

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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ALL
SAINTS'
SUNDAY

All Saint's Sunday will be November 7. On this day we will honor the memory of our members that have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. Also, we want to honor the memory of family members who were not members of the church. If you have a loved one that passed away during this past year, since November 1, 2020, please place their name on the list in the Gathering Area or call the Church Office.



Sunday, November 7

Lunch Bunch meets the first Sunday of every month immediately following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and join this time of food and fellowship.



Wonderful Wednesday
November 10
5:30 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays will meet on the second Wednesday of each month through December. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and a devotional will begin at 6:15 p.m. *Ruth Frady* and *Linda Maloch* will prepare the meal for November 10:

Lasagna
Salad
Dessert

Reservations will be in the bulletin on Sunday, November 7, or you can call the Church Office by noon on Monday, November 8.



NOVEMBER 7

This year, Trinity UMC will celebrate our 2021 Consecration Sunday on November 7th with the continuation of our sacred pledge to God through our commitments to Him and to our church. As was done last year, pledge cards will be sent to the Trinity family by mail (USPS). If possible, please return your card to Trinity by, or on, November 7th. The pledge cards may be returned in the self-addressed envelope enclosed with the card, by dropping them off at the office, or by coming to church on Consecration Sunday. Unfortunately due to COVID related reasons, we are unable to have the wonderful meal after church in order to celebrate the total pledges received this year.

I have missed seeing many of my Trinity family because of the pandemic. 2021 will be called a challenging year, but those of us who know our Lord and Savior can depend on the hope of the future through Him. As I look forward to next year, I pray that the love felt at Trinity UMC will continue to blossom and grow in order to always Connect, Nurture, Inspire, and Transform others around us. Through prayerful consideration, our pledges of time, talent and treasures will surely serve God for his greater purposes.

With hope and love from Jesus Christ,

Sue Ballentine
Stewardship Chair



On Sunday, November 14, special recognition will be given to *Billy Pearson* for his 35 years of service to Trinity. Join us on November 14 as we thank Billy for his many years of keeping our grounds beautiful.



Congratulations to *Anjelica Johnston* and *Boeing Koo* on their marriage on Sunday, November 24. *Anjelica* is the daughter of *Eddie and Tonya Johnston* and the granddaughter of *Boots Morgan* and the late *Roland Morgan*.



Charles Von Glahn
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Grover Shuler
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Maurice Robinson
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Sara Efron
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Dean Frye
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Billy Newton
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Margaret Pike
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Leslie White
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Francis Hipp
Oren & Hilda Edwards
Rachel Crapps & George Drafts
John & Sue Ballentine
Patsy Shuler
Phyllis Calamas
Joe Alley
Charles & Jackie McNeill
Dolph & Jeanene Varner
Jim & Marie Stiles
Jeanette Hornsby
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Clovis Carpenter
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Gene Pike
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Elon Maffett
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Lisa Taylor Ooten
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Kathleen Streetman
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Bobby Sollee
Charles & Jackie McNeill

Shirley Scurry
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Jared Greshel
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Bill DuBose
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Tommy Johnson
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

Ed Chambers
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

Bob and Libby Strickland and family on the death of her brother, **John Bailey**, on Monday, October 25, and his wife, **Pat Bailey**, on Wednesday, October 27, in Aiken. Libby's nephew, **Stacey Hinson**, from Camden, also passed away on Wednesday, October 27. All three died from COVID.



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. There are none for November.



To our dear Trinity family and friends:

Thank you for remembering each of us with beautiful flowering plants. We enjoy them so much. It was such a treat to have Ruth and Gale Frady and Linda Maloch deliver the plants and sing "Happy Birthday!"

As we age, I just have to laugh at the two of us – getting older is crazy as it creeps up on us when we're not looking! Thank you, God, for another year and friends to share this growing experience.

Belatedly, but with much love,
Tom and Marilyn Lloyd



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for helping to make Maurice's Memorial Service and the Cayce Riverwalk time together so special. Thanks to those of you who shared this time with us.

To Jackie, thanks for sending out notices and to Pastor John for the special blessing at the time together.

And to all the ladies who helped with the time together – A BIG THANK YOU! The food was delicious and enjoyed by all of us. Thanks, too, to Quinette Jones for providing the beautiful flowers for the tables and to Carlis Edwards for assisting the "Hosting" ladies. This was a special time for family and friends.

Thanks again for all your prayers and support.

Joyce Robinson and Family



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

Picky Eaters in Church

Bob had been on a long journey but was finally on the last leg home. Everything on the trip had gone well except one thing; when he figured the amount of money he needed, he failed to factor in a sudden increase in gas prices. Being the type that did not like credit or debit cards, Bob only carried cash. The last of his cash had gone to fill up the car with gas, and all that was left was a little loose change in the car's console. He had enough gas to get home but not for food.

As Bob drove the roads to his home, he began to realize that he was hungry. It had been several hours since he last ate, and there were a few more to go. The rumblings in his stomach became louder and more frequent till they sounded like the waves during a hurricane. He began to feel fatigued, listless with hunger, and having trouble concentrating on the road. He checked the loose change in the console, but there was barely enough to buy a candy bar which he knew would only make him hungrier. He knew he needed real nourishment, a real meal. So he drove on past restaurants and diners, knowing that he could not buy a meal.

