

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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John's Jottings

I have had people over the years comment about the Prayer of Confession, particularly in the Communion Service. Some say "why do we need to confess our sins every time we have communion as God has forgiven our sins." Some comment that the prayer itself is negative. In response I ran across this from Martha Greybeal Rowlett's book *In Spirit and in Truth* and would like to share it as it addresses confession as a means of grace.

Church members occasionally object to the inclusion of a prayer of confession in the order of worship for the congregation, "It makes people feel bad," they say. Confessing our offenses and our negligence stirs up guilt feelings and contributes to low self-esteem. People come to church to feel better, not to feel worse."

Christian confession, however, is a means of grace. When we confess who we really are to the One who already knows us and loves us as we really are, we have a chance at self-esteem grounded in personal integrity. God's acceptance and forgiveness does not say that everything we have done and left undone is all right. It says that we can pick up from here and move on. Freed from the burden of guilt, we can live with our real, sinful selves, accepting ourselves because God accepts and esteeming ourselves because if God prizes us how can we do otherwise? ¹

Our self-esteem as Christians comes not because we feel good about ourselves but because God holds us in such esteem that God accepts and forgives us even though we are sinners! Confession is our admission that, in the words of the "Prayer of Humble Access" in the old communion liturgy, "We are not worthy as to gather up the crumbs under thy table." When we confess to God that we are not worthy, we are not good enough, we have not done what God wants us to do; God says, "True, but come to the table and eat anyway." God's esteem for us is much greater than our self-esteem could ever be and we come to know God's esteem as we confess.

¹ Martha Graybeal Roelett, *In Spirit and in Truth*. In *A Guide to Prayer for all God's People*, Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck, Nashville: Upper Room Books, 1990, p. 224.



Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on September 19 and end on October 10. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study, led by Pastor John, 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 meals will be prepared by the following team:

September 19: *Jewel & English Pearcy*

Menu: Crock Pot Chicken, String Beans, Bread & Dessert

September 26: *Jim & Marie Stiles*

Menu: BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw & Dessert

October 3: *Becky Derrick & Sue Ballentine*

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert

October 10: *Linda Maloch & Pauline Wenner*

Menu: Pizza, Salad & Dessert



SNACKS AND A MOVIE

Conrack

September 16

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Conrack is based on Pat Conroy's autobiographical novel *The Water is Wide*. In the late 1960s, he accepted a teaching job on a small island off the South Carolina coast and found that his school was essentially a shack, filled with illiterate students who could not count, and did not even know that they lived in the United States. The film shows the struggles he had in trying to find new ways to engage them and teach them, and the barriers that were placed in his way.

The film will start promptly at 4:15 p.m. to avoid interfering with the start of the Church Council Meeting. Please come in through the doors by the kitchen (Gunter Circle).



Bill Hornsby

Oren & Hilda Edwards	Boots Morgan
John & Patsy Zeigler	English & Jewel Pearcy
Anne Piercy	George Taylor
Linda Maloch	H. D. & Doris Wessinger
Charles & Susan Bruorton	Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Joe B. & Patricia Castles	Jan Stamps

Helen Jumper Hallman

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Barbara Alley

Edwa Meek

Stephen Kamoroff

Boots Morgan
Edwa Meek
Jan Stamps



Special Music

**SPECIAL GUEST VOCALIST
KERRI ROBERTS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Kerri Roberts is a Carolina Girl - born and raised in Florence, SC, and now living with her family in Columbia! Kerri holds BM and MM degrees in Vocal Performance from Columbia College and the University of SC respectively. She was a two-time district winner and regional finalist for the Metropolitan Opera Competition and was the recipient of several prestigious awards for excellence in opera and musical theater,. Kerri has had the privilege of performing locally, regionally, and internationally in every genre from opera and oratorio, to musical theater, big band, pop, and contemporary worship.

Kerri met husband Brent in college and the two will celebrate 20 years of marriage this coming January! In 2008, with 3 young children in tow, Kerri and Brent followed the call of Christ to go and serve the people of Zambia. They served 3 years in the capital city of Lusaka training church leaders and working to establish small businesses, and 3 years in rural Zambia teaching biblical principles and discipleship through farming. Over these 7 life-changing years they added one more daughter to their family by birth, and one son by adoption. Their family of 7 returned to Columbia in late 2014.

