

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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The **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held on **Sunday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m.** at **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**. Canned goods and/or monetary donations will be received for **God's Helping Hands**.



Pre-Sale Bake Sale for Thanksgiving

The ladies of Trinity are having a **"Pre-Sale Bake Sale" for Thanksgiving**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for you to indicate what items and how many you are willing to make. Additionally, there is a sign-up **"Wish List"** sheet for those who are looking for a particular item. Unless other arrangements are made, all items will be picked up on Sunday, November 23rd, after the worship service.



On **Saturday, November 29**, we will gather in the sanctuary at **9 a.m.** to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be provided. Plan to join us as we prepare for the upcoming season.



The time changes **this Sunday, November 2nd**. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!



In only a short period of time **Consecration Sunday**, on **November 9th**, will be upon us. It is a special day in the life of our church. It is a day for family and friends to join together to make our pledges not only as individuals, but also as a church body for the work of the Lord.

God has blessed each of us with different talents and different resources. On Consecration Sunday, I will give the final Stewardship Moment in the form of the sermon entitled "What's Love Got To Do With It?" Following the service, we will have our traditional covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish: the meat will be provided. Remember you are indeed "Blessed to be a blessing."

Bonnie Ramsey, Chair of Council



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesdays continue through November 19. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15 and end at 7:00. The price of the meals is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Children 6 to 12 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00.

Those preparing meals for November:

November 5	Trustees	Ted Frady
November 12	Witness	Marie Stiles
November 19	UM Men	Chuck Martin



Jo Ann and Arnold Heiting are pleased to announce the birth of their Grandson "by heart", **Vincent Alexander Velasquez Edwards**, who was born October 22, 2014 to Son and Daughter "by heart" **Bernie and Rebecca**. All are doing well (including big sister **Sophia**).

memorials & gifts

Jaynie Kolb

Mary Alice Duncan
Grover & Patsy Shuler
Mary Kamoroff
Oren & Hilda Edwards
Bonnie Ramsey

Griff Duncan

Grover & Patsy Shuler



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Linda Maloch and family* on the death of her sister, *Jaynie Kolb*, on Sunday, October 19th, 2014.



Jack Stevens

503 New Brookland Place
West Columbia, SC 29169
(No longer using P. O. Box)

Jad Driggers

129 Historic Drive
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
(Temporary until house is built)

Jim and Marie Stiles are in the process of eliminating their home phone. Please use their cell phone numbers:

Jim's # (803) 463-9707
Marie's # (803) 463-9706



Beginning on **Monday, November 3rd**, the church office hours will be **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



To My Church Family,

Thanks for your prayers, calls, cards and food. I am improving day by day. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christ's Love,
Oren Edwards



The **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** will meet on **Monday, November 24**, at **6:30 p.m.**



**COLUMBIA DISTRICT
2014 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
NOVEMBER 16, 2014
@ EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME
3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Deadline to Register: November 10, 2014

Workshops:

Administrative Board/Church Council
Children
Communications
Epworth Local Church Representative
Evangelism
Finance & Stewardship
Lay Leader
Lay Delegates
Missions
Older Adult
Pastor-Parish-Staff Relations Committee
Trustees
Worship
United Methodist Men
Youth
Young Adult

Registration Forms will be available in the Gathering Area along with descriptions of each workshop and name of the facilitator.



A Biblical Perspective on the Middle East Crisis

There is an old saying: “No one can unscramble scrambled eggs.” That cliché is true. And in no circumstance is the application of that quip more apropos than in the current Middle East conflagration. With that in mind, we continue to look at the Middle East Crises and why it is an international problem beyond our current level of knowledge.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a “scrambled” mess that has very little possibility of resolution in the foreseeable future. Most Palestinians, with their Muslim background, would like to see all the people of the state of Israel gone —preferably dead! The Israelis equally long to see the infidel Palestinians banished to some remote desert —at least somewhere out of their “sacred” territory. But both want the same real estate, and thus far each has been unwilling to work seriously for a peaceable co-existence. It does not require a “Solomon” to see that if these hostile parties do not attempt to find a workable, side-by-side plan for neighborliness, they will consume one another eventually.

Just *who does* own the deed to the land over which these feuding peoples are willing to shed so much blood? That’s like asking who owns Texas— the “Texicans” or the Mexicans? It once belonged to the latter, you know. Who has the title rights to the vast western region of our nation? The Apaches, the Comanches, the Sioux, the Utes —or the U.S. government? Need we rehearse who took what from whom? The tragic point is: *history cannot be undone*. Human beings must learn to live together in peace, not in always getting their way in every situation.

