

# 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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**Office Hours:** 8:30 - 4:30 M-F

**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

## Barnyard Roundup was a Rained Out Success

Our VBS started on August 1<sup>st</sup> and we were so excited. I had planned to read a story at our closing each night. Well, by 8 p.m. the first night the Lord opened the flood gates of Heaven and we got some much needed rain. My concern then became getting the kids homes safely in an electrical storm. Thanks be to God they all made it safely home.

We had two more nights of fun singing with Christopher McCroskey (including learning to sing the 23rd Psalm which was our scripture for the week), Bible stories with Tom Geddens and Jessica Warble, crafts with Sue Ballentine and Marilyn Lloyd, games with Chris Derrick and K.C. Warble and mission time with Patsy Boggs. We had a total of nine kids with our two youth leaders. Also, we had a supper each night before we started VBS with Charlie and Wayne Hooker, Rusty Poole and others helping provide pizza, Happy Meal hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Everyone did seem to have a wonderful time. However, it rained every night usually around time to go home. We were planning to have some farm animals on Wednesday night, but they got rained out also. We are hoping to be able to have the farm animals as part of our Fall Family Fun Day. Please see the Children's bulletin board in the hallway for pictures of the kids and their activities.

All kids who attended the Summer Splash or attended Bible School last year was sent an individual invitational postcard to attend Bible School this year. Erin Derrick did a great job helping head things up and helping get the decorations up and materials organized.

There are probably people who I should be mentioning that I cannot recall right now. But I do want to say thank you to the whole church for supporting our efforts with Bible School this year. We collected \$275 through our VBS offering and our Noisy Offering for the Heifer Project.

God has truly been good to me by allowing me to serve Him here at Trinity alongside of you. I have come to love each and every one of you.

May God continue to Bless each of you.

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



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> and end on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 11 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00. The following teams are preparing meals in September:

Sept. 14 English & Jewel Percy, Mary Louise Robinson  
Pauline Wenner

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

Sept. 21 Ted & Ruth Frady, Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Sept. 28 Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting, Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey

Pastor Donna will lead the Bible Study using the book *Get Their Name Grow Your Church Building New Relationships*. This study is designed to go with the Reaching New People project.

*Natalie Cook*, who joined us on August 14 as our Nursery Worker, will be available to keep children during the Bible Study.

## **EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING** *Sunday, September 11*

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond just food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home.

# memorials & gifts

Ray Cooke  
Zelda Boney

John W. & June K. Sercer  
Ray & Gale Frady

Rusty Cooke  
Zelda Boney

Fran Van Unen  
Zelda Boney

Judy Lucas Kayton  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Elizabeth Anne Kennerly  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

## Irene Grahl

Bonnie Ramsey	Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Wayne & Charlie Hooker	Ray & Gale Frady
Mary & Ellen Matthews	Jim & Marie Stiles
Maurice & Joyce Robinson	Mary Kamoroff
English & Jewel Percy	George Taylor
Jean Raynor	Donna Jerman
Betty & Rene Derrick	David & Teresa Jordan
Enlow's Auto Supply	Melton Martin
Oren & Hilda Edwards	Pauline Wenner
Genie Duncan	Linda Maloch
Rebecca Baston	Robert L. Grahl
Charles & Donna Rone	Ethel Nordan
Francis & Gillett Hipp	Shirley Butler



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Rhett and Pam Hook and family and Jim and Faye Grahl and family* on the death of *Irene Grahl* on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, and food for the family of Irene Grahl. We are so blessed to have such a caring church.

Love,

Rhett & Pam  
Jim & Faye

## REACHING NEW PEOPLE

On October 1, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., we will be having our follow up workshop for Reaching New People at Brookland UMC. If you can, please plan to attend as we will be discussing any problems that we seem to have, as well as making plans for the next 6 months. There will be a Sign-Up sheet in the Gathering Area. I would like to see as many people as possible join us that day as we try to find ways to build relationships with people.



## DOORS NEED YOUR HELP

We are having a problem with doors not being completely shut. If you go out a door, please take a few minutes and make sure it has caught and cannot be just pulled open. We are finding this happening more and more. It is dangerous for me and Jackie, because if we are here by ourselves someone could walk in without our knowing it. We have a lot of doors that go to the outside and it only takes a few seconds to make sure it is secured. Tom Geddens does a wonderful job locking the building after Sunday services, but he is not responsible once he has locked them down. I am asking everyone that opens a locked door to **please make sure it is secured behind you.**



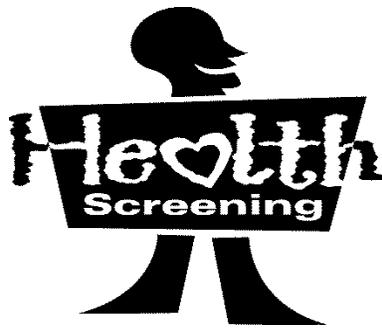
Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all of the visits, calls, cards and food during my hospitalization. I especially appreciate all of the prayers and ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers.

