director Search Committee nominated and the Session unanimously approved hiring Mr. Paul Guilbeau as the next Music Director at Trinity. Paul will assume his duties beginning Monday, August 6, 2018. Paul has been part of Trinity's ministry for many years, as music intern, chancel choir member, instrumentalist, Hand Bell Choir Director, and Substitute Director. He is a protégé of Dr. David Lee Johnson, for long years



Trinity's Music Director. Paul brings many talents and broad knowledge of music as well as energy and new ideas for the future. A warm Trinity welcome to our new Music Director!

**Worship Assistance Calendar - August 2018**

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
5	Prep: Roberta Boyd Virginia Conner Kelly Wicks Bill Bickers Marcie Swank Debbie Radabaugh Charlie Oliver Patsi Peacock	<b>Guy Oliver</b> Bill Bickers John Roan Ann Smith	<b>Grant Wright</b> Janet Wright Ray Josey	Bill Bickers Frank Kilgard Bryan Wright	Lee Bradley	Emma Micklon	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Renaë Preyna
12		<b>Bill Wicks</b> Nita Cross Melissa Mittelstadt David Roe	<b>Bryan Wright</b> Jackie Wright Melanie George	Brian Preyna Debbie Radabaugh Beth Reid	Grant Wright	David Preyna	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
19		<b>Eddie Webb</b> Noelle Collins Brian Preyna Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	<b>Kelly Wicks</b> Bill Wicks Melissa Johnson	Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet Brooke Webb	Annalee Bickers	Eric Micklon	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
26		<b>Pat Collins</b> Noelle Collins Zane Dees Charlie Oliver Kelly Wicks	<b>Brooke Webb</b> Eddie Webb Doug Maxwell	Jeff Bickers Bernie Preyna Grant Wright	Frank Kilgard	Connor Bickers	Doug Maxwell Libby Bickers

**Prayer-Gram Ministry**

We appreciate the congregation sharing prayer concerns for loved ones and friends who need God's care. This is a very important ministry of our church. We appeal to those making prayer requests to assist us in sending prayer-grams by providing reliable addresses for those placed on the Prayer List. We make every effort to send Prayer Grams in a timely manner, but are sometimes hampered by the inability to get an address. Please make every effort to get and share the address of your prayer recipient, preferably with the prayer request card. We will hold Prayer Grams for only two weeks awaiting addresses. After that we will not be able to send the Prayer Gram. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**Christian Education Committee Meeting**

The Christian Education Committee of the Session will meet Sunday afternoon, **July 29, at 12:30 p.m.** We need church members to help generate ideas, plan ministries and activities, and work to carryout those plans. If you are on a Christian Education Session Committee, please plan to attend that afternoon.

**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 5, 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.

**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  
**Charlie Oliver**  
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 Schaer*  
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)  
**Buddy Harrison** (Marie Hill)  
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)  
**Racquel Mignott** (Ruth Stonestreet)  
Haywood Moore (Brooke Webb)  
Carla Pandohie (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, 29 July 2018  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Old Testament:** II Samuel 11:1-15

**Psalter:** Psalm 14

**New Testament:** Ephesians 3:14-21

**Gospel:** John 6:1-21

**A Prayer for Bangladesh  
23 July 2018**

O God of compassion, we pray for Bijoy, a field laborer living with his wife, twelve-year-old daughter and extended family in Isworipur—meaning, “The Village of God”—a cluster of mud-walled homes nestled between rice fields in northwestern Bangladesh. After months of pain and swelling in his right upper thigh, he was found to have lymphatic tuberculosis; but then he developed jaundice as a side effect of the medicines and so had to stop his treatment. Now he lies at home in constant pain and is losing weight. Lord, do not forsake your humble servant Bijoy. Have mercy upon him, and by your grace provide for him the specialized medical care and nutritional support he will need to regain his health. We lift our prayer to you in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

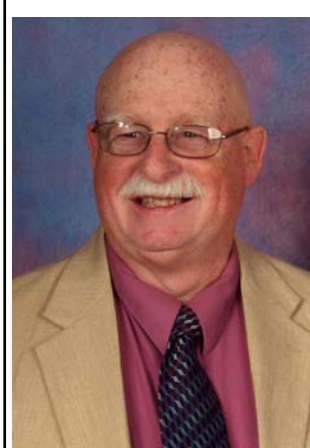


**Bible Journaling!**

As the summer winds down don't miss an opportunity to let your creative spirit loose! Our Bible Journaling group will meet **Tuesday, July 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus room...we will also use this time to set a schedule for August and September, as many folks wish to continue journaling in the fall.

**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!



The session endorsed Grant Wright to the Trained Ruling Elder training for the Flint River Presbytery for the next class. This two-year program prepares Ruling Elders in our presbytery to take on the additional task of pulpit supply for the presbytery. Many will remember that Frank Kilgard completed similar training back when it was called Commissioned Lay Pastor. The training is the same, just a name change. The training includes classes in Bible, Church history, Theology and Polity and is taught by pastors as well as our Executive Presbyter. When Grant completes the program he will be added to the Pulpit Supply list that is used by all the churches in Flint River Presbytery. Please pray for Grant and all of the other Ruling Elders who have answered the call to participate in the Trained Ruling Elder class of 2020.

Pastor Dees will attend police chaplain training in August. Each year the chaplains of the Valdosta Police Department attend training with the Georgia Alliance of Law Enforcement Chaplains for certification. This certification is mandatory for all chaplains serving the department. Once a month she is the on call chaplain for the department attending Roll Calls, visiting the department, going on ride alongs and assisting officers with duties as assigned. One of the services the chaplains provide the department is death notifications as well as family support during a crisis. Please pray for our VPD chaplains, August 14-16, as they go to training in Byron, Georgia.

**A Special Invitation**

We congratulate Heather Wakefield on completing all the requirements to be a Registered Nurse. She will be participating in her Pinning Ceremony at North Florida Community College on Tuesday night, August 7, 2018. It is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. that evening in the Van H. Priest Auditorium, 325 NW Turner Davis Drive in Madison, Florida. The congregation is cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

**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.

**Lay Reader Workshop**

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

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

**Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp!**

Take me out to the ballgame...join your Trinity family for a fun night at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp minor league baseball on August 31st. We will depart from Trinity at 4:00 p.m. to drive to Jacksonville in time for the 7:00 p.m. game! Invite your friends for this fun outing! The cost of the tickets is \$10 for adults and \$3 for youth & children, with a max of \$25 per family. Please sign up in the atrium by August 15th to guarantee tickets for your family.

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

to the family and friends of Dan Mayer, who died recently, requested by Jim Hill.

**Members Remembered in Prayer This Week**

Bernie Preyna  
Bob and Debbie Radabaugh

Our Military Personnel  
Missionaries  
Victims of, and all those affected by, recent school shootings.