

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 News! God Has Given Us a New Chance

By the time you are reading this the new year will have arrived or it will be about to arrive. With the New Year comes a chance for us to start fresh and new. We have just met Jesus at the manger and hopefully you have made room for His presence in your day to day life. I know that I am trying to do just that. Yes, sometimes it is a struggle but you know if we get in the habit of depending on Him for our daily walk through life, then the bumps and troubles do not seem to be as hard to get through.

I have given up making New Year's Resolutions, because somehow I never seem to keep them. However, as I tried to preach during Advent, we needed to make sure we made room for Jesus in our lives as we prepared for the celebration of His birth. During this New Year, that is what I am planning to continue doing: inviting Him daily to walk with me.

Yes, with the New Year comes a new chance to live for God the way we should, not just on Sundays, but every hour of every day during the year.

God so loved us that He sent His Son as a new born baby (not to the King and Queen of the land in a splendid palace) to just common everyday parents in a lowly stable in the town of Bethlehem. Not only did God's Son die on a cross taking on all of our sins, He also lived 33 years giving us many examples of how to live and treat others in our everyday life.

So as we start this New Year, let us ask Jesus to go with us in our daily walk and guide us in our daily lives so that we may live our lives for Him each day.

May I suggest a morning prayer. . .

Thank you God for waking me up. Please accompany me through my day. Amen

Have a Blessed New Year,

Love,
Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie and Patch



Planning Retreat

ALL MEMBERS OF TRINITY UMC ARE INVITED!

Plan to attend the Trinity Annual Planning Retreat on Saturday, January 16. Additional information will be in the bulletins and weekly e-mails over the next two weeks.



PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Trinity will host an ecumenical service on Friday, January 22, from 6 – 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this important date.



God's Helping Hands - Volunteer Opportunity

The Outreach/Witness committee has volunteered for the client delivery for God's Helping Hands in **February 2016**. We will need 5 or 6 cars to meet at God's Helping Hands on Saturday, February 20, 2016 to pick up the client baskets and then to deliver them to the elderly clients.

Trinity has not volunteered for this in several years and we feel it is our time to volunteer and to physically support God's Helping Hands.

If you have any questions please call Patsy Boggs at 606-3488.

memorials & gifts

Nancy Friedrich

Nell Cooke

Richard Wesley Hough

Nell Cooke
Mary Alice Duncan

Nellie Hipp

Martha Nichols
Shirley Butler
JOY Sunday School Class

Randy Hodge

Ray & Gale Frady



Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Bonnie Ramsey

Bonnie Ramsey

Jo Ann Heiting

Mary Kamoroff

Jo Ann Heiting



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all very much for the exam gift. I appreciated both the gift and the note. It's nice to know you're still thinking of me even though I've been gone for so long. I passed all my classes this semester with all As and Bs.

Thanks,
Anna Kamoroff



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the fruit basket. It is nice to be thought of. I am sorry the pain keeps me from doing very much.

Your thoughtfulness, time, prayers and love are much appreciated. Thanks again for the fruit basket. My Trinity Family is precious to me.

Love in Christ,
Libby



Praise and thanks to all who helped decorate the church – it is awesome!

Nell Cooke



The next meeting of the **Trinity United Methodist Women** will be **Wednesday, January 13, at 11:00 a.m.** All are invited to begin 2016 with us.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Saluda River Academy for the Arts Children's Christmas. This effort of the UMW's Campaign for Children has grown from 15 children in 2010 to 34 children in 2015, so all you gave was most appreciated! The gifts were given to the children before they went home for the Holiday vacation.

Feliz Navidad- Las Posadas!

Las Posadas had, in addition to the Hispanic guests, pastors and families and members from three churches this year. Adding to our Trinity UMC and Hispanic participants were Mt. Hebron and Platt Springs UMC's. Thanks to all who brought food, helped, and participated. The children had a great time bashing the Pinata after sampling the delicious cookies, candy, pizza, chicken, and Hispanic tortillas. It's an experience to savor every year.

Come with us to Officer's Training Learn more about the organization. Saturday, January 9, 2016

Columbia United Methodist Women's Officer Training is available for those interested in the United Methodist Women. Spend the morning with us at Francis Burns UMC. 8:15-8:45 Registration, 8:45-9:00 Gathering, 9:00-9:30 Program, Classes the rest of the morning. We'll meet at the Gunter Circle Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. and travel together. Call Marilyn Lloyd 794-2563 if you want to know more.

STILL MOVIN' BALANCE GROUP For Women and Men!

Trinity United Methodist Women are coordinating with the University of South Carolina's Health and Exercise Department for a ten week Balance Class to begin during the next semester of classes beginning later in January. Our instructor and students will provide exercises and information to keep us movin' in a healthy way. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or call Jackie Eitel in the office. A fee of \$25.00 is required before attending. If writing a check, make it out to Trinity UMW. (Marilyn will be happy to collect the money for the University.)