

# 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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## John's Jottings

Tribalism-v-Connectionalism

As most of you know, we left Trinity as Ashton got older and felt that she needed more than what could be offered at Trinity. This is a common issue in smaller churches. They may not have the resources to provide all that a family may need for the spiritual growth for all members of the family. In both of my appointments at Shiloh and North Columbia I had people who told me that they were going to other churches because there were no other children.

I had someone ask me as I returned what could have been done to keep us from leaving Trinity as Ashton got older. I pondered this question in the weeks since that meeting. Kay and I truly loved Trinity and always felt a connection here even as we left. Though the question may have been couched in terms of programs or activities, I realized that the answer to the question may be better answered in terms of attitude and how we perceive church.

One way in which we perceive church is tribal. We see the church as a tribe that is to supply all the needs of all members of the tribe. This is an attitude that most people have and admittedly one that we had as we changed our membership to Mt Hebron. If the tribe I am in can not meet all my needs then I find another tribe that can meet my needs.

Also, the tribe may tend to say that one must stay within the confines of the tribe. You get your needs met within the tribe and you don't go outside the tribe. You participate in the activities of the tribe and nowhere else. Or you have to be a member of our tribe to participate in our activity or the life of the tribe.

This admittedly was my attitude when we made that decision to leave Trinity and go to Mt Hebron. We had to be a member of one tribe or the other, one church or the other.

But as I have grown I have discerned a much better attitude and perception of church that is one of connectionalism. Connectionalism is a favorite term in Methodism as our whole polity is based on all churches being connected.

Connectionalism says that if my local church (tribe) does not offer something that someone in my family needs, then I can go to another church (tribe) for that offering but maintain my connection with my local church.

I was confronted with this when I went to Shiloh. There was one young man who had reached the age of confirmation and was wanting to be confirmed. Tribalism says that I do a one on one confirmation class with him and bring him into membership of the tribe. As I contemplated this and putting myself in his place I knew just how unsatisfactory this would be. What 14 year old boy wants to spend an hour one on one with a pastor. Since the tribal route was unsatisfactory I

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decided to go the connectional route. I contacted the youth director at Mt Hebron who I knew was starting a confirmation class and asked if this young man could go through the confirmation class with him but then be confirmed at Shiloh. He and the pastors and Mt Hebron agreed to this plan. Therefore the young man got the full experience of a confirmation class which he enjoyed with many of his friends as he went to Brooklyn-Cayce. But also the kids from Mt Hebron, a large church, got to experience small church worship as we added a visit to Shiloh as one of the confirmation activities.

This experience taught me that we need to see ourselves more as connectional than tribal. Our membership in a particular church does not mean that that church has to meet all our needs and that if we or someone in our family may have a need that can be met at another church they can go to the other church and maintain their membership, just as the young man went to confirmation and Mt Hebron but became a member of Shiloh.

I can't say that if I had this attitude earlier that we would not have left Trinity as Ashton got older but perhaps we would have stayed and let Ashton participate in activities at Mt Hebron. But I think that we may be more likely to keep or at least maintain connection with people if we take more of a connectional rather than tribal attitude as individuals and as a church. If someone needs to participate in a program that they or a family member needs at another church let them feel free to go and to go with blessings so that relationships may be maintained.

We will celebrate connectionalism in a very powerful way on October 7 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On this day we break bread and drink wine as we and Christians throughout the world are connected as the Body of Christ. Though our programs may differ and we may get our needs met in different churches at different times, we are all one in the Body of Christ participating in the coming of God's Kingdom.



**West Columbia River Walk**  
**Sunday, October 7**  
**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

We will hold a **Blessing of the Animals** on **Sunday, October 7, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at the **West Columbia River Walk**. We will be at one of the picnic tables along the walk, the exact spot to be determined as the picnic tables are on a first come first serve basis. We will have a brief service at 5:30 then remain until 6:30 to bless animals individually. Remember that all animals must be restrained on leash or cage per park policy and for the safety of the animals. Please share with all friends as we celebrate all of God's creatures



**Bill Hornsby**

Tommy & Marty Johnson  
Grover & Patsy Shuler  
Rudy & Ellen Mancke

**Kem Sutherby**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Patsy and Claire Boggs and family* on the death of Patsy's father, *Randolph E. Meek*, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Please keep Patsy, Claire and the family in your prayers.



Wonderful Wednesdays will continue through 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 meals will be prepared by the following team:

**October 3:** *Becky Derrick & Sue Ballentine*

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert

**October 10:** *Linda Maloch & Pauline Wenner*

Menu: Pizza, Salad & Dessert



**ALL SAINTS' SERVICE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

All Saints Service will be held October 28. This is a service in which we honor the memory of church members, and family of church members who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. If you have a loved one that has passed away since last All Saints Service that you would like to honor that day please contact the church office. There will be an opportunity to honor the memory of the saints in our lives regardless of when or their connection to the church.

