

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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Pastor's COLUMN

The Power of Encouragement –
It's more than just mere words!!!!

Many a man and woman who quit would have kept going if they had just received a word of encouragement from someone. Encouragement is so vital that the scriptures rank it up there with gifts like teaching and leadership (see Romans 12:6-8). Here are just two stories that illustrate the power of encouragement.

The first story is about two men who are sharing a hospital room. There was only one window in the room much closer to one man's bed than the other. So one man could see out the window and the other who could not get up yet from his bed could not see out the window. Every time, when the first man was sitting by the window, he described in great detail all he saw outside the window to his roommate who couldn't see these things. The man who was bed ridden so looked forward to these descriptions of the outside world from day to day. Descriptions of cars going by and people walking and dogs and cats and the cloud patterns and other wonders were described every day. When the bed ridden man heard all this he would close his eyes and imagine all these scenes he could not see. Then tragically the patient who described the outside world so well died in his sleep one night. Of course the bed ridden man was very sad about this. After some time, the bed ridden man asked the nurses if he could be switched to the other bed. He hoped that as he got better he too could look out the window at the wonders that had been described to him. He was moved and as soon as the patient could muster the strength he propped himself up on one elbow and took his first look out the window and to his shock there was nothing outside that window but another brick wall. When a nurse came into the room later, the patient related this story and asked why his roommate would make up such stories. The nurse replied "because, you were not supposed to live and neither were you supposed to ever get out of that bed and he overheard conversations about your health and so attempting to help you he made those stories up to encourage you to get better. It worked!"

The second story is about baseball great Jackie Robinson. One day playing at home in Brooklyn he wasn't so great. Jackie committed a throwing error late in a game that cost the Dodgers two unearned runs. The hometown crowd booed and hissed Jackie for his error and his skin color. Robinson was legitimately concerned for his very safety after such a mistake. The fans booed all the louder and began to throw trash onto the playing field when "Pee Wee" Reese, the Dodgers great shortstop, walked over to Jackie and put his arm around him and stood there with him until the crowd grew quiet.

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Throughout Robinson's life he would refer to this story and tell everyone how much it meant to him what "Pee Wee" Reese had done for him that day on the baseball diamond. Jackie would say, "Reese's encouragement to me possibly saved my career". Of course some of us will excuse this as not being that important. But how do you know what it meant to Jackie Robinson?

The smallest word of encouragement can mean the world to someone when life is difficult. Don't ever discount it! As Christians, we have the very power of life words living in us through our faith in JESUS. Share those words when possible to others and watch the encouragement grow! It's contagious! I trust that all of our church family will have a blessed summer season!

Pastor Robert



Congratulations to **Wanda Stamps** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, **Milli-Belle Ryhanne Frederick**, on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 19 ½ inches long. **Milli-Belle Ryhanne** is the daughter of **Wesley and Chealsty**.



Congratulations to **Charles McNeill**! He won eight Gold Medals at the South Carolina Senior Games that were held from May 15 through May 17th.



To The Families Of Trinity: You Are Invited!!

We remember our Dads with affection. We're proud of our families and the children our husbands have cared for. We celebrate the great job our young fathers are doing to nurture their families. It's a special day.

The United Methodist Women will be honoring fathers by serving Breakfast on Sunday, June 15th, at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



Carolyn Hardee
Chuck & Lynn Martin



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

Treis Williams and family on the death of his father, **David Williams**, on April 27th, 2014; and to

The **family and friends of David Roberts**, on his death March 22nd, 2014.



Griff Duncan Stephen Muszynski
Chuck & Lynn Martin Mary Alice Duncan

George Hardee Fuzzy Floyd
Chuck & Lynn Martin Chuck & Lynn Martin

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We received the following from Micheal and Pam Fulmer regarding Caudia Sineath:

Hope all there are doing well and looking forward to summertime. Claudia is doing very well. Her spirits are high and her health is good. She thinks of the church and hopes everyone there is happy.

Please think of her during church. I wish there was something I could do to make her whole. But thankfully Jesus is looking out for her as he does for all of us.

Our best regards to all there.

Sincerely,
Pam & Micheal Fulmer

Thank You

Bishop Jonathan Holston and the entire SC Conference On Finance & Administration appreciate your congregation's sacrificial giving by contributing 100% of your 2013 apportionments! Overall the SC Conference grew in giving by nearly 3% over 2012. All of us thank you most gratefully for the generosity of your church!



Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, June 1st, immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy this informal time of fellowship.

Nurture and Church Council WILL NOT MEET in June.

The **Sunday School Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, June 29th, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The Sunday School Breakfast is held on the last Sunday of every month.



Dear Trinity Friends:

I write to thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and emails during my hospital stay and recuperation from my knee replacement. With your prayers, my recovery is coming along satisfactorily.

My little "doggie", from the Hospital Ministry Team, is keeping watch over me to make sure recovery and healing are soon.

Thank you again.

God Bless,
Tom Lloyd



Dear Reverend Reeves and everyone at Trinity UMC,

Thank you so much for being such a gracious host to the Concert Singers on Wednesday, April 30, for our evening concert. We were thrilled by the audience and the students thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful supper you provided. We also appreciate your willingness to house so many of the students.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to the possibility of singing at Trinity again in the very near future.

