

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 it's repentance time again! What, you may ask, am I referring to? I'm referring to the season of Lent and the primary message contained in that season, that we are called to more deeply and clearly focus on drawing nearer to the LORD in knowing HIM and HIS purpose for the season of life we live in now. Consider Hebrews 10:22 *"let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."* Of course the text here isn't referring to our need to have a body bath, but a spiritual bath of the soul! Lent is a time to learn of the LORD's grace for us as we have before not experienced and lived in HIS grace. Matthew 11:26-29 tells us *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* Notice the process of these verses; come to me, if you realize you labor and are burdened, I will give you my rest and my priorities and you can learn of my character for it is different than anything you have ever known. When you do this you will discover rest for your soul unlike before. That process is all about what we are reminded of in the message of LENT. Then LENT is about the basic continued necessity of walking in repentance. Repentance is good medicine for the committed disciple. It is misunderstood medicine for the nominal cultural Christian who has not yet realized at a much deeper level GOD is LOVE and is in LOVE with everyone more so than we could ever possibly imagine! Oh wow! Beloved!! This is exciting!!! The more we agree with GOD about anything the more we can see HIS kingdom invasion at work in us and all around us!!! Matthew 4:17-18 tell us *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen."* In these verses we again see the process of how to receive the purpose of GOD. Live in repentance! When JESUS saw Peter and John he called them to become fishers of men. JESUS called them to the ministry of giving the human race the opportunity to know the LIVING GOD! In Lent we too are invited to see issues anew and in a different perspective as the LORD sees them. When we do receive this opportunity from the LORD we are called to new heights of promise and potential just as Peter and John were. LENT IS GREAT!!! GET READY TO GET BLESSED IF YOU CAN HEAR THE LORD'S CALL!!!!

Pastor Robert



The Wonderful Wednesdays continue in March. The meals 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 March :

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| Mar. 5 | Ash Wednesday – No WW Meal or Bible Study | |
| Mar. 12 | UMW | Marilyn Lloyd |
| Mar. 19 | Women's Afternoon Group | Lynn Martin |
| Mar. 26 | Trustees & Outreach | Ted Frady |

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.)

PANCAKE SUPPER



**FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
MARCH 4
6 P.M.**

Plan now to join us on March 4 for a wonderful pancake supper served with ham and sausage prepared by the United Methodist Men. You won't want to miss this annual event. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
MARCH 5
7 P.M.**



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Jean Raynor and family** on the death of her husband, **Bruce Raynor**, on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

memorials
& gifts

Griff Duncan

Donnie & Carolyn Sox

Harvey Stiles

Shirley Butler
Bonnie Ramsey
Oren & Hilda Edwards
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Marvin & Sara Efron
George Taylor

Helen Barnes

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Shirley Butler
Linda Maloch
Donnie & Carolyn Sox
Marvin & Sara Efron

Fran Cooke Van Unen

Nell Cooke

Bruce Raynor

Marvin & Sara Efron	Patricia Morrow
Oren & Hilda Edwards	John & Patsy Zeigler
John & Annie Frazier	Terry Paules & Leamon Todd
Elizabeth Shull	Mary Alice Duncan
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Bill Duncan
Rebecca Baston	Francis & Gillett Hipp
JOY Sunday School Class	Jim Miller
Linda Maloch	Nellie Hipp
Donnie & Carolyn Sox	Heyward & Doris Wessinger
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Trotti	Frank & Nola Latham
Patsy A. Matthey	Davis & Brenda Cook
Betty Gleaton	Mary & Ellen Matthews
George Taylor	Margie Gay
Melton Martin	Mary Kamoroff
Jim & Marie Stiles	



Mary Kamoroff

Stephanie K. Vaught
Shirley Butler
Frank and Megan Howard



Congratulations to **Heather and Matt Robinson** on the birth of their son, **River Allen Robinson**, on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. **River Allen** weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long. His proud grandparents are **Irvin and Dale Wells**.

LOOK
at THIS!

Dear Trinity Folks,

If you shop online, would you consider making a charitable donation to Trinity by using the online web site **igive.com**? I signed up after Jewel Percy let me know about it. You can choose any charity you like that is a 501 C, which we are, but I am hoping that you choose our beloved church. There are many participating stores like Kohls, Lowes and Best Buy. I have already used it and found it takes very little effort. The igive Button makes it simple. It's all free and so easy. The stores make this possible because they want you to like them and shop. There are 1414 socially-responsible stores participating. The church council all voted for us to try it. Here's the link: <http://www.igive.com/IP1j38K>

Blessings to you all,

Bonnie J Ramsey



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls. Your cards have brightened my days and brought me joy.

I know Bob enjoys the "Lunch Bunch" food the first Sunday of each month as much as I do. Trinity has wonderful cooks. Thank you! Because I cannot stand for any length of time, my cooking is limited.

I appreciate my Trinity Family. Please, continue to pray for me.

Sincerely,

Libby Strickland

Taste of Trinity

Plan to bring a friend and join us for our first "Taste of Trinity" Saturday March 29th, 4p.m.-6p.m. Prepare to sample recipes from our Trinity Cookbook that range from appetizers, soups, main dishes, sides, and, of course, desserts. Tickets will be one (\$1.00) dollar per sample. Although the majority of our recipes are found in the cookbook, should anyone have another favorite, lip smacking, recipe that he or she would like to prepare and add to The Taste, please contact one of the UMW coordinators listed later. In addition, we welcome anyone to volunteer in any way they find fun!

The Happy Quilters will have a Queen size quilt, blue and white design, for everyone to preview in the gathering area during March prior to "The Taste". A silent auction will be ongoing during the tasting time with the winner being announced at the end of the event.

Funds raised from "The Taste" will be applied to the principal balance of the church mortgage; and, funds from the quilt auction will be donated, as usual by the Happy Quilters, to local charities.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, contact Gale Frady (798-4809); Ruth Frady (796-1592) and Marty Johnson (939-0082).

Fill the Ark.....during Lent

A noisy offering will be collected on the following Sundays during Lent to help Heifer International Fill the Ark:

Sundays: March 2.....March 16.....March 30

As it was for Noah, so for today: the ARK is about hope and a new beginning. For Heifer project families, farm animals can provide:

- Nutritious food for the children through milk, eggs or meat
- Income for housing, health care, school fees and other needs
- Motivation to plant trees and grasses and make other environmental improvements
- A catalyst for community development

Heifer animals are spreading over the Earth as each participating family passes on the gift of one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. This miracle of birth creates a chain of giving that continues for years.