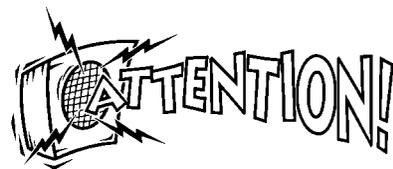


We welcome our newest member, *Kay Jordan*, who joined Trinity on Sunday, August 26. Kay is the wife of Pastor John Jordan and resides at 1512 Cardinal Drive in West Columbia.



Congratulations to Matthew Skipper and Lizzie Hall for receiving the 2019 Bobbi Rossi Memorial Scholarship. Matthew is a member of Trinity and is a senior at Cardinal Newman. Matthew is the son of Steve and Kathy White and Jenks Skipper. He is the grandson of John and Patsy Zeigler and Malcolm and Gwen Skipper.

"Happiness is found along the way, not at the end of the road," was written by Bobbi Rossi before her tragic death in 1984. Bobbi's family honors her passion for living – one that was "blazed with spirit, zeal and energy" by awarding the Bobbi Rossi Memorial Scholarship to a Cardinal Newman School senior each year. For thirty-three consecutive years, the Rossi Foundation has awarded this scholarship to a deserving senior, one who possesses not only the dedication and spirit of Bobbi but also the desire to touch the lives of his/her classmates and the community. Candidates are nominated by faculty, staff and members of their class during the junior year. Once they are nominated, they must complete an essay explaining how they embody the same spirit and outlook on life as Bobbi. The essays are judged by a panel consisting of members of the Cardinal Newman faculty and staff, the Rossi family and representatives from The Central Carolina Community Foundation.



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



### Community Recognition Program for 2018

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#### **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](mailto:hornsbjm@bellsouth.net)) if you'd like to be in charge of a particular month/place.

<b>October</b>	Riverbanks Zoo
<b>November</b>	New Elementary School
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*Women's Fellowship*

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The Gala is an annual charitable dressy dining event featuring music by the Dick Goodwin Quartet, a fashion show sponsored by Chico's, a silent auction and a delicious meal. The Gala will be held **Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6 pm at Seawell's in Columbia.**

We are planning to go as a group on the bus. In order to reserve a table together, we'll need to send our money as soon as possible. Please bring your contribution of \$60.00 to the UMW meeting on Wednesday, October 10 or give to Marilyn Lloyd as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMW.

You do not have to be a member of Trinity's UMW to attend. All women are invited to a fun night out! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Area. Sign up as soon as you can or call Marilyn at 794-2563 for more information.



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#### **10 tips for becoming more active as a family**

Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages. Being active as a family can benefit everyone. Adults need 2-1/2 hours a week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day. Follow these tips to add more activity to your family's busy schedule.

**Set specific activity times.**

Determine time slots throughout the week when the whole family is available. Devote a few of these times to physical activity. Try doing something active after dinner or begin the week-end with a Saturday morning walk.

**Plan ahead and track your progress.**

Write your activity plans on a family calendar. Let the kids help in planning the activities. Allow them to check it off after completing each activity. Include work around the house. Involve the kids in yard work and other active chores around the house. Have them help you with raking, weeding, planting, or vacuuming.

**Use what is available.**

Plan activities that require little or no equipment or facilities. Examples include walking, jogging, jumping rope, playing tag, and dancing. Find out what programs your community recreation center offers for free or minimal charge.

**Build new skills.**

Enroll the kids in classes they might enjoy such as gymnastics, dance, or tennis. Help them practice. This will keep things fun and interesting and introduce new skills!

**Plan for all weather conditions.**

Choose some activities that do not depend on the weather conditions. Try mall walking, indoor swimming, or active video games. Enjoy outdoor activities as a bonus whenever the weather is nice.

**Turn off the TV.**

Set a rule that no one can spend longer than two hours per day playing video games, watching TV, and using the computer (except for school work). Instead of a TV show, play an active family game, dance to favorite music or go for a walk.

**Start small.**

Begin by introducing one new family activity and add more when you feel everyone is ready. Take the dog for a longer walk, play another ball game, or go to an additional exercise class.

**Include other families. Invite others to join your family activities.**

This is a great way for you and your kids to spend time with friends while being physically active. Plan parties with active games such as bowling or an obstacle course, sign up for family programs at the YMCA, or join a recreational club.

**Treat the family with fun physical activity.**

When it is time to celebrate as a family, do something active as a reward. Plan a trip to the zoo, park, or lake to treat the family.

**TRINITY FOOD CO-OP**

*Invite your friends and neighbors to participate.*

Our next co-op date is **Tuesday, October 23**. 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, October 21**. Thank you for your help. *Becky*



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



Get started on your Christmas shopping early this year! With more than 25 vendors with a variety of products to buy or order, it will be a shopping mecca!

