

# 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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## 2014 Angel Tree

This year we are having the following two ministries on our Angel Tree:

Saluda River Snack Sack Kids  
Project Share - God's Helping Hands

The United Methodist Women will use the funds at Christmas time and throughout the year to help with the Saluda River Snack Sack Kids.

**Make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Women**  
(in memo line specify Saluda River)

Project Share money is used by God's Helping Hands to pay heating bills for the less fortunate.

**Make checks payable to Trinity UMC**  
(in memo line specify GHH Project Share)



**"HERE WE COME H-CAROLING!"**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
2 - 4 P.M.

Plan to join us on Saturday, December 6, as we visit the shut-ins to deliver fruit baskets and sing Christmas Carols. We will leave Trinity at 2 p.m. Add your voice to bring cheer this season. (In case of inclement weather, we will go the following weekend, December 13.)

## ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

I want to first say thank you to all those that made our Stewardship Campaign a success again this year, particularly those that gave their testimonials which included Chris Derrick, John Ballentine, Jo Ann Heiting, Christopher McCroskey and the choir for their special music. I also want to thank the UMW and UMM for setting up for it. We have a very special church and with everyone's support we will go forth into 2015 financially stable and with a renewed spirit to do God's work to build his kingdom. As of 11/21/2015 we had 52 pledges totaling \$232,012.00 which is 85% of the budget. If you have not made your pledge I encourage you to do so.

Love and Blessing to all,  
*Bonnie Ramsey*, Chair of Council



**Christmas Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24, at 6 p.m.



A trip is planned for Friday, December 19, to hear the Columbia Community Concert Band at Riverland Hills Baptist Church. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free. Lynn Martin is a member of the Columbia Community Concert Band and will be performing with them. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area.

# memorials & gifts

**Mickey Shealy**  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Genie Duncan

**Dot Maloch**  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

**Jaynie Kolb**  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Nell Cooke  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Mary Matthews  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Shirley Butler  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Francis & Gillett Hipp

Grover & Patsy Shuler  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Mary Alice Duncan  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Larry & Carolyn McCartha  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Bonnie Ramsey  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Rufus & Phyllis Skinner  
Patricia Rentz Bottorff  
Janet Rinehart  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Marvin & Sara Efron  
Maurice & Joyce Robinson

**John Miller, Sr.**  
George Taylor, Sr.

**Bryan Gabbard**  
Mary Alice Duncan  
Bill Duncan & Family

**Doris Ivey**  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Grover & Patsy Shuler  
Francis & Gillett Hipp  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Mary Alice Duncan  
Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey

**Jim Miller**  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Linda Maloch  
Shirley Butler  
Pauline Wenner  
Janice Bedenbaugh  
Mary Kamoroff  
Mary & Ellen Matthews  
Jean Raynor  
Peggy Mead  
Roy & Lavonia Frick  
Donnie & Carolyn Sox  
Jeffrey Portwood  
Francis & Gillett Hipp  
Richard & Sue Bradley



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to *Linda Maloch and family* on the death of her sister-in-law, ***Dot Maloch***, on Tuesday, October 28, in Oklahoma.

The *family of Jim Miller*, on his death November 8, 2014;

and to ***Brenda Streetman and family*** on the death of her mother, ***Doris Ivey***, on November 14, 2014.

# IN HONOR OF

A gift in honor of their *Trinity Family* has been given by ***Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting*** in lieu of sending 2014 Christmas Cards.



To My Trinity Family,

How good it is to have friends. And there are no friends like those at Trinity! Thank you for all of the prayers, visits, food, cards and everything else that you did for me during the last few months. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I am much improved, but still need your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Jackie McNeill



To my church family,

I want to thank you for all of the prayers, cards and calls during my recent illness. They helped so much as I recuperated from the pneumonia. Each act of kindness reminded me of how much it means to be a part of Trinity.

Sincerely,  
Carol Frye



Dear Trinity family,

I would like to express my gratitude for all of the cards, calls, food, prayers, hugs and memorials I received following the deaths of my sister, Jaynie Kolb, and my sister-in-law, Dot Maloch. Your expressions of love and concern were very much appreciated and helped me during this difficult time.

