

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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Summer Is Here

For the kids, I am sure it is **yea** the summer is here. For those of us older who are like me and do not like to be too hot, it may be yea summer is here.

However, on the bright side, we get the benefits of the farmers' hard work and the Lord's produce. Those fresh vegetables just cannot be beat. There is nothing that tastes better than home grown vegetables, especially if I do not have to cook them. Especially a good ole tomato sandwich. Yum.

Just think, without the Lord's help none of these vegetables would be possible. Yes, the farmer or gardener works hard preparing the ground and planting the seeds, or seedlings. Then comes God's wonderful work with the sunshine and the rain. Now man can water his plants every day, but that rain from heaven seems to be so much better for the garden plants as well as all other plants.

So often in life we take things for granted and do not realize how blessed we are. It is true that different areas of the world are better for growing certain things than others. Therefore, this brings about a way the countries of the world are interconnected with each other. Just think how awesome our God is.

I feel that God has designed us to get along with peoples of other cultures. Sometimes this may involve us accepting people who do not look just like us, or dress just like us. I also feel that God wants us to reach out to those who are less fortunate than we are. Some may be because of their own habits and addictions, but we are not to judge. We are to spread God's love by sharing. There are also others who are outcasts because they have been in abusive situations. They do not know what God's love feels like and it is up to us to share it with them.

May God bless you with working air conditioners during the hot weather to come.

Love and God's Blessings,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch



**Sunday, July 30
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Please join us for a wonderful time of eating homemade ice cream on Sunday, July 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our annual Ice Cream Social.

There will be door prizes, a kick off for Vacation Bible School and FAN (Faith, Activity, and Nutrition). We are planning to have a fun time. Please plan to join us for a fun filled night.

If you are willing to provide a churn of ice cream, please sign up on the sheet that will be in the Gathering Area.

I am looking forward to seeing how many different flavors we have this year. Last year all of them were so good I cannot remember what my favorite was. That's right, I made sure I tasted a little of all of them. I love homemade ice cream, don't you?

See you on July 30th at 6 p.m.

Rev. Donna



**Vacation Bible School
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
August 3, 4, & 5**



To My Church Family,

I want to thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. Your love and kindness meant so much to me.

I love my church family!

Nell Cooke



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, calls, cards and visits following my surgery and for the gifts of food once I was home. Your care and concern were very much appreciated.

Love,
Linda Maloch



To My Trinity Family,

I want to express my thanks for all of the cards, calls, visits and prayers during my recent illness. I appreciated your thoughtfulness.

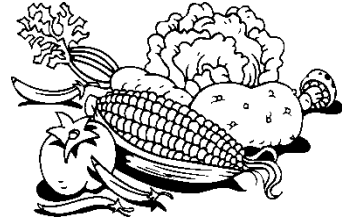
Love,
George Taylor, Sr.



We are now ordering fresh flower arrangements from Sightler's Florist. Their arrangements cost \$42.80 (includes tax) and they deliver at no extra charge. The flowers that have been on the altar for the last couple of months have come from Sightler's.

You can visit them at 716 Meeting Street or phone them at 794-2859 and order and pay for the flowers directly or you can choose to have the church order them for you. We will be billed once a month.

You always have the option of using other florists, but if you use someone other than Sightler's, Jarrett's Jungle, or Pineview Florist, you must place the order and make arrangements for them to deliver the flowers when someone is here.



Trinity Food Co-op

Remember, the **Trinity Food Co-op** is held on the **fourth Tuesday of every month!** The co-op is open to everyone, regardless of age. Our next co-op date is July 25.

If you would like to add your name, forms are still available on the Gathering Room table. The cost is \$5.00 and must be paid no later than the Sunday before each co-op date.

Becky Derrick



Community Recognition

The purpose of Community Recognition is to get us out into our community and involved with the people who help make it a great place to live and work.

In June Lily, John and K.C. Warble along with Jeanette Hornsby and her grandson, Aiden took donuts to the West Columbia Fire Department. Thanks to Libby and Bob Strickland for donating coupons which allowed us to buy donuts at a huge discount. The children presented them to the firefighters and then were treated to hats and a fun time playing on the equipment. Captain Wyatt Coleman thanked us for thinking of them.

Here's the upcoming schedule:

Who are we recognizing?

Date	Location	Responsible
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.

Why Haven't We Been Hearing Anything About Reaching New People Lately?

Because in January, the Reaching New People emphasis was incorporated into the new Vitality Team! Reaching New People was a program sponsored by the Conference designed to plant the seeds for churches who were declining or dying. We spent a lot of time last year educating our congregation and council on the principles of the program.

So many of the principles focused on the mission focus of the church so it seemed that what we had called the witness team in the past did that. In addition, some of the functions of the previous vital ministries team were a natural fit for the things that the Vitality Team needed to be involved with.

The **Primary Task** of the Vitality Team is to ensure that Trinity reaches out to people in the community with the good news of Jesus Christ and receives them into its care so that these people may develop a relationship with God and live as Christian disciples.

Areas of Responsibility:

Reaching New People

Community Recognition Program

Vegetable Co-op

Faith, Activity, Nutrition (FAN) Program

Balance Group

Church Welcome Center – Newcomers gifts, Connection Cards

Planning special ministry/witness events

Provide publicity for events through news releases, articles in GLIA, signs, social media and flyers

Bread for First Time Visitors

Follow up with Visitors

Nametags for Members

Greeters

Church Website

Coordinate printing and ordering of specialty items such as bags, pens, business card magnets, car magnets, etc.

Evaluate activities so that Trinity is most effective in a way that de-stresses teams and has more effective programs and activities.

Assist pastor with annual planning session

Assist Church Secretary with updating Church Directory

Make sure other ministry teams use planning forms

Questionnaires

- o Distribute evaluation forms for all ministry teams' activities

- o Collect planning forms, evaluation forms; organize and keep records

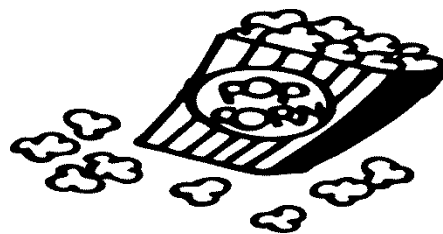


New Facebook Page for Trinity United Methodist Church

After months of frustration and attempts to set up a page for the church, we have finally succeeded in getting an “authentic page.” The name of the page is simply Trinity United Methodist Church. Because it is not a unique name (there are lots of churches and lots of Facebook pages with our name), the user name is, @trinityumcwestcolumbia. If you have not already “liked” and “followed” our page, you can easily find it by searching the user name rather than the title of the page.

As you know, folks get their news from lots of sources and social media is the primary way for the “younger” generations. Presently, Jeanette Hornsby and Marie Stiles are the administrators of our page and will be adding information and posting photos of events to make the page more interesting and useful. Activity will help keep it robust so visit it often to see what’s happening.

And, our Web site, www.trinityumcwc.org, is also updated regularly by Frank Howard. If you need to refer to the GLIA and have misplaced your copy, it can be found there.



Snacks and a Movie

August 13

4 p.m.

The next *Snacks and a Movie* will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room. Join us for a time of fellowship as we enjoy appetizers and watch “The Shack”.