



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.*

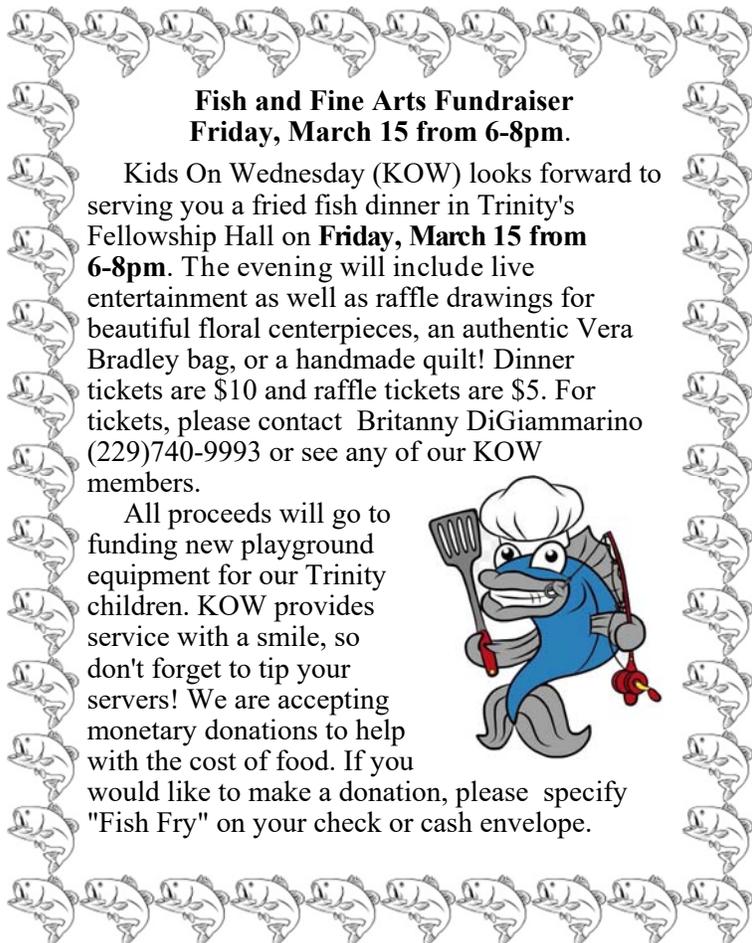
YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEK COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AS THEY LEAD WORSHIP

Annual Congregational Meeting Scheduled

The Session has called the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**, at 12:00 p.m., immediately following worship that day. During the Pot Luck meal, Annual Reports will be shared, the 2019 Budget will be presented to the congregation as information, the congregation will review and act on any changes to the Terms of Call for the Pastors and elect Church Officers to fill the unexpired terms of Elders Brian Preyna and Bernie Preyna.

The Church Officer Nominating Committee was re-activated by the Session. They have secured the willingness of two ruling elders to serve on the Session if elected by the congregation. Those previously ordained elders are Jeff Bickers, to serve the remainder of Brian Preyna's term through the end of 2019; and Glennie Wicks, to serve the remainder of Bernie Preyna's term through the end of 2020. Nominations from the floor will be permitted, but those making such nominations must secure the willingness of a nominee to serve if elected.

All active church members are strongly urged to be present for this most important Annual Congregational Meeting.



Fish and Fine Arts Fundraiser Friday, March 15 from 6-8pm.

Kids On Wednesday (KOW) looks forward to serving you a fried fish dinner in Trinity's Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 15 from 6-8pm**. The evening will include live entertainment as well as raffle drawings for beautiful floral centerpieces, an authentic Vera Bradley bag, or a handmade quilt! Dinner tickets are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$5. For tickets, please contact Brittany DiGiammarino (229)740-9993 or see any of our KOW members.

All proceeds will go to funding new playground equipment for our Trinity children. KOW provides service with a smile, so don't forget to tip your servers! We are accepting monetary donations to help with the cost of food. If you would like to make a donation, please specify "Fish Fry" on your check or cash envelope.



The Observance of Lent 2019 Wednesday, March 6 – Saturday, April 20

Lenten Morning Devotions

Pastor Hart will offer a Lenten Observance Discipline every morning for 40 days during Lent, beginning Wednesday morning, **March 6**. 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 *Presbyterians Today*. Devotion will include music, the daily reading, 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.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following supper, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 30 minute service of worship which will include the traditional practice called "the imposition of ashes." Hymns and prayers will also be included. Let us commit to the spiritual discipline of observing the season of penitence during Lent by gathering together for this meaningful service on the upcoming Wednesday evening.

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.



As a general practice, we remove the names of those who have been on the list for 182 days or more, if we have not received an update of their circumstances.

