

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

Christianity and Politics

We are in the midst of one of the most contentious seasons of the year, election time. Our roadways are littered with signs for candidates for every office imaginable. Media- radio, television, print, and social- are full of ads and posts for candidates. Often these ads are filled with accusations, questions of character, and, to be perfectly honest, insults regardless of the party. The primary campaign tactic of today seems to be to tear down your opponent rather than focusing on what one stands for and plans to accomplish while in office. Often, we those who favor a candidate or position that is different from ours we tend to cast in a negative light. Our position is that "we" are right and "they" are wrong.

So how do we as Christians engage, or even should we engage, in the political process? I believe that as Christians we should be involved in the political process. Much of the prophetic works of the Old Testament is political as the prophets confront the kings. As we are transformed into new life by the faith of Jesus Christ, that new life engages all aspects of our life, including political. So yes, we as Christians should be engaged in the political process. We should vote!

So, who should we as Christians support for office, Republicans or Democrats? The way in which we re-present Christ to the world as we engage in the political process is not according to whether we think Jesus would vote Republican or Democrat but how we as Republicans or Democrats encounter each other in this process.

As Christians our rules of engagement differ from the world which says that any who disagree with me or my candidate are wrong. The World says that we engage in debate in order to convince the other to come to my side because they are wrong. As Christians we enter into conversation under different rules.

The first and primary rule of Christian engagement in political or any other debate is the commandment of love our neighbor as ourselves. We remember that the person on the other side is a Child of God, created by God, in God's image just as we are. That Democrat or Republican is a Child of God whom we are to love. So, we enter into conversation with a attitude of love even in the midst of our disagreements.

Since we are under the prime command to love the other, then we enter into conversation in order to understand the position of the other, not in order to convince the other that they are wrong and I am right. We listen to the other because we love the other and want to understand the other. Many of the most contentious issues in our society may be resolved if we simply took the time to listen with love and understanding to the other side. We may not completely understand, we may

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not agree, but we demonstrate love even as we don't understand and disagree. We listen to each other in order to try to understand each other.

We as Christians should always seek the truth. We need to look beyond the rhetoric and accusations to see what is the truth. Check the facts and look at the total platform of every candidate. Be informed about the candidates and the issues on the ballot.

I close this jotting on the elections with the words of John Wesley written October 6, 1774, which hold true for us today.

I met with those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.

Let us remember these words as we vote.



Consecration Sunday is this Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Our speaker this year is *Rev. Dr. Reginald Thackston*. The Celebration Meal following the service will be a covered dish meal. The meat will be provided.



Jewel's Pink House Saturday, November 10

The UMW is sponsoring a trip to **Jewel's Pink House** on **Saturday, November 10**. We will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot and leave at 10 a.m., have lunch there and return around 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area.



The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held on **Tuesday, November 20**, at **7 p.m.** This year it will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church located at 1001 12th Street in Cayce.



We welcome our newest member, *Slone Taylor*, who joined Trinity on Sunday, October 28, by Profession of Faith. She lives at 1200 Tarrytown Lane, West Columbia, SC 29170.



Randolph "Ebbie" Meek

Mary Kamoroff
Ray & Gale Frady
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
English & Jewel Pearcy
Oren & Hilda Edwards
Tommy & Marty Johnson
John & Patsy Zeigler
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Jim & Marie Stiles
Bonnie Ramsey
Linda Maloch

Freddie Shull

Ray & Gale Frady
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
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Bucky Phillips

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Bill McClain

Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Linda Maloch

Eugene Eaddy

Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Linda Maloch

Laurin Bank

Ray & Gale Frady
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Jim Dress

Ray & Gale Frady
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Bill Hornsby

Edwa Meek
Dolph & Jeanene Varner

Rev. Sam Clardy

Oren & Hilda Edwards

Guy Gantt

Ray & Gale Frady



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Wayne and Charlie Hooker and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Freddie Shull, on Saturday, October 6.

