

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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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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Well, what do you know? Another year has come and gone and 2014 has showed up ready or not! 2013 was great for some and very difficult for others. We have to remember it is not the year that made it for us or did us in. Too often we almost give time the credit or the blame for the great blessings or mishaps of life. Somehow we must define time and so another year has arrived in 2014. However it would be better for the believer to define their journey through this world by process and the LORD's faithfulness more so than by what year it is. If your past year was a great blessing think more about what you saw the LORD doing in your life through it more so than defining the blessing in correlation with a year. If your past year was very difficult think more about what you saw the LORD doing in your life through it more so than defining the loss and challenge in correlation with a year. Wait a minute! Did you catch that? Did I just repeat myself or what? Wow, I did say the same thing twice. The only difference is that no matter what is happening we must discover what the LORD is doing in the process of our life. We westerners and most of the world have used the Gregorian calendar for better than 1000 years to keep the time and to record and remember what has happened. When referring to a given year in the fullest extent of the use of time kept in the Gregorian calendar we have heard it said "In the year of our LORD 2001, 2013" or whatever year it is. The abbreviation of this statement is the year AD 2001, AD 2013, etc. The monk Dionysius Exiguus, who invented this method to keep time, had several objectives in his intentions to keep time this way. One was that Dionysius forever wanted the world to remember ultimately every year was the year of our LORD "AD". How true was Dionysius' revelation! Every year belongs to CHRIST! Some years are better than others. Some are memorable, some are forgettable, some are sad, some are wonderful but for the follower of CHRIST every year must be remembered for the truth that it was the year of our LORD. Now, this is not said to minimize the best or worse years, for your pain and tears or joy and fond memories are yours paid for by your experience. But we must keep in mind the LORD's involvement in our life is more significant than the year we remember. Here are two signs Christian maturity or the HOLY SPIRIT is taking us further into who JESUS is. If your past year was characterized by difficulty, loss, mishap and pain, rather than completely focusing on how legitimately terrible it was, seek out seeing how CHRIST walked with you through those difficult dark days. If your past year was characterized by triumph, blessing, joys and success, rather than completely focusing on how legitimately wonderful it was, seek out why CHRIST allowed the year to be so highly favored.

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Whatever happens in the process of the year is a step toward the further purpose of our life as we serve and follow after JESUS. Now of course, I'm speaking in the context of one who makes an effort to keep a Biblical world view of time and life. Of course, I'm writing to those who I'm assuming have the same priority. Was 2013 the year of our LORD or was it something else for us? If we use the pleasantries of life or the lack of them to determine our answer to that question our focus is misdirected. It is now 2014 AD. In the year of our LORD 2014 here we go and can we hold on to the certainty GOD is with us, GOD is for us and GOD will keep us no matter what comes, be it wonderful or trying? I trust we can. It is my prayer for myself, my family and friends and for the LORD's church called Trinity!!!! Blessings for the journey in 2014.

Pastor Robert



First Annual Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 18 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Children 3-12 are invited to come hear the Magi tell stories about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to the baby Jesus and the significance and meaning of the gifts. After hearing from each wise man, refreshments will be served and every child will receive a souvenir gift. RSVP by January 13 - Marie Stiles - 463.9706 or mstiles@sc.rr.com or call church office 794.7777.



The Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on January 15th. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible Study, led by Pastor Robert, will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The following groups will prepare meals in January :

Jan. 15	Visions Class	Becky Derrick
Jan. 22	Pacers	Jewel Percy
Jan. 29	UM Men	Tommy Johnson

Please be sure to sign up for your Wednesday meal by handing your form in on Sunday or calling Jackie Eitel on Monday. For the cooks to shop and prepare the meals, they need to have the information as soon as possible so they can make enough to serve those who have signed up.

The price of the meals will be \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over, \$3.00 for children 6 to 12 and \$1.00 for children ages 2 to 5. There will be a limit of \$12.00 to be paid per immediate* family, with a maximum of five persons. (After five family members, each additional person is \$3.00.) (*Two related generations is an immediate family.)

memorials & gifts

Bob Brewer

Nell Cooke Chuck & Lynn Martin
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd Charles & Jackie McNeill

Griff Duncan

Steve & Kathy Aiello Mary & Ellen Matthews
Cubbie & Debra Christie Jim & Marie Stiles
Nell Cooke John & Patsy Zeigler
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd Chuck & Lynn Martin
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Pauline Burkett

Nell Cooke

James "Skeet" Perry

Mary & Ellen Matthews

Cindy Almond

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

John Hede

Charles & Jackie McNeill

Bob Jensen

Charles & Jackie McNeill

Cornelia Freeman

Charles & Jackie McNeill



A gift in honor of their **Trinity Family** has been given by **Roland and Boots Morgan** in love and thanks for all of the calls, cards, visits and food provided during this last year. They are especially grateful for all of those who have prayed and continue to pray for them.



A gift in honor of their **Trinity Family** has been given by **Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting** in lieu of sending 2013 Christmas Cards.

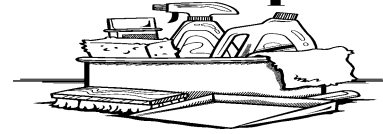


Dear Trinity Family,

Kathy and I have been through a lot and we couldn't have made it without all your special prayers! Thanks to all of you who sent cards and words of encouragement. We will see you all real soon!

Love,
Kathy & Steve Aiello

Church Cleanup



Saturday, January 4
9:30 a.m. – Noon

Start the New Year right! Come join us on Saturday, January 4, as we spruce up the facilities for 2014. Everyone's help is needed. If you know of something that needs to be done, join us and we will work on it. Hope to see you on the 4th!



Congratulations to **Nova Grahl** on the birth of her son, **Theo Benjamin Grahl**, Wednesday, December 4th, 2013. He weighed 5 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 18 inches long. He is the grandson of **Jimmy and Faye Grahl** and the great-grandson of **Irene Grahl**.



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of **Kinsley Elizabeth Howard** on Sunday, December 8, 2013. She is the daughter of **Frank and Megan Howard**, sister of **Trey** and **Kara**, granddaughter of **Darla Mullaney**, and greatniece of **Bonnie Ramsey**.



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