Members & Regular Participants

Barbara Aiken

Marie Hill
Chuk Holzworth
Peter & Suzanne Lee

Bernie Preyna

Ann Smith
Ruth Stonestreet
Don Vollenweider

Relatives

Janet Beck, *sister of Virginia Conner*
Virginia Beckham, *mother of Libby Bickers*

Linda Bozeman, *sister of Catherine Loveday*

Ann Dees, *mother of Zane Dees*

Jerry Dibble, *uncle of Leonard Mittelstadt*

Grayce Galanek, *niece of Melissa Johnson*

Emily Hunt, *daughter of Ray Josey*

Ronnie Lynch, *father of David Lynch*

Ann McGill, *cousin of Sonja Guilbeau*

Sophia Murillo, *great grand niece of Debbie Radabaugh*

Celina Oliver, *sister-in-law of Charlie Oliver*

Julie Secord, *mother of Brittany DiGiammarino*

Sonia Tonnemaker, *cousin of Jan Hobson*

Friends (contact person)

Megan Andres (Kathy Roe)

Pam Barnett (Chris Roan)

Helen Bartle (Marcie Swank)

The Family of Kain Bauer (Andrea Micklon)

Tammy Bennett (Catherine Loveday)

Carlie Berger (Kati Alford)

Marcas Blanchard (Charlie Oliver)

Sheryl Boinski (Charlie Oliver)

Carol Tillman Brotherton (Jane Gore)

David Crenshaw (Jeff Bickers)

Brandon Ferragut (Karen Whelihan)

Denise Fisher (Charlie Oliver)

Carolyn Franks (Winnie Dooly)

Jim Fuller (Marcie Swank)

Leslie Geoghegan (Anghaarad Dees)

Erin German (Karen Whelihan)

Mark Gibbs (Linda Brown)

Joy Gibson (Beth Reid)

Trevor Hill (Kathy Roe)

James Kilpatrick (Paul Guilbeau)

Mike King (Paul Guilbeau)

Joan Lawson (Ann Smith)

Jim & Elysa MacLellan (Anghaarad Dees)

Bessie Mathis (Kathy Roe)

Derrick McLeod (Anthony Lentini)

Scott & Teslim Miller (Jan Hobson)

Brenda Mohr (Catherine Loveday)

Mary Morman (Cindy Gallahan)

Doug Mowls (Heather Wakefield)

Marty Price (Kathy Roe)

Cindy Randall (Pat Collins)

Stephanie Respress (Brooke Webb)

Mark Retterbush (John Roan)

Cassandra Reynolds (Catherine Loveday)

Jock Sanders (Eddie Webb)

Jea Paul Smith (Beth Reid)

Emma Sheaks (Mickeala Mittelstadt)

Frank Snipes (Charlie Oliver)

Norma Tomberlin (Ruth Stonestreet)

Tasheis Turner (Andrea Micklon)

Alicen Warren (Beth Reid)

Ashli Webster (Brooke Webb)

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Cindy and Dave Gallahan

Jane Gore and Brian Greene

Our Military Personnel

Missionaries

The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge, GA

Victims of, and all those affected by, recent forest fires, and other natural disasters, and those suffering the affects of recent Hurricanes.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to

the family and friends of Beverly Thompson, who died recently, requested by Linda Brown,

and to

the family and friends of Johnny Brown, who died recently, requested by Eddie Webb.

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 3 March 2019 Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalter: Psalm 99

New Testament:

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

A Prayer for Bangladesh 25 February 2019

Almighty God, we weep for all who died and with all who now suffer as a result of a late evening fire that engulfed the crowded narrow streets, shops, and apartments in a historic neighborhood of Dhaka, Bangladesh, last week. An initial explosion of a pickup truck's faulty gas cylinder ignited industrial chemicals illegally stored in buildings that housed families on the upper floors. At least 67 people died in the inferno, including pedestrians, shop owners, and families who had only one staircase to exit their homes. Once again, political corruption leading to poor regulation of commercial industry and lax enforcement of building and fire codes has stolen the lives of innocent people. How long, O Lord, will the evil of unbridled greed continue to devastate those whom you love? Have mercy upon your children and lead them into the safety of your eternal protection and care, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **March 6, 2019**

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. Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Supper will be provided by the Dupras/Wright cooking team. The menu will include stew. 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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

We will meet on Thursday, **March 7, 2019**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. All are invited to join us for this hour-long Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles. The coffee pot will be on!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

Dear Trinity Friends, our thanks to you for your continued exercise of caution on our playground. We are currently in the process of selecting new playground equipment and will keep you updated on our progress. We plan to continue with the removal of our old equipment, and ask that you remain cautious when in the area. Thank you.

SMASH

Sunday is Youth Sunday and we need everyone here at 8:45 a.m. If you are singing as part of the service you need to be here at 8:30 a.m. We will rehearse straight through the service at 9:00 a.m., eat breakfast and then clean up any parts that need extra rehearsal. Mr. Guilbeau will rehearse with the musicians playing the offertory at 8:45 a.m. so please be here and don't forget your instruments!! Everyone needs to wear their "Creative Spark" t-shirt with either jeans or black pants...if you don't have long pants, you can wear shorts but not basketball shorts. The t-shirts are \$5 so please turn that in to the office or Pastor Dees. The Wednesday after Youth Sunday is Ash Wednesday and SMASH will be attending that service.

Don't forget to bring your KOW bags every Wednesday!