Complicating this issue is the belief, entertained by Israel, that she has a “divine right” to the territory east of the Mediterranean. And this conviction is championed by a number of her theological allies— namely, religious “millennialists” and certain politically conservative commentators of the same persuasion. A news spokesman recently asked: “What is Israel to do to preserve her God-given land?” For the sake of accuracy— let us set the record straight with the historical facts.

There was a time when the land east of the Jordan River, and that between the Jordan and the Mediterranean, did not belong to the children of Abraham. It was inhabited by Canaanite tribes that had possessed it for centuries. There came a day, however, when these pagan people became so engulfed in wickedness (their “cup” of evil being filled to the brim — Gen. 15:16), that Jehovah had them destroyed from their homeland (at least substantially so). And the instrument of removal was the Israelite people. The Old Testament book of Joshua records the divinely-orchestrated invasion.

Israel’s retention of the territory, however, was dependent upon her fidelity to the Lord —which faithfulness, in fact, progressively waned. Finally, Jehovah brought the invading Assyrians against the northern kingdom of Israel (cf. Isa. 10:1ff), and then the hostile Babylonians against the southern kingdom of Judah (cf. Jer. 25), and the Hebrew spiritual misfits were ushered into foreign lands. A point that many historians conveniently overlook is that Israel’s original deed to Canaan was *conditional*. Please read the account of the warning and assurance the LORD GOD gave Israel in Joshua 23:14-16.

The return of the Israelite people from captivity, in the post-exile era, was a temporary reclamation of the land in view of the unfolding plan of human redemption— which plan was to find its fruition in the coming of Israel’s Messiah, Jesus Christ. Actually, the original selection of this small piece of land was in view of the Messianic hope. It is the opinion and conviction of some Christians that when this was accomplished, the people of Israel lost any legitimate, divine claim to the land they now occupy.

Particularly is this the case in view of the Jewish rejection of Christ (Jn. 1:12). When the Romans invaded Palestine in the war of A.D. 66-70, as instruments of sacred justice, they disfranchised the Hebrews of their long-cherished territory (cf. Mt. 22:1-7) and since that time, the disputed land has belonged to Israel no more than to anyone else.

Again, this is the opinion of some Christians. Whatever the church believes about these crises, most believers will agree only the supremacy of CHRIST and HIS ability to bring peace to those who will trust HIS commands will resolve the Middle East crises. What we must keep in mind is to pray for GOD’s purpose to be accomplished throughout the world lest all the world be embroiled in a world war like none other seen before. Keep on praying!!! I’ll continue this article in the January GLIA. December is for Christmas!!!



The **Women's Afternoon Group** will meet at Trinity on **Tuesday, November 4, at 4 p.m.**
The **UMW** will meet on **Wednesday, November 12, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room.

The **Killingsworth Gala** is **Thursday, November 13.** We will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot at **5:30 p.m.**

Learning to Laugh Again with Chonda Pierce

Chonda Pierce will be at Trinity Baptist Church on Thursday, November 13th. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. The tickets are \$20 General Admittance. A sign-up sheet is located on the round table in the Gathering Area. Tickets can be purchased online at www.chonda.org/calendar or contact Becky Derrick.

Trip to Jewel's Pink House

On **November 15**, a trip is planned to **Jewel's Pink House**. They will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot and leave at 10 a.m., have lunch there and return around 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.



Fall Prevention Class to begin in January. Sign up for better Balance!

STILL MOVIN' is a beginning level class for Older Adults in Balance and Fall Prevention. In cooperation with the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Exercise Science, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Check your calendar: it begins from January 28 until April 13, 2015. The cost is \$25.00 for 10 weeks of instruction and exercises, friendship and fun.

Balance is an important part of our daily lives, but the systems that control balance change with age. Falls are the number one cause of accidental death in older adults in the United States. Falls are also the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma. Poor balance is a leading cause of these falls.

Therefore a program that specifically emphasizes balance is very important for older adults. The Still Movin' Program from the University of South Carolina is designed to improve balance, mobility and other functional abilities in older adults.

The Program is: • 10 weeks in length, meets 2 times per week for 45 minutes. • Activities include balance, strengthening, aerobics & stretching exercises • Student clinicians provide assistance, feedback & balance support • Pre- and post-assessments are used to monitor changes/improvements • Assessment results are shared with participants at the end of the program

Activities: • Strength training • Seated, standing & moving balance activities • Mobility • Coordination activities • Aerobic exercise • Cognitive challenges • FUN!!!!

Beginning this Sunday, November 2, a Sign-Up Sheet will be on the Gathering Area Table. We are limited to 15 people. If you are interested sign up or call Marilyn Lloyd (794-2563). (I'm excited about this. It should be very helpful and lots of fun. M.)