

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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Some Questions You Have Asked Me... Answers

As many of you already know I will be retiring or changing positions from Full Time Local Pastor to Retired Supply Pastor in June of 2018. Your new pastor should be here on June 27, 2018.

Since I will be a Retired Supply Pastor I can no longer serve here as it would be a step down for this church. Your PPRC has requested an Elder in Full Connection, which I think is the right direction for you to go. My hope and prayer is for this church to continue to move forward in serving God. I do not see you as a dying church, but as a changing church, changing to meet the needs of a younger generation of adults.

Also, I have bought a townhouse in Aiken to hopefully live in as my retirement home. I hope and pray that the Lord will see fit for me to live there and continue to serve churches for Him as long as I am able.

I am not living or staying all the time in Aiken. I know that before Christmas I was down there a lot. Here are some of the reasons why:

-The back deck of the parsonage was being refinished and painted and there was no way to keep my pups off of it until it was dry, so I worked from Aiken for a week. I was in touch with Jackie on a daily basis.

-My dental dilemma...The 2 crowns on my upper front teeth had to be replaced. This required several extra appointments. They had to call me back in for an extra impression (the lab was not satisfied with the first one). My temporary crowns came off, then the next appointment was to fix my broken temporary crowns. Finally, new crowns were in but one did not fit right and they were the wrong shade. Then on December 13th I received my new crowns. Also as this newsletter goes out I have to be in Aiken for the funeral of my Aunt Mary.

Now that was not all that was going on in my life but I told you this to let you know why I have been to Aiken so much. Also, I have had other doctor appointments that were routinely scheduled and it probably seemed like every time you turned around I was in Aiken.

I do try maybe every other week to go down to Aiken on my days off, IF EVERYTHING IS GOING OK HERE. My first responsibility is to God and He has entrusted me with the spiritual leadership position of Trinity UMC, a responsibility that I take seriously. At the present time I am planning to be here until moving day June 27th. You are all very special to

me and I love each one of you dearly. I am praying this flu and virus season passes us quickly, so that we can continue to work together to serve God and make plans for the growth of Trinity UMC into the future.

May God Bless each one of you. Prayers especially for those of you sick at this time of the year.

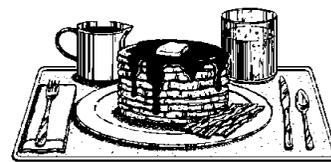
Love,
Rev. Donna, Patch and Curlie

Souper Bowl Sunday



Sunday, February 4

On Sunday, February 4, our Youth will be collecting funds after the service for Souper Bowl Sunday. All funds collected will benefit **Toby's Place for Women and Children**, a division of Oliver Gospel Mission. Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need by giving generously. Toby's Place is named in memory of Toby Cassels, son of Tobin and Pat Hook Cassels, who died in 2014.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 13

6 p.m.

Plan now to join us on Tuesday, February 13, for a wonderful pancake supper served with ham and sausage prepared by the United Methodist Men. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.



Wednesday, February 14

7 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, beginning a period of reflection and penance. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ.



Linda Taylor Boatwright
Linda Maloch

Samuel Robbie Gay
Linda Maloch

Darren Hook
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Barbara Alley
Wayne & Charlie Hooker



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Rev. Joe Alley, Jay and the family* on the death of *Barbara Alley* on Tuesday, January 9. Rev. Joe Alley was the pastor of Trinity UMC from 1978 -1985.

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Rhett and Pam Hook and family* on the death of his nephew, *Darren Hook*, on Saturday, January 20. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Pocketbook Ministry Trinity Women vs. Trinity Men

The Outreach Committee will be collecting gently used pocketbooks to donate to local programs serving women such as Killingsworth and the Epworth Family Care Center.

We are asking for the women of the church to donate gently used pocketbooks/purses and the men of the church to donate travel sized toiletry items that we will use to fill the pocketbooks.

The kickoff date is Sunday, Feb 4 and the deadline for donations is Sunday, March 4. All donations will be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Area. After the donations are received, the Trinity Youth Group will help fill the bags with the toiletry items. Please contact Jessica Warble with questions. Below is a list of suggestions of appropriate travel sized toiletry items:

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| Toothpaste and Toothbrush | Lotion |
| Floss | Kleenex |
| Body wash | Vaseline |
| Shampoo and Conditioner | Chapstick |
| Bar soap | Deodorant |
| Face cream (day and/or night) | |

(Items containing alcohol such as mouthwash and hand sanitizer would not be appropriate as well as items with sharp edges such as razors, manicure sets, and sewing kits.)



The Trinity United Methodist Women would like to thank our caring and generous church family for making it possible to provide Christmas gift bags to 33 children who participate in the Saluda River Academy for the Arts snack sack program. The same number of jars of peanut butter and jelly were also sent home with the children. We have been in mission to SRAA for about five or six years and we hope to be able to continue in our outreach in the future. Your interest, support and prayers are appreciated so very much.



