

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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GOOD FOOD, GOOD FEET, GOOD FRIDAY!

This event, led by Donna Muszynski, will provide a meal, palliative foot care, new socks and a Blessing Bag for Columbia's homeless. Last year, they washed the feet of 132 guests. This year, the goal is to serve over 200. Items needed include new, fitted athletic socks (with a heel and toe, not tube socks), hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, mouthwash, deodorant, chapstick, packs of tissues, bandaids, Q-tips, wet wipes, female sanitary items, packs of gum, granola bars, trail mix and a card or small token that says you care. You can also support them through gifts of money, which can be mailed to 2255 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia or given through Trinity.



Trinity's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 4th**, from **10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** The children will enjoy dying eggs, crafts and the HUNT. We are in need of small pieces of wrapped candy to fill the eggs or monetary donations to buy candy. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Derrick or Patsy Boggs.



COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On Easter morning we will gather at the Riverwalk Amphitheatre at 7 a.m. to worship with fellow Christians from the metro area. In case of rain, the service will be held at First Baptist of West Columbia. This year, there **will not be a breakfast** at Trinity following the Sunrise Service.

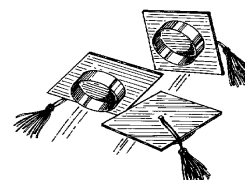


Don't forget to bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross on Easter morning.



Women's Afternoon Group Snacks and a Movie Sunday, April 19 4 p.m.

In lieu of their regular meeting, the **Women's Afternoon Group** will host "Snacks and Movie" on Sunday, April 19, at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room. They will be showing the movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Everyone is invited to join them for this fun, relaxing and entertaining afternoon.



Graduate Recognition Sunday, April 26

We will be recognizing our high school and college graduates on Sunday, April 26th. If you have a family member graduating this spring, or graduated at the end of 2014, please let us know. Contact Ruth Frady (796-1592), Marie Stiles (463-9706) or the church office (794-7777) so we can prepare our celebration. Please plan to attend April 26th, as we pay tribute to the accomplishments of these young people along with their families.



Trinity Family Reunion Sunday, May 3

On Sunday, May 3rd, Trinity will celebrate its 55th Anniversary. This special service will be followed by a covered dish luncheon. Plan to join the celebration and bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. Fried Chicken will be provided.

memorials & gifts

IN HONOR OF



Roland Morgan

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Bonnie Ramsey
Charles & Jackie McNeill	George Taylor
Genie Duncan	Robert & Sue Allen
Pauline Wenner	Arthur Ross, Jr.
Mary Kamoroff	Mary Kamoroff
Marvin & Sara Efron	Barr-Price Funeral Home
Margaret D. Jumper	Mike & Janet Morgan
Billie A. Feagin	Paul & Rosalind Allen
Russ & Lib Nault	Willie Mae Morgan
Edwin & Clara Gordon	Geraldine Brooks
English & Jewel Pearcy	Grover & Patsy Shuler
Linda Maloch	Candace Brooks
Robert & Susan Williamson	David & Susan Horton
Glenda Bertolina	Wayne Williamson
Bette Rose	John & Jacquelyn Benson
Edward & Joyce Richardson	Shirley Butler
Rebecca Morgan	Bill & Patsy Feagin
Virginia Baird	Mary Alice Duncan
Oren & Hilda Edwards	Francis & Gillett Hipp
Jim & Marie Stiles	Ray & Gale Frady

Elsie Tumbleston

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Mary Kamoroff

William Lybrand

George Taylor

Fred Smith

English & Jewel Pearcy

Richard Stewart

Ray & Gale Frady



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Marian Risinger and family on the death of her brother, Fred Smith, on Saturday, March 7, 2015;

Kathy Lybrand, George and Morris Taylor and family on the death of her husband, their brother-in-law, William Lybrand, on Thursday, March 12, 2015, in North Carolina.

Mary Kamoroff

Shirley Butler

Jimmy Grahl

Mary Alice Duncan



I want to thank my Trinity Family for the condolences that you shared with me over the passing of my uncle, Steve Geddens. I likewise am grateful to those who made gifts to the church in his loving memory. My Trinity Family is very special to me and I continue to thank God for placing you in my life!