Kerri and Christopher McCroskey are friends and have done theater together. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her beautiful voice and hear her testimony as a missionary in Zambia.



Volunteers are needed to assist with **Children's Church**. Contact Patsy Boggs or Jeanene Varner if you can help in this vital ministry. Safe Sanctuary approval is mandatory.



Dear Trinity Family,

It is hard to find words to describe how gracious and generous you all have been with me and my family during the time of Bill's hospitalization and death. From cards, calls, e-mails, facebook messages, visits, donations and meals, you have made us feel so blessed. My hope is that I can pay those acts forward and never forget how wonderful my church family has been.

With much love,
Jeanette



To My Trinity Family,

I greatly appreciate and have benefited from all the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers that you sent my way before, during, and after my recent surgery.

We Love You,
Ted and Ruth



Dear Trinity Family,

A heartfelt thanks for all of your prayers and the food, cards, and calls following my surgery. Your kindness was much appreciated.

Love,
Carolyn Sox



To My Trinity Family,

Thanks to all of your for the cards, calls, food and especially the prayers during my illness. It was truly appreciated by me and my family.

Love,
Francis Hipp



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 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.

September Northside Middle School
October Riverbanks Zoo

November New Elementary School
December 911 Center & EMT's



TRINITY FOOD CO-OP

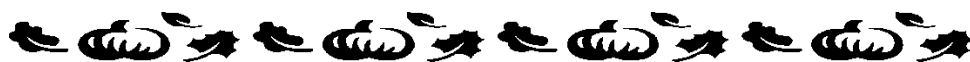
Invite your friends and neighbors to participate.

Our next co-op date is **Tuesday, September 25**. 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 **Sunday, September 23**. Thank you for your help. *Becky*



**FALL FUN DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
10 AM - 1 PM**



Are you a direct sales vendor? Make your own special goodies? Want to rent space at Trinity United Methodist Church at our Fun Day October 20th? We will have a number of direct sell vendors, homemade goods, BBQ for sale and a bounce house for the kids while your customers shop!

Vendor fee is \$25. You can donate an item to the silent auction and receive a discount on your spot!

Email trinityumcfestival@gmail.com and we will send you a vendor form or you can pick up a form from the Gathering Area. Please note you will have to mail your payment to hold your space or you can drop it off at the church. Deadline to register is October 16th. If you are direct sales and your company has a rule about having more than one rep at an event please let us know too!



No Time for Physical Activity?

Here are some ideas to help fit more physical activity into your day:



- Look for short, 10-minute periods of time during the day in which you can do some physical activity.
- Walk to the mailbox.
- Park at the far end of the parking lot when at the store, mall, or work.
- Be active during lunchtime! If you bring lunch to work, you may have time to take a brisk walk.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Plan and prepare meals ahead of time, so you'll have time to exercise.
- Walk the dog a little longer at a brisk pace.
- Get your family to exercise with you. It's a fun way to spend some quality time together.
- Use your Food and Physical Activity Diary. This can help you to see where you can fit in more physical activity.
- Do chair exercises while watching TV.
- Replace part of your TV/computer time with physical activity.
- Set aside a block of time every day for planned physical activity.

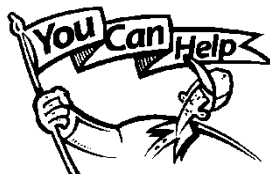
Make being active a part of your daily routine, just like brushing your teeth and taking a shower.



The Exercise Group will begin a new season on August 20
We will meet at a new TIME!
11a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays
(We DO NOT meet on holidays.)
We will have a new program of exercises!

Beginning on August 20, the Exercise/Balance Group will practice lessons from "Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis", a DVD created by Dr. Paul Lam. While working with the Arthritis Association, a program was created which helps to relieve pain, reduce falls, and improve the quality of life. As with most exercise programs, we begin with Warm Up exercises for the body, and Cool Down at the end. The exercises consist of slow, smooth, continuous movements, designed to improve health and mobility.

Because most of the class time will be seated, most participants should be able to do the exercises more easily, with less chance of falling. We want each person to do only what he/she is able to do, whether sitting OR standing.



SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING AGAIN!

