

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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God is in Control

We know everything is within the power of God. Now scientists can explain how God might be doing something, but oftentimes they forget to tell us that their explanation, for example the weather we have experienced this winter, **might** be how God did it. When you study creation and began to really look at it you began to see just how amazing our God is.

Think about a mighty oak tree. We have some really old ones in South Carolina. One day long ago they were just an acorn. Yet the genetics for that great tree was contained in the acorn.

We do serve an awesome God. He will always be with us, guiding us if we will only let him. It is still hard for me to believe that there are people who do not believe in God.

Also I am excited to see the people here at Trinity UMC getting busy with plans for future events. I am looking forward to the next few months as they will be busy too.

In May I will be going to San Antonio, Texas to attend a four day workshop on preaching. I am excited because I not only get to hear some of my favorite writers preach, they will also be leading workshops. Tom Geddens will be preaching Mother's Day and Rev. Phil Lavender will be preaching the following Sunday. Also Rev. Lavender will be serving for pastoral calls from May 15th through May 21st. I plan to be back on the afternoon of the 21st. If you should have a pastoral emergency please call Jackie and she will get in touch with him.

Again I thank God for allowing me to serve Him along with all of you.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch



Trinity's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** We will dye Easter Eggs, do a craft or two, play a game or two, eat some Easter snacks and HUNT Easter eggs!!

If you would like to donate candy for the eggs, you can drop the candy off at church. If you don't want to shop for the candy, we will take monetary donations and buy the candy. If you have any questions, please let Patsy Boggs know.



Sonrise Service at Trinity UMC

April 16, 2017 at 7am

Yes, you read the title right. This year we are having a Sonrise Service here at Trinity. (No, there is not a spelling error.) We are celebrating the arising of Christ Jesus, God's only **Son** from the grave of death, not just the sun which rises every morning and we give God the thanks for it.

We will start our service out at the crosses, weather permitting. When we come into the gathering area each person who is able will be given an item to take into the sanctuary. At the end of the Good Friday service we will take all the paraments and other removable items out of the church sanctuary. When we arrive on Sunday morning the tomb will be empty (sanctuary) and we will be praising God.

Sonrise Service will be a regular worship service with communion, followed by a continental breakfast provided by the men of the church. I am looking forward to our Easter celebration.

May the love of Christ shine through you every day.

Love,
Rev. Donna



Don't forget to bring live flowers to decorate the outside cross on Easter morning.



The Trinity Choir will present its Easter Cantata on **Easter Sunday, April the 16th at 11:00 am.** They have selected a Marty Parks work entitled, "*Redeeming Love Has Been My Theme*". It's a modern arrangement of established Easter hymns that you may know or remember from the past. K.C. Warble has kindly agreed to be the narrator and Dan Greshel has scripted a narrative that accompanies and ties these arrangements together with a commentary about our traditions, our faith and our future together. It also includes an account of the last few hours Jesus walked the earth before changing our perspective on death and its relationship to life. We hope you'll plan to join us on Easter and invite others to hear, in words and music, the story and our ongoing reality with Redeeming Love.

memorials
& gifts

Genie Duncan

The Rampey Family John F. Long
Micheal & Pam Fulmer Claudia Sineath
Jan Stamps Boots Morgan
Jeanette Hornsby

Thanks!

Received from the West Columbia Police Department:

Please tell everyone how thankful we are for you guys doing what you do for us and coming by. It wasn't just your visit this week, but especially what so many people of West Columbia have shown us over the years. These last two years of media would make you believe something different between the police and the community. I'm glad I don't live in those other places.

Thank you very much,

John
Captain John Norman
West Columbia Police Department

God's
word of
thanks to:

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers. It is such a blessing that you care and we are so grateful for your love and concern. I can't even begin to express how grateful I am.

Last Tuesday (March 7) was my first chemo treatment. I've got 5 more to go, but I'm thankful that I've at least got one under my belt. Please continue to pray for me and my family during this difficult time.

Thanks again for all that you have done for me.

Sincerely,
Linda Coates

Special Thanks

We received the following from God's Helping Hands:

What you do for us makes it easier for us to help others.

Thank you for your donation of \$326.13 for Project Share. We have used it to pay for a client's heating bill.

Thank you for your donation of \$198.74 from Souper Bowl Sunday. It will be used to purchase meat for our clients.

Thank you so much.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Matthew Skipper, on his induction to the Kelly Chapter of the National Honor Society on Wednesday, March 22, in a ceremony at Cardinal Newman.

The Epworth Children's Home Alumni Association's 9th annual "Cookout for Kids" Saturday, April 8, 2017

The Epworth Children's Home Alumni Association's 9th annual "Cookout for Kids" fundraiser features barbecue fresh off the grill, homemade baked goods, live music, and vintage automobiles. It will be held on Saturday April 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Epworth's campus (2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205). BBQ Chicken and pork plates are \$10, kids plates \$5, whole Boston butts are \$30 and orders may be eat-in or take-out, including a drive-thru line! Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase from the Red Hat Honeys. All purchases may be made at the event or pre-ordered by emailing epworthalumniassociation@gmail.com. Over 30 beautifully restored, vintage Model A Fords will be on display from the Palmetto A's automobile club and racing sprint cars too! Entertainment includes live music from Jellyroll & Delicious Dish as well as bounce houses, face painting and balloon art for children. Come enjoy a beautiful spring day at Epworth! It's for the Kids! The event is hosted by adults who spent some or all of their childhoods at Epworth. In addition to raising funds, the alumni make sure that every child at Epworth get a free BBQ meal and can enjoy the day as well!



