

# 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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**Office Hours:** 8:30 - 4:30 M-F

**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.

**Worship Service** 11:00 a.m.

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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## Planning Retreat

**Saturday**  
**January 10, 2015**  
**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Our Annual Planning Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2015. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 2 p.m. A continental breakfast (beginning at 8:30 a.m.) and lunch will be served. During the Retreat you can learn of opportunities for your time or talents to be used for God's work while being a part of the planning of Trinity's 2015 calendar.

Please pray for Trinity, the Annual Planning meeting, and the missions chosen in order to spread God's love within and beyond our beloved church.

Sue Ballentine  
Chair, Vital Ministries Team

## RECYCLE!

The Witness Committee can re-use your old flat magnets (like the ones that are glued on your telephone books, on the backs of calling cards, on cars -- any size). We will use them to make gifts for visitors and members.

Please give them to Jan Weaver, Marie Stiles, or Jewel Percy -- or place them on the New Member table in the Gathering Area. Thanks!



Congratulations to **Jerry & Ryann Sreng** on the birth of their son, **Cameron Perry**, who was born December 12, 2014. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. **Cameron Perry** is the grandson of **Pat and Donna Padgett**, and the great-grandson of **Shirley Padgett** and the late **Raymond Padgett**.



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on January 14, 2015. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15 and end at 7:00. We encourage you to be with us for both. This is a time to share your enthusiasm and to enjoy being with one another.

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.

The following teams are preparing meals on:

January 14	English & Jewel Percy
January 21	John Zeigler and Bob Strickland



"Why do we pay apportionments? What are they used for?" If you have ever found yourself asking those two questions, then please mark your calendars for **January 25**, because on that day you will see and hear for yourself some of the good works that our apportionments, with God's grace, help produce! On that Sunday, leading the service will be the **High C's of Columbia College**. They are a group of Columbia College students who sing and participate in United Methodist worship services all over the State. Columbia College is one of the institutions that the apportionments of South Carolina United Methodists support. The High C's visitation to our church that day will be their Spirit-inspired way of letting us see a small portion of what our apportionments aid. It is also their way of lovingly saying, "Thank you!" for our continued support. Columbia College **Chaplain Roy Mitchell** will deliver the message.



Congratulations to **Nathan Kirkland Robinson** who received his **Master's Degree in Geological Sciences** on December 15, 2014. He will begin working for Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas in January.

# memorials & gifts

**Steve Geddens**

Jim & Marie Stiles

**Dot Maloch**

Mary Alice Duncan  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Jaynie Kolb**

Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Ruby Schmotzer**

Chuck & Lynn Martin

**Jim Miller**

Jim & Marie Stiles  
Joe & Sylvia Rinehart  
Margie Gay  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Ms. Bobbie Lee Moore  
Patricia Moore  
Robert & Gail Watson

**Altie Hooker**

Chuck & Lynn Martin

**Barbara Pearson**

Chuck & Lynn Martin

**Danny Hodges**

Jim & Marie Stiles  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
English & Jewel Pearcy

**Doris Ivey**

Shirley Butler  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Skye Sanders**

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Mary Kamoroff  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Bonnie Ramsey

**Sarah Jones**

Richard & Elizabeth Jones

**Mary Portwood**

Chuck & Lynn Martin



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Rhett and Pam Hook and family* on the death of his sister, *Skye Sanders*, on Monday, December 15, 2014;**

***Tom Geddens and family* on the death of his uncle, Steve Geddens, of Williamston, SC on Wednesday, December 24, 2014;**

**and to *Ken and Mary Kennerly* on the death of her sister, *Carol Elizabeth Tuck*, of Shreveport, La on Saturday, December 27, 2014.**



**Mary Kamoroff**

Morgan Mullaney

**Bonnie Ramsey**

Morgan Mullaney

**Our Church Family**

Chuck & Lynn Martin



Dear Trinity family,

My sons and I thank you for the cards, calls, food and memorials received following the death of my mother, Doris Ivey. Your love, care, and concern were very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brenda, Joshua & Gabriel Streetman



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so very much for the fruit and cookie bag. It was delicious and very nice to be thought of.

I appreciate the cards and calls but most of all your prayers. Thank you again.

Love you,

Libby Strickland



Dear Trinity Family,

I want to thank you so much for remembering me with the beautiful fruit basket. It was delicious. I think of my church family often and send love to each of you. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jean Raynor



To My Trinity Family,

Thanks so much for remembering us at Christmas with the lovely fruit basket. We really enjoyed it and your thoughtfulness warmed our hearts.

Sincerely,

Donnie and Carolyn Sox



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the gift of fruit this Christmas. It was wonderful to know that you were thinking of me during this time of year.