Love to all,  
Kaye Floyd

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will resume their Breakfast and Bible Study on Sunday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join them for this time of study and fellowship.



**WHO:** Lexington Medical Center Outreach is working with TUMC to provide our Annual Health Screening for every member again this year.

**WHAT:** (a) Free Screening – Blood Pressure, Glucose and Lipid Profile  
(b) Thyroid Profile Screen for \$ 32  
(c) Vitamin D Level Screen for \$ 40  
(d) Flu Shot for \$ 32 – No appointment needed

**WHERE:** At Trinity in the Fellowship Hall.

**WHEN:** Monday, September 26, from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



### ***Opportunities for Training or Service***

Please see "Across the Pastor's Desk" bulletin board or Pastor Donna for more information on these.

#### **September, 2016**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Understanding Islam and Muslims Lutheran Seminary	6:30-7:30 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Financial Peace University Shiloh UMC	9 weeks
17 <sup>th</sup>	Faith Leaders United to End Sexual Violence Brookland UMC	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Africa University Golf Outing Cobblestone Golf	10 a.m.

#### **October, 2016**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Reaching New People Follow-up Brookland UMC	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop's Forward Focus Tour Shandon UMC	9 a.m. -12 noon
13 <sup>th</sup>	Dementia, Opportunities & Challenges The Heritage at Lowman Wellness Center	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Practical Faith Sharing Trenholm Road UMC	10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### **November, 2016**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	SALT DAY (Older Adult Fun Day) Union UMC (Reg. by October 20)	9 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Killingsworth Gala Seawells	6 p.m.



Once again it is time for us to start thinking about our stewardship campaign as the last quarter of the year is rapidly approaching. Hopefully, we think about it often, if not daily, in some form as we strive to do more. Remember, all we do in the name of Christ is stewardship.

Today I read online the following quote from Dave Ramsey, who is a prolific writer on the subject :

"We make a living by what we **Get** but make a Life by what we **Give**."

Blessings to all,

Bonnie



## TRINITY'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR IS PASTOR DONNA

On Sunday, August 21, 2016, during the church service our pastor, Donna Stone Eidson, was presented with the Trinity United Methodist Women's Mission Pin. With this honor goes the designation of Trinity's UMW 2016 "Woman of the Year".

"I'm excited about giving this Mission pin today. Our recipient is full of energy and joy. If you've been around Trinity for the last year, you've found she's been enthusiastic in Vacation Bible School, our TUMW Balance Group, Wonderful Wednesdays and celebrating Flag Days around the crosses. She's brought new ideas to share: Blessing of the Backpacks, Blessing of the Animals, Reaching New People, and a noontime Lenten Bible study.

Already you know this year we've chosen Donna Eidson, our Pastor. We've enjoyed getting to know her, to share our activities, church services and rituals. She's added a lot. But most of all is her gift of love. Thank you, Donna."

Marilyn Lloyd, TUMW President

## TUMW will meet in September!!

Our regular meeting of the Trinity United Methodist Women will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. If you haven't attended before, you are invited to join us in the Conference Room. After the Business Meeting, we'll go out for lunch at noon.

## Trinity Women! Come with us to the Columbia District Annual Meeting!

This is the Annual Meeting in which District Officers are elected for the coming year, awards are given, and churches honor their Women of the Year! Come and support our choice!

On **Saturday, September 17**, we'll meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Gunter Circle parking lot to travel to **Mt. Horeb UMC in Lexington, SC**. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. and the program starts at 9:30 a.m. A Sign-Up Sheet and Registration Forms are on the Gathering Area table. Deadline to send the \$15 Registration Fee is September 11, 2016, so please remit your check (payable to Columbia District UMW) with the form to Marilyn Lloyd by Sunday, September 4.

## You're invited to the Gala!

Put this on your calendar! **Killingsworth Annual Gala is Thursday, November 10, 2016**. This is an annual charitable event in support of Killingsworth Center in Columbia, a home for women who are rebuilding their lives in a Christian atmosphere. The Gala is a dress-up dining event with a large silent auction. Many Christmas gifts have been found there.

We are making plans toward going on the bus to Seawell's in Columbia. In order to reserve a table together, we'll need to send our money early, so the \$50 each for tickets will be collected in September, or the first Sunday in October. Please sign up as soon as you can, or call Marilyn at 794-2563. A sign-up form is in the Gathering Area.

You do not have to be a member of Trinity's United Methodist Women. All women are invited to a fun night out.