

God's Love In Action

**GLIA: the essential element, or glue,
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body**

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Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 M-F

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 4 P.M.

Plan to join us on **Saturday, December 14** as we visit the shut-ins to deliver fruit baskets and sing Christmas Carols. We will leave Trinity at **4 p.m.** Add your voice to bring cheer this season.

The Christmas holiday season has arrived again!!! The older I get the more I start thinking to myself, "Are we celebrating Christmas more than once every year now?" Possibly you can relate to that sentiment. But the real truth is this. We should be celebrating the birth of our CHRIST more than just during the Christmas season. How often in some other season of the calendar year do we stop and give thanks for the birth of the Messiah? While it is fine to pinpoint a time of year to give great attention to Christ's birth, which Christmas does, let's not rob ourselves of the blessed opportunity to find more joy and peace in celebrating the birth of Christ around the year.

Most United Methodist Churches use the Advent wreath in the Christmas season to celebrate Christ's birth and to place emphasis on the art of learning to wait on the LORD and to trust the LORD for His purposes to come to completion in His perfect timing. That's a good thing to do and an excellent object lesson of the Advent wreath. Do you know what I use to think about the Advent wreath when I was a child? It only took a few years for my mind to connect to the following fact. I reasoned when they light that big middle candle we get our presents! This very limited perspective about the advent wreath wore off by the time I was 10 or so. Then I got the picture that when the Christ candle is lit, then we celebrate Christ has been born! This is true, but why wait just until the Christ candle is lit? Celebrate every day the gift of Christ, and when we do get into the height of the Christmas season, then that celebration is all the more blessed.

When I was a child my father would sometimes say to the children "it's your birthday every month!", referring to how often we received more than we deserved around the year. Well, let's make it JESUS' birthday celebration around the year giving the LORD thanks for His gift of Christ. After All, Jesus gives us the gift of himself over and over throughout the year! So enjoy your Christmas in December and January and February and March. May the fullness of all the plans of the FATHER be yours in CHRIST this Christmas season! Amen!

A very Merry Christmas from Pastor Robert Reeves and family!!!



The **Trinity UMC Choir** will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, **A Great and Mighty Wonder**, on **Sunday, December 15th**. There are cards located on the Gathering Area Table that can be handed out to friends, neighbors and family to invite them to this wonderful celebration in song. Be sure to pick some up to hand out in the coming weeks.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 6 P.M.



A trip is planned for Friday, December 6, to see the **Palmetto Mastersingers** at Harbison Theatre. Charles McNeill sings with this group. A sign-up sheet is located on the Gathering Area table. or you can call the church office. The concert begins at 7:30. Someone will contact all of those that sign up about carpooling.



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Mary Alice Duncan and family* on the death of her husband, *Griff*, on Wednesday, November 6, 2013;

and to ***Irene Ward and family*** on the death of her sister, ***Pauline Burkett***, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.



Bob Brewer

Bonnie Ramsey	George Taylor
Mary Alice Duncan	Peggy Smith
Shirley Butler	Oren & Hilda Edwards
R. M. Webb, Jr.	Rebecca Habbick
Margie Gay	Melton Martin
David & Cas Winkles	Francis & Gillett Hipp
Grover & Patsy Shuler	Mary Kamoroff
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	

Griff Duncan

Marvin & Sara Efron	George Taylor
Linda Maloch	Shirley Butler
Nellie Hipp	Jim Miller
Marcus Shull	Sandra Mann
Oren & Hilda Edwards	Margie Gay
Melton Martin	David & Cass Winkles
Francis & Gillett Hipp	Grover & Patsy Shuler
Mary Kamoroff	Bruce & Jean Raynor
Jack Padgett	James & Faye Grahl
Deborah Moseley	Alice D. King
H. D. & Doris Wessinger	Betty Gleaton
Craig & Margaret Jumper	Bill & Claudia Dubose
William & Reita Stone	Michael & Dale Nunn
Wayne & Evelyn Lybrand	William Kevin Kay
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Garren	Mary Alice Duncan
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Bill Duncan
Anderson Independent Mail	

Pauline Burkett

Mary Kamoroff

Frances Frady

Linda Maloch

James "Skeet" Perry

Shirley Bulter

Cindy Almond

Grover & Patsy Shuler



A gift to Trinity was given in loving memory of Griff Duncan by his wife, Mary Alice Duncan There was a tremendous response to both the BBQ and Bake Sale Fundraisers. The Bake Sale brought in over \$1,700.00 in sales and donations to be applied to the principal balance of the mortgage. The BBQ Fundraiser brought in over \$6,200 in sales and donations to be applied to the principal balance of the mortgage. **Due to the success of the BBQ Sale**, it has been extended through Sunday, December 22nd. We have some bottles available in the church office. Ray Frady will be out of town for the next two weeks, but will make what is needed when he returns.

