

# 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*

"Let us go across to the other side." (Mark 4: 35)

These words begin Mark's account of Jesus stilling the storm at sea. Luke's account of this miracle follows Mark's almost verbatim except Luke adds "of the lake." Upon reaching the other side, Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac, possessed by a legion of demons. Jesus knew that there were those that needed healing on the other side of the lake, even though that was gentile territory. To meet that need, Jesus and the disciples had to go across the lake in a boat.

Jesus and the disciples hop in the boat and cast off to sail to the other side of the lake. Jesus quickly falls asleep in the boat as they head to the other side.

Suddenly a storm arises! Waves crashing over the sides of the boat! Thunder clapping! Lighting Flashing! Rain pouring down! The disciples panic! Jesus sleeps. The disciples wake Jesus up, "Don't you care that we are going to die!" Jesus calms the storm and admonishes the disciples for their lack of faith.

We tend to look at the lack of faith of the disciples as their not trusting that with Jesus they would be safe during the storm. But if we look at this beginning line, "Let us go across to the other side" we can see that their lack of faith may not be that Jesus would keep them safe in the storm, but that Jesus would get them to the other side.

Sometimes Jesus tells us to go the other side. The other side may be many things. For some it may be the other side of grief, the new normal without the loved one. It may be the other side of school so one may begin that career dream. It may be the other side of retirement. It may be the other side of a career change. It may be the other side of a new mission for the church as the neighborhood changes. In our present circumstances it is the other side of this pandemic which has upset much in our lives.

Jesus did not tell the disciples that it would be smooth sailing across the lake to the other side. Jesus did not say that there would not be storms. But he did say that they would go across to the other side. With Jesus in the boat they were able to get through the storm to the other side.

When Jesus tells us to go to the other side, he does not promise that there will not be any storms. Getting to the other side of grief may mean many agonizingly lonely nights. Getting to the other side of school may be filled with nightmares of difficult classes or teachers. Getting to the other side of retirement or a career change may lead to a crisis of identity as we often identify ourselves by our career. Getting to the other side of a new mission for the church may be fraught with uncertainty and conflict. And it may seem that we will never get to the other side of this pandemic.

When Jesus tells us to go across to the other side we will get across. There may be storms. There may be conflicts. There may be uncertainties. There may be nightmares. There may be loneliness. There may be many obstacles in getting to the other side. But we can have faith that Jesus will get us through the storms and all the other obstacles we may face as we go across the lake to the other side.

Shalom,  
John

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Our Charge Conference has been scheduled for **Thursday October 29 at 6:30 p.m.** Like many things this year, charge conference will be different. Rather than in person it will be held via Zoom. The link and password to the meeting will be given to us prior to the meeting. Please complete your reports at least a week prior to the meeting.



After many years of study and preparation, internships, rotations and pharmacy board exams, **Matthew Martin** is now a fully licensed pharmacist in S.C. and Georgia. Matthew is currently employed with Publix in the Lowcountry of S.C. and travels between several locations as he's needed to augment pharmaceutical services to their customers. Matt would like to thank his church family for their support and encouragement through the years as he worked to achieve his goal of being a pharmacist.

**Dr. Matthew C. Martin** is the son of Chuck and Lynn Martin, brother of Jon, and the grandson of George (Deceased) and Carolyn Hardee.



Jan Weaver is now using her cell phone as her primary phone. Her cell # is (803)542-3384.



**Tommy Johnson**

Jeanette Hornsby  
Linda Maloch  
George & Mary Ann Rentz

**Marian Risinger**

Joe Alley  
Nell Cooke  
Jeanette Hornsby

**John Simmons**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Jim & Marie Stiles

**Margie Gay**

Wayne & Kay Johnston  
Jeanette Hornsby

**Dr. Tan Platt**

Ray & Gale Frady

**Teresa Murray**

Jeanette Hornsby

**Miriam Simpson**

Jeanette Hornsby

**Garland Pearson**

Jeanette Hornsby

**Amanda Snow**

Jeanette Hornsby

**Mary Lee Williams**

Jeanette Hornsby

**Mary Alice Duncan**

Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Jeanette Hornsby  
Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Linda Maloch  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
George Taylor  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Frances Garren  
Rock & Katherine Webb  
Wayne & Kay Johnson  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
Mary Jane Phipps  
Jack Padgett  
Pam Temple  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Dolph & Jeanene Varner

**Shirley Scurry**

Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Jeanette Hornsby  
Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Reid Northcutt**

Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Jeanette Hornsby  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

A gift to the Trinity Sanctuary Roof Fund was given in loving memory of **Tommy Johnson** by **Marty and Stephanie Johnson**.