Important information will be found in your bag each week! Parents be sure to check bags when you get home!



Online Giving is Now Available

Trinity has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to provide another way of giving to the work and ministry of our congregation. Online giving is an easier option for the digital age and you can find the link to give on our website and Facebook page. For those who have cell phones and tablets equipped with the necessary app, the QR code below will take you directly to the link as well and will be printed each week in the newsletter and can be found in one of the pew racks. Congregations who made online giving an option saw an increase in giving. If you have any questions about how to use online giving please check with the office.



Prayer Centers During Lent

Our Prayer Centers are returning during Lent this year and the Worship Team could use some assistance putting the centers out each week. The Worship Team is looking for donations of unused stationary with envelopes (this can be note cards) and any old Scrabble, Boggle or Banagram games that you don't wish to get back. Please bring donations to Pastor Dees office by March 20th! If you are willing to volunteer please let Pastor Dees or Sonja Guilbeau know.

Mark your calendars for **March 10**. The Maryville College Choir will present a concert at First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta at 7 PM.

Volunteers Needed for Fish and Fine Arts Fundraiser:

KOW is seeking adult volunteers who can assist with cooking the meal for the Fish and Fine Arts Fundraiser on **March 15**. If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet located in the Atrium, or contact Brittany DiGiammarino.

Worship Assistance Calendar - March 2019

SUN	Communion	Ushers	Greeters	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Breakfast Team
3	Prep: Marilyn Reid Beth Reid	Guy Oliver Bill Bickers John Roan Ann Smith Grant Wright	Ruth Stonestreet Lee Bradley Barbara Bradley	Bill Bickers Jeff Bickers Charlie Oliver Beth Reid	Ruth Stonestreet	David Preyna	Kelly Wicks Debbie Hart Renae Preyna
	Intinction Bread: Glennie Wicks Bread: Libby Bickers Cup: Rachele Frey Cup: Bryan Wright						
10		Bill Wicks Alf Alford Nita Cross Melissa Mittelstadt David Roe	Grant Wright Janet Wright Zane Dees	Libby Bickers Nita Cross Ruth Stonestreet	Herb Reinhard III	J T Webb	Lyle McGhin Mike Cross Nita Cross
17		Eddie Webb Noelle Collins Zane Dees Chris Roan Ruth Stonestreet	Kelly Wicks Bill Wicks Cindy Gallahan Dave Gallahan	Rachele Frey Sonja Guilbeau Bryan Wright	Lee Bradley	Emma Micklon	Judy Bickers Andrea Micklon Mark Micklon
24		Pat Collins Noelle Collins Reme Mattice Charlie Oliver Deb Radabaugh Kelly Wicks	Eddie Webb Brooke Webb Bob Wakefield Candy Wakefield	Bernie Preyna Debbie Radabaugh Grant Wright	Grant Wright	Connor Bickers	Jean Snyder Sunday School Class
31		Mike Cross Chance Bickers Tyler Cross Ray Josey Doug Maxwell	Sonja Guilbeau Jane Gore Brian Greene	Bill Bickers Jeff Bickers Charlie Oliver Beth Reid	Annalee Bickers	Woodson Bickers	Beth Reid

Kudos to Brian Preyna

Chief Master Sergeant Brian Preyna is retiring from the United States Air Force. His retirement ceremony will be held at Moody Air Force Base on **Friday, March 15, 2019**, at 1:00 p.m.. Brian has served his country and all of us most nobly in a career spanning 30 years. He has also served our congregation as Ruling Elder, filling two terms as an active member of the Session. We celebrate his accomplishments and thank him for his service. Congratulations also to his family who are proud of their son, husband, and father with whom they share this momentous occasion.

Heads Up!

Daylight Savings Time is coming soon. Mark your calendars, put a reminder in your smart phone, or tie a string on your finger to note the date. **Saturday, March 9, 2019** you should set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed. You must do so in order not to be late for Sunday School and Worship the following morning. That is one week from this Saturday. **"Spring forward one hour on March 9."**

2019 Adult Mission Trip

Trinity has been invited by Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Augustine, Florida, to join them on an adult mission trip in September to Arkansas. Jim and Julie Reffel are the trip leaders. We would be staying at the retreat center of Arkansas Presbytery called Ferncliff (www.ferncliff.org) near Little Rock. It is the national headquarters for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Work will include projects at the PDA facility. Also there will be service opportunities in Little Rock, possibly including Habitat for Humanity. The cost for participation will be \$280 per person. That does not include transportation. There are two options for getting there – by air or by ground transportation. We will be taking the Trinity bus for those who do not wish to fly.

Save the date: September 22-28, 2019. For more information, please contact Pastor Hart.

Bible Journaling!

On Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. we have a wonderful intergenerational group who journal together in the Emmaus Room. The creativity in the room is always exciting to see. We frequently have visitors join us. It's an awesome opportunity to have conversation as well as put your artistic talents to work!

Anyone can participate in this relaxing spiritual practice. If you've ever wondered if this might be something you would enjoy, make plans to join us soon!