Hard to believe it, but school is back in session! Saluda River Academy for the Arts has been completely renovated and has been open for a couple of weeks. The UMW, along with the generous support of our church family, has been in mission to Saluda River and the children in the Snack Sack Program for a number of years, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to help them again in 2018-19. In an effort to make the best use of our resources, we are asking for monetary donations to be used in purchasing items specifically requested by the teachers. If you would like to help in this worthy cause, please give your money or checks (made payable to **Trinity UMW**) to Marilyn Lloyd or Lynn Martin. We will be accepting donations through September. Your support is appreciated so very much!



August 28, 2018

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

I am writing to you as not just the chair of the Finance Committee, but as a devoted member of our church with the desire to see it grow and be sustained as a vital part of the Christian community in West Columbia. Although buildings are not a church, it is our responsibility to maintain our facilities and as such I need to bring your attention to the following and allow each of you to be a part of the solution in whatever way you can and are able to do so.

Many of you are aware of the problems we have had over the years with the roof leaking in the older parts of the Sunday School wing. This area has a flat roof which is problematic and ours especially so because of its age. It has now reached the point we have to address a solution to avoid structural damage to our basic structure.

The Board of Trustees presented a proposal to the Church Council to address the problem with a long term solution of replacing the current roof with a membrane covering system installed by CMS Roofing Company. The estimate for this job is eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) plus repairs for existing structural damage that may be found in the process.

The Council voted to proceed and approved a Capital Campaign to raise as much support as possible to reduce the amount we will have to borrow from a local bank to finance this construction. We currently have thirty- two thousand dollars (\$32,000) in our Capital Maintenance Account available for this effort.

We have faced several needs for Capital Campaigns over the years and have seen a remarkable response to the needs they addressed. At every point when we relied on our faith in God and our belief in the mission of His church here at Trinity, we have been successful.

Please prayerfully consider what your gift will be and clearly indicate it is for the "Roof or Capital Maintenance Fund".

Sincerely,

Dolph Varner
Finance Chairperson



As Wonderful Wednesdays begin this fall, Pastor John would like to see this as a launch of ongoing Bible Study. If there are particular Books of the Bible you would like to study or topics from a Biblical perspective, please let Pastor John know.



Cristen Hipp
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Ray & Gale Frady no longer have a home phone number.
Please use their cell phone #'s to reach them:

Ray's Cell #: (803) 622-9906
Gale's Cell #: (803) 622-4787



Trinity Friends,

I help Trinity United Methodist Church of West Columbia with free donations whenever I shop online with [iGive.com](https://www.iGive.com). Right now, iGive is giving out bonus donations! New members who join by 9/15 can get an extra \$3 donation for Trinity United Methodist Church of West Columbia. The stores make this possible because they want you to like them and shop at them over and over again. There's 1,904 socially-responsible stores helping to make donations happen. If you haven't downloaded the iGive button to your browser, you would need to do that before the donations can be made.

I hope you'll give it a try. To learn more or sign up now, use this link: <https://www.iGive.com/T4vxwc> (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser to access the page). Help Trinity earn more dollars for its programs and other needs.

Marie

***EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9***

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 9th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



The **Church Office** will be closed on **Monday, September 3**, for Labor Day.

All **2019 Budget Figures** are due by **Wednesday, September 5**.

The **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** will resume on **Sunday, September 9**, at **8:30 a.m.** All men are encouraged to attend.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Sunday, September 9**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Members of the team are *Dolph Varner, Chairperson, John Jordan, Sue Ballentine, Tom Geddens, Jackie Eitel, Chuck Martin, Ted Frady, Becky Derrick, Erin Derrick, Jeanette Hornsby, Rhett Hook and Francis Hipp.*

A **Special Charge Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, September 11**, at **6:30 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to gain approval to borrow funds for the roof replacement.

The **UMW** will meet on **Wednesday, September 12**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. **The Exercise Class will not meet that day.**

The **Columbia District UMW Annual Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, September 15**, at Trenholm Road UMC. Those attending should meet in the **Gunter Circle parking lot at 8:15 a.m.**

Church Council will meet on **Sunday, September 16**, at **6:30 p.m.**

The **Sunday School Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, September 30**, at **9 a.m.** Everyone is invited!

Charge Conference will be held on **Tuesday, October 9**, at **7:30 p.m. at Trinity.**