In Christ,
Dr. Valerie Bullock
Horton School of Music, Chair



Heifer International gratefully recognized Trinity UMC for participating in the Fill the Ark program. Because of your contribution, families struggling with hunger and poverty will receive the gift of healthy animals and training in their care. Thanks for making a meaningful difference in the world.

Pierre U. Ferrari
President and CEO



The Women's Afternoon Group will be going on the Elmwood Cemetery Tour hosted by the Columbia Historical Society on June 12th. The tour begins at 8:00 p.m. and lasts about one hour. A costumed member of the historical society will tell stories about the lives, burials, plots and tombstones of prominent citizens from the 19th and 20th century. Space is limited to 20-25 people. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 1st.** We have to notify the Historical Society of the number of reservations by June 1st. Please call Ruth Frady at 796-1592 or Gale Frady at 622-4787 to reserve your space, or sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. We will be meeting at the Gunter Circle parking lot about 7:15 p.m.



The Witness Team is sponsoring a bottled water give away at the Riverwalk near the amphitheater on Saturday, June 14th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Stiles.



WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO GO TO SUMMER CAMP.

South Carolina Methodists have a terrific camp at Asbury Camp. At the last Trinity council meeting we all agreed that one of our greatest missions/ ministries is our children. Therefore we decided that Trinity will pay for the children who regularly come to Sunday School and take part in our activities to go to Camp Asbury this summer. Ruth Frady has been looking at what is available and is contacting the families to see if their children can take part. Please encourage the children and families that we will get together what they need so they can go. We must make it possible to send our children to an experience that will help them grow stronger in so many ways- some ways that won't be known until much later.

This is beyond our budget. However, we will accept donations toward this cause before and after camp takes place. This is a leap of faith for us, but our faith and future is in our children.

Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair

To Our Youth and Children of Trinity:

Be sure to check with Ruth Frady or Patsy Boggs to see if there is a camp time still available for you to attend. Check with your parents for permission. We want you to go to camp if there is a space still open and if you can go that week. Let Miss Ruth or Miss Patsy know if there are Camp supplies that you need help in getting. Trinity Church wants to help you go to camp. If you can't go this year, plan to ask about camp starting in February or March, so we can make sure that you can have this experience.

Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair



YOU CAN BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY!

Although it's the beginning of Summer, which would seem to be a quiet time, there are lots of opportunities for you to volunteer and participate. Here are some to be thinking about and be ready to "JUST DO IT!"

You can still be a part of the Hospital Ministry, Bonnie Ramsey, coordinating. Thursday morning United Methodist Women meets second Thursday in July. (We will not meet in June.) Marilyn Lloyd is President. Look for Becky's trip to Abbeville for the Mature Methodists. Sign up when announced for the bus trip.

The Women's Afternoon Group is meeting one evening in June for a tour of Elmwood Cemetery. You're invited; male or female. Check the notice.

A busy weekend is coming in July. The "Back to School Splash" is on July 26. We can always use folks to watch the children on the Water Slide. If you'd like to welcome and talk with "visitors", that would help us. If you like to "clean up", we can use you. See Lynn Martin, Patsy Boggs or Marilyn Lloyd.

Sunday July 27, is the Trinity and neighborhood Ice Cream Social to introduce Vacation Bible School. Everyone invited! See Marilyn for details- more in the July GLIA.

AND July 28-30: Vacation Bible School Monday through Wednesday for Children and Adults. We'll need folks in every capacity. Patsy Boggs is leading and it'll be a great fun time. Come to her planning meetings, or give her a call. Pastor Robert is leading a class for the adults.

For all of these and more, we have "Sign Up Sheets" in the Gathering Area, but if you forget to sign, come and be part of the fun and help.

If you think the "Circles" and groups meeting at Trinity are closed groups, they aren't! We hope our members are welcoming to those who are unable to meet with us every time or who haven't expressed an interest before. Please join us when you can.

Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair

ANOTHER WAY TO BE INVOLVED!

Let's surprise Tom Geddens by volunteering to usher. Sometimes Tom Geddens' name is the only one signed up to serve. (He's the Worship Chair, after all.) Let's show our appreciation for him. Even if you haven't signed up ahead of time, just volunteer the Sunday you are there. He would love it.

Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair

MILLION BOOK TEA PARTY

We wanted to be part of the United Methodist Church's Dream: to collect a million books for the pre-school and elementary children of South Carolina.

The Million Book Tea Party on May 18, 2014 was a rousing Success! Before it happened there were many phone calls, recipes to prepare, favors to make, decorations to do, place cards and programs to print, and many women to say 'I'll do it!' As a result 58 people attended the tea, 333 books were collected, and 22 persons were involved in the actual preparation and service during the event.