The Columbia Community Concert Band will hold its Spring Concert on **Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. at Riverland Hills Baptist Church** in Irmo. They will be performing a varied program, including selections from *Les Miserables*. Chuck Martin will again be driving the van. A sign-up sheet will be on the round table in the Gathering Area. Admission is free.



COMING SOON TO TRINITY!
WATCH FOR THE KICK-OFF!



Community Recognition

In March we recognized the West Columbia Police Department employees. We took cookies, fruit and drinks to both the day and night shift. Bob Strickland, Charlie and Wayne Hooker worked to make this recognition a success.

Here's the upcoming schedule:

Who are we recognizing?

DATE	LOCATION	RESPONSIBILITY
April 20	Opus—Carolina Gardens Assisted Living (formerly Agape)	
May 18	Saluda River Academy for the Arts	United Methodist Women
June 22	West Columbia Fire Department	
July 20	Lexington County EMS	
August 17	Brookdale Assisted Living	
September 21	Northside Middle School	
October 19	Millenium Nursing Home	
November 16	Jenny Lynn Assisted Living	
December 21	Lexington Medical Center	Rusty Poole

How can you help?

- Volunteer to be responsible or 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.



Trinity Food Co-op

The food co-op is now the **Trinity Food Co-op** (RSVP is no longer involved.) Our first co-op was held on Tuesday, March 28th and will continue on the **fourth Tuesday of every month**. The co-op is open to everyone, regardless of age. We are excited that so many people in the community are interested in participating. At this time Trinity, Turner Memorial, Grace Chapel, Asbury Arms, Pine Ridge Senior Center and Tri-City Senior Center are participating.

You must pay for your bag no later than the Sunday before each co-op date. The cost is \$5.00 and I would like to be paid in cash. We always pay a month in advance so that we have the money to pay for the produce when ordered.

If you would like to help with this project we will start at 8:00 am on the day of the co-op with people picking up their bags between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Hope to see you then.

Becky Derrick



After a brief absence, the Palmetto Mastersingers will perform at 7:30 p.m. on May 12 at St. Andrews Baptist Church, 230 Bush River Road, under the direction of Lillian Quackenbush. The theme will be *"It's A Guy Thing."* Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available from any Mastersinger, on our Secure Online Website, or at the door. Children under 12 are free and all seats are unassigned. Please see Charles McNeill for tickets.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All services begin at 7 p.m.

DATE	CHURCH	SPEAKER	LITURGIST
Sunday, 4/09	Mt. Hebron UMC	Bishop Holston	Fran Connell
Monday, 4/10	Shiloh UMC	Joseph James (Cayce UMC)	Donna Eidson
Tuesday, 4/11	Trinity UMC	Meredith Dark (Assoc. Pastor, Mt. Hebron)	Michael Hood
Wednesday, 4/12	Cayce UMC	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson	Kevin Cooley
Thursday, 4/13	Maundy Thursday Service @ Trinity		
Friday, 4/14	Stations of the Cross, Brookland UMC FH, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Good Friday Service at Trinity		
Saturday, 4/15	Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.		
Sunday, 4/16	Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, 7 a.m. at Trinity Continental Breakfast served by UM Men following Sunrise Service Decorate Cross with live flowers Easter Cantata, 11 a.m. service		



FROM SUE BALLENTINE, CHAIR OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Trinity Family,

As the Vitality (Witness) Team, formally known as the Vital Ministries Team, continues with plans for the “Reaching New People” program, I am reaching out to Trinity’s members to inform you of some ideas that have been suggested to improve our communication within the church and between our committees and teams.

We will soon have a new directory available which will not only include names and addresses, but also descriptions of our committees and teams, and committee/team member lists. Please take the time to review the information concerning how Trinity UMC operates through these committees/teams to see if you might have an interest in communicating ideas to, and/or becoming involved in one or more of them.

You may have seen the minutes of previous Council meetings on the table in the gathering area. These minutes include the reports given by chairpersons, and have been available to church members for vital information concerning Trinity’s events, as well as financials. At the March 2017 Council meeting, the Council voted to use a “consent agenda” for our future meetings, which decreases the time for reports in a meeting. Instead, this will increase the time during the Council meeting for meaningful discussions, focusing on how Trinity can share God’s love with others within our walls and beyond. (The reports previously given in Council meetings will be written up and sent to chairpersons prior to the next Council meeting. These reports will still be included in the minutes for those who could not attend.) As the in-coming Chair of Trinity’s Council, I want you to know that Council meetings are open to **all** church members, all are welcome to attend and become involved. If you have a suggestion for a discussion, please feel free to let me know. Trinity needs its members to be engaged, not only through worship, but making sure we communicate well with one another to become Trinity’s lifeline.

Another way Trinity’s members can widen our reach is through a new Facebook page (Trinity UMC). This page was created by Marie Stiles since we do not have the password to add or delete content to the previous page (TrinityUmc). If you go to Facebook, click find friends, and then click Groups (at the top of the page). Type in **Trinity UMC**, you will see some familiar faces for one of the choices, then click join. After you do, it will say “request sent”. This Facebook page will be the official page for Trinity UMC in West Columbia. Marie and I would like to see this page grow exponentially, allowing more people to see where we are located. Please log in, start posting, and let others know to do the same.

If you have any concerns or comments concerning any of the information above, please call me at 794-0061. Together, let’s figure out as many ways possible to spread the love we have received through Jesus Christ.

In God’s love,

Sue Ballentine
Chair of Council