

# 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* *Where Does Our Money Go?*

Where does our money go? All that money we send to the General Church in our apportionments, where does it go? What does it fund? I don't want our money from Trinity to fund something to which we may not agree. These are legitimate questions. We may hear rumors of the church financing Black Lives Matter, or Wesley Covenant Association, or Planned Parenthood. I recently ran across an article from the UM newsletter that I receive daily which addressed these concerns.

There are seven line items in our apportionments that go to the General Church. These are Africa University, the Black College Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education, and World Services. Some of these are specific. Africa University goes to support Africa University, the first Pan-African University on the continent. The Black College Fund supports 11 United Methodist-affiliated HBCUs. The Episcopal Fund supports active and retired bishops worldwide. The Ministerial Education Fund supports our affiliated seminaries and clergy education. The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund supports the work of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

The following agencies of the United Methodist Church are primarily funded through either the General Administration or World Service Fund: The Commission on Archives and History, Church and Society, UM Communications, Discipleship Ministries, Finance and Administration, Global Ministries, Higher Education and Ministry, Religion and Race, and the Status and Role of Women. Our money does go to support these ministries of the church.

Some UM agencies are partially funded by the General Administration or World Service. The United Methodist Women and Men receive some support but are primarily supported by members. Global Ministries and United Methodist Committee on Relief receive support from World Service but also from additional calls for response to need. UMCOR cannot predict the number of disasters it may respond to, so it is difficult to budget beyond the administrative budget.

The United Methodist Publishing House and Upper Room are primarily funded through subscriptions and sales so our apportionments do not support these entities. Retirement and Health benefits are paid primarily by the participants but there are some subsidies for clergy in poorer regions of the world.

There are many United Methodist ministries such as children's homes and hospitals that are ministries of a particular Annual Conference, such as Epworth Children's Home. These are funded through the Annual Conference, not the General Conference.

The United Methodist Church does not fund any groups within the denomination that advocate a particular social or political stance such as Reconciling Ministries, Wesley Covenant Association Good News, Institute on Religion and Democracy, and Methodist Federation for Social Justice. All of these are funded by its membership and private donations. The UMC does not fund any of the following organizations: Black Lives Matter, March of Dimes, World Vision, Samaritans Purse, Planned Parenthood, or any political party or candidate. As of 2017 the UMC no longer funds the Religious Colation for Reproductive Health. An individual congregation may support some of these entities, but The United Methodist Church as a denomination does not. Therefore none of Trinity's money goes to these entities.

Over the next few months, I will give a brief overview of each of the different agencies of the church so you may be informed of how our money that goes to the General Church is being used to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Shalom,  
John

## *Glasses for Guatemala*

We will be collecting old glasses (prescription or readers) as part of the Columbia District Mission initiative for *Healing Guatemala*. This is a mission involving Rev. Luke Rhyee, a member of the South Carolina Conference who has served in the Columbia district. He is both a pastor and physician. If you have old glasses or cases sitting in some drawer, bring them to church and place them in the box in the gathering area. If you prefer, you can drop them off at Ashland United Methodist Church, 2600 Ashland Road. We will be collecting until September 30.



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. Those celebrating in September are:

### 09/01

Carolyn Hardee  
Congaree Neighborhood, Room 2378  
Greenway at Still Hopes  
One Still Hopes Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

### 09/03

Bill Pearson  
1208 Rutland Avenue  
West Columbia, SC 29169



**Iris Turlington**  
Jeanette Hornsby

**Jared Greshel**  
Jeanette Hornsby

**Margie Ogburn**  
Jeanette Hornsby

**Kathleen Streetman**  
Jeanette Hornsby  
English & Jewel Pearcy

**Dean Frye**  
Jeanette Hornsby



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:**

**Mike and Krystal Laughead and family** on the death of her father, **Gene Pike**, on August 8, and the death of her grandmother, **Margaret Pike**, on August 14.

The family of **Rusty Browning** on his death on August 15. He was a friend of Chris and Erin Derrick.

**Steve and Kathy White and family** on the death of his uncle, **Leslie White**, on August 17.

**Francis and Gillett Hipp** on the death of her brother, **Elon Maffett**, on August 20.

**OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED**

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for making my 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday so special! The messages, cards and visits continue to amaze me.

There is no family like my Trinity family.

I love you,  
*Jackie McNeill*



Dear Trinity Family,

My thanks for all of the cards, calls and prayers that I received during my recent illness.

I look forward to being back home soon.

Sincerely,  
*Pauline Wenner*



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all of the memorials given for my grandmother, Kathleen Streetman. It meant so much and was very much appreciated.

Thank you again,  
Kathy White



**COME ONE! COME ALL!**

Beginning September 8, choir rehearsals will resume. Most of our former members tell us they're ready to return, however; we would greatly appreciate an injection of new voices to help with our weekly tasks. We'll start with simple hymn and anthem arrangements so please consider joining us.

Dan and I are currently writing and choosing music for the 2021 Christmas Cantata at Trinity!

All my best,  
Christopher