Sincerely,
Tom Geddens



Dear Trinity Family,

I doubt God is tired of my telling him how much I appreciate being a part of the Trinity Family. Somehow, he always knows what we need and how to provide it. During my extended illness and absence from Trinity, it gave me great comfort knowing that my church family was always praying for me. I felt your prayers, and appreciated God's guidance and interventions. Never doubt the time you spent praying, sending a card, providing food, visiting, or just asking how I was getting along was greatly appreciated. I must also give a special thanks to Tom Geddens for taking the youth class under his wide wings. I missed Trinity, and feel so blessed to be back at my church home again. It's true, there's no place like home, especially "God's home".

Love and blessings,
Ruth Frady

Received From Catholic Charities:

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I would like to thank the Trinity United Methodist Church Youth Group for their recent donation. Their gift will assist Catholic Charities in fulfilling its mission to provide care and services to improve the lives of South Carolinians in need. We are grateful for their generosity. We will keep them in our prayers and we ask that they keep us in theirs.

Genevieve James, Coordinator

Pastor's COLUMN

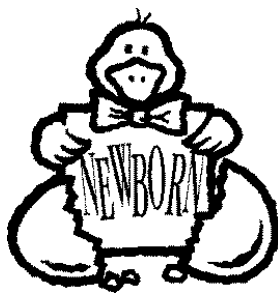
This week I found it necessary to do some of my research and preparation for this Easter message in a nearby store. I went there to learn how the average person attempts to celebrate Easter. One of the best sources of material on the theology of Easter is to be found in the "Easter" section of the greeting cards. I found a fairly good sized selection of cards on display, the vast majority of which were entirely secular. They ranged from the "thinking of you at Easter" variety to the ones which had pictures of fuzzy teddy bears, rabbits, and Easter eggs, and some kind of inane holiday greeting. Frequently there was a "Spring is Here" motif with Easter somehow associated with the coming of Spring, and the happy thought of leaving behind a dreary winter and looking forward to the fresh new life which signals the coming of Spring. There were three or four cards which might loosely be called "religious" cards. For example, one had a picturesque church on the cover, another had "an Easter prayer," and another had a religious word or two. Not so much as one card contained a cross, an empty tomb, not even the name of the Lord Jesus.

If the greeting card displays of most stores are like the one I visited, we would have to agree that the resurrection of Christ is not considered very significant by the marketplace. Easter bunnies and eggs have won "hands down" over Christ, the cross of Calvary, and the empty tomb.

The significance of Easter is often overlooked or distorted by churches in America. All too often, Easter Sunday is more of a "coming out" ritual, a part of the celebration of the commencement of Spring, than it is an observance and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Once a year church attenders can show up to shock the preacher, and to give him his annual "shot" at them as they attend.

Typically, many evangelical preachers take this occasion to give an apologetic sermon, seeking to show that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is a proven fact of history--and that it is. I am convinced, however, that many persons who attend Easter Sunday services accept the resurrection of Christ as a fact. They simply have not come to recognize and act on its significance. But many of us who knock the church doors down every Sunday know little more than major holiday church goers do. So, please consider the following regarding CHRIST's resurrection. Exactly what was raised from the dead when JESUS CHRIST was raised to life? Have you ever considered this? Was JESUS' physical body raised alone? Was he raised back to this life to have to stay in a temporal body for eternity? Was anything else accomplished in the work of GOD besides the raising of JESUS from being physically dead? Have you ever thought about this? If JESUS resurrection was only about His being raised back to life again as we know life then what does that matter when all of us will die eventually anyhow? The point in these questions is to challenge us to see there is so much more to the resurrection than we often consider to be significant to our lives. When we celebrate CHRIST's resurrection we have the opportunity to celebrate the reality that who JESUS is in grace and victory over sin, death, hell and the grave now resides in us too! That hope of all glory lives within us through faith in the living CHRIST! In this Resurrection celebration season may the LORD grace you with further insight to what HE is resurrecting in you that HIS beloved SON, JESUS redeemed in HIS resurrection! Have a blessed Easter celebration! Come be with us April 5th when we ask the LORD for resurrection grace in our lives. Amen!!! Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Robert Reeves



Congratulations to Amanda Heiting and Cory on the birth of their son, Tobias James Heiting. Toby was born on March 11, 2015, and weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. He is the grandson of Randy Heiting and Nancy and the great-grandson of Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting.

