

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

Christian Stewardship

The end of the year is often a time when churches tend to have stewardship campaigns to prepare the budget for the coming year. Of course, 2020 has not been a normal year and like most churches we will not have our usual stewardship campaign. You will receive a pledge card in your next statement of giving which you may return to the church. Even though we are not having the stewardship campaign, I think it is still important that we give attention to stewardship.

Most of us would say that stewardship is about our giving to the church. Usually we think of this in terms of our monetary giving. We consider a good steward as one that gives all one can to the church. Many consider giving their time and talent to the service of the church to be a means of stewardship in addition to monetary giving. Christian stewardship is about what we give to the church and to the work of God's Kingdom.

But I think that Christian stewardship entails more than just what we give to the church. A steward is one that manages and cares for the property of someone else. A steward manages the affairs of a kingdom while the king is away. A steward may manage the affairs of a kingdom until the heir to the throne is of age to govern if the heir is a child. So as Christian stewards we are to manage the affairs of God's kingdom and care for God's creation.

In the creation story in Genesis 1 God gives Adam dominion over the earth. I believe this dominion is in the sense of being the steward of the earth. So, we humans were created to be the stewards, to care for God's creation and manage God's earthly affairs. Now I do not mean to sound like a Deist (one who believes that God created then left the earth to humans without divine involvement) but that we are to be the hands and feet for God's will in the world.

Being a Christian steward means that we care for all the resources God has given us to use for the advancement of God's Kingdom. While this does get back to giving to the church as we traditionally think, it also involves going beyond just "church work" and working for the benefit of all God's people. As Christian stewards we strive for an equitable and just distribution of all our divinely given resources. It is not only that we give to the poor but also that we work to address the causes of poverty, particularly chronic poverty. We work to distribute resources so that all people throughout the earth can live their lives to the fullest, receiving all that they need for that end.

Being a Christian steward also means caring for God's creation: eliminating non-biodegradable waste as much as possible, recycling and reusing when we can, being careful with our use of chemicals that may harm the environment. God gave us a beautiful planet with clean fresh air and water. Let's keep it that way.

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Being a Christian steward also means caring for ourselves. We are to care for the physical body that God has given each of us. We should eat properly. Get regular exercise. Work to maintain a healthy weight. Over the past three years I have lost about 20 pounds and I feel much better. We also should, as much as possible, avoid situations where the transmission of disease is likely. So during this present time we should wear masks, maintain social distancing and avoid large crowds in indoor spaces.

Being a Christian steward also means caring for oneself by getting enough rest. Most Americans do not get enough sleep, me included, even though rest is one of the Ten Commandments. Our bodies require rest in order to replenish so that we can do the work of God's kingdom.

Being a Christian steward also means that we care for ourselves emotionally. Holding onto emotions, particularly anger, guilt, shame, resentment, anxiety and depression, all keep us from living fully. Sadly, there has been a stigma attached to seeking treatment for our mental and emotional health, so many do not seek help. Having a trusted friend or support group is very beneficial in maintaining our emotional health but also there are times when professional help and possibly medications may be necessary. Please never hesitate to seek help when feeling emotionally distressed.

Being a Christian steward means caring for God's creation and managing the affairs of God's Kingdom on Earth. We care for ourselves, physically and emotionally, as we are created in God's image. We care for others, working for the benefit for all people world-wide, for they are created in God's image. We work for an equitable and just distribution of resources so that all people can live life to the fullest. We care for the earth, this beautiful planet that God created for us to live. We care for the church, God's visible Kingdom on Earth. As Christian stewards we work to manage the affairs for God's kingdom in all aspects of our lives, not just church.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeremy and Hannah Easterling Glanz on their marriage Saturday, October 10. Hannah is the daughter of Donna Easterling and the late Tony Easterling. Their address is 670 Pat Mell Road, SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

Jon and Erin Martin on their marriage Saturday, October 17. Jon is the son of Chuck and Lynn Martin and the grandson of Carolyn Hardee and the late George Hardee. Their address is 11210 Wittenridge Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022.



Mary Alice Duncan
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Tommy Johnson
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Marian Risinger
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Arnold Heiting
Maurice & Joyce Robinson

Fred Mills
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Mariorie Mills
Francis & Gillett Hipp

Miriam Simpson
Amanda & Monte Horn
Francis & Gillett Hipp

Margie Gay
Francis & Gillett Hipp
Maurice & Joyce Robinson

Lisa Butler
Maurice & Joyce Robinson

Carolyn Sox
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A Gift to Trinity is given in loving memory of *Carolyn Sox* on her birthday November 3rd, by *Joyce Robinson*.



A Gift to Trinity is given in honor of *Jon and Erin Martin* on their marriage on Saturday, October 17, by *Chuck and Lynn Martin*.

**KILLINGSWORTH 2020
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Join us for a night of joy and inspiration as we unite and celebrate Killingsworth Home and all that it means to the women of the greater Columbia area. This year will be a Stay-at-Home Gala with door prizes, virtual fashion show and special guests. The event will take place November 12 at 7 p.m. If you would like to attend this virtual Gala, registration is free online at: WWW.KILLINGSWORTH.ORG or you may register by mail using the tear off registration at the bottom of the flyer. You will need to provide your email address in order to be included as a guest. Please call the Church Office if you would like for us to mail or email you a flyer.

If you would prefer to support Killingsworth by making a monetary donation, please make your check payable to TRINITY UMW and send to Marilyn Lloyd or Jackie Eitel in the church office.

Killingsworth has been a source of much needed help to the homeless and alcohol and drug addicted women of the Columbia area who are trying desperately to turn their lives around. They have provided a safe place to live, counseling in life skills, and employment strategies when they're ready to join the workforce. Hearing testimonials from the women whose lives have been impacted by their stay at Killingsworth was always the highlight of the Gala in years past. Your support of this worthwhile local charity will be most appreciated by the women who live and work there.



Dear Trinity Family,

My thanks to all of you for making my 98th birthday so wonderful. The cake and balloon brightened my day and made it extra special. I am blessed to have such a caring church family.

Love,
Pauline Wenner



Congratulations to *Mac and Paige Stiles* on the birth of their daughter, *Addison Quinn Stiles*, on Tuesday, October 27. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. *Addison* is the sister of *Piper Stiles* and the granddaughter of *Jim and Marie Stiles*.



UMW NEWS

As we conclude our collection efforts on behalf of SRAA, the UMW thanks everyone who donated items and money for the purchase of supplies they needed to begin the school year. We delivered 84 cases of water, 5 cases of Kleenex tissues, sandwich and gallon ziplock bags, Lysol spray/wipes and a large Bandaid Kit for the school nurse. Their needs will continue and change throughout the year but, thanks to the generosity of our church family, we have funds available to continue to assist them in the way most advantageous for the children. Mr. Beeler, Guidance Counselor at SRAA, has written two thank you notes expressing their gratitude for our partnership with the school, so our good works in the community are much appreciated.

Trinity's UMW has been recognized once again as a Five Star Unit which recognizes us as meeting certain criteria of giving to five missions: Special Mission Recognition, Pledge to Missions, Gift to Missions, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering. We also received the Woman of the Year Certificate for Jackie Eitel which will be presented to her with deep gratitude on behalf of Trinity for her hard work and dedication on behalf of our church family.



Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 1, so remember to turn your clocks back one hour.