Mark Saturday, October 20, on your calendar and tell your neighbors! Already confirmed are: Mary Kay, Fluff n Stuff (handmade crafts, pillows, etc.), LulaRoe (clothing), Tupperware, Paparazzi (jewelry), Avon, Jordan Essentials (skin care), LipSense (skincare & cosmetics), ItWorks (nutrition and beauty products), Illuminiscents, Kay's Kreations (beaded jewelry), Norwex (kitchen basics), Dawn Henry (health, wellness, & beauty), Magnabilities (interchangeable magnetic jewelry), YL Essential Oils & Embroidered Door Mats, Bath Fitters (remodeling) and Ruten Tuten BBQ, many of whom are returning for the 3rd year in a row. In addition, Trinity UMW will once again be selling baked goods in their Country Store.

You can find us on Facebook at Trinity United Methodist Church @trinityumcwestcolumbia and view our event there to see an up-to-date list of confirmed vendors. Profits from the event give back to the community with this year's donations going to Epworth's Children Home, the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the church's capital fund for roof repairs.

For more information about the Fall Festival, contact Erin Derrick at 803.467.3484 or email her at erinderrick@gmail.com.



**Fall Festival**  
**UMW Bake Sale**

On Saturday, October 20, from 10 am to 1 pm, we will be sponsoring a day of fun, food and fellowship for the community and we need your help. As part of the event, the UMW will be selling baked goods in our famous Country Store and we need our wonderful cooks to donate cakes, pies, cookies, bread, jams and jellies, etc., to help stock the shelves. Please price your items and bring them to the church on Friday, the 19th, or Saturday morning before 9:00. Signup sheets will be on the table in the gathering area or you may contact Gale Frady (622-4787) if you'd like to donate.



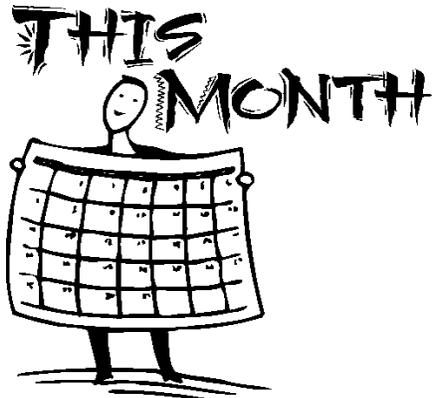
**Epworth Ice Cream comes to Trinity!** Epworth Ice Cream is excited to bring our new pint sale program to Trinity with 100% of proceeds benefiting Epworth Children's Home. We are offering a chance to purchase all 4 flavors of ice cream for \$25. The flavors are: traditional Epworth Peanut Butter, Vanilla Bean, Vanilla with peanut butter cups, and Caramel. **The sale will begin Sunday, October 7 and will end with Epworth delivering the ice cream to the gathering area after church on Sunday, October 21.** Order forms will be placed in the bulletins, will be on the gathering table, and will be available during Wonderful Wednesdays. If you are unable to pick up your ice cream on October 21, we will place it in the church freezer labeled for you to pick up at a later time. The order is for 4 pints (one of each flavor) and you can order as many 4 pint packages as you would like! Jessica Warble, member at Trinity, will be in charge of this sale and will accept your order forms and payment. **Cash or check only with check made payable to Epworth Ice Cream.** Jessica is currently the Executive Vice President for Residential Services at Epworth Children's Home as well as a member of Trinity UMC. She can answer any questions you have about Epworth Ice Cream and can be reached at [laborde1900@gmail.com](mailto:laborde1900@gmail.com), [jwarble@epworthsc.org](mailto:jwarble@epworthsc.org), or (803) 608-8422. For the history behind Epworth ice cream, please visit the website at [epworthicecream.org](http://epworthicecream.org) and please "Like" the Epworth ice cream page on Facebook.

# Consecration Sunday

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

This year our Consecration Sunday will be held the first Sunday in November. Our speaker this year is **Rev. Regie Thackston**. He will be with us for the Leadership Dinner on Monday, October 29, as well as our preacher for Consecration Sunday.

The Celebration Meal following the service will be a covered dish meal. The meat will be provided.



The Exercise/Balance Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The class does not meet on holidays and will not meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, October 7, immediately following the service.

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

Trinity United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, October 10, at 11 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Men's group will meet on Sunday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Food Co-op will be held on Tuesday, October 23.

GLIA articles are due on Wednesday, October 24.

The Sunday School Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 28, at 9 a.m.



Lunch Bunch WILL NOT MEET IN NOVEMBER.

Trinity United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, November 14, at 11 a.m.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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

The FAN Team will meet on Sunday, November 25 immediately following the service.

Trinity Food Co-op will be held on Tuesday, November 27.