

# 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:  
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**Lunch Bunch** will meet on **Sunday, April 3**, immediately following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and join in this time of fellowship and food.



Join us on Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m. for Snacks and a Movie. The movie will be *The Robe* from 1953 starring Richard Burton and Jean Simmons. A synopsis of the movie appears below:

Marcellus is a tribune in the time of Christ and is in charge of the group that is assigned to crucify Jesus. He is tormented by nightmares and delusions after the event. Hoping to find a way to live with what he has done, and still not believing in Jesus, he returns to Palestine to try and learn what he can of the man he killed.

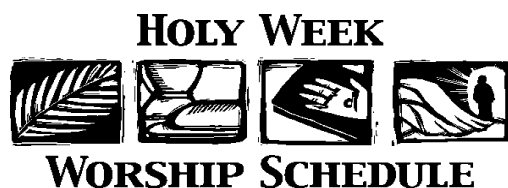


Starts Back on Monday, April 4

The Exercise Class will start back on Monday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. The class will meet every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The class is open to everyone.



On Sunday, March 27, we celebrated the Baptism of *Everly Hazel Branham* and *Lyla Faye Branham*. They are the daughters of *Mark and Daphne Branham*, the granddaughters of *John and Sue Ballentine* and *Cleve and Audrey Branham*, and the great-granddaughters of *Tom and Marilyn Lloyd*.



The West Metro UMC's will once again have Holy Week services. The pastors of each church are glad we are finally able to renew this long-standing tradition.

Date	Place	Preacher
Sunday 4/10	Mt. Hebron	Jon Hoin from Platt Springs
Monday 4/11	Trinity	Meg Cook from Cayce
Tuesday 4/12	Platt Springs	C. Mark Payne from Brookland
Wednesday 4/12	Cayce	Kevin Cooley from Mt Hebron.

Services will begin at 6:00 p.m. and light refreshments and fellowship will follow each service.

There will be a Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity at 6 p.m.



Saturday, April 16  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a morning of fun as we meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt!

If you would like to donate candy to fill the eggs, please deliver it to the church by Thursday, April 14.



**Paul Robinson**

Marty Johnson  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Irvin & Dale Wells

**Wayne Tallon**

Chuck & Lynn Martin

**Chal Whitaker**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Betty Jean Newton**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**Pauline Wenner**

Wayne & Kay Johnston  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Marty Johnson  
Jo Ann Heiting  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Dolph & Jeanene Varner  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Sinners Sunday School Class  
Jan Stamps  
Dr. & Mrs. Colby Grossman  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Irvin & Dale Wells  
Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff

**Bill Pearson**

Wayne & Kay Johnston  
English & Jewel Pearcy  
George Taylor, Sr.  
Kenny & Becky Long  
Marty Johnson  
Jo Ann Heiting  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Chuck & Lynn Martin  
Oren & Hilda Edwards  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Sinners Sunday School Class  
Joyce Robinson  
Jan Stamps  
Debbie Gordon & Sharon Amick  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Irvin & Dale Wells  
Charles & Jackie McNeill  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Mary Kamoroff



**Sunday, April 17  
7 a.m.**



Don't forget to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross.



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

The *family of Pauline Wenner* on her death Thursday, March 3, 2022.

*Billy and Dolly Pearson and family* on the death of their father, *Bill Pearson*, on Friday, March 4, 2022.

*Christopher McCroskey and family* on the death of his uncle, *Jim Martindale*, on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

*Edwa Meek and family* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Chal Whitaker*, on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

*Mary Kamoroff and family* on the death of her sister-in-law, *Betty Jean Newton*, on Saturday, March 19, 2022.



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



Due to Holy Week Services, we will not have a Wonderful Wednesday Meal in April. We will have a Wonderful Wednesday Meal in May.



# FROM THE PASTOR

## John's Jottings The Empty Tomb

The following story is condensed from "The Story of Phillip" by Harry Pritchett, Jr. in *St Luke's Journal of Theology* (June 1976) found in *A Guide to Prayer for All God's People* By Rueben P. Job and Norman Sawchuck, (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 1990) 327-329.

