

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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PRAY AROUND THE CROSSES

This Friday, March 6, the World Day of Prayer, we will meet for a short prayer around the crosses. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. for no longer than 20 minutes each. We have invited churches in the neighborhood to also take part as we pray for our community, our churches, our nation and the world. Plan to be a part of this important occasion.

NEW COLORS FOR PRAYER FLAGS

Marilyn has made more flags to be used, along with those already available for you to write on or embellish as you wish. The colors are green (water), red (fire), blue (space), white (air), and yellow (earth). Joshua Percy, Jewel and English Percy's Grandson, saw some while he was in Tibet. These traditional colors were among those being flown.



The Palmetto Mastersingers present their annual Festival of Choirs on Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1306 Hampton Street. The Ballentine Elementary School Chorus, the Columbia College Choir, and the S. C. Baptist Singing Churchmen will join the Mastersingers for an evening of sacred music and lively spirituals. Tickets are \$10 and are available from Mastersinger Charles McNeill, at www.palmettomastersingers.org, or at the door on the night of the performance.



The Trinity United Methodist Choir will perform their Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, March 29, during the worship service. Mark your calendars now to be present for this wonderful start to Holy Week!



Women's Fellowship

Columbia District United Women Coming to Trinity UMC For Annual Day Apart Retreat

Excitement! Trinity is hosting the Annual Day Apart Retreat this Saturday, March 7, 2015. Registration, beginning at 8:45, will be held in the Gathering Area where breakfast refreshments will also be provided.

The program, in the Sanctuary, begins at 9:30 a.m. The theme this year is HER STORY. The Message will be given by "Becky" J. Shirley, Pastor of Platt Springs UMC, speaking about women in the Bible. It should be very interesting! Jewel promises a wonderful Luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

It will take all of us working together to "pull this off." If you haven't been contacted and would like to help, please call Marilyn Lloyd (794-2563), Jewel Percy (1-843-563-9430) or Lynn Martin (309-8195). Jewel will need volunteers to prepare and serve the noon Luncheon and help with clean up. Others will be needed to escort or direct visitors to the Sanctuary or Bathrooms, etc. Thank you in advance for your helpfulness.

We will be meeting with Betty Bradley, Columbia District Spiritual Growth Coordinator on Friday night, March 6 at 6:15 p.m. to set up the Gathering Area for Saturday. If you can help, please come.

It really is exciting to invite the United Methodist Women in the Columbia area to our beautiful facility and share our lovely Sanctuary for this special program.

LOOK at THIS!

**Women's Afternoon Group
Tuesday, March 3
4 p.m.**

The **Women's Afternoon Group** will meet on **Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m.** This meeting will serve as our organizational meeting for 2015. Everyone is invited to attend as we discuss our plans for this year.

memorials & gifts



Elsie Tumbleston

Charles & Jackie McNeill
English & Jewel Pearcy
Bonnie Ramsey

Skye Sanders

Ray & Gale Frady
Grover & Patsy Shuler
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Elizabeth Tuck

English & Jewel Pearcy
John & Patsy Zeigler

Danny Hodges

Bonnie Ramsey

Jim Miller

Charles & Jackie McNeill
Anne M. Purcell

Winston Pownall

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Charles & Jackie McNeill
Bonnie Ramsey

Bill Paul

Ray & Gale Frady

Reba Pitts

Bonnie Ramsey

Jaynie Kolb

Charles & Jackie McNeill

Dot Maloch

Grover & Patsy Shuler

Doris Ivey

Charles & Jackie McNeill

Steve Geddens

Charles & Jackie McNeill



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Donna Easterling and family on the death of her mother, Elsie Sowell Tumbleston, on Friday, January 16, 2015, in North Charleston;

Jim and Nell Pownall and family on the death of his father, Winston Walton Pownall, on Monday, February 9, 2015;

Mary Louise Robinson and family on the death of her aunt, Reba Pitts, on Sunday, February 15, 2015

To My Trinity Family,

I want to express my gratitude for all the many cards, visits, food and prayers over the past few weeks. My recovery continues and I know that it is in large part due to the uplifting I have received from my family at Trinity.

With love,
Charlie Hooker



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the continued support you have given me and Marty. I appreciate all of the cards, phone calls, visits and especially the prayers over the last few months. Marty and I feel blessed to count you as friends and prayer partners. Please continue to pray for us as I continue to heal in preparation for my next surgery.

Sincerely,
Tommy Johnson



Dear Trinity,

You went over and beyond our expectations. It would have been just as easy to overlook us. And we were truly touched! Thank you for so much love!

Jim, Nell and Cory Pownall



Dear Friends and Members of Trinity,

Gail and I wish to express our thanks for the calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. They were very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Gail Wells



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits and prayers during my recent hospitalization and surgery. Your care and concern truly touched us. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as my arm heals.

