

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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FEBRUARY 2022



Wonderful Wednesday
February 9
5:30 p.m.

The first Wonderful Wednesday of the year will be held on February 9. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and a devotional will begin at 6:15 p.m. The meal will be prepared by Jim and Marie Stiles:

Chili with Beans
Cornbread
Dessert

Reservations will be in the bulletin on Sunday, February 6, or you can call the Church Office by noon on Monday, February 7.



STAFF PARISH
MEETING

The SPPRC will meet on Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m., following Pastor John's devotional at the Wonderful Wednesday Dinner.



United Methodist Men's Valentine's Breakfast
Sunday, February 13
9 a.m.

The United Methodist Men are in the kitchen again, this time on Sunday, February 13, preparing breakfast to celebrate Valentine's Day! Everyone is invited to join us at 9 a.m. for a wonderful meal and then stay for the 9:45 a.m. Bible Study led by Tom Geddens. This will be the first Men's Club Breakfast after a COVID hiatus. Our talented chefs hope to see you there!



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. The birthday for February:

February 3

Bob Strickland
1922 Valley View Road
West Columbia, SC 29172

February 14

English Percy
1129 Osage Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29169

February 15

Gillett Hipp
1408 Cardinal Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169



Snacks & a Movie
Sunday, February 20
(Rescheduled from January)
4 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, February 20, at 4 p.m. for Snacks and a Movie. The movie will be *Quo Vadis* from 1951 starring Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr and Peter Ustinov. A synopsis of the movie appears below:

Returning from a military campaign abroad, General Marcus Vinicius (Robert Taylor) discovers that a new religion has taken hold in Rome: Christianity. When Vinicius encounters Lygia (Deborah Kerr), a follower of the strange religion, he tries to win her affections but she is reluctant due to their differing beliefs. Complicating matters is the crazed Emperor Nero (Peter Ustinov), who blames the Christians for his own burning of Rome, beginning a wave of persecution.

Time Together

Time Together will start back on Sunday, February 6.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will not meet in February, but will meet again on Sunday, March 6, immediately following the worship service.



William Miles
Ray & Gale Frady

Kristin Moyer
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Tom Little
Ray & Gale Frady

Ronnie Falls
Ray & Gale Frady

Paul Robinson
John & Sue Ballentine
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Wayne & Kay Johnston
John & Patsy Zeigler
Jim & Marie Stiles
English & Jewel Pearcy
Joyce Robinson
Oren & Hilda Edwards
Jo Ann Heiting
Mary Kamoroff
Charles & Jackie McNeill
Ray & Gale Frady
Bonnie Ramsey

Wayne Tallon
Wayne & Kay Johnston
Jeannie Keller
Jim & Marie Stiles
English & Jewel Pearcy
Oren & Hilda Edwards
St. Matthews HS Class of '61
Billie Jean & David Slawson
Jo Ann Heiting
Mary Kamoroff
Bonnie Ramsey



Dear Trinity family,

I would like to thank Gale Frady, Ted Frady, Linda Maloch and my Trinity Family for all of the wonderful birthday goodies. It made my birthday a special one indeed. I am still enjoying the treats.

Sincerely,

Oren Edwards



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas bag. The treats and cards were much enjoyed. It was so nice and kind to remember me.

Sincerely,
Brenda Streetman



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

Heyward and Mary Louise Robinson and family on the death of their son, *Paul*, on January 12, 2022.

Will Tallon and family on the death of his father, *Wayne Tallon*, on January 13, 2022.



To Becky Derrick and Trinity members and friends,

Thank you for all the presents we have received this year and over the years. We started our 5th year this past October here at Asbury Arms. We appreciate the blanket, cookies and hot cocoa. The Christmas Cards are Great.

Thank you Father for all the love and kindness we have gotten from Trinity Church. Bless all at Trinity in a very special way in this New Year. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Love,
Bobby & Karen Snelgrove

Lessons from the GPS Lady

On my phone, I have an application for maps. I open this app and enter any address. It will show me a map of that address. I can ask for directions to that address. It will give me the directions from where I am. It may give different routes based on time, distance, or if I want to avoid things like tolls or interstates. Once I choose the route I want to take, a feminine voice comes up and begins to give verbal directions. I call this voice the GPS lady. I use this application whenever I am going someplace new or when I am uncertain of the directions.

Often I find myself becoming irritated at the GPS lady. I would become irritated when she would say, “turn right on Mohawk Dr.” Of course, I know to turn right coming out of the parking lot. Then she would say to go a quarter of a mile and turn onto Sunset Blvd. But I want to go down Seminole so I can catch the light to turn on Sunset. I would get irritated when she would tell me to get in the lane I was already in. I would get irritated when she would tell me the exit I need to take is 10 miles away. I would get irritated with her whenever I thought I knew the route.

A few months ago we were going to visit my brother in Nashville, TN. On the way, we planned to stop and visit our nephew in Kenesaw, GA. Since this was the first time going to our nephew’s, I put his address in the GPS. As usual, I griped when she told me how to get out of the neighborhood and onto Sunset. Of course, I knew how to get onto Sunset and I did not need the GPS lady’s help. I did not need any help with directions until we got out of Atlanta and on I-75 north. Or so I thought.

Coming into Atlanta on I-20, the GPS lady suddenly said to take the next exit for a faster route. I knew that it was faster to stay on I-20 until I-75. However, on Kay’s insistence, I took the exit. The GPS lady took us on several turns on the back streets. At one point we were on a frontage road. I glanced over to the left and traffic on I-20 was at a standstill due to an accident. The GPS lady detoured us around the accident and back on I-20 well past the accident. We saved probably an hour by following the directions of the GPS lady. We arrived at our nephew’s house with no problem and had a very nice relaxed visit.

Since that time, I trust the GPS lady. I do not complain when she gives directions I already know. I follow her directions.

But this has me thinking. We may listen and trust a disembodied voice coming over our smartphone, but do we listen to and trust God? While driving, I listen intently for the directions the GPS lady gives. I may turn down the radio so I won’t be distracted as I approach unfamiliar territory. Do we listen intently for God’s direction in our lives? Do we eliminate distractions that keep us from hearing God’s voice?

I follow the directions of the GPS lady, even if I think I know the way. She was able to get us around the traffic in Atlanta, so I trust that she can get me around other obstacles. Do we always follow God’s directions or do we think we know the way? Do we trust that God can get us around obstacles in our lives?

I now trust the GPS lady to get me to my destination and she usually comes through. Occasionally she has been wrong but not very often. Do we trust God completely to get us through our lives? Do we trust God to get us to the best place for us in our lives?

If we can trust a voice that is nothing more than a computer chip, why can’t we trust God who created us? Why do we trust something manmade but not the God who made man?

We may trust the GPS lady more readily because she is something tangible. We can hold her in our hands. We can turn her voice up or down. We tell her where we want to go and she tells us how to get there.

God is not as tangible. We cannot hold God in our hands. We cannot tell God where we want to go and have God tell us how to get there. God tells **us** where **He** wants us to go and how to get there. God does lead us around obstacles as long as we are going the way God wants us to go. But God never takes us the wrong way. God always leads us to the ultimate destination, back into the divine presence for eternity.

Shalom,
John



On Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, Tom and I will meet with those who would be interested in participating in the Wesley Class Meeting. We will set a time and date to begin the Class. We will begin by studying *The Class Meeting* by Kenneth Watson. If you are interested but unable to meet on the 13 or 20, call John or Tom.

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