In Christ's love,  
Linda Maloch

# Pastor's COLUMN

For those of you in the Trinity Church family that don't know how old I am, I happen to be 51 years young. I trust that if you are in your 70's or up, you are 73 years young or 86 years young or whatever. There's nothing wrong with growing in years. There's much wrong with thinking that getting older means you give up, quit learning and define yourself as so old it brings a dark cloud over your life. The reason I told you how young I was has to do with being around long enough that I can now think way back to those Christmas holidays years ago when I was a child. Do you remember those childhood Christmas holidays? In the time most of us have lived, we have seen our culture greatly change the meaning and priority of Christmas. We know that sometimes the emphasis placed on gift giving is out of balance and the genuine appreciation and spirit of Christmas to glorify Christ and adore HIS coming to earth gets lost. Yes, we know that. Yes, we know it is out of balance and even yes, it can make us want to avoid Christmas traditions. If you are young enough in heart that all your years has led you to observe the trends in our culture that have negatively effected Christmas, then place your focus back again on the intentions of GOD in Christmas. Remember those special gifts of faith in Christ that the LORD has implanted in our hearts to trust HIM for new life, salvation, forgiveness, hope, love, peace, faith, transformation, etc. Then remember that many of your favorite gifts received in childhood were given by parents and family members that gave them with love and attention for you. Possibly those gifts also were given with much sacrifice and time given to find what you wanted. The gifts I received during my childhood that I most fondly remember were gifts given with love and sacrifice and much attention. Sometimes those gifts were creative and very surprising to me, because although they were longed for they were completely unexpected.

Now, doesn't this sound just like the original Christmas story we focus on every Advent season? Our Father in heaven knew just when it was the right time to give the world what they most needed in the gift of Messiah. It was what the world most needed but didn't necessarily want. Of course there were those who longed for the CHRIST to come. But even those persons wondered when would the CHRIST ever be revealed? When CHRIST was given in GOD's timing it still surprised those who wanted to see GOD's gift of salvation. So the gift was expected and unexpected simultaneously. Do you remember such gifts in Christmas past? You wanted that special gift but wasn't sure it would be sitting under your tree Christmas morning. I've always wondered what the persons thought that heard the shepherd's story about the gift they found in the stable. Did they believe the shepherds? Did they go see for themselves? Did they tell anyone else about this crazy story they had been told? The story probably sounded too good to be true. Well, JESUS has always shown up at the absolute right time. The LORD is never too early and never too late. He is always just right on time! The gift of Himself is often like the Christmas gifts we have received. They come at the right time, they are better than we expect, they come even when it looks impossible and they mean more than we could ever describe! Thank you LORD JESUS for the gift of yourself and your many other gifts! LORD, thank you for the many gifts our family, friends and loved ones gave us. These gifts taught us about who you are too. For all these gifts we are thankful!

Merry Christmas to everyone!!!!

Pastor Robert Reeves



Congratulations to **Ben and Melissa Heskett** on the birth of their daughter, **Sadie May Ying**, who was born November 3, 2014. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20" long. **Sadie May Ying** is the sister of **Maddie**, granddaughter of **Mark and Mary Sue Lewis**, and the great-granddaughter of **Charles and Jackie McNeill**.



The **Women's Afternoon Group** will meet at Trinity on **Tuesday, December 2, at 4 p.m.**  
The **UMW** will meet on **Wednesday, December 10, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room.

**LET'S MAKE SOME PLANS!**

A new year is quickly approaching. Did you know that Trinity will be serving our Lord for 55 years in 2015. Time for hope and excitement! If you haven't started thinking about New Year's resolutions, the Vital Ministries Team would like for you to consider "time for Trinity".

Trinity's Annual Planning Retreat in January will be facilitated by Vital Ministries. So that we can organize our calendar for 2015, the agenda will include discussion of and preparation for the events that Trinity will sponsor and/or host (i.e. the Columbia College High C's, VBS, the Epiphany Party, helping with Canoeing for Kids, a Trinity Family Reunion, etc.).

In order to get the maximum participation for the Planning Retreat, *the Vital Ministries will be asking you to choose either January 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> as the date to get Trinity's year started.* We need you to give your time and talents to the event(s) that excite you, and we would like for your ideas to be a part of the plans for the events as they are developed.

More details coming soon!!

Sue Ballentine

Vital Ministries Chair

**Las Posadas Service**

On Sunday, November 23, Church Council voted to host the Las Posadas Service this year. We do not have a definite date for it yet, but it will take place during the week of December 15 – 20 (but not on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>). We will have additional information as plans are made.



It is once again time to order poinsettias to place in the sanctuary during Advent. Please turn in your order forms by **Wednesday, December 3**. Using the information given below, complete the order form and return with a check for the total amount of your order. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TRINITY UMC** and write "poinsettias" on the lower left of the check. Place your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. All plants come in a foil-wrapped pot. Cost is \$6.00 per plant.

**Name of Person Ordering:** \_\_\_\_\_

In giving the names of the honoree and donors, please list the names spelled and worded as desired, using family nicknames, etc. and make sure to designate relationship.

Order \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettias for me and list them as follows:

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Payment is enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias @ \$6.00 each, for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please remember to make sure

poinsettias you order are taken home or are received by the person you are honoring after the Christmas Eve Service.

Additional forms will be available in the Church Office.