

# 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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**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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From Across the Pastor's Desk

It is hard for me to believe that a year has already passed since I first came to Trinity UMC. Although in another way it seems like I have been here forever as I have grown to love each and every one of you. I feel like I have always known you. I thank the Lord quite often for allowing me to serve Him alongside of you all.

I know for many of you that have been here for a long time things are different than they used to be. However, from my stand point you all are so far ahead of many other churches that I have had the pleasure of being associated with.

There are many of you routinely doing jobs that perhaps many others do not know that you are the one that does them, but they are very thankful that someone takes care of it. I just love the way everyone seems to pitch in and get things done. You not only do things within the church, but many of you are reaching out to others and doing things without being asked. Neither of these groups of you are asking for recognition or praise. The atmosphere here at Trinity is so different from others that I have experienced.

As I work with the Lay Leadership Committee this year, I am amazed at how easy it is to get some of you to agree to help out in given areas. You not only agree, but do so with enthusiasm. Oh by the way, Becky Derrick I am still enthused even after a full year. (Becky asked me after one of our first council meetings if I was still enthused. My answer was yes then and it is yes today).

I want to share something that is happening to me in our Reaching New People effort. One of the things I started doing as my networking in the community was to use one of my calling cards and write a note to my waitress or waiter writing a thank you note on the back with a word of encouragement. I have had one waitress hug me as I was checking out and thank me for the note I had left her, she said I had made her day. Today I had another ask me to pray for her and told me she carries the cards I had left her in her waitress pad and another came up and told me she keeps every one I give her. I see this as taking tiny baby steps, but I think this is my way of doing some elbow activities. I am building relationships with people. This is how it all begins with each of us reaching out to others.

I know this is a long article this month and I apologize, but I am so very thankful to be here with you all. You provide me a church office in which I can spend time studying for and writing my sermon. This has been a wonderful gift. I truly have time off when I am away from the office sometimes, because my office is not next to my bedroom.

You have opened your arms, loved, and accepted me in spite of all my faults. I pray for all of you and ask that you pray for me too.

Please remember me and my family in your prayers. We are going through some tough times right now, however I know God will work it out in the end.

May the Lord wrap His loving arms of grace around you and keep you safe until we meet again.

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



Join us for a Barnyard Roundup at Trinity. Sunday night, July 31, from 6–7:30 p.m., we will have an Ice Cream Social with home-churned ice cream as we kick off VBS.

On Monday through Wednesday, August 1 through August 3, supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and activities will take place from 6 until 8:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



**Blessing of the Backpack Service  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Sunday, August 14, during the worship service. Children and teens are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the coming school year. If you have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or school age children who are your neighbors, we would love to have them be a part of this service as well.



Marjorie Eidson  
Tommy & Marty Johnson

Ed Turner  
Tommy & Marty Johnson

Judy Lucas Kayton  
Maurice & Joyce Robinson  
English & Jewel Pearcy

Josephine Von Glahn  
Maurice & Joyce Robinson  
Linda Maloch  
Mary Alice Duncan  
Tommy & Marty Johnson  
Boots Morgan

Elizabeth Anne Kennerly  
English & Jewel Pearcy



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to *Dr. Ken Kennerly and family* on the death of his sister, *Elizabeth Anne Kennerly*, on July 3, 2016.



Dear Trinity Friends,

*Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I'm still going through some tests but am trying to get back to normal—or as normal as I'll ever be! You are all so special and I appreciate your kindness.*

Jeanette Hornsby

### REACHING NEW PEOPLE

Due to my recent health issues I've had to put some things on the back burner, but the team has still been at work. Pastor Donna joined the Chamber of Commerce so we can be more attuned to what is happening in our neighborhood and she continues to make contact with people as she eats in local restaurants.

Vacation Bible School is another opportunity to reach out to the community. The VBS workers have sent invitation cards to all those who came to Summer Splash.

The team will be meeting after VBS to plan more activities so we'll keep you posted.

Meanwhile, invite your friends and neighbors to church activities. Ray Frady recently invited someone he met on a cruise who lives in Westover Acres to come to church and they have visited us twice. Let's make an effort to contact people we haven't seen in a while and encourage them to get back to church.

BYOF (BRING YOUR OWN FRIENDS!)

Jeanette Hornsby



It's Time to Sign Up  
for our

**Still Movin' Balance Class with USC Students**  
**Sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Women**

The Still Movin' Program is in cooperation with the USC Dept. of Exercise Science:

- 10 weeks in length; class will meet on Monday & Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Activities include balance, strengthening, aerobics & stretching exercises
- Student clinicians provide assistance, feedback & balance support

#### Fall 2016 Schedule:

Classes will meet **Mondays and Wednesdays** from **2-3 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, August 31-** Pre-Test Assessments and meeting the students

**Wednesday, September 7,** First Balance Class Day: our first day of regular exercises

**Wed. October 12-** USC Fall Break; NO Balance Class

**Wednesday, November 9,** Post-Test Assessments

**Wednesday, November 16,** Awards Day and Party!

Check the Center Table in the Gathering Area for the Sign-Up Sheet. Cost for the 10-week program is only \$25 which is paid in advance. Please make out your checks for \$25.00 to "Trinity United Methodist Women."

We look forward to more fun and better balance!

Marilyn Lloyd  
President, TUMW



**Congratulations** to *Jonathan and Megan Day* on the birth of their daughter, *Hattie Edith Day*, on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Hattie weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. She is the granddaughter of *David and Annie Day* and the great-granddaughter of *Miriam Simpson*.



**Brookland United Methodist Church**  
**Garage – Treasure & Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, August 6**  
**7 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Event Sponsored by Brookland United Methodist Women**