

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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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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Daylight Savings Time is Just Around the Corner

Unlike some people I have come in contact with, I love Daylight savings time. It gives us a lot more light to see by in our afternoons. Now I hate making the transition from regular time to daylight savings time. However, it begins again on March 12.

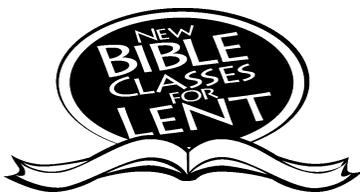
My devotion today was from I John 3 and talked about being children of the light, with that light being Jesus Christ. When we think about living our lives as Children of the Light, our actions should speak far louder than our words.

So as we enjoy our extra hour of daylight may we also share the light of Jesus through our actions (the little things we do without drawing attention to ourselves for doing them).

On another note, if you see any of our Trinity people (adults, youth, or children) in the newspaper, please bring me a copy so I can put it on the bulletin board.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

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



March Bible Studies

For our Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies in March we will be using the book *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. We will be studying some things that are often said, and usually said that they are Biblical, but they are not found in the Bible.

Also we will have a luncheon Bible Study using the booklet on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Many people do not know that the church has a guide for us to use in situations that are secular in nature.

Both studies will start on Wednesday March 8th. Supper will be available on Wonderful Wednesdays. For the luncheon Bible Study please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.



Ash Wednesday Service

March 1

7 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, beginning a period of reflection and penance. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ.



Prayer Around the Crosses

Friday, March 3

12 p.m.

On the World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3, we will meet at noon for prayer around the crosses. Please plan to join us.



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on March 8th and end on March 29th. 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. There will be a limit of \$12.00 to be paid per immediate* family, with a maximum of five persons. After five family members, each additional person is \$3.00. (*Two related generations is an immediate family.)

The first meal will be prepared by the following team:

March 8: English & Jewel Percy, Pauline Wenner

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

Pastor Donna will lead the Bible Study.

Genie Duncan

English & Jewel Pearcy	TUMC Sinners Class
Jim & Marie Stiles	Bonnie Ramsey
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting	Shirley Butler
Ray & Gale Frady	Bob & Carol Montgomery
Marian Risinger	Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Edwa L. Meek	George Taylor
Jake & Betty Knotts	Southern Class Hair & Nail
Mary Kamoroff	Bud & Ruthie Tibshrary
Oren & Hilda Edwards	Donnie & Carolyn Sox
James & Faye Grahl	Kaye & Lane Hardister
Patsy Boggs	Suzanne Long
Michael & Brenda Eingle	Nancy Blanton
Russell & Pat Shealy	Joe & Barbara Alley
Mary Louise Robinson	Charles & Jackie McNeill
John & Patsy Zeigler	Marvin & Sara Efron
Kenneth & Rebecca Long	Tommy & Marty Johnson

Thomas Risinger

John & Patsy Zeigler
Joe & Barbara Alley
Tommy & Marty Johnson

Ralph Pearson

John & Patsy Zeigler
Mary Kamoroff
Tommy & Marty Johnson

Tom Thornley

English & Jewel Pearcy
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Ernest Shealy, Jr.

Ray & Gale Frady

Josephine Von Glahn

Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Carlton Rudolph Martin

Oren & Hilda Edwards



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Genie Duncan on her death Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Ann Thornley and family on the death of her husband, Tom, on December 30, 2016.



Dear Church Family,

The family and I want to express our deepest gratitude for preparing the lunch for us the day of Genie's service. You unwavering support and love for Genie was such a blessing to her and the entire family.

The love and support that has been extended to our family is deeply appreciated in this difficult time. The wonderful stories, kind words and prayers will always be with us.

With much thankfulness,

Laurie Duncan
Donald, Susan, Madison, Brian, Jody and Shannon



To My Church Family,

Thanks so much for the cards and expressions of sympathy I received after the death of my cat, Bandit. They were very much appreciated.

Billy Pearson



To My church Family,

Thanks for your prayers, thoughts and cards.

Love to All!
Hilda Edwards



To whom it may concern,

My name is Quante Livingston. I would like to thank you for adopting my family and me. We are very thankful for all the gifts. We really appreciate everything.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
The Livingston Family



Congratuations to **Nick and Megan (Edwards) Corby** who were married in June 2016. Their address is 213 Elderberry Drive, Beaufort, SC 29906. Megan is the daughter of Carlis Edwards and the granddaughter of Oren and Hilda Edwards.

Congratulations also to **Mark Branham and Daphne Ballentine**. With wedding music provided by Christopher McCroskey and surrounded by their families and close friends, at 4:00 p.m., February 11, a beautiful warm afternoon, they were married. As she followed the three bridesmaids dressed in lace, peach-colored gowns, Haven, Daphne's daughter, spread flower petals before the bride. The groom had four groomsmen, one of whom was Joshua Ballentine, Daphne's brother. Daphne is the daughter of John and Sue Ballentine and granddaughter of Tom and Marilyn Lloyd.