Sincerely,

Claudia Sineath



### **Getting our lives on GOD's calendar**

Of course if you can read this then you are well aware of it being another new year. We call it 2015. Now, you may not know that most of the world operates time and planning according to the Gregorian calendar. This way of keeping time and dates is almost as old as the dirt is in our back yards. GOD too, has ways to keep time and they are not our ways. In other words, if we were to ask the LORD GOD Almighty right now what time is it, the answer would not be 2015, for time in heaven or the scripture is not kept the way most of the human race has kept it.

We could learn some things from our Jewish friends if we wanted to see how time is kept in accordance to what GOD originally said to Moses about it. According to the Jewish calendar it is the year 5575 now. I'm attempting to un-complicate something that is unknown to most North American "gentile" believers who have little knowledge of the Jewish roots of their faith. In doing so I've probably only succeeded in confusing you about something that you were not confused about at all until I started this newsletter article. If you are confused now, just read this. "The western sense of time is basically the measurement of linear, progressive motion, but in Hebrew thinking, time is seen as an ascending helix, with recurring patterns or cycles that present a thematic message or revelation of sacred history. Indeed, part of being Jewish today is to be mindful of this divinely ordered spiral of time and to order our affairs accordingly." There!!! Now, can you see what I'm talking about? Some of you are probably thinking, "I have no idea what you are talking about!" Seriously, this subject matter is new to most of us in the North American Church. We have not known to seriously consider what the LORD may have to say to us through the lens of a Jewish practice of keeping time or any consideration of their holidays which all point to the Messiah, JESUS CHRIST. Many of us will travel through our life knowing very little about the seven major festivals most Jews observe to remember the basic tenants of their faith values. Without reference to any of them now, except to say Passover is the primary one that most Christians know a little about, there are many truths to the faith and what we could study or prioritize this new year to help us know what our Heavenly Father is concerned about.

As concerned as the LORD GOD is about us, He is also concerned that we discover what GOD is concerned with this New Year. Here are three issues we could look further into that may assist us in days ahead. First, GOD is ultimately our provider. When other resources fall apart the LORD will not. Exactly whom are we looking at for our sustenance and provision in the days ahead? Second, GOD is a forgiving GOD and most of HIS children know very little about how divine and forgiving the LORD really is. If you have a very elementary undeveloped sparse view and practice of forgiveness your days ahead could be very tough for you. Those who know how to walk in forgiveness will be protected from many personal conflicts that otherwise one could suffer much anguish from un-forgiveness issues. And third, times are changing and those who cannot handle change will not be able to handle reality or life challenges. The local church for many has become a place to be protected from the reality of change rather than it being a place that promotes the transforming grace of JESUS CHRIST through repentance as we continue to follow the LORD. The only way to have a blessed New Year is to realize we must continue to walk in the newness of the life of JESUS CHRIST always. Blessings in HIM for the New Year!!!

Pastor Robert

### **The Bishop's Road Show**

January 24, 2015

Shandon United Methodist Church

Registration: 8:00 – 8:45am

Gathering: 8:45 – 9:00am

Program: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Deadline to Register: January 17

During the "Road Show," Bishop Holston will offer insights and ideas on ways to develop healthy lay leadership teams and establishing healthy environments within the local church. It's also a time to engage in dialogue together, so all local church lay leaders or lay servants should plan to attend. It will be a fun time to gather with the Bishop and other conference staff to talk about how to focus on the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Registration forms are located on the table in the Gathering Area or register online or by e-mail.



## Still Movin' Balance Class at Trinity UMC

Wow!! The interest in a Balance Class has surpassed our expectations. We had 15 sign up and then we continued to take names forming a waiting list, in case someone is unable to attend. For best results, you need to attend every class.

Beginning Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church. The last class is on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. (We will not have classes the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> due to spring break.)

Cost for the 10-week program sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Women is only \$25 which is paid in advance to Marilyn Lloyd. Please make your checks out to "TUMW" or "Trinity United Methodist Women" before Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Balance is an integral 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 and 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 offered through 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; class will meet on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30
- 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
- All activities are tailored to the individual from beginning to advanced levels

**Trinity United Methodist Women** will meet **Wednesday, January 14, at 11 a.m.** After the Planning Retreat on Saturday we'll be full of energy and revitalization to start the new year! See you then!  
Marilyn

The **Women's Afternoon Group** will meet at Trinity on **Tuesday, January 6, at 4 p.m.**



Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, January 4, immediately following the service.

Vital Ministries will meet on Sunday, January 4, immediately following Lunch Bunch.

The United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will be held on Sunday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The Staff Pastor Parish Committee will meet immediately following the service on Sunday, January 11.

The Nurture committee will meet on Sunday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m. The Church Council will meet at 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 25, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship.