

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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Praise the Lord the Season of Lent is Here

When the season of Lent arrives it reminds me of a lot of things. For one thing, I begin to look forward to Easter and to the joy it brings for us to know that our Saviour lives. Therefore, we are freed from the power of sin and an eternity spent in Hell. Also, as I look forward to Easter I envision Spring coming, and I guess for me the vision I build of Heaven is a place or eternal Spring time. I just love the Easter and Lenten season for so many reasons.

Lent is a time of repentance and a lot of people give up something specific, especially in the food line, for the Lenten season. The reason for this is for us to look at our own souls and repent of the things we realize that are sins in our own lives. On Ash Wednesday I spoke about cleaning out the closets of our souls. You know, often times when we do our spring cleaning we clean out our closets. Well, we need to do the same type of things with our own heart and soul. We need to be able to meet Jesus at the foot of the cross on Easter morning ready to follow His directions for our lives.

Spring brings new life to plants, trees, and animals. Grasses begin to grow and green up, trees put on their showy coat of green leaves and it seems that all of nature is waking up to a new start. As we approach Easter we need to think about our NEW start as a Christian, a reaffirmation of our faith and Christian walk through the highways and byways of life.

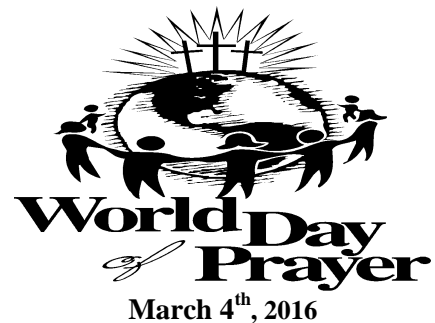
You do realize that for some people you may be the only Bible they ever read. What is your life telling or showing them about your God?

May the Lord Bless each one of you during this coming Easter season.

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



We welcome *K. C. and Jessica Warble* and their children, *Lily* and *John*, who joined Trinity on Sunday, February 21, 2016. They reside at 224 Marabou Circle, West Columbia, 29169.



Trinity UMC will commemorate the World Day of Prayer with two prayer services around the crosses. The first service will be at 7:30 a.m. with Rev. Lance Henderson of Our Saviour Lutheran Church officiating. The second one will be held at 5:30 p.m. with Rev. Joseph James of Cayce UMC officiating. Please plan to join us as we gather and pray for the world that we live in.

Prayer is a important communication tool we can use to talk to God and we certainly can do more of it. There is a need to pray for our world as well as our friends and neighbors. If we can spend oodles of time on Facebook then we should be able to spend an equal amount of time talking to God.



Wonderful Wednesdays will continue through March 16th with family-style meals 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.

Mar. 2 Bonnie Ramsey, Mary Kamoroff, Tom Geddens
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert

Mar. 9 Esther Carter, Linda Maloch, Mary Matthews
Menu: Beef Stew, Rice, Lima Beans, Salad & Cake

Mar. 16 Sue Ballentine, Marilyn & Tom Lloyd,
Becky Derrick
Menu: Shrimp and Fixings



Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. through March 15th

Mar. 1: Chili prepared by Bonnie Ramsey
Mar. 8: Vegetable Soup prepared by Rusty Poole
Mar. 15: Taco Soup prepared by Charlie Hooker



Patsy Shuler
Gary & Kim Ferguson

memorials
& gifts

Tom Maloy

Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Sherry Murphy

Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Frances Ballentine

Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
John & Patsy Zeigler
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Ed Turner

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Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Shirley Padgett and family on the death of her niece, *Sherry Murphy*, on Friday, January 15, 2016.

John and Sue Ballentine and family on the death of John's sister, *Frances Ballentine*, on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Pam Turner and family on the death of her father, *Ed Turner*, on Saturday, February 6, 2016.



To My Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and blessed words of comfort during this most difficult time as I grieve my dad's passing on February 6, 2016.

Sincerely,
Pam Turner



To Trinity Friends and Family,

Thank you for everything that you have done for me during my "health problems". Food, cards, and all of your calls have meant the world to me. You are the best friends.

Love,
Genie Duncan



Congratulations to *Matthew Martin* on his acceptance into the Presbyterian School of Pharmacy. He will begin classes in mid-August.

Congratulations to *Jon Martin*, who will be starting a summer internship with IBM in June for ten weeks. Jon is scheduled to graduate from USC in December, 2016.



Congratulations to *Bob and Libby Strickland* on their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on February 18th, 2016.

One Great Hour of Sharing
March 6, 2016

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.

Unlike other benevolent causes, UMCOR does not receive any funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100 percent of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. Examples are many — rebuilding after the Haiti earthquake, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy and many other disasters.

[One Great Hour of Sharing](#) allows UMCOR and The United Methodist Church to respond *immediately* when disaster strikes. Think of UMCOR as our "Go Team" who can be there when help is needed.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you join us in cheerfully and generously showing God's love around the world with your gifts.



Festival of Choirs
Hosted by The Palmetto Mastersingers
Friday, March 4, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Palmetto Mastersingers will sponsor their annual Festival of Choirs on Friday, March 4, 2016 at First Baptist Church on Hampton Street in Columbia. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and features the First Nazareth Baptist Church-B. N. Scott Choraliens, the Heart of Columbia Chorus (Sweet Adelines) and the River Springs Elementary Fifth Grade Chorus. Tickets are \$10 at the door, from any participating choir or online at www.palmettomastersingers.org.



It's that time of year again to purchase lilies for Easter. The lilies cost **\$5.50 each** and the deadline for ordering them is **March 11th**. This year you will once again have the option of making a donation in honor or memory of someone in lieu of purchasing a lily. The deadline for donations in lieu of a lily will be **March 20th**. (In consideration of allergies and in order to have beautiful music, lilies will not be placed at the altar, but will be placed in the side windows.) Inserts will be included in the bulletins for the next two Sundays. If you have any questions or would like a form mailed to you, please call the Church Office at 794-7777.



Sunday, March 20

The Trinity United Methodist Choir will perform their Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, March 20, during the Worship Service. Mark your calendars now to be present for this wonderful start to Holy Week!



All Holy Week Services will begin at 7 p.m.
Offering Each Night: Imagine No Malaria

	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Sunday, Mar. 20 (Brookland)	Platt Springs	Cayce	Fran Connell
Monday, Mar. 21	Shiloh	Shiloh (Mt. Hebron)	Kevin Cooley
Tuesday, Mar. 22	Trinity	Trinity (Platt Springs)	Michael Hood
Wednesday, Mar. 23	Brookland	Brookland	Donna Eidson

There will be a short reception with light refreshments following each service.

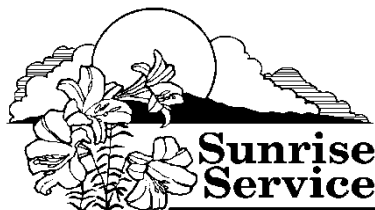
Maunder Thursday Service @ Trinity, 7 p.m.
Good Friday Service @ Trinity, 7 p.m.

JUST FOR KIDS



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 26
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Trinity's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, March 26**, 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 Tom Geddens.



COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, March 27

On Easter morning we will gather at the Riverwalk Parkway Amphitheatre at 7 a.m. to worship with fellow Christians from the metro area. It will not be held in the event of rain, snow or ice. An Easter Breakfast will be served at Trinity from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.



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



GOOD FOOD, GOOD FEET, GOOD FRIDAY!
Friday, March 25
7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event, led by Donna Muszynski, will be held at Christ Central Ministries, 2401 Main Street, Columbia, and will provide a meal, palliative foot care, new socks and a Blessing Bag for Columbia's homeless. 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.

If you would like to participate in this event, you must attend ONE of two training sessions, held at Trinity. Choose from either Thursday, March 17th from 6 – 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 19th from 9 – 11 a.m. to learn how you can best serve. If you have any questions, you can contact Donna at (803) 445-1493.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

NEWS & Notes

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, March 9, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The United Methodist Men will have their Breakfast and Bible Study on Sunday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m.

Council Members: We will not have a Council Meeting at our regularly scheduled time as this is the start of Holy Week. I will call a council meeting as needed therefore please let me know if any critical issues arise. Thanks, Bonnie



Hospital Ministry Team
Bonnie Ramsey, JoAnn Heiting
Mary Kamoroff, Bob Strickland

We want everyone to know we are there to pray with you before procedures, in the emergency room, before surgeries and while in the hospital. When you notify Jackie or Donna of a need, someone will try to be there for you. We all know that when you are ill you do not need long visits, and everyone is trained to come and pray to provide you comfort. We do not supposed to take the place of your Pastor, but rather to augment.

Blessings to all,
Bonnie