Suddenly Bob looked up and saw a flashing neon sign- GRANDMA'S DINER FREE FOOD. What more could he hope. His prayers were answered. Free food from a place that looked like it would be real, nourishing food, not some dried-out hamburger and soggy French fries that had been sitting under a heat lamp for who knew how long.

Bob pulled into the parking lot and walked into a clean, bright space that looked just like a Grandma's dining room. He sat at a table covered with a brightly colored linen cloth. There were fresh-cut flowers in a vase in the middle of the table. He looked, but there was no menu. He asked a woman who brought food to another table if he could see a menu.

"We don't have a menu."

puzzled, "How does this place work?"

him. "We bring you a plate of food, and you eat. If you clean your plate, it is free, and you can ask for seconds at no charge. But if you do not eat everything on your plate, no seconds, just like grandma's house, and you have to pay the price. If we bring you a plate and you see you cannot eat anything on it, you may leave hungry without paying."

"Well," Bob told her, "I'm famished, and there isn't anything I can't eat, so bring it on."

In a few minutes, there sat before Bob a huge plate of all his favorite food. There was a thick pork chop grilled to perfection. Sides included a sweet potato baked to softness with butter and cinnamon on top, a pile of turnip greens, fresh green beans, white acre peas, an ear of corn, and a crisp garden salad. For dessert, a big bowl of banana pudding! What more could a starving man ask? It was like grandma's! All his favorite foods were placed before Bob to eat at no charge! His prayers were answered.

Bob grabbed his fork and knife, ready to dive into this fabulous meal, when he noticed something else on the plate, a small dollop of something orange. He bent over the plate and sniffed the orange stuff. His stomach began to churn - rutabagas! He had tasted rutabagas once at an aunt's house as a child. He found the taste disgusting, and he swore he would never eat rutabagas again in his life.

What could he do? Attempt to eat the rutabagas, but he had nothing to pay, or get up and leave hungry if he couldn't. Bob lay his fork and knife down, pushed his chair from the table, walked away from Grandma's Diner, still hungry.

When we think of the life of the Church, we can all identify Bobs. People have left the Church because of one thing in the life of the Church that they do not like. Even though there are many things about the Church they like - fellowship with others, opportunities to learn, growing in their understanding of God and scripture, the activities, the preaching, the sacraments, and others - they leave because there is one thing that they do not like. It may be one thing that the preacher said in a sermon. It may be some ministry with which they disagree. It may be they did not like who was selected for a leadership position. Or it may be a position the denomination takes on an issue that has nothing to do with their local congregation. Some on both sides have left or are considering leaving the United Methodist Church over the homosexuality issue.

When we leave the Church over one issue that we may not like, we reject all the good, the things we do like. The Church is not a perfect organization that can please all the people all the time. The only way that could happen was if we were all alike. Fortunately, God did not make us that way. God created us all with different perspectives, likes, and dislikes. One should think of all the good they receive from the Church before considering leaving over one issue they do not like.

We are all hungry for God's grace. We are all hungry to be part of the Body of Christ, the Church. We all know that we need the Church to be nourished and grow to continue the journey of faith. God gives grace on a full platter, and sometimes there may be rutabagas on the plate. We may choose to deal with what we do not like and receive all the good things that come from being in the Church to be filled with God's goodness, or we may push the plate away because of the rutabagas, that which we do not like, and go away empty, missing all the goodness that is in the Church.

Shalom,
John



Annual Trip to Jewel's Pink House
Saturday, November 20

We are once again excited to make our annual trip to Jewel's Pink House. This was a November tradition for us before Covid, but Jewel is happy to announce that the Pink House is once again open. We look forward to great fellowship as we travel on the church bus to begin the Christmas season as we shop for all the beautiful treasures to be found there. Chuck Martin will be driving, and we will leave the Gunter Circle Parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 20. We will travel to Sweatman's BBQ for lunch after shopping and plan to be back at Trinity around 4 pm.

A signup sheet is located on the round table in the Gathering Area for all who would like to join us, or you can call Lynn Martin at 803-309-8195 to sign up as well. Please note that masks will be required while shopping in the Pink House.



Help Us Decorate for Advent and Christmas

On **Saturday, November 27**, we will meet from **9 a.m. until 12 p.m.** to decorate for Advent and Christmas. Plan to join us as we prepare for the upcoming season.



Instead of purchasing poinsettias this year, we ask that you can give an honorarium or memorial for a loved one. All money given in lieu of poinsettias will go to **God's Helping Hands**. We will have an insert in the bulletin starting on November 14 and would like to have all donations in by December 12. I will also be glad to mail a form to you if you let me know that you need one. A special insert listing memorials and honorariums will be in the bulletin on December 19.



Beginning on December 1, the cost of an arrangement from Sightler's Florist will go up from \$42.80 to \$53.50 for a seasonal arrangement. If you would like to provide flowers one Sunday, the Flower Calendar is located on the board outside the Church Office. You can order the flowers directly from Sightler's or Lynn Martin can order them for you.

Flowers can also be ordered directly from Jarrett's Jungle and they will deliver to the church. They can also be ordered from other florists, but arrangements for delivery will need to be made.

Trinity also has silk flower arrangements that can be used if you wish to make a gift to Trinity in lieu of ordering flowers.