With Jewel Percy's enthusiasm, tenaciousness, and the earnest dedication of the United Methodist Women assisting, the afternoon was another exciting, unforgettable once in a lifetime moment in time! Mothers and grandmothers expectantly brought their children and grandchildren, dressed up in their finery with gloves and hats. As the refreshments were served, music was provided by the following young ladies: Libby Platt, Cristen Hipp, (clarinet) Susie Reeves (violin) and Caitlin Russell (french horn). Table Hostesses were: Jessica Morgan, Meagan Edwards, Cristen Hipp, Kaye Floyd, Pauline Wenner, Jewel Percy, Teresa Jordan, and Linda Maloch.

Many, many thanks to everyone who came with their invited guests, who brought books and helped out in any way to make our Million Book Tea Party a success. It was wonderful!

Marilyn Lloyd, President, Trinity United Methodist Women

Salkehatchie West Metro

Dear Trinity UMC,

On behalf of the Directors of West Metro Salkehatchie, I wish to thank you for your donations during Holy Week this year for our camp. We are indeed grateful for your enthusiastic support, which helps those in our community. With the donations we receive we are able to renovate homes in our community for families in need, as well as reach out to these families with fellowship. Thank you once again.

In Christ,
Jason Barrs, Camp Director

What the Nurture Team and Its Members Do (Given by Marilyn Lloyd, Nurture Chair, May 18, 2014)

Hi! I'm Marilyn Lloyd. Many of you know me as President of the United Methodist Women. Today, however, I'm here to tell you about another responsibility that I have in service to Trinity. I am also the Chair of the Nurture Team, one of the groups that meets with Church Council. I think Nurture is most exciting, because it has each of you in mind. Many activities happening in the church are planned within the Nurture meetings. We discuss if and how they can be done again, or if an activity has outworn its welcome. If not, we plan toward making repeated activities more memorable, or if a new event could be held so that Trinity is more vital and exciting. We coordinate with the other activities happening at Trinity, by putting the dates on the calendar and then working with those responsible for events, *KEEPING IN MIND our vision so that we Connect, Nurture, Inspire, and Transform.*

The Nurture team meets bi-monthly just before Council on the third Sunday of the month. As I tell you about the members of our Nurture Team, please think about how you would fit in as a team member or as a participant in the activities described.

Members include the **Pastor**, Robert Reeves, who attends to be aware of the happenings of Trinity and to provide expertise and give input as needed, about how we fit into the wider United Methodist Church's goals.

As **Chairperson**, Marilyn Lloyd gives overall supervision and keeps team members activities coordinated with one another. These members include:

Worship Chairperson: Tom Geddens provides information on the needs for weekly vital, inspirational worship, and coordinates seasonal church events with other activities being planned.

Director of Music: Jackie McNeill provides insight into the inspirational message provided by the choir and the planning being done to achieve that goal.

Pacers: Jewel Percy and her team call members asking for prayers or give information about members having special needs.

Hospital Ministry: Coordinated by Bonnie Ramsey and Jo Ann Heiting, this is a new ministry whose purpose is to aid in the healing and wellness of our congregation as members find themselves in the hospital and facing (always) a new experience. Led by God, they provide love and assurance in a time of uncertainty.

Hospitality: As co-leader, I, along with Genie Duncan, work to coordinate special events and receptions sponsored by Trinity, coordinate the Wonderful Wednesday meals and when a death occurs, provide meals and comfort to the bereaved.

Youth Coordinator: Ruth Frady has the exciting task of providing a way for youth to attend special events and to mentor the Youth as they grow in their faith.

Children's Coordinator: Patsy Boggs and Tom Geddens are a team that lead the children in Sunday School and are responsible for the children's activities. They are always thankful for your help and concern.

Senior Adult Coordinator: Becky Derrick plans visits to the homebound with gift baskets. Some visits include caroling at various times in the year. She also plans trips for our Trinity Travelers, or Mature Methodists, from time to time.

Presidents or a designated person from the official Church organizations of **United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men** and the **United Methodist Youth** are invited to share their needs and plans in order to coordinate with Trinity's mission.

As this is a recruiting informational moment, there are some openings in the Nurture team that you may like to consider. Right now, there are openings for persons interested in being the **Coordinator of the Young Adults** activities and someone to lead us in the **Stewardship Campaign**.

Young Adult Coordinator: Coordinates activities for persons 18 – 35. It may include planning times where group activities may happen in homes, at restaurants or at football games, etc. so that a time is made to put Jesus into busy lives.

Stewardship Chairperson: Stewardship is remembering the promises each one of us made when joining the church to give our gifts of money, time and talents. This means taking from the top or best, the first of our money and giving the first and best of our gifts. One or more of you may consider being Stewardship Chair as a way to use your talents for God's purpose. The Stewardship Chairperson plans and coordinates the stewardship campaign that is held from about September to November, culminating in our potluck church dinner on Consecration Sunday. That's when we Trinity members of all ages thoughtfully make our monetary pledges to Trinity for the next year.

As you can see, our Nurture team members are to meet the needs of the various ages and groups within the church. We need ideas and new enthusiasm and participation. We need both thinkers and doers. If you can't do both, let us know what you are able to do. You are invited to join a team. You can contact me or one of these team leaders, or tell Pastor Robert, as Chair of the Lay Leadership, how you would like to help so that we each bring our best to Trinity.