

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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First off a BIG thank you to everyone who helped make our Kick Off for Christ a success, especially thank you to Sue Ballentine who did a great job planning and leading the kick off. It is so refreshing to be able to work with a group of people who see a need for planning how we are going to try to do the work of the Lord.

Since Valentine's Day comes in the month of February, I always begin to think about what it means to LOVE others. You know I often sign my messages by saying Love, Rev. Donna. I want to send you all my love. For I do love all of you and hope that you love me too.

By saying we love people to me it means we accept them where ever and however they are, regardless of the circumstances. Love does not judge them or their circumstances. It is not always easy to love some people because Satan comes in trying to get us to judge them or their circumstances. In Leviticus 19:18b we are told to "Love our neighbor as ourself." When we practice this, then we are sharing the love of God with the rest of the world.

It is not easy to not judge others. I know I have told you about my talking to cars when the driver does something I think they should not do. I am still working on remembering to pray for them rather than judging them, but it is an ongoing struggle to do this. Remember, the harder we strive to live for God the harder Satan tries to trip us up.

Also, as we enter the month of February we look forward to beginning our journey through the season of Lent. It covers 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It does not count Sundays. It is a time of repentance for us as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus rising victoriously over death.

During the Season of Lent we will be having 2 Bible studies. One will be on Tuesday's, February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. A lunch of soup and bread will be provided each week. The second will be during our Wonderful Wednesday Bible study time. Bring your Bibles and join in the discussion as we break bread together and then feast on the word of God.

Love,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 7, 2016

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously. Every dollar donated goes to a local charity chosen by our youth. This year the youth will be donating the funds to God's Helping Hands.

PANCAKE SUPPER



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 9, 2016

6 p.m.

Plan now to join us on Tuesday, February 9, for a wonderful pancake supper served with ham and sausage prepared by the United Methodist Men. You won't want to miss this annual event. There is no charge but donations will be accepted.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 10, 2016

7 p.m.

**Lenten
Bible Study**



Bread and Broth

Lenten Bible Study at Trinity UMC

Tuesdays, February 16 – March 15

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bring your Bible and join the discussion. A soup and bread lunch will be served.

memorials & gifts

Tom Maloy

English & Jewel Percy

Henry Asbill

Ray & Gale Frady



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Christie Maloy and family** on the death of her husband, **Tom Maloy**, on Sunday January 10, 2016.

Springtime By The Sea **An Event for Older Adults: May 16-19, 2016** *“Golden Memories in the Golden Isles”*

Featuring the 50th Anniversary of the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum & Archives

If interested, information will be available in the Gathering Area or you can call the Church Office and we will send it to you.

Received from Killingsworth:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank you for your donation of \$400.00. Your financial support makes an immediate impact on the success of this mission.

Women who come to Killingsworth feel fractured and incomplete. They are We help them identify the scattered pieces of their lives to determine how to re-assemble them. Each resident develops a strategy of changing her responses to life's challenges, disappointments and tragedies. Each resident reviews her relationship conflicts with family members, authority figures, God, her neighbors and her co-workers. We walk with each woman – not only to the street corner to point out the bus stop – but also to the edges of her pain, remorse or fear. When you support Killingsworth, you are walking with us.

Alcoholics and addicts are sober and clean; women who've been arrested over and over are becoming aware of their self-imposed confinements – or how they restrict others; and those who have been beaten and betrayed are learning about trust, safety and self-worth. Women who participate in our program and leave Killingsworth successfully leave with dignity, a positive attitude and a sense of responsibility.

We know our mission is being accomplished because former residents continue to call and visit. They linger and meet the new residents and share their stories of defeat, courage, renewal and purpose. Everyone has a story. Thank you for being part of ours.

Sincerely,

Becky Roberts

Administrative Assistant



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on February 17th and end on March 16th. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. We encourage you to be with us for both.

The price of the meals is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over. Children 6 to 12 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00. The following teams are preparing meals on:

Feb. 17 English & Jewel Percy, Pauline Wenner
Mary Louise Robinson

Menu: Beef Roast, Rice & Gravy, String Beans, Bread & Dessert

Feb. 24 Francis Hipp & the Joy SS Class

Menu: Pork Loin Roast, Macaroni & Cheese, Lima Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread & Dessert



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.



Dear Matthew Skipper and Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation in support of our Clothing Closet ministry! Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness.

Thank you and God bless,

Cathy Hood-Pittenger, MA

Client Advocate, Catholic Charities of the Midlands