

# 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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## Goodbye to 2016<sup>th</sup> Year of Our Lord AD

For many of us, I feel it has been the best of times and the worst of times. However, as I look back, it has been a blessed year as I serve the Lord along with you all. Yet many of us have had to say good bye to loved ones that have been there all our lives. God is so good to us He provides for us and comforts us with the love of others during our hardest times.

Also, you all have been very generous this season sharing with others. As of December 18<sup>th</sup> we had collected \$380 for Canoeing for Kids and \$492 for Saluda River Academy for the Arts kids. Lynn Martin collected gifts for 32 children at Saluda River Academy for the Arts. I am thankful to Lynn for gathering these gifts and delivering to the school, because I know that we helped brighten the lives of these 32 kids.

This year, through our Outreach Committee, we participated with Family Helping Families where we collected gifts for the five kids and the mother. I certainly feel we helped brighten their Christmas. After we did this we received an e-mail from a mother asking for help with Christmas presents for her two teenage boys. One of them had just been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. When we got to talking to her and visited with her we found she had very, very little. So Rusty Poole and I took on finding things for her and helping her contact agencies to help her. In their one-bedroom apartment there was only a very small table that held a very small TV. They did not have beds or any Christmas decorations. Jay Alley donated a tree and stand for them, and others donated money for them. We had no idea the extent of their needs until we met them for the first time on Tuesday when we were delivering fruit baskets. I wanted to find the apartment so I could deliver the gifts I had bought for the kids (which was clothes and 1 gift card apiece).

In addition to all of the above, fruit baskets were prepared and delivered to our known shut-ins, and a few extra baskets were prepared and delivered by differing ones of you who knew of someone that needed Jesus' love shared with them.

These are only a few of the many ways we are already helping those who God brings to our attention that are in need of our sharing His love with them.

I thank God for all that each of you do to reach out to help others in some way. I know I did not even scratch the surface of all the things many of you are doing. You are all doing such a great job. Please keep up the great work and give yourself a pat on the back. It seems like at least every month I am learning about something one of you is doing for the kingdom of God.

You all make it so refreshing and awesome to be serving alongside of you. Praise be to God for all the things that you all do for His Glory.

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

## Reaching New People

We are planning a service for January 15<sup>th</sup> focusing on Reaching New People. There are so many of you who are doing a great job with this, although you tell me you are not really interested. It is true that some people are just not comfortable doing these kinds of activities, but that is fine. The reason I say this is Everyone Can Pray as others of us try to step outside our comfort zones.



**PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

## Looking Forward to 2017 AD

As we look forward to the start of 2017, we are already planning ahead for things for us to be involved in. The week of January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> we will again participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will be hosting on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Since these services are Lay led, Tom Geddens will be heading ours up. The services each night should only last about 30 minutes. This activity is a part of the Cayce-West Columbia Ecumenical Association.



**PLANNING  
retreat**

## Planning for the 2017 Church Year

Our annual Planning Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this. The more of us that can plan together, the better idea we will have of where we want to go in 2017. You do not have to be a committee chairperson, only an active church attender, to attend. Look forward to seeing you then.



## Balance Group will resume on January 16

Due to the enthusiasm and encouragement of our Balance buddies, the United Methodist Women will continue to sponsor the meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Please join us for a time of light exercise, stretching, and movements to help with our balance. Because USC students will not be helping us, this will be a group effort. With input from the group, Marilyn will coordinate.

## memorials & gifts

**Ruth Hipp Jones**  
Mary Kamoroff

**Elaine Jones**  
Nell Cooke

**Andy Jones**  
Joe & Barbara Alley

**Roland Morgan**  
Nell Cooke

**Mary Matthews**  
Clarice Calvert Bobo  
Joe & Barbara Alley  
Linda Maloch  
Nell Cooke

**Josephine Von Glahn**  
Joe & Barbara Alley  
Nell Cooke  
Jo Ann Heiting

**Irene Grahl**  
Joe & Barbara Alley

**Nancy Hargett**  
Mary Kamoroff  
Linda Maloch  
Grover & Patsy Shuler  
Nell Cooke  
Rick & Marian Lindsey

Shirley Butler  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Sinners Sunday School Class  
Charles & Jackie McNeill

**Thomas Risinger**  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Shirley Butler  
Kenneth Sox

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
George Taylor  
English & Jewel Pearcy



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to **Marian Risinger and family** on the death of her husband, **Thomas Risinger**, on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely basket filled with fruit. Your thoughtfulness means very much to me with my activity so restricted. It's good to be remembered.

I am blessed to have my church family and I thank Jesus for you.

Love,  
Libby Strickland



### A Big Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, the gifts, and the bonus that was given to me. Also the puppies want me to thank Mrs. Charlie for their homemade treats. They have loved them. It is a privilege and honor to serve the Lord our God alongside of you all. I feel so blessed to be at Trinity UMC and feel the love that is shared with one another. I have a special place in my heart for each one of you.

May God Bless this New Year for You.

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch



### Wanted: Lay Readers, Communion Helpers and Acolytes in 2017!

If anyone wishes to participate in the worship service as a lay reader, a Communion helper or as an acolyte, please see Tom Geddens, Worship Committee Chairman for 2017. You can also contact Tom at his cell phone number, 803-403-6461 or e-mail him at [tgeddens@icloud.com](mailto:tgeddens@icloud.com). If you are interested in being a lay reader, you can simply sign up for a Sunday on the Lay Reader Sign-Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. Please note that your agreeing to be a lay reader, Communion helper or an acolyte does not mean that you are committing to do so every Sunday! You can simply perform any of the three roles one Sunday a month. Communion is normally held on the first Sunday of the month. Tom thanks you for your interest!



### Women's Fellowship

#### Join us for the First Meeting of the Year!!

Trinity United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. This is the time of year that we renew our pledges of Purpose and enthusiasm as well as our money. Plans for activities in the new year will be discussed.

We welcome new members at any time. Meet with us in the Conference Room. For more information call Marilyn Lloyd (794-2563).

### District Officers' Training

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, Trinity-Blythewood will be hosting the annual Columbia District Officer Training. If you are interested in attending the morning's activities and training, please contact Marilyn Lloyd (794-2563).

### Lake Junaluska is calling!

Are you interested in making a pilgrimage with us and travel to Lake Junaluska the weekend of April 28-29, 2017? It's time to make reservations with the South Carolina Conference UMW for the Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Come to the UMW meeting on Wednesday (1/11/17) or call Marilyn Lloyd.



Congratulations to **Brian and Shannon Duncan** on the birth of their daughter, **Skylar Michelle**, on Wednesday, December 28, 2016. **Skylar Michelle** weighed 7lbs. 9 ozs. She is the granddaughter of **Genie Duncan**.