

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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**Come Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ**

By the time you receive this newsletter we will probably be starting the church season of ADVENT. We will be looking forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. I always look forward to this season with great anticipation for without Christmas we would not have an Easter, and without a reason to celebrate Easter we would not have Salvation.

This past Sunday my sermon was about being ready on a split-second notice for the return of Jesus or for God to call us home. I also reminded the congregation to be aware and not to let themselves get too caught up in the secular holiday festivities that they lose sight of the real reason for this season.

I decided this year I was cutting back on sending out Christmas cards. Therefore, I want to share with you a poem I found that for me sums up why Christmas is so important in my life.

God Sent us a Saviour

By Roy Lessin

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.
*But our greatest need was forgiveness,
So God sent us a Saviour.*

God's Blessings to you and your family.
Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Sunday, December 24, at 6 p.m. Plan now to join us for this very special service.



Help Us Decorate for Christmas

On **Saturday, December 2**, we will gather in the sanctuary at **10 a.m.** to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be provided. Plan to join us as we prepare for the upcoming season. On Sunday, December 3, we will have the **Hanging of the Greens Service.**



"Memories of a Merry Christmas" Sunday, December 17

"Memories of a Merry Christmas" is the title of our 2017 Christmas Cantata here at Trinity on Sunday December 17th. We found this to be a delightfully different approach to the Christmas story. It's seen through the presence of a grandmother who is opening Christmas cards and sharing thoughts and memories that lead into the musical arrangements. Tiffany Dinsmore has agreed to play this role for us. She acts in our local community theaters, and also directs at Chapin Community Theater. We look forward to joining with her to bring you an entertaining collage of some of the most loved Christmas classics.



Our Giving Christmas Tree

This year we will have envelopes on our Gathering Area Christmas tree for the following:

**Saluda River Academy for the Arts
Canoeing for Kids
God's Helping Hands Project Share**

Thank you for your wonderful participation in helping us to reach out to others as we try to share His love with the rest of the world.



Linda Taylor Boatwright
Ray & Gale Frady
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *George and Morris Taylor and family* on the death of their sister, *Linda Taylor Boatwright*, on Monday, November 20, 2017.



Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

Words cannot begin to express my appreciation for the wonderful recognition and reception on Sunday, November 5. Your kindness, your generosity and your love were overwhelming. My heartfelt thanks to everyone for making it such a wonderful day.

*Love,
Jackie Eitel*



Dear Trinity Friends,

I want to thank you for the wonderful weekend and week, I should say. I had a wonderful time with you in worship and fellowship. Thank you for your kindness and generous gift. May God continue to bless your ministry as you go forth in faith.

Love,
Rev. Kempie Shepard



Trinity Family

A gift in honor of their Trinity Family has been given by ***Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting*** in lieu of sending 2017 Christmas Cards.



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all the love sent to me with cards, food, visits and all the prayers for my recovery. I am truly thankful for my Church family. God's blessings and my love to all.

Pam Hook



To My Trinity Family,

We are so grateful for all of your calls, thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks. We are thankful for all of the cards we have received, and for the basket of cards that Pastor Donna delivered to us. We appreciate your continued prayer and concern.

Love,
Bill and Jeanette Hornsby



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you to my beloved church family for the prayers and cards I received during my recovery from surgery. Thank you to Bonnie, Mary and Donna for stopping by the hospital to visit. It was great seeing you all.

I miss you all, but God has me on a fantastic journey of service to Him, through the music ministry He gave me. My prayers, hugs and love are sent to each and every one of you.

Laurie Knapp



FAN Goal of the Month

Encourage each other to eat healthy and to be physically active!

Social Support

In the church community, especially in the South, we do everything from celebrate to grieve with food and loved ones. It's a big part of the culture and tradition. Our social networks include church members, family, friends, or co-workers, and these people can support us in good times and bad, and we can return the favor. We are more likely to keep healthy habits with the support of others.

In Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, we find the words: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." (NKJV)

The church currently sponsors an exercise/balance class twice a week (Mondays & Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.) The exercise class will not meet for the rest of the year, but will resume on Wednesday, January 3. A sign-up sheet for 2018 is on the round table in the Gathering Area, so you can let us know of your interest. However, we want to be sure that you realize that you are welcome to join us when you are able. All exercises may be done while sitting, and you may stop at any time as you feel weary or unstable. We are not in a fitness contest, although we do encourage one another to think before stepping and be sure one is stable before moving to a new position. If you are able to join us, we have lots of fun.

If anyone is interested in joining an evening exercise class or a healthy eating support group, please contact Marilyn Lloyd or Marie Stiles.

The FAN Team will meet on Sunday, December 3, at 12:45 pm. At this meeting we'll be discussing how FAITH helps us make choices about our physical and mental health.

The FAN Team hopes that you're enjoying the monthly recipes, ideas and tips. Don't forget to look at the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Each month there is new information on each month's topic. Let us know what you'd like to learn about. We're here for YOU.

At our last meeting, we thought it would be good to think of **healthy treats and snacks** for the holidays. Some ideas included: **Nuts, celery, celery and peanut butter, carrots, little cauliflower and broccoli trees, pickles, cheese, wheat thins, seed or mixed grain crackers, shrimp, slender turkey slices wrapped in lettuce...** These choices are just a start...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



At the October 2017 meeting, the following officers were elected for 2018:

President:	Lynn Martin
Vice-President:	Jewel Percy
Secretary:	Linda Maloch
Treasurer:	Marilyn Lloyd

We look forward to an exciting new year. Join us for our December meeting Wednesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.



Fall Festival FUN: It was fun; the vendors had a great selection and such varied wares. Activities for ALL!

Country Store Bake Sale-Thank You! Thanks to those who made the goodies, sold and displayed them, and those who bought the yummy treasures.

Thanks to all who made the Consecration Lunch wonderful : clearing up after the Fun Day, moving tables and chairs, arranging and decorating the tables, folding silverware into napkins, bringing fabulous food, serving, cleaning up, washing dishes, putting things away... cleaning tablecloths (again!). Thank You!!

Marilyn



Columbia Community Concert Band
Presents
SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS
December 15, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Airport High School Auditorium. Chuck Martin will be driving the bus to the concert. The bus will leave from the Gunter Circle Parking lot at 6:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Admission is free.



Saturday, December 16

On Saturday, December 16, the children of Trinity will go Christmas Caroling and deliver the fruit baskets to the shut-ins. This will be a fun afternoon with special activities being planned. We will have additional information in the bulletin and emails.



**CANOEING FOR KIDS
CHRISTMAS TREES**

Canoeing for Kids Christmas Tree lots are now open and will remain open until December 23 or when they run out of trees. The trees are fresh Frasier Firs from North Carolina and can be purchased at CFK headquarters at 114 Riverchase Court in Lexington or from their lot at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church at 3401 Trenholm Road in Columbia. They have trees of every size. All profits will go to fund their mission of providing confidence-building canoeing and kayaking experiences for free to disadvantaged children in the midlands. Call them at 791-1727 if you have any questions.



We are taking a break from Co-op for the month of December but will be back in January 2018.

Same time same place!!

Mark your calendars for the Fourth Tuesday of each month:

January 23

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

Invite your friends and neighbors to participate in the co-op. The more participates we have the more produce we can get with our money. Remember that I need you to pay in advance so that I know who wants bags each month and also how much money I have to spend. Please let me know by the weekend before the Tuesday of co-op. Thank you for your help with this. *Becky*