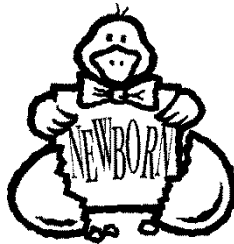
With love,
Carol Frye

Pastor's COLUMN

To Laugh or Not Laugh"

Ms. Carrie Stringfellow was 88 years old. She had an experience that she will never forget and no one else that witnessed it! Apparently the woman was thought to be deceased by the staff members of her nursing home in Springfield, Ohio. The staff couldn't find her pulse so they called the Porter Funeral Home whom came to take Ms. Stringfellow's body to the funeral home and begin the process of embalming. WELL..... Once the funeral home attendants got her there and started their work this is what happened. They proceeded to undress the poor woman placing her body on that cold metal table and what do you know? Between the cold metal table, being cold and being uncomfortable and being nude in front of two men she didn't know, Ms. Stringfellow woke up and screamed. The Porter Funeral Home employees both screamed and ran out of the room! Ms. Stringfellow regained her composure and put her clothes back on and proceeded to leave the room to see where she was. The next employee she encountered was so scared and startled when he saw Ms. Stringfellow he couldn't move or speak. Ms. Stringfellow told him, "don't worry young man, I'm not dead yet. I was just sleeping soundly." Ms. Stringfellow recognized where she was, having been there many times before to bid farewell to friends whose funerals had been held there. She asked to be taken back to her residence. She laughs remembering the LOOKS she got when she rolled back into the nursing home in a wheelchair!

Death can be a laughing matter when we know we are going to be with JESUS after this life. But on the other hand death is no laughing matter at all if we haven't dealt with the issues that accompany death. Of course one of those issues is what happens next? Where am I going? Is there really a Heaven and Hell and I have no choice but to go to one of the two? Death is the door of passing from one low existence of reality to the highest existence of life and reality when we are hid and secure in JESUS CHRIST! In this case we can laugh at death. It can break down our body but not our most genuine identity, our spirit. But to others death is a scary mystery that leaves far more questions than answers. In this case we don't laugh at death. In futility we run from death but it will catch us sooner or later. Ms. Stringfellow stated that the next time she dies she will probably stay dead and not scare everyone senseless! But in reality when Christians pass they become more alive than ever before! JESUS promised that if we live and believe in HIM we will never die. Check out John 11:25. To laugh or not laugh, this is the question that is answered by the influence of our relation and connection to JESUS CHRIST. We may be afraid of death but guess who death is afraid of? JESUS!!! So through HIS grace trust HIM more than you fear the door of death. JESUS is our source of strength in every season. Soon, we celebrate resurrection promises! May the LORD's grace be with us all!!! Blessings for the journey! Pastor Robert



Congratulations to Justin and Kristen (Hallman) Shumpert on the birth of their son, Tanner Oneal Shumpert, on Friday February 6, 2015. Tanner Oneal weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. He is the grandson of Sherrill and Hal Clarkson and the great-grandson of Tom and Marilyn Lloyd.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nicole Adams, who was chosen as B. C. High School Miss Bearcat on Friday, February 9, 2015. She is the daughter of Loran and Lisa Adams and the granddaughter of John and Patsy Zeigler.



The following teams are preparing meals in March:

- March 4 Francis Hipp, Grover & Patsy Shuler, Shirley Padgett, Margie Gay
- March 11 Rusty Poole, Esther Carter, Linda Maloch

The Wonderful Wednesday Meal on March 11 will be the last one in this series.

Souper Bowl Sunday

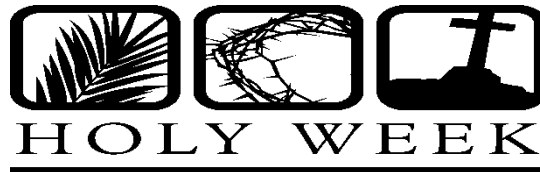
On Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1, our youth collected \$168.63. They chose Catholic Charities of the Midlands as the recipient of the funds this year.



Dear Trinity,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of new books to East Point Academy’s Book Drive. As a charter school the library does not have the usual funds to build a collection, and as a public school a wide variety of children will enjoy these titles. Thank you again.

Lolly Petroff



All Holy Week Services will begin at 7 p.m.

	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Sunday, Mar. 29	Platt Springs	Cayce	Meredith Dark (Mt. Hebron Assoc. Pastor)
Monday, Mar. 30	Brookland	Brookland	Pastor Reeves
Tuesday, Mar. 31	Mt. Hebron	Mt. Hebron	Joseph James (Cayce)
Wednesday, Apr. 1	Cayce	Platt Springs	Wayne Smith (Brookland)

On Thursday, April 2, each church will have their own Maundy Thursday Service.

From God’s Helping Hands

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so excited to share with you the results of our 2014 Project Share Fund Raiser. From the results, we know that God had a hand it it being such a success this year. As of today, a total of \$8,711 has been received. Your church contributed \$465.00 to this total.

We appreciate the effort that was taken by your church to make this a success. On behalf of of our clients we want to thank everyone who contributed in any way. We are already using these funds and many clients have become tearful that God’s people are so loving and generous.

God’s blessing to you,
Linda Meetze
Manager, God’s Helping Hands