

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 Almost Over

As we prepare for college and high school football games, please remember whose you are when you are a spectator. Sometimes we get so caught up in the emotions of the game and what is happening that we may forget to behave as Jesus would. Remember, we want the world to be able to see the light and love of our Lord and Savior through the lives we live daily.

September also brings us to our Wonderful Wednesdays. This time we will be using the Stories of Jesus and **Parables From the Backside**. I will give you the scripture we will be studying the Sunday before each session.

Another thing happening in September is that the Membership Team has begun to audit the church rolls as required by the *Book of Discipline*. Those who live out of town and therefore do not attend church here will be sent a letter asking them to let us know where they are now worshipping so we can update our rolls. We do not want to just remove people, but if they request their name be removed we will do so.

Another letter will be sent to those who live locally, but have not attended since I have been here. They will be sent a letter to see where they are now attending or encouraging them to become active worshippers here again. Those who seldom come to church, but we see occasionally, I will send a letter encouraging them to become active in the life here at Trinity UMC once again.

In last month's GLIA, Jackie included a list of names that we no longer have addresses for. These names will be read at Charge Conference so that next year at Charge Conference they can be removed. I just pray that these people are serving and worshipping the Lord where ever they are living now. We only had one call about those listed in the GLIA.

Please be in prayer for this roll auditing process. My goal is to have everyone attending church and worshipping God in some Christian church.

As many of you know I am buying a townhome in Aiken as I plan for my retirement next June. Right now, I am set to close on the home at the end of August. I am getting excited. Please remember me in your prayers as I seek to follow God's lead for the rest of my life. I do not plan on retiring from preaching, but I am planning to serve as a Retired Supply Pastor in the Orangeburg or Greenwood districts.

My prayers are with all of you. As I prepare for this last year here, I want to do the best I can to equip you all to serve the Lord throughout the rest of your lives.

May God Bless each one of you.

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



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS Beginning September 6

Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on September 6 and end on September 27. 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, \$3.00 for children 6 to 11 and \$1.00 for children ages 2 to 5. There is a limit of \$12.00 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 meal on September 6 will be prepared by Bonnie Ramsey, Mary Kamoroff and Jo Ann and Arnold Heiting.

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad
Bread & Dessert

Please fill out the reservation form found in the bulletin on the Sunday before each meal, or call the office by noon on the Monday before the meal so that we can make sure we have enough food prepared.



Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study Starts September 6th

You will need your Bible and be willing to discuss your ideas about the Parables that Jesus told and the stories about Jesus. Here is the schedule of the planned topics. I will give you the scripture to study the Sunday before each session.

- 9/06 Jesus and the Woman at the Well
- 9/13 The Other Son of the Prodigal Father
- 9/20 The Tax Collector and Pharisee
- 9/27 The Rich Man's Banquet

We will be looking at these stories and parables from a different perspective than you usually have. I am looking forward to seeing each of you.



Donnie Sox
Linda Maloch



To My Church Family,

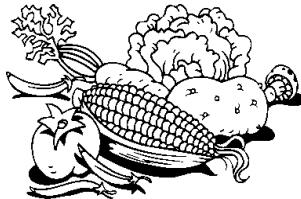
Thanks so much for your prayers, food, cards, visits and calls. To Pastor Donna and the choir, you are a blessing and an inspiration. It is so good to belong to such a caring church.

I love you all,
Hilda Edwards



**Church-Wide Clean-Up
September 30, 2017
10 am-2 pm**

On Saturday, September 30, from 10 am to 2 pm we'll be gathering to clean out the area on the stage and all storage areas in the church. We'd appreciate members of the following groups to have representatives at this event as well: Sunday School classes, choir, worship committee and any other committees who have items stored in various places. We'll have a light lunch for all participants. If you have questions, contact Jeanette Hornsby at hornsbjm@bellsouth.net or call her at 803-467-0993.



Trinity Food Co-op

Remember, the **Trinity Food Co-op** is held on the **fourth Tuesday of every month!** Our next co-op date is September 26.

