

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

Hymns

One of the things we all have missed during the past sixteen months has been singing hymns together. Everyone raising their voices in praise to God tends to bring us all together as a community. With the majority of the congregation vaccinated, we are now able to return to congregational singing and saying the creeds and prayers as a community. Whether we sing like an operatic diva or a dying bullfrog, we all look forward to raising our voices in song.

During this time we have not been singing, I have been reading the hymns more as poetry rather than songs. Songs are poems set to music. I noticed that sometimes the musical breaks differ from the punctuation breaks in a song. For example, we sing: "Hark the herald angels sing" as one line when it is "Hark! The herald angels sing." This indicates a pause between "Hark" and "The herald angels sing" while we sing them together. At times, I notice a slightly different meaning as I read the song instead of singing.

Also, as we sing we become more focused on the music. We listen more for the notes and rhythm rather than the words. How many times have you thought you knew the words of a song, then read the lyrics. We may sing the song but not think about the meaning of the words.

Many hymns are full of theology, particularly the hymns of Charles Wesley. Some have said that as much of Methodist theology may be found in the hymns of Charles Wesley as there are in the sermons of John Wesley. *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* and *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* speak to Methodist theology of the sacraments. *I Want a Principle Within* speaks to the doctrine of Christian Perfection. Other hymns also are expressions of doctrine and theology. *Come, Thou Almighty King* is a celebration of the doctrine of the Trinity.

As we go back to singing, take time to read the hymns before the service starts. Separate the words from the music, then put them together. The hymns are selected to match the theme of the scripture readings and the sermon. While we sing, listen to both the music and the words to receive the lesson that the writer of the hymn has for you.

Shalom,

John



Graduates for 2020

Brandon Edwards

Matthew Martin

Graduate for 2021

Brady Derrick



Congratulations to:

Mark and Daphne Branham on the birth of their daughter, *Lyla Faye Branham* on Wednesday, June 23. Lyla Faye weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. She is the sister of *Haven and Everly*, the granddaughter of *John and Sue Ballentine* and the great-granddaughter of *Tom and Marilyn Loyd*.

Tyler and Rachel Tillage on the birth of their daughter, *Ava Rose Tillage*, on Thursday, June 17. Ava Rose weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. She is the granddaughter of *Eng and Cindy Percy* and the great-granddaughter of *English and Jewel Percy*.



Congratulations to *Matthew Skipper* for making the President's list again this semester. He has made the President's list every semester.

Congratulations to *Megan Edwards Corby*. She is an on-line student at Liberty University and made the Dean's List all year. She and her husband, *Nick*, are stationed in Panama City, Florida. She is the mother of *Ryker*, daughter of *Carliss Edwards* and granddaughter of *Oren and Hilda Edwards*. They are so very proud of her.



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. For July:

July 1

Marilyn Lloyd

1162 Gunter Circle

West Columbia, SC 29169

July 2

Bill Smith

1529 Sewanee Drive

West Columbia, SC 29169

July 15

Francis Hipp

1408 Cardinal Drive

West Columbia, SC 29169

July 28

Jackie McNeill

113 Meadowview Court

West Columbia, SC 29169



Iris Turlington
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Dean Frye
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff

Bill DuBose
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Nora Parks
Ray & Gale Frady

Jared Greshel
Jo Ann Heiting
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
English & Jewel Pearcy
Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Margie Ogburn
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
Jo Ann Heiting



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Jean Raynor and family* on the death of her sister, *Margie Ogburn*, on Monday, June 21.



A Memorial Service for Grover Shuler will be held at Trinity on Saturday, July 17, at 2 p.m.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the box of goodies for my 91st birthday. Everything is so good. I hope I don't gain too much to get into my clothes.

I miss you so much and hope you are staying well. You're very special to me.

Thanks again.

Lots of love,
Nell Cooke



To My Trinity Family,

How great is it to have a caring family? I want to thank you for the cards, calls, gifts, thoughts and prayers from so many of you.

My Aunt Iris was the last of her generation and was loved by so many. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Thanks again for being a caring church family.

Love you all,
John Zeigler and Family



Dear Trinity Family,

We only hope you can imagine how much your prayers, get well card, calls, and special touches meant to us as we dealt with our recent health issues. Ted continues to recover from the fractured hip, and I'm recovering and feeling much better since the surgery for diverticulitis.

We placed your get well cards where we could see them everyday for needed encouragement. Knowing that we were encircled by your prayers was priceless!!!

Our Love,
Ruth and Ted

A Special
THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the support you have given me. June 29 will be one year since Tommy died. It has been a horrendous year for me, more than I could ever have imagined. April 16 I woke up for the first time and got right out of bed without having to struggle to do so or pray myself out of bed to face the day. June 9 was a turning point for me. I suddenly felt like the window shade had been opened, and I could finally see a future without Tommy, but more importantly, I could see me excited for my future. I just finished a Kay Arthur Bible Study on Revelation June 22, and it has given me great joy. I can picture Tommy in heaven with family/friends who arrived before him. He told me before he died he hoped to see Jesus first and then the others. I know he is praising the Lord all day long, and I can just imagine so vividly what a glorious time they are all having. I'm writing this to let y'all know that I could not have survived without all of your support. The prayers have sustained me when I thought I could not bear another moment of the grief. The cards, phone calls, text messages and offers of help arrived on days when I really needed a boost. Our mighty God is so wonderful. He knew beforehand when the hardest times would come, and He provided comfort for me through all of you. Our church is so fortunate to have Pastor John and Jackie Eitel always available to offer support and prayers. I know y'all know what I mean.

Trinity is a loving and compassionate church family, and I've felt it throughout this year. Thank you for being you and continuing to reach out to me as I navigate a new normal for myself after 49 years as a "we". God bless you all, and may God continue to bless Trinity.

Love In Christ,
Marty Johnson



During these past 16 months, in addition to her other duties, Jackie has taken on additional tasks as we have tried to remain connected during the pandemic. She has had to email and mail the order of worship and sermon so we could worship together in our homes. She has had to edit the order of worship to make sure I had copied and cited all the liturgy and hymns correctly. She has had to edit my sermons so that they made sense as you read them. Believe me this was no easy task.

These may seem like little things but they were so crucial in our being able to maintain connection, particularly to those who do not have internet access. So, give Jackie thanks for all the little things she does to keep the ministry of Trinity going.

John

ADULT
Sunday School

Combined Adult Sunday School Class

Tom Geddens is teaching a **Combined Adult Sunday School Class** at **9:45 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The study is on the Gospel of John and you will need to bring your Bibles.

At this point in time, the policy for masks for Sunday School is the same as the policy for the worship service. Those who are fully vaccinated do not have to wear a mask, but those who are not vaccinated should continue to wear a mask.