

# 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! Our country is celebrating our 238th birthday this week. I'm just old enough now to well remember our 200th anniversary and what great emphasis was given it in 1976. I'm sure that some of you remember our bicentennial too. In the past 38 years, Americans have seen many things happen within our country that are both positive and negative in regards to their influence on our society. The progression of our cultural trends are astounding, and they either excite us because they should take place or they concern us because they should not take place. If you were born before 1950 and you have paid attention to the cultural shifts in our nation there are events, belief systems, fads and crises, etc. that have changed our nation. What I have seen in most persons who are around 50 or older is one of two extreme responses to a changing world. Either it is very difficult to come to terms with the reality that our culture and nation is changing and that the neighborhood is no longer the same as it was years back, or we search more deeply into our faith values and discover the resources necessary to respond to a changing world. It's possible the person reading this could reach the conclusion that I'm being too critical of older citizens in our nation. That is not the case. This is what I'm stating. The longer you have lived and paid attention, the more you are realizing that our nation is no longer the same and this brings challenges to everyone. OR the longer you have lived and not paid attention the more frustrated you are that everything just isn't the same anymore and why can't it be? What is wrong with everyone? Why can't the country stay the same? Why can't my neighborhood stay the same? Why can't my local church stay the same? My heart goes out to persons who just wish life would not change because that wish is basically impossible! The only way forward through this life is to develop a perspective that is informed, teachable, flexible and focused on reality and faith. I have spoken in broad generalizations in this article. I will be much more specific when we have Vacation Bible School July 28th through July 30th. Our topic in the adult class will address the following issue, "When faith values and culture collide, what happens?" I trust that you can join us. Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Robert



Congratulations To:

**Jon and Elizabeth Moore** on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Adalyn**, on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Sarah** weighed 9 lbs. 10 ozs. She is the granddaughter of **David and Annie Day** and great-granddaughter of **Miriam Simpson**.

**Abe and Laura Yordy** on the birth of their daughter, **Emmaline**, on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. **Emmaline** weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs.. She is the granddaughter of **Bill and Jeanette Hornsby**.



Congratulations to **Kristen Hallman and Justin Shumpert** on their marriage June 14, 2014. **Kristen** is the daughter of **Sherrill and Hal Clarkson** and the granddaughter of **Tom and Marilyn Lloyd**.



We welcome our newest member, Donna Muszynski. Donna joined Trinity on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Her address is:

330 Peamar Circle  
West Columbia, SC 29170  
Phone # 767-6400



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

**Bill, Billy and Donna Marie Pearson and family** on the death of his wife and their mother, **Barbara Pearson**, on Thursday, June 19, 2014.

**Ray and Gale Frady and family** on the death of her mother, **Ruby Schmotzer**, on Friday, June 20, 2014.

**Wayne and Charlie Hooker** on the death of their son, **Altie Hooker**, on Sunday, June 22, 2014.



Dear Trinity Church Family,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all of the many ways you showed your love and concern for us during Barbara’s illness and after her passing. Thank you for all of the flowers, cards, calls, visits and especially the wonderful food prepared for us during this difficult time.

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,  
Bill Pearson and Family



**Barbara Pearson**

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
George Taylor  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Marvin & Sara Efron  
Mary Alice Duncan  
Linda Maloch  
Jim Miller  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
English & Jewel Pearcy

**Ruby Schmotzer**

George Taylor  
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**Altie Hooker**

Mary Alice Duncan  
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Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
English & Jewel Pearcy

**David Roberts**

Jim Miller  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Mary Kamoroff  
English & Jewel Pearcy

**Irene Ward**

Joyce Crider



To my Beloved Church Family,

Thank you for all your love and support in so many ways, by so many of you. “Thank you” is so shallow for the depth of my gratitude and love. How Blessed I am to belong to such a wonderful church family. I pray that other people will come to know our wonderful church as we find ways to grow and flourish, by inviting them to join us in worshiping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU and Bless everyone! I love you!  
Laurie Knapp



**igive Reminder**

Just a reminder that you can earn money for the church with [igive.com](http://igive.com). It is set up and all you have to do is buy things at one of the participating stores using the igive website. We have earned over \$40.00 so far this year.



**Summer Camp News**

We are excited that we have five of our children/youth taking part in the activities at Asbury Hills Camp this summer. They are Cristen Hipp, Matthew Skipper, Dylan Edwards, Brandon Edwards and Ryan Edwards.

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 the camp tuition for the children who regularly come to Sunday School and take part in our activities. This is beyond our budget and is a great leap of faith for us, but we believe our faith and future is in our children. Please consider helping Trinity and our young ones with a donation if you can. Members of the Board will be contributing. We will accept donations toward this cause before and after camp takes place.

Thank you for helping to provide an experience that will help our young ones grow stronger in so many ways. It’s a gift for their future as well as having a memorable adventure for them now.

**Marilyn Lloyd**, Nurture Chair

## WITNESS

Responsibilities of Witness Ministry Team:

To ensure that Trinity reaches out to people with the good news of Jesus Christ and receives them into its care so that they may develop a relationship with God and live as Christian disciples.

To make witness ministries a vital part of the congregation's total ministry.