, in love and gratitude for all of the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food from the Trinity family during Griff's illness and following his death.

A gift to Trinity was given in loving memory of Griff Duncan by his son, Bill Duncan and family, in gratitude for all of the love and support shown by the Trinity family during Griff's illness and for the beautiful service following his death.



Dear Trinity Family,

We would like to thank our Church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, food and visits to our family while Daddy was sick and during the time after his death. It is such a blessing to have a church family's support at times like this. We also would like to thank those who visited daddy in the hospital and especially Pastor Robert for all his visits and getting to know daddy in such a short time. Daddy told a member of the Church that he and Robert had become buddies.

Thank You all,
Mary Brewer, Carol Frye and Diane Muszynski and family



Dear Trinity family,

I want to express my thanks for all of the cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. Your kindness was much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jim Miller



Dear Trinity family,

There's no way to measure how much I appreciate your prayers, calls, cards and visits during my recent illness. It was very comforting knowing that your prayers and love were surrounding me. God is so good by providing his love through "The Trinity Family". Thank you!!!

In His Love and Grace,
Ruth Frady



This year Trinity will have the following 'Angels' on our Angel Tree:

1. UMW for the Saluda River Kids (make checks out to Trinity UMW)
2. God's Helping Hands - Project Share: these funds go directly to helping with heating bills for the less fortunate
3. Canoeing for Kids

The envelopes will be on the tree and you can put your checks or cash in the envelope and put them in the offering plates or give them to Patsy Boggs or Jackie Eitel. If you place cash in the envelopes, please put your name on the outside. Please have all envelopes turned in by Dec 22, 2013. If you have any questions, please call Patsy Boggs at 606-3488.



The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, December 12th, at 10 a.m.

The United Methodist Women would like to express our gratitude for your participation in the Thanksgiving Bake Sale. With your enthusiasm and participation, we were able to raise \$1,738.00. Thank you so very much!

The Women's Afternoon Group will not meet in December. They are sponsoring the trip to hear the Palmetto Mastersingers on Friday, December 6. In addition, they are sponsoring a trip to hear the Columbia Community Concert Band at Trinity Baptist Church on Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. Lynn Martin is a member of the Columbia Community Concert Band and will be performing with them. A sign-up sheet will be located on the Gathering Area table or you can call the church office. The concert is free to the public.

BBQ Fundraiser Extended

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Dear Trinity Family,

In the coming weeks, where late nights become more frequent due to exams, I will be thinking of you each time I reach for a snack to keep me going. Thank you for the exam bag and birthday card.

Much Love in Christ,
Jon Martin



Dear Friends of Trinity UMC and Pastor Reeves,

I count it all joy to have had the opportunity to serve in ministry with you during the week of Consecration Sunday. The Grecian Gardens meal and the potluck provided great food and great fellowship. I was highly honored to be able to share my faith and some of my testimony with you.

Marcia and I really appreciated your warm hospitality. You have a beautiful facility with a field in your community that is ripe for the harvest. Our love and appreciation goes out to Robert, Melanie and family for their leadership and warm welcome to their home.

Thank you for the very generous honorarium.

In His Love,
Gary Ball



The pastor's office hours have changed. The revised schedule is listed below:

Monday: By Appointment
Tuesday: Day Off
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: By Appointment
Friday: By Appointment

If you should need him when he is not in the office, please feel free to call him at home: 724-2403 or on his Cell: 603-8138. This information is also included on his business cards. He wants every parishioner to have one. If you don't have his card, please ask him for one this morning.

Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips

There are Prayer Request/Praise Report Slips in the bulletin for you to use to write down your prayer requests and/or praise report. The ushers will take them up and give them to Pastor Reeves to read during the Joys and Concerns portion of the service. By doing this, we will be able to make sure that we don't miss anyone and that everyone is able to hear them.

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

If you would like to donate to disaster relief in the Philippines, make the check to Trinity and notate UMCOR Advance # 982450 on the memo line. If you would like to donate online, you can go to the Conference website www.umcsc.org (there is a link on their home page) or go to www.umcor.org.

TRINITY'S WEB SITE

Frank Howard, a member of the Witness Team, has done an outstanding job with the development and maintenance of our Web Site: www.trinityumcwc.org.

There you will find a calendar of events, current and past issues of the GLIA, current and past issues of the bulletin, a description of Outreach and Internal Ministries, highlights of special events and a weekly, monthly and yearly calendar.

If you have suggestions regarding additional information to be included on the Web site, please contact Jewel Percy, chairperson of the Witness Committee.

Please bookmark the Web Site so that you can access it easily and refer to it often, especially when you have a question about a scheduled meeting or event.

Thank you, Frank, for your service to Trinity!



Our thanks to Irvin and Dale Wells for the lightweight vacuum cleaner they gave us. It was exactly what we needed!