

God's Love In Action

GLIA: the essential element, or glue,
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1201 Mohawk Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169

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Organist: *Christopher A. McCroskey*

Music Director: *Jackie McNeill*

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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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MAY 2015

Our Church's Anniversary



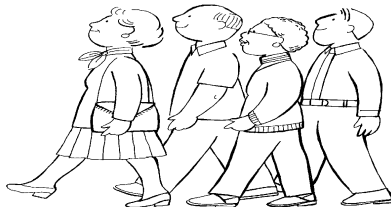
Trinity Family Reunion Sunday, May 3

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.



Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 10

On Sunday, May 10th, the United Methodist Men will prepare a Mother's Day Breakfast. Everyone is invited to join them at 9 a.m. for a relaxing and enjoyable start to their day.



Calling All Seniors! Summer Balance Group Sessions Beginning Wednesday, May 6

There was an enthusiastic desire to keep the Balance Group going during the summer. This is an invitation to join with us if you're interested in activities to help keep your body balanced and less inclined to fall.

Each Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. we'll meet in the Conference Room for about 45 minutes of activities, beginning on Wednesday, May 6. Let's get together and keep going!

Marilyn, Mary, and Bonnie



Dear Trinity Family,

We will be getting a new pastor at the end of June. The ***Reverend Donna Eidson*** will be our first female pastor. She is new to the ministry but not new to serving others, as she worked as a nurse for 15 years, and then taught elementary education for 24 years. She holds multiple degrees including an Associate degree in Nursing, a BA degree in Early Education and two Masters degrees, one in Early Education, and most recently a Divinity degree in 2010 from Erskine. She obviously has a passion for learning, but more importantly, she has a passion for serving God in whatever way she feels led.

When the SPRC met with the DS, we told her that one of the most important characteristics we were looking for in a Pastor was one that would get to know us individually and love us as he/she led us to follow Christ's teaching. I sincerely believe she will be a blessing to our church, and I hope we will be a blessing to her and her ministry. Galations 5:22-23 states "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control." These are the qualities I believe she embodies, so let's welcome her with open and loving hearts.

Blessings and peace in your journey,
Bonnie J. Ramsey

Chair SPRC



National Day of Prayer

PRAY AROUND THE CROSSES May 7, 2015

On Thursday, May 7, the National Day of Prayer, we will meet for a short prayer around the crosses. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. for no longer than 20 minutes each. We will pray for our community, our churches, our nation and the world. Plan to be a part of this important occasion.

memorials & gifts

Roland Morgan

Maurice & Joyce Robinson Angie Huffstetler
Boyd & Nancy Scott John & Patsy Zeigler
Michael & Elaine Leverett Asheboro HS Class of '55
Sojourner, Caughman & Thomas

Elsie Tumbleston

John & Patsy Zeigler
George Taylor

Faye Corraro

English & Jewel Pearcy
Oren & Hilda Edwards



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Jeff Portwood and family** on the death of his dear friend, **Faye Nell Corraro**, on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.



Dear Trinity Family,

I would like to express my gratitude for all of the prayers, calls, cards and food I received following the death of my husband, Roland. Your expressions of love and concern were very much appreciated and helped me during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Boots Morgan



Dear Trinity UMC,

Thanks so much for your generous contribution of \$250 to the Methodist Student Network at USC. We really do appreciate your good support over these years as you are encouraging and helping provide the resources we need for the ministry and mission to and with college students. We trust that the seeds of the gospel are being planted in these students and on campus as we open ourselves to the always coming reign of God. We hope you are well in the church and that you are finding joy in these days.

Blessings,
Tom Wall, United Methodist Campus Minister

IN HONOR OF



Arnold Heiting

George Taylor



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the surprise of a lifetime when you honored me on Palm Sunday. What a celebration! I was, and continue to be, overwhelmed by your love and appreciation!

Trinity UMC has always been the source of so much joy, and being able to direct the choir for all these years has been a dream come true. You have honored me for something that I have selfishly enjoyed over the years.

I thank God for being able to share his love through our music program. I thank each of you for your dedication, love and support.

Thank you again for the love you have shown me.

Jackie McNeill



To My Trinity Family,

According to Frank Sinatra's song, life has the seasons of spring, summer, fall and winter (at age 70, I'm definitely no spring chick). Yet..... this year has been a blessing and one I'm enjoying!! The cards and phone calls from friends and family have polished the image. For the breakfast group to sing "Happy Birthday" put the icing on the cake (no candles – fire hazard). To my Trinity "family" I say thanks so much. You are the best.

Love,
Rusty Poole



Dear Trinity family,

Thanks so much for all of your cards, calls and prayers. They have meant so much to me. My thanks again for your kindness.

Marian Risinger

Pastor's COLUMN

Good morning, good afternoon or good night!!! Of course I don't know when you read the GLIA newsletter, so I covered all the possibilities as to when you might see what the pastor had to tell you. My salutation reminds me that in every relationship and partnership there is a morning, an afternoon and evening. Most of you have heard recently or knew our tenure at Trinity will end as of JUNE 24th. This was officially announced on Sunday, April 19th. Our family trusts and prays that the ministry of Trinity will be further enhanced and greatly advanced in your partnership of ministry with the new pastor, Reverend Donna Eidson. The last two GLIA newsletter articles that I write will be used to make an effort to exhort and encourage the process of discipleship in your midst as it is applicable to considering the beginning and ending of life's seasons we all go through.

