God's Love In Action

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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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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

I do praise God that he has led the cabinet to place me at Trinity UMC to serve him along with you. I have been here four weeks now and yet it seems like I have always been here. I love being here with all of you. You are so enthusiastic about your endeavors for the Lord and it is catching. There are so many things I love seeing a church doing and you are already doing them.

The reception that you held for me was wonderful. The decorations, the food, and the time put into getting it together is greatly appreciated. My family and friends all enjoyed it. My mother-in-law was able to attend. This was the first time she was able to attend my church and hear me preach. The hospitality you showed all my family and friends was too wonderful for words. Saying thank you, I appreciated it, does not seem to convey all the feelings I would like to express. It far exceeded my expectations.

I am looking forward to our Vacation Bible School this year. It sounds like a lot of fun. I also am impressed by the number of people who take the time to try to attend meetings so we can make plans for furthering God's Kingdom here on earth.

Before we turn around good, Advent season will be here. In a few weeks the kids will be heading back to school. I am planning to do a Blessing of the Backpack service on August 16th. If you have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or school age children who are your neighbors, please invite them to bring their backpacks and be a part of this service at our 11 am service.

Then on November 1st we will be observing All Saints Day with a special service to remember those who have gone on to be with Jesus during this past year. We will be remembering members of our church as well as any family and friends of this church family. Please give me or Jackie any names that you want remembered and the date of death by October 25th. Also I am looking for help with making a banner pole and holder. I want to use a bell banner where we can put the names of anyone who has passed away on strips of ribbon with bells on the bottom. (This will be for any loved ones or friends that have gone on to their heavenly reward any time in your lifetime.) If you would like to help me get this project together please let me know *As Soon As Possible*.

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Another thing I am planning to do is to have a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday afternoon October 11, 2015 from 3 to 5 pm (outside between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. All animals are welcome. Please have dogs on leashes and other animals in carriers of some type. I will be sharing more about this as the time gets closer. As I said at the beginning, I am so thankful to be here at Trinity UMC with all of you. I look forward to all of us growing spiritually as we strive together to serve the Lord our God.

Love, **Rev. Donna, Cece, and Curlie**



"BLAST to the PAST" Sunday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 5 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

The "Noisy Offering" that has been collected for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster during July will continue to be collected during VBS. It has been designated as the mission for the children and volunteers to support during VBS.

After Lunch Bunch, Sunday August 2, we'll be decorating rooms for the "*Blast to the Past*". Registration forms for VBS are available on the table in the Gathering Room.



You are invited to help kick off the excitement! Sunday evening, August 2, we'll begin with an ice cream social at 6:00 p.m. for children of all ages! After enjoying the ice cream, please plan to stay for an introduction to the theme music and activities of *"Blast to the Past"*.

If you would like to provide ice cream for the social, please sign up on the sheet located on the Gathering Room table.



Mary Comolander Mary Alice Duncan <u>Calvin Stone</u> Mary Alice Duncan



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of *Mary Comolander* who passed away on Friday, July 24, 2015.



Congratulations to *Matthew Martin* on making the Dean's List for Spring 2015 for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy at USC.



Monday

Visitation

9 – 11 a.m.

2 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday MorningVisitationTuesday Afternoon2-5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 - 11 a.m. 2 - 5 p.m.

Thursday

Friday Day Off

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Casual Sundays will take place through the end of August. The choir and pastor will not wear robes (with the exception of Sunday, August 2, Communion Sunday) and you are encouraged to dress for casual comfort.



Blessing of the Backpack Service August 16th during 11 a.m. Worship Service

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Snacks and a Movie Sunday, August 16th 4 p.m.

On Sunday, August 16th, at 4 p.m., the Women's Afternoon Group will sponsor "**Snacks and a Movie**". Everyone is invited (men and women) to join them as they watch the film *The Monuments Men*. Plan now to join them for this fun and relaxing afternoon.



BALANCE GROUP NEWS!!!!

Classes for the **'Still Movin' Balance Group** will begin after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Classes will be scheduled on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. for 10 weeks. With fun activities and exercises, an instructor and students from the University of South Carolina, Department of Exercise Science, will be guiding us to better balance and coordination.

Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you are interested, or call Marilyn Lloyd to sign up or ask any questions.



I will be on vacation the second week in August, from August 10 through August 14. We will have someone in the office to answer the phones from 9 a.m. to noon each day.



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