**Snacks and a Movie
Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m.**

Come enjoy the fellowship and afternoon movie at Trinity on Sunday, March 19th at 4:00 p.m. We'll be watching "Risen". It's the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer.

Clavis, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. It's an Uplifting Masterpiece!! Witness the manhunt that changed the course of human history.



**IN
THE
Spotlight**
Community Recognition

In February we recognized the Cayce-West Columbia Public Library employees and they were very pleased that someone thought of them. Here's the upcoming schedule:

Who are we recognizing?

March 16 – West Columbia Police Department
April 20 – Opus –Carolina Gardens Assisted Living (former Agape)
May 18 – Saluda River Academy for the Arts
June 22 – West Columbia Fire Department
July 20 – Emergency Medical Technicians (group to be determined)
August 17 – Brookdale Assisted Living (frontage road)
September 21 –Northside Middle School
October 19 – Millenium Nursing Home (formerly Manor Care)
November 16 – Jenny Lynn Assisted Living
December 21 – Lexington Medical Center Emergency Department

How can you help?

- Volunteer to help take something to a group
- Clip coupons for doughnuts or other goodies we could use to purchase things
- Bake home-made cookies, muffins or other goodies
- Donate money to help provide some treats
- Pray for the people who work in these often thankless jobs

Call Jeanette at 803-796-0588 or 803-467-0993 if you'd be willing to be responsible for a month or specific group. It would be great for a Sunday School class, Youth, or just a couple of friends in Trinity to do this together.



RSVP FOOD CO-OP

For more than 30 years, the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** has provided seniors with fresh fruits and vegetables for **\$5 a bag**. They value older adults and strive daily to meet their needs. They will be at Trinity on the fourth Tuesday of every month beginning Tuesday, March 28.

Participation

Participants must complete and return the food co-op application with payment to the RSVP Program. The co-op is open to individuals 50 and older and is available to anyone in the community. A minimum of eight fruits and/or vegetables are included in each bag. The types of produce may vary depending on season and availability. They can deliver to homebound individuals if volunteers are available. You can contact Becky Derrick at (803) 252-7734 ext. 248 (at RSVP) or (803) 796-3361 (home) for additional information about this service or if you have any other questions regarding the program.

Payment

Payment must be paid in advance (unless other arrangements have been made with RSVP staff). Payment may be made with cash, check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL.**

Ways to Help

You can volunteer to help pack produce, to help deliver bags to shut-ins, or to help at Trinity when people are picking up produce.

Applications are available at Trinity on the round table in the Gathering Area and can be picked up at any time. If you cannot pick one up, the Church Office can mail an application to you. Applications with checks or money orders should be sent to RSVP Food Co-op, Trinity UMC, Attention: Becky Derrick, 1132 Gunter Circle, West Columbia, SC 29169. Becky Derrick works with RSVP and will be coordinating the co-op. Additional information about RSVP and the co-op are included in the application package.



Are you moved by the sight of our children going out of the church for their special time? We need volunteers who are willing and able to help them while we look to replace Natalie. All volunteers must have a background check and if you are not CPR certified someone who is must assist you. Thank you in advance, our children thank you too. Contact me or Donna.

Blessings to all- Bonnie



Prepare Flags for World Day of Prayer

March 3 is the World Day of Prayer observance. We want to have some new flags prepared for Friday. You can stop by the church during office hours and take a moment to get a flag and put your thoughts in it. The flags and colored markers are in the Gathering Area. The flags with your prayers for world harmony will be used on Friday as we pray at the crosses.

Columbia District Day Apart Retreat

On Saturday, March 4, 2017, Trinity United Methodist Women will travel to Salem UMC for the morning Retreat with luncheon following. We will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot at 8:45 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Lloyd with a check for \$12.00 to cover the lunch.

Legacy Fund for UMW

Join United Methodist Women around the country on March 23 for the 3rd Annual Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund, part of our five-year 150th anniversary celebration. The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women.

Write your check to Trinity UMW by Sunday, March 19, 2017, and our Treasurer, Marilyn Lloyd, will send it with other donations to the Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women in New York.

It's easy to give! If you'd rather send your donation:

Online: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 800-278-7771. (8 am-6 pm EST, Monday-Friday)

Text: 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in message area.

By check to: Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

Please write: "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section.

BBQ Fundraiser for Epworth!

9th Annual Fundraiser for Epworth Children's Home is on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information check out the Bulletin Board.

FAITH, ACTIVITY, AND NUTRITION PROGRAM. (FAN)

In cooperation with USC and the Methodist Church, we will soon kick off a committee to promote healthy living. In April/May a full-day training will be held for those interested. A sign-up sheet will be available for those interested.



We still have the fabulous Trinity Cookbooks to sell at \$10 each. We hope you have some recipes you'd like to share with us for additions to the cookbooks.

Trinity has new members since the original book was written, who carry on the wonderful cooking and baking tradition. Perhaps you have some new, quick, or easier ways to prepare recipes for us. Do you have favorites for the Super Bowl, Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas that you would share? Please write them up and give them to Marilyn Lloyd, Jackie Eitel or Marie Stiles before June 14.