The scripture tells us in Ecclesiastes 3 that in everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven. This scripture became and stayed well known in American culture after the Byrds sang the scripture loud and clear in their mega 1965 hit, "Turn, Turn, Turn". For those of us fortunate enough that we may have learned Bible verses in our homes and Sunday Schools as children, we may not realize how many thousands upon thousands of people sung the Byrd's song and didn't know they were learning ancient and still relevant truth from the LORD himself. GOD will have HIS way to see that HIS truth is made known one way or the other to this world. Seasons are a part of the economy of GOD. In Genesis 1:14 the LORD described there would be seasons and time and years. Now, what does this have to do with our moving? Everything!!! We must learn to at least see the major events of our lives through the lens of the LORD's understanding of seasons. There is a season for everything and if our lives are hid in CHRIST then our life line is not so much about what we are doing and want and have experienced. Instead our life line must be seen through the LORD's purposes and seasons. Unfortunately, some of us will undermine and minimize the value of our lives and others and learning moments because we get too caught up in what we think and believe apart from the influence of GOD's great purposes.

While we may all behave graciously toward one another as we pass by each other in this life, that is not everything the LORD is looking for. We should be asking serious questions about what has been the purpose of GOD in what we have been allowed to go through or where we've been or whom we met and other similar questions often neglected. So, as our time at Trinity comes to a conclusion, we ask those questions for the purpose of gaining the most value out of our time here. Likewise, we trust you would do the same. Ultimately, as Christians who believe in the revelation of the scriptures, we should remember and therefore prepare ourselves for the day that we give an account to JESUS CHRIST for how we lived, what we learned and the benefit we were to the LORD's purpose in this life. That will include the minor and major moments of our history. That will include our last two years of service at Trinity and your last two years will be evaluated too. Although we have only been together two years, it still means much in the LORD's judgment of HIS continued decisions. We have never stayed anywhere before for only two years. So, this has allowed us the opportunity to further learn the truths I'm addressing here. What really matters to the LORD is not how long you knew someone but how well did HE see you prioritize impacting each other's lives for the sake of JESUS CHRIST in the time you were together. The only limit to our impact on others is not time, but rather limited commitment to impact others and limited understanding of what the LORD is after for each of us. In the June GLIA newsletter article I'll conclude this subject with four lessons we could benefit from if we can keep them in practice in all the seasons we move through. See you in worship soon!!!

Pastor Robert

On Palm Sunday, the choir presented their beautiful, original Easter Cantata with anthems and new music chosen by **Christopher McCroskey**. It was accompanied by a new, scripted version of the Easter story by **Dan Greshel**, telling the story of Jesus from birth through life and his ministry, to his death and resurrection. The choir and the soloists, along with guest narrator and soloist, **Frank Thompson**, provided the congregation with a truly beautiful and moving cantata.

Claire Boggs, Brady Derrick and Levi Derrick, led by **Patsy Boggs**, did a superb job participating as they presented visual symbols during the narration. **Marie Stiles** also added to the experience with her selections for the audio visual screens.

The cantata was dedicated to **Jackie McNeill** for her long years of directing the choir. A wonderful and delicious reception in the Gathering Area was held in her honor following the cantata. At the reception she was presented with a beautiful portrait, painted by **Dan Greshel**, that will hang in the choir room.



WE have signed up for the Annual "FIGHT for AIR CLIMB" which is sponsored by the American Lung Association in order to raise funds for the local association. On MAY 30, 2015 we will be climbing the 479 steps (25 flights) in the BBT building downtown which is the Lung Association Challenge for participants. As climbers we each have to raise money for the privilege of climbing. Anything you can do to help (in whatever amount) will be appreciated. You may give us the check made payable to AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION when you see us at church OR give to Jackie in the office no later than May 24th. Thanks for your consideration.

Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting (212 Blacksmith Road, Lexington, SC 29072)



Fund Set Up for New Sanctuary Sound System

As we reported last month, we have been experiencing issues with our sound system in the sanctuary for some time. Our most glaring issues are the feedback being receiving from a nearby radio station and the fact that several of the channels in the system are “blown” 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’s we record for our shut-ins.

The Trustees presented a recommendation to the Church Council to replace the present sound system with an updated one that will cost approximately \$6,000. The recommendation was approved. 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.

Because our Capital Maintenance Fund is significantly depleted, we have set up a “sound system” fund and ask that you consider donating to it. **To date we have received \$3,045.00.** We hope to have the new sound system installed by the first of June.

Our sincere thanks go to all of you who have already donated to the fund. If you would like to make a contribution, 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!

Splash and VBS Coordination Meeting

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015, after the (5:30 p.m.) Prayers at the Crosses, all those interested in coordinating and planning the Summer Splash and Vacation Bible School events will meet. Please be with us.

Splash team members: Marie Stiles, Patsy Boggs, Lynn Martin, and Marilyn Lloyd.
VBS Co-chairs: Carol Frye and Marilyn Lloyd.



The Women’s Afternoon Group will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 4 p.m. Plan to join them as they plan their summer activities.

The Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering will be received on Sunday, May 10.

The Worship Team will meet on Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The UMW will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 11 a.m.

Canoeing for Kids Raft-a-Rama will be held on Saturday, May 16.

Outreach and Witness will meet on Sunday, May 17, at 3:30 p.m. Nurture will meet at 5 p.m. and Church Council at 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 9 a.m.



On Sunday, April 26, we celebrated Student and Graduate Recognition Sunday.



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Charlie Platt
Libby Platt
River Bluff High School
Slone Taylor
Our College Graduates
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Emily Reeves
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Daphne Ballentine
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