A gift to Trinity has been given in loving memory of **Arnold Heiting** on his birthday September 14<sup>th</sup>, by **Jo Ann Heiting**.

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

**Charlie and Ashton Jordan Rogers and family** on the death of his grandfather, **John Simmons**, on August 3.

**Chris and Erin Derrick and family** on the death of his nephew, **Reid Northcutt**, on August 15.

The **family and friends** of **Shirley Scurry** on her death August 16.

**Bill and Helen Duncan and family** on the death of his mother, **Mary Alice Duncan**, on August 17.



Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for the book *Blessings for the Soul* by Susie Larson. Its words truly bring grace and peace to my heart.

Thanks, also, for your prayers and kind expressions of love and concern when I was sick. I feel good most days now – especially considering the number – **90**. Wow!

On Sundays I try to picture in my mind the beautiful sanctuary at Trinity and where people are sitting. Thanks for sending the CDs. I like to hear all of you singing and also John's sermon and Christopher's beautiful piano music.

Love to all,

Nell Cooke



## UMW News

### **A birthday surprise for Jackie Eitel on August 19: Woman of the Year**

The woman we have chosen this year is a loyal and dedicated member of our Trinity family. She works tirelessly to support our pastor, church council members, our various committees and congregation. She is our liaison with the UMC State, District and Conference officials and the community. She is entrusted with confidential financial information and reporting, always available to facilitate building and maintenance issues and makes sure daily and weekly e-mails as well as our monthly newsletter keeps us up to date and informed on matters concerning the life of our church. She does all this and so much more with a smile on her face and a kind and encouraging word for all with whom she interacts. In this ever-changing time of Covid-19, she has been a stabilizing and indispensable presence in our midst, and we are pleased and honored to name our beloved Jackie Eitel as Trinity's 2020 Woman of the Year.



### **SRAA Back-to-School 2020**

As the staff and teachers prepare to begin a new school year under modified and constantly evolving circumstances, we have the opportunity to provide a variety of much needed items that have been requested by the Guidance Counselor, Cameron Beeler, at Saluda River. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome, and if you would like to donate in this way, please make checks payable to TRINITY UMW and send to the church office for delivery to Marilyn Lloyd.

The SRAA bin will be inside at the main entrance on the Gunter Circle side (in the same area as the collection box for God's Helping Hands) for you to drop off items you have purchased. Due to the fact that some items are in short supply and limits have been placed by stores on some items that have been requested, the time for accepting donations has been extended through October. Your generous support of this neighborhood mission is so appreciated by everyone at Saluda River! Let us offer our love and prayers to the dedicated teachers, staff, students and parents as they begin what is sure to be a challenging year ahead.

#### **Updated List of Items Needed:**

Mini water bottles (water fountains will be turned off); Lysol/Clorox wipes, etc.; Lysol spray; Band-aids; boxes of tissue; sandwich and gallon zip top bags (any brand). **Please note:** Face Masks and Hand Sanitizer have been removed from the list.

### ***Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering September 13<sup>th</sup>***

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? Currently, over 80 children call Epworth home. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 124 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 13th, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on Facebook.

Because we were not meeting in-person for the Epworth Mother's Day Offering, this will be a combined offering. We will accept donations for Epworth during all Sundays of September. You can bring your offering for Epworth to the church or mail it in. If you would like to give directly to Epworth, you can do so at their online giving form: <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/give/>.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who made my birthday such a very special day. I was so surprised by all of the cards, the flowers, gifts and food. A special thanks to the Trinity United Methodist Women for the honor of being named their Woman of the Year. It means more to me than I could ever express in words.

I am thankful for all of you who have made my years here at Trinity such a blessing. Your many expressions of caring and kindness throughout the years have sustained me through so many events in my life. I am truly fortunate to be a part of the Trinity Family.

Love,  
Jackie Eitel