If you would like to add your name, applications are 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



United Methodist Women

On Wednesday, September 13, at 11 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Women will meet in the Conference Room. (Our usual meeting date is the second Wednesday of each month.) All interested women are invited to join. It's time to make plans for the exciting new year ahead.

The Columbia District UMW 45th ANNUAL MEETING is Saturday, September 16, 2017, with the theme: "Is God Pleased with Us". Rev. Millie Nelson Smith is the speaker. The meeting is being held at the beautiful Washington Street United Methodist Church (1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 256-2417). Registration will take place from 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.

We'll meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to travel together. We're looking forward to the new books for reading and information about the UMW that's new. Friday, September 8, is the deadline to send in the \$15 checks to attend the luncheon. There are forms to be sent in on the Gathering Area table.

Marilyn Lloyd



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 10

The United Methodist Men will resume their breakfast and study on Sunday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. Make plans now to join them.



FAN Corner

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness," II Peter 1:5-6 (NKJV)

The FAN focus for September is on self-discipline for physical activity and healthy eating.

Making changes to improve your health can seem like a big task. No one can force you to eat right and exercise. Self-discipline, which is the ability to regulate your own conduct through principle and sound judgment instead of by impulses or desires, is important in any of life's endeavors. With self-discipline for healthy eating habits and physical activity, you are living God's word.

Making healthy change takes self-control. People who watch what they eat take control of their health. Make a simple change: get to know your food label. Let food labels help you choose foods that are lower in saturated fat, trans fat, and salt. And be sure to eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains because these foods are full of fiber that is naturally good for a healthier you!

Also, make and stick to a plan to build in moderate-intensity physical activity, like brisk walking, into your day. Record your activity to be accountable to yourself.

Regular physical activity is important for overall good health. It not only reduces the risk of breast, colon and rectum, and some other cancers, but it also reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, hypertension, and diabetes.

FAN Committee (Becky Derrick, Donna Eidson, Charlie Hooker, Jeanette Hornsby, Marie Stiles, Jessica Warble, Pam Turner, Jan Weaver, Marilyn Lloyd, Chair)



Our Exercise Class is now meeting every Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. and lasts about 45 minutes. We start with a warm-up followed by various balance movements and some chair exercises, and end with stretches and cool-down. Our purpose is to have fun, to be in a group in order to support one another in being more active, and to our becoming more conscious of what it takes to stay balanced in various situations.

Newcomers, both men and women, are welcome! This would be a good time to invite your friends or neighbors to join the fun and enjoy greater balance and flexibility. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area so that we can get an idea of how many plan to come, but you are welcome to join us whether you have signed up or not.



**TRINITY FUN DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

**EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? Last year 181 of these children found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 120 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10th,

to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on Facebook.



IN THE **Spotlight**

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 August, we visited Brookdale Assisted Living where our member Nell Cooke lives. Becky Derrick, K.C. Warble, Lilly Warble, John Warble, Riley Myers, Noah Myers, Emmaline Yordy and Jeanette Hornsby spent time with Nell. We took goodies prepared by Marty Johnson, Charlie Hooker and Hilda Edwards. Since the facility has been going through some changes, we didn't get to see many of the staff, but the lady we talked with was very appreciative.

Here's the upcoming schedule:

DATE	LOCATION	RESPONSIBILITY
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.

NEWS & Notes

Staff Parish will meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. Members are *Bonnie Ramsey, Chairperson, Becky Derrick, John Ballentine, George Taylor, Ruth Frady, Jim Stiles, K. C. Warble, Chris Derrick, Matthew Skipper, Francis Hipp and Tom Geddens.*

Budget Requests are due by Friday, September 8. The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. Members are *Mary Kamoroff, Chairperson, Pastor Donna, Sue Ballentine, Dolph Varner, Tom Geddens, Chuck Martin, Ted Frady, Becky Derrick, Erin Derrick, Jeanette Hornsby, Rhett Hook, Francis Hipp and Jackie Eitel.*

Church Council will meet on **Sunday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.**

The next **Snacks and a Movie** will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 4 p.m. *Hidden Figures* will be the movie shown. Mark your calendars!