

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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He Arose

As you read this newsletter, Easter has just passed us by. But it was certainly a wonderful celebration of the arising of our Lord Jesus Christ, victorious over death. For the first time in many years we began our Easter Day celebration with a Sunrise Service. As part of our service we decorated the sanctuary with Easter lilies, the paraments, and other altar items. The altar areas were empty except for the furniture. This was representative of the empty tomb that Jesus had just vacated. This service included communion being served while the congregation knelt at the altar receiving individual cups of the juice representing the blood of Christ that was shed for them.

Then at our 11 a.m. service the choir presented the Easter cantata. They did a splendid job as usual. K.C. Warble did an outstanding job as the narrator. The narration that Dan Greshel wrote for the cantata was so appropriate for our lives today. Of course, Christopher's musical accompaniment was fantastic. Also, the solos performed by Jo Ann Heiting, Jackie McNeil, and Dan Greshel just added even more to the enjoyment of the message of the cantata.

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the Holiest of days with you all here at Trinity UMC. But most of all it was wonderful to be able to celebrate Easter. For God's love for us was so great that He not only allowed Jesus to die on that cruel cross taking on all our sin, **BUT HE RAISED HIM VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH THAT 1ST EASTER MORN.**

Now because of the events of that first Holy Week, we can look forward to eternity in Heaven with our Lord and Saviour.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for His love for us.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch

★**NATIONAL**★
DAY of PRAYER
May 4, 2017

Please plan to join us for the **National Day of Prayer at 12 noon on Thursday, May 4**, as we meet to pray around the crosses. It will be a time for us to gather and pray for our great nation. Prayer is an important part of our Christian life, and gathering to pray for the wellbeing and turning back to God by our nation should be a priority for us as Christians.



Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 14, the United Methodist Men will host a Mother's Day Breakfast in lieu of their monthly breakfast and Bible Study. The breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 150 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and church's like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14th 2017, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. For more information, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Graduate Recognition

We will celebrate our graduates on **Sunday, May 21**. If someone from your family is graduating from high school or college, please contact Ruth Frady at 796-1592, or call the Church Office.



Summer Splash
June 3, 2017

Summer is just around the corner and so is our annual **SUMMER SPLASH**. Plans have begun for a morning of food, fun, games and surprises. Mark your calendars - June 3 starting at 10 a.m. with registration.

Bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen, and towels and enjoy a morning watching our children have fun-in-the-sun. To volunteer or contribute funds to help defray expenses, please call Rusty Poole at 796-3528. More info next month!!

Genie Duncan

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Maurice & Joyce Robinson

Thomas Risinger

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Tom Thornley

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd



Dear Pastor Donna,

I truly appreciated the extra check that I got around Christmas. I didn't expect it, and it meant a lot to me. I am doing well at my new church, but of course, it's not Trinity. I want to say again how much I appreciated your taking me under your wing last semester. If you need help with any local business, feel free to text me!

Love,
Natalie Cook



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.

**Raft-A-Rama
Saturday, May 13th**

Raft-A-Rama is a fund raising event benefiting Canoeing For Kids and will be held on the Saluda River in Columbia, SC. The seven mile paddle from CFK headquarters to the State Capital is suitable for absolute novice paddlers. The trip will begin at 9:30 a.m. Pre-register by May 1 to guarantee a seat in a raft. Registration Fee is \$80 and includes lunch at CFK HQ and shuttle service. If you have any questions, you can call Jay Alley at (803) 791-1727 or visit them on the web at www.canoeingforkids.org/raft-a-rama.

**Midlands Gives
Tuesday, May 2**

Midlands Gives raises money and awareness for Midlands nonprofits during a 24-hour online giving challenge. During Midlands Gives, contributions of just \$20 or more are amplified through sponsored prize incentives. You can go online on May 2 and do some second mile giving for our United Methodist mission projects and agencies here in the Midlands. Just go to midlandsgives.com, type in the name of the mission project and it will take you to a page that will give a lot of information about that project; how they will use the gift given that day, and then a link to a page to donate. A receipt will be immediately emailed for tax purposes. The Conference Office is at work rounding up matching funds so that each gift will be matched.

Community Recognition

In April we honored the employees at Carolina Gardens Assisted Living. Thanks to Hilda Edwards for her wonderful brownies she baked to add to the other goodies we had donated. Russell Unthank, Director of the facility, thanked us for thinking about his employees and was grateful that we brought a bag of goodies for each shift.

Who are we recognizing?

Date	Location	Responsible
May 1	Saluda River	UMW
June 22	WC 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.



The United Methodist Women will deliver snacks to the teachers at Saluda River Academy for the Arts on Monday, May 1st. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen at 8:30 a.m. to prepare the snacks and deliver them.

Our regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room.



Charlie Hooker, Becky Derrick and I attended FAN training on Saturday, April 22 and it was terrific! We are in the process of setting up the program. The program will start in June and additional information and activities will be in the June GLIA.

Marilyn Lloyd