Phillip was a happy pleasant child, but Phillip was born with Down's Syndrome. As Phillip got older, he became increasingly aware of the difference between himself and other children.

Phillip attended Sunday school at a Methodist church with nine other 8-year-old children. The class was a close-knit group that cared about each other. With his differences, Phillip was not readily accepted as a member of the class. The teacher could see that Phillip was not completely accepted because he was different.

One Easter the teacher had a marvelous plan for the Sunday school lesson. He brought in ten of the pantyhose containers that were shaped like large eggs. It was a beautiful spring day. Each child was given an "egg", Their assignment was to go outside on the church grounds, find a symbol of new life, put it in the "egg" and bring it back to the classroom.

Needless to say, it was wild. The children ran all over the church grounds finding their symbols and bringing them back to the classroom. After all ten "eggs" were on the table, the children gathered while the teacher began to open the "eggs".

The first "egg" contained a flower and they all oohed and aahed. In the second "egg" was a little butterfly. The next "egg" contained a rock. The children laughed and said, "A rock, how is that supposed to be new life."

The smart little boy whose "egg" it was said, "I knew you would get flowers and buds and stuff like that. I wanted to be different and for me, that is new life."

The teacher opened the next "egg" and there was nothing in it. "That's stupid! Somebody didn't do it right!" cried the children.

The teacher felt a tug on his shirt. He looked down and Phillip was standing beside him. "It's mine," Phillip said, "It's mine." The other children cried, "You don't ever do things right, Phillip. There is nothing there!"

"I did so do it", Phillip said, "I did do it. It's empty- *the tomb is empty.*" A silence fell over the classroom, a very full silence. From that time on things were different in that class. Phillip became a part of that group of 8-year-old children, He was set free from the tomb of his differentness.

Phillip died the summer after that Easter. He died from an infection that most children would have shrugged off. He was buried from that church. At the funeral nine 8-year-olds, with their Sunday school teacher, marched up to the altar and laid on it an empty "egg"- an empty discarded holder of pantyhose.

The empty tomb empties us from all our differentness, freeing us for new life.

Shalom,  
John

### *Wesley Class Meeting*

We began Wesley Class Meetings with eight participants on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, We will continue to meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. After this initial study we will continue and add to the group. When the group reaches twelve members the group will divide into two groups which will meet at different times. So if you are unable to commit to the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday time, there will be a group meeting at a different time in the future.



*Columbia Community Concert Band*  
*Friday, April 8 @ 7:30 p.m.*

The **Columbia Community Concert Band's Spring Concert** will be held on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at McGregor Presbyterian Church located at 6505 St. Andrews Road in Columbia. The bus will leave the Gunter Circle parking lot at **6:30 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. Admission is free.

A  
Note  
of Thanks 

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers and cards for Oren. They meant so much to us and were so very much appreciated.

Love to everyone,

**Oren and Hilda Edwards**



Our son Paul Heyward Robinson's death at age 35 on January 12, 2022 brought many expressions of love and care. We parents appreciate the gifts to family and to groups Paul valued.

Many donated in Paul's behalf to his church and to his avocation: Canoeing for Kids. From his teen years, Paul had assisted Jay Alley as a river guide on rafting trips and as an agent with Christmas Tree sales at their Trenholm Road United Methodist Church site.

In his passing, Sharing Hope SC, South Carolina Organ and Tissue Recovery Service, allowed Paul to give life to others critically injured.

Members and groups of church brought meals to our home and shared personal reflections prior to and soon after Paul's Memorial Service at Trinity on January 16, 2022. We can continue forward after such affirmation from the loss.

Mary Louise and Heyward Robinson



The **Pearson Family** would like to thank Julie, Tammy, Mary, Alexis and the staff of Amedisys Hospice for their care for Bill while he was home. They also thank the staff of Agape Hospice House Lexington for their care and comfort during Bill's last days. Most of all the family wants to thank Marty Johnson, Ruth Frady, Kay Johnston, Tom Geddens, Lynn Martin, Kenny Long and others who provided care and companionship during the past few weeks. Finally, they would like to thank our loving Trinity family for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards and other acts of love for Bill.