SNACKS AND A MOVIE

The Real Jesus of Nazareth

February 11 @ 4 p.m. – Parts I & II

March 11 @ 4 p.m. – Parts III & IV

In the four-part series *The Real Jesus of Nazareth*, actor Robert Powell will visit the Holy Land, seeking clues to learn more about Jesus. Powell portrayed the Son of God in the 1977 miniseries, *Jesus of Nazareth*. The original series featured a cast of blockbuster stars, including Sir Laurence Olivier and James Earl Jones. The series has become an Easter and Christmas television tradition for many, and is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

The Real Jesus of Nazareth will draw parallels between the scripted depiction of the biblical story and real history, breaking down the life of Jesus and the world he lived in. It combines scenes from the landmark series with Powell's journey throughout modern Israel, where he meets archaeologists and scholars who help him reconstruct the story of the man who changed history and inspired billions.



Lunch Bunch will meet on February 4 following the service.

The FAN Team will meet on February 4 at 1 p.m.

The United Methodist Men's Bible Study will meet on Sunday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 11 a.m.

The Exercise Class meets every Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 25, at 9 a.m.



TRINITY FOOD CO-OP

Our next co-op date is **Tuesday, February 27**. Invite your friends and neighbors to participate. The more participants we have the more produce we can get with our money. Forms can be found in the Gathering Area.

Bags are only \$5.00 each and need to be paid in cash. Please remember 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. *Becky*



Community Recognition Program for 2018

Recognizing those in our community who are often unrecognized for the hard work they do is the goal of the Community Recognition Program. This program was started as a way of connecting more with our community as a part of the Reaching New People process. One of the things we kept hearing as we visited places last year was "no one has ever done this for us before!" This year we've added some different places and retained some that we feel deserve recognizing every year.

What's Involved?

Volunteers are welcome to take refreshments to the following sites at any time during the month that works for them and the facility. We usually call ahead to make sure we have enough food for the number of staff and to make arrangements for a convenient time. Sometimes we stay to meet the staff but most often they are busy and we leave the refreshments for them to enjoy when they can.

If you don't want to actually visit the site you can help in other ways. You can make homemade goodies (which are greatly appreciated); donate coupons or money, and/or purchase donuts or other food.

You can do this with a small group of church friends, your Sunday School class or other group—the point is to connect with new people to share our love!

Please contact Jeanette Hornsby by phone (803-467-0993) or by e-mail (hornsbjm@bellsouth.net) if you'd like to be in charge of a particular month/place.

January	Ray Culbreth's Group Home
February	Laurel Crest
March	3 Rivers Psychiatric Hospital
April	Saluda River Elementary
May	East Point Academy
June	Fire Department
July	Police Department
August	God's Helping Hands
September	Northside Middle School
October	Riverbanks Zoo
November	New Elementary School
December	911 Center & EMT's

ATTENTION!

"Holocaust Remembered"
Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC
February 1-15, 2018

Holocaust Remembered is a unique Holocaust Exhibit that tells the personal stories of SC Survivors and Liberators. This exhibit was created to honor the memories of the survivors and victims of the Holocaust. The lesson in teaching the Holocaust is to remember...

We invite the community to stop by Virginia Wingard during normal business hours and tour the exhibit. Business hours are 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (Monday - Thursday). Other viewing times are available with an appointment. Please call the church office to schedule ([803-772-0794](tel:803-772-0794)).

In conjunction with the Holocaust Exhibit, there will be a panel discussion on Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. The panel discussion "The Aftermath of the Holocaust" will be moderated by Robin Waites, Executive Director of Historic Columbia, and will have 3-4 adult children of Holocaust Survivors.



We will be preparing Valentine's Day bags for our shut-ins and for the 58 residents of Asbury Arms. We will be including Valentines from members of the congregation and small candies in each bag. We will be collecting Valentines, signed with a note of encouragement, through Sunday, February 11. You can participate by bringing signed cards to be included in the bags, and/or by making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the bags and candy. Please see Becky Derrick if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on February 21 and end on March 14. 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. Children 6 to 11 are \$3.00 each. Children ages 2 to 5 are \$1.00. There will be a limit of \$12.00 to be paid 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 first meal will be prepared by the following team:

February 21: Linda Maloch & Gale Frady

Menu: Home-made Pizza
Salad & Dessert

Pastor Donna will lead the Bible Study.



Columbia Community Concert Band
Presents
A Winter Concert
February 23, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Columbia Community Concert Band's Winter Concert will be held on Friday, February 23, 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.



On the World Day of Prayer, March 2, we will gather at 12 noon for Prayer Around the Crosses. In case of rain, we will have prayer in the Gathering Area.