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Pris Phillips and Kellie Hill and their families on the death of Pris's husband and Kellie's father, Bucky Phillips, on Saturday, October 27.



Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 4. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

To our Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, cards, food, and words of sympathy expressed to us following my father's passing. It meant so much to us knowing you were thinking about us and praying for us during this time.

We also want to thank Trinity for the use of its beautiful gathering area for Dad's celebration of life.

With love,
Patsy and Claire Boggs



Dear Trinity Family,

We truly appreciate all the calls, cards, food and prayers during this time of the passing of our brother-in-law, Freddie Shull. Thank you for all of your thoughtfulness.

With love,
Wayne, Charlie and Ray



Dear Trinity Family,

I'd like to thank each of you for all the prayers and cards you sent to me after my fall. Your faith and love, with your love and prayers, has kept me going. Please continue your prayers and I hope to see you soon.

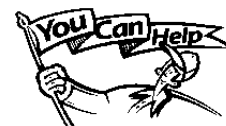
May God Bless You All,
Margie Gay



Dear Friends of Trinity UMC,

Thank you so very much for having me to sing and share about Zambia and Love Africa Mission with your church. It was truly a joy to worship with you and to be blessed by such a kind family of God!

I am grateful!
Kerri Roberts



Volunteers are needed (2 or 3 individuals/families) to deliver food to the God's Helping Hands outreach clients on November 17th at 9a.m. If you are willing to help, please contact K.C. Warble, 608-1866.



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.

What's Involved?

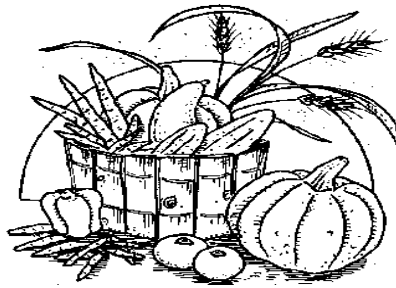
Volunteers are welcome to take refreshments to the following sites at any time during the month that works for them and the facility. If you don't want to actually visit the site you can help in other ways. You can make homemade goodies (which are greatly appreciated); donate coupons or money, and/or 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.

November

New Elementary School

December 911 Center & EMT's



*Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Are looking forward to a
Very Merry Christmas!!*

We will be having co-op in November on the 27th.
We are taking a break from Co-op for the month of December
but will be back in January 2019.

Same time same place!!

Mark your calendars for the Fourth Tuesday of each month

Invite your friends and neighbors to participate in the co-op. The more participants 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



Women's Fellowship

United Methodist Women's News

Thank you to everyone who signed up to attend the **Killingsworth Gala** on November 8. We have reserved two tables to accommodate our group because of the great response to this event. The silent auction preview begins at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:45. The fashion show begins at 7:30. Please arrive in time to be on the bus by 5:45 p.m. so that we can enjoy a wonderful evening of food and fellowship as we support Killingsworth in their efforts on behalf of the women in our community.

Another group that the UMW supports is **Sistercare** which addresses the needs of the survivors of domestic violence and their children who seek shelter and services to escape the abuse in their lives. An acknowledgement of our donation to support their ongoing work was received from Nancy Barton, their Executive Director.

The UMW would also like to thank the caring and generous family of Trinity for the donations received in support of the Saluda River teachers in filling their wish list. Through your support, we were able to fulfill almost all of their requested items. The following note was sent by Cameron Beeler on their behalf: *Trinity UMC, How do I even thank you guys? You are such a blessing and it feels amazing to have a supportive community. Thank you for all of the donations. I am a passionate advocate for our children. SRAA LOVES YOU GUYS!* Together we, at Trinity, are making a difference in the lives of the people of our neighborhood.



**Order Your
Poinsettias**

We will be taking orders for poinsettias through November 18th. The cost will be \$6.00 per poinsettia. We will have order forms in the bulletin on November 4, 11, and 18. Please let me know if you would like for us to mail or email a form to you.



Staff-Parish Committee will meet Sunday, November 4, at 6 p.m.

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.