To understand overall goals of the church and how witness ministries relate

### Vision Statement

The primary vision of the Witness Ministries is to reach out in faith, hope, love, compassion, kindness and love to demonstrate the qualities of Jesus Christ within the church and in the community.

Members of Witness Team: John Ballentine, Ruth Frady, Frank Howard, Jan Weaver, the pastor & Marie Stiles. Also serving to assist the team are Jewel Pearcy and George Taylor, who you can find most Sundays in the Gathering Place greeting members and newcomers.

Witness - on-going programs

Special letters of invitation to inactive members about Christmas and Easter services and special events

Name Badges – for members and visitors

Welcome Center – Visitor bags which include church brochures, refrigerator magnets, church pens; church business cards and other information and a lending library of children's books for worship service

Greeters – we are in need of someone who will line up greeters for each Sunday

Web Site - [www.trinityumcwc.org](http://www.trinityumcwc.org). There you can find the bulletin, the GLIA, both the current issue and past issues; and a monthly calendar of services and events and a description of the church's ministries.

Facebook Page – We have a defunct page right now that needs to be deleted and a volunteer to set up and maintain a new Facebook page.

### Special Projects:

Design of new church logo and coordination of production of refrigerator magnets, business cards and car magnets, which are being sold for \$5 each to help fund the water bottle distribution project.

Water Bottle Distribution at Raft-a-Rama and Riverwalk Park Epiphany Party – an educational program to teach the story of the wise men which involved our children and youth

Generally, Witness can help promote church events through posting events on on-line calendars, sending news releases to the State newspaper and other publications, updating the church's Web site, and producing flyers for special church events.

If you have an idea of other ways in which Trinity can expand its Witness Ministry, we welcome your suggestions and better yet, welcome you to become a part of our team.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

Saturday, July 26, is the first of five days of special activities at Trinity. This is our third "Splash" and will be the largest ever with almost 100 children from Saluda River reserving school supplies for the 2014-15 year. Also, we will be distributing fliers in the neighborhood to reach out to others who may want to join us as well. With this many children and their parent(s) attending, we'll need many volunteers to make this event a success. The Men's Club will be cooking hot dogs and chili, the youth will be helping supervise activities on the water slide, and the United Methodist Women and the Outreach team will be serving in the kitchen and distributing school supplies. We'll have free snow cones and will be pre-registering for vacation Bible school, too. The final activity of the day will be a drawing for door prizes. Some suggested items are: grocery store or Walmart gift cards (\$10), inexpensive school back packs, or restaurant gift cards from McDonald's, Wendy's, etc. (\$5). If you are willing to donate gifts or money for the door prizes, please give them to Marie Stiles by Sunday, July 20. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be on the table in the Gathering Area, and we need YOU to join us as we welcome our neighbors. Monetary donations for the purchase of school supplies may be given to Marilyn Lloyd or Lynn Martin. **If writing a check, please make it payable to United Methodist Women.** If you'd prefer to purchase school supplies, a list of needed items is available on the bulletin board across from the office. If you sign up to purchase an item, please be sure to have it turned in by July 12. You may place it in the Visions classroom located on the front hall. As noted at the beginning of this article, this is the first of five days of events: Sunday, July 27, we will have an Ice Cream Social to kick off VBS which will be held July 28, 29 and 30. Please read details of these activities elsewhere in the newsletter and mark your calendar so you won't miss any of these opportunities to be in ministry to our community. The "Splash" will be held from 10 to 11:30 on the 26th, so plan to join us for a morning of fun, food and fellowship



### Schedule of Activities:

10:00 to 11:30 Fun on the waterslide

11:30 Hot dogs and chips - family food.

11:30 Distribution of School Supplies to those pre-registered.

### How you can help!

See Lynn Martin for list of supplies you can buy to help us. See Marie Stiles for list of Door Prizes you can purchase to help us.

Help distribute the school supplies to the children.

Participate in watching the children on the water slide

Cook hot dogs with the men; Help serve.

Help set up the chairs and tables the night before

Sign up for Clean Up duty or **JUST DO IT!**

Thanks for all of your interest and help. We have more children than ever signed up. It's going to be a great day! Marilyn Lloyd, President, United Methodist Women



## Arrow Island

This year's VBS theme is Arrow Island – Choosing God's Way!!

Children from ages 3 years to 12 years old will enjoy

Crafts, Music, Bible Story, Recreation and Snacks.

VBS will be held July 28<sup>th</sup> thru July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

We will have registration sheets available for you to pre-register your children.



## VBS Coordination Meeting

All of those interested in helping with VBS are asked to attend the coordination meeting on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm.

We will need teachers, helpers and station leaders.

The youth are invited to be helpers!!

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## Ice Cream Social

*You've been looking forward to this day!!*

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. is the ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Trinity!! As usual, it will be held the day before Vacation Bible School begins at Trinity.

Come, enjoy the variety of ice cream Trinity members are acclaimed for!

**Volunteers:** Sign up to make your best ice cream recipe and serve it to your friends! Or sign up to bring cake or other treats that accompany ice cream!

Plan to Help Set Up

And plan to Help Clean Up