Congratulations to Jacob and Raime Prahst on the birth of their daughter, Preslie Marie, on February 27, 2015. Preslie Marie weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and is the granddaughter of Pat and Donna Padgett and the great-granddaughter of Shirley Padgett and the late Raymond Padgett.



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

	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday, Mar. 29	Brookland	Brookland	Pastor Reeves	God's Helping Hands
Monday, Mar. 30	Platt Springs	Cayce	Meredith Dark	West Metro Salkehatchie
Tuesday, Mar. 31	Mt. Hebron	Mt. Hebron	Joseph James	Stop Hunger Now
Wednesday, Apr. 1	Cayce	Platt Springs	Wayne Smith	Hispanic Ministries

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

STOP HUNGER NOW
At the 2015 South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference

From the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church:

The South Carolina United Methodist Conference, in coordination with Stop Hunger Now, will host the SC Hunger Project event on Tuesday, June 9th, during Annual Conference at the Florence Civic Center. We need your help to raise \$86,000 to buy the supplies to package over 285,000 meals that are scheduled to be delivered to Haiti. Half of the \$86,000 needs to be received by May 1st to purchase the supplies for Stop Hunger Now. Please contribute now, there is no need to wait until Annual Conference. You can donate online from the links on the umsc.org site. Volunteers are also needed on June 9th to help package meals. Volunteer registration will be available shortly and more information will be released soon. Youth are encouraged to participate in both the Stop Hung Now Packaging Event as well as attend the special Tuesday Evening Worship Service.

Fighting hunger isn't just about sending food to foreign countries. As part of our local efforts to fight hunger we ask that you bring non-perishable food items with you to Annual Conference. In addition, any contributions that exceed the \$86,000 goal will be given to local hunger ministries through the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries.



Fund Set Up for New Sanctuary Sound System

As you may know, we have been experiencing issues with our sound system in the sanctuary for some time. One of the most glaring issues is the feedback being receiving from a nearby radio station that is at times so loud that we have had to turn off the sound system. We have installed filters in the pulpit and lectern microphones but have been told that it is the wiring in the sound system which is actually the receiver of these radio waves. Even if we don't hear the feedback in the sanctuary, there is background noise on the CD recording of the service. These CDs are given to shut-ins so that they might enjoy the sermons.

In addition to the background noise problem, several of the channels in the system are "blown" and we don't have the ability to utilize all of the plug-ins for microphones, so the clip-on mike preferred to be used by the pastor is not available; and when anyone is away from a microphone, that portion of the service is not audible on the CD.

We had an assessment performed of our sound system and have been told that it is very old technology and that we will continue to experience issues, some of which may not have "raised their ugly heads."

The Trustees have presented to the Church Council a recommendation which was approved by it to replace the present sound system with an updated one. The cost of the replacement components will approximate \$6,000.

While it is not mandatory that we have a sound system, it certainly enhances the worship experience and provides the ability to record the service for others to enjoy.

Currently our Capital Maintenance Fund is significantly depleted due to necessary equipment replacements and transfer of some of those funds into the General Account. Therefore, we are setting up a "sound system" fund and ask that you consider donating to it. Simply put your check or cash in one of the Special Offerings envelopes and write "Sound System" on the envelope or on the Memo line of your check. Help make the worship service one in which all can hear and enjoy!

PRAYER FLAGS FLY FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On March 6, as part of the World Day of Prayer observance, members of the West Columbia Community and Trinity UMC met around Trinity's crosses at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There were 16 members and guests braving the cold windy morning at 7:30 a.m. and 16-18 at 5:30 p.m. We had neighbors and guests from other churches joining us both times.

At our annual planning retreat, it was decided to have times for groups to pray around the crosses during the year, inviting other churches and the neighborhood to take part, with the first to be on March 6, the World Day of Prayer. We are a praying church. To show that aspect of our lives, we wanted to display prayer flags prominently near our three tall crosses, bringing more awareness of our church to our community and bring us closer as a neighborhood.

We want to dream outward from Trinity UMC. Prayer flags flapping and moving with the wind carry the prayers, hopes and dreams of our members and neighbors outward from the church, through the community, throughout the state and country, and then across the world.

We plan to pray around the crosses again on May 7, the National Day of Prayer. We will once again have two sessions, one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 5:30 p.m. If you have not yet made a prayer flag, the supplies are on the Gathering Room table. We will continue adding them to the ones we already have displayed.