

# 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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## Happy Fall Y'all

I think each season of the year is my favorite. I can see God's handiwork in each one. I love them all. But this time of year I celebrate God's use of His paintbrush to give us the beautiful colors and differing hues to decorate the landscape. Although I can give you an elementary explanation of why the leaves do this each fall, I can truly attest that without God none of this would be possible.

Just as there are seasons of our calendar year there are seasons of our church year too. Our Advent season is fast approaching. I love the special services this time of year. Between now and Christmas we have several special celebrations. We have the Blessing of the Animals, All Saints Sunday, Consecration Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, the Christmas Cantata, and of course Christmas Eve. This year we will also have a Christmas Day service since Christmas is on Sunday.

Another important date to remember is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will be able to vote for the next political leader for our nation. This will be very important to all of us. Please keep this election in your prayers as you pray for our nation. Also **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!**

Also a big thank you for all that a lot of you are doing to try to reach new people for God's Kingdom. I had someone this week ask me about some material they might take to a new neighbor, and earlier someone had talked to me about suggesting a church near their home for a family with very young children. I feel that this is just the kinds of things we need to be doing for the Lord. We are trying to build relationships with people and then invite them to God's House. The number one reason given by many unchurched people for not attending church is that no one invited them. Please keep Trinity UMC in your prayers as we strive to further God's Kingdom here on earth.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch

## Opportunities for Service or Training

Human Trafficking Awareness

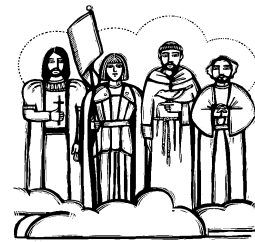
Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shandon UMC

Lay Leadership Training

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Washington Street UMC



For All the Saints

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
**November 6, 2016**

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like someone remembered who has died since last November 1<sup>st</sup>, please let Jackie Eitel know before Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we may include their name in our bulletin. Also, you may add the names of anyone who has gone on to glory to the bell banner, located in the Gathering Area, prior to the service on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

 **Consecration  
Sunday**  
**November 13, 2016**

As you probably already know our Consecration Sunday is fast approaching. Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, our District Superintendent, will be with us that day as our guest preacher. Please be in prayer for what you may be able to give to the Lord's work during the coming year.

Our Celebration Meal (covered dish – meat will be provided) will follow the service. We will have reservations forms in the bulletin on October 30 and November 6. If you will not be here for those two Sundays, please let Jackie Eitel know whether or not you are planning to attend.

**PRAYERS  
OF Thanks**

On Sunday, November 20, we will meet at 10:45 a.m. for **Thanksgiving Prayers at the Crosses**, followed by our Worship Service in the sanctuary at 11 a.m.



**Wednesday, November 13**  
**7 p.m.**

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Cayce UMC on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. A reception will be held following the service.

## memorials & gifts

**Eric Blanks**

Oren & Hilda Edwards

**Irene Grahl**

Grover & Patsy Shuler

**Mildred Bailey**

Grover & Patsy Shuler

**Elaine Jones**

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Andy Jones**

Oren & Hilda Edwards

Jim & Marie Stiles

Francis & Gillett Hipp

Grover & Patsy Shuler

**Mary Matthews**

George Taylor

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Jim & Marie Stiles

Ray & Gale Frady

Carol Ward

English & Jewel Pearcy

Grover & Patsy Shuler

Mary Kamoroff

John & Patsy Zeigler

Francis & Gillett Hipp

Tommy & Marty Johnson

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Jean Raynor

Shirley Butler

Oren & Hilda Edwards



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Ellen Matthews and family* on the death of her mother, *Mary Matthews*, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016;

To the family and friends of *Elaine Jones*, who passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Elaine was the daughter of the late *Andy and Frances Jones*;

To *Francis Hipp and family* on the death of his aunt, *Ruth Hipp Jones*, on Saturday, October 22, 2016. She was the wife of the late Andy Jones.

**Thanks!**

To My Trinity Family,

My sincere thanks for all the cards, calls, prayers and food during my illness. You are such a caring church family!

Carolyn Sox



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards and calls following my surgery. A special thanks to English and Jewel Pearcy for the wonderful meal they provided after my surgery. I am truly grateful and blessed.

Becky Derrick



Women's Fellowship

The UMW is sponsoring a trip to **Jewel's Pink House** on **Saturday, November 19**. We will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot and leave at 10 a.m., have lunch there and return around 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area.

## Reaching New People

Trinity was represented by 13 members at the Reaching New People Tune Up seminar on October 1 at Brookland UMC—the most of any church! The main focus of the tune-up was to acquaint more members with what we learned at the initial seminar in February. Those in attendance were: Sue and John Ballentine, Tom Lloyd, Tom Geddens, Dan Greshel, Rusty Poole, Linda Maloch, Charlie Hooker, Mary Louise Robinson, Dolph and Jeanine Varner, Donna Eidson and Jeanette Hornsby.

The team came away with some new plans for the next six months and some of those plans will be incorporated into the church's annual planning process in January.

Another **Ride Through the Neighborhood** is planned for **Saturday, November 5, from 10-2 pm**. We will meet at the church and have a devotional before boarding the bus to tour our community. Then we'll go to a local restaurant for lunch where we'll talk about what we saw and learned. After lunch we'll return to the church for a session on how to invite and conduct elbow activities. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Area or you can call Jeanette at 803-467-0993.

Pray for our church as we learn new ways to be disciples for Christ in our community.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016. DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK ONE HOUR.**



**Prayer in Sanctuary On Election Day  
Tuesday, November 8  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We want to have the sanctuary open for prayer from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day. My personal feeling is this election needs to be bathed in prayer. I would like to have 2 people at a time to volunteer for at least 1 hour (more would be great) to serve as greeters for the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area.

Pastor Donna



**Help Us Decorate for Christmas**

On Saturday, November 26, we will gather in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be provided. Plan to join us as we prepare for the upcoming season. On Sunday, November 27, we will have the **Hanging of the Greens Service**,