

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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YOGA EXERCISE CLASS

The **Exercise Class** is open to everyone and meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for about an hour. They are using the **Grow Young Fitness & Balance** and the **Stretching Tape**.

The class meets in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like additional information on what to expect from the class contact Pam Turner.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!



All Saints' Sunday

All Saints Sunday will be November 6. 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, 2021, please call the Church Office.



Tuesday, November 15
7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 pm, we will have a discussion on *Grief and the Holidays* with Rev. Dr. Charles Pollock and Rev. John Jordan. Dr. Pollock has been chaplain at Prisma Health for twenty years, mostly in hospice. He has led the Grief Support Group at Prisma Baptist. He presently works in the Spiritual Care and Education Department. He is the president of the South Carolina Society of Chaplains. Rev. Jordan is the pastor at Trinity UMC West Columbia. Prior to entering the ministry, Rev. Jordan worked as a social worker with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for eighteen years. He has also worked as a hospice Chaplain/Social Worker for four years. We will meet in the sanctuary. The discussion will be live streamed and archived on the Trinity UMC West Columbia, YouTube Channel.



Saturday, November 26
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, November 26, as we decorate for the Advent season. We will start at 9 a.m. and hope to finish by noon.



Sunday, November 13
12:15 p.m.



Chuck Martin

Patsy Shuler
Rev. Joe Alley
Jan Stamps

Boots Morgan

Patsy Shuler
Rev. Joe Alley
Jan Stamps

Oren Edwards

Linda Maloch
Marty Johnson
Patsy Shuler
Linda Berry
Rev. Joe Alley
Tommy & Joan Gleaton
Jan Stamps

Ray Culbreth

Mary Kamoroff
Jeanette Hornsby
Marty Johnson
Gerald & Susan Cooke
Eric & Sybil Eastman
Patsy Shuler
Jackie McNeill

Paul Robinson

Patsy Shuler

Bill Pearson

Edwa Meek
Patsy Shuler

Carolyn Hardee

Patsy Shuler

Buddy Reader

Ray & Gale Frady

Charles McNeill

Marty Johnson
Patsy Shuler
Linda Berry
Rev. Joe Alley
Jan Stamps

Irvin Wells

Marty Johnson
Patsy Shuler
Jan Stamps

Shirley Padgett

Lynn Martin
Arvan & Becky Derrick
Ray & Gale Frady
Bonnie Ramsey
John & Patsy Zeigler
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
English & Jewel Pearcy
Jo Ann Heiting
Carol Upton
Saluda High School Class of '52
Mildred Perry
Craig & Mary Perry
Jeanette Hornsby
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Marty Johnson
Patsy Shuler
The Patrick Parton Family
Mary Kamoroff
George Taylor
Jackie McNeill
Jan Stamps

Bob & Jane Bryant

Patsy Shuler

Dale Earhardt

Ray & Gale Frady



Dear Trinity Family,

Our thanks to everyone for the love and support given to me and the family at Ray's death. His hugs were an expression of his love for the people of Trinity.

We are so thankful for our church family, for all the cards, food, memorials, and especially for the love we were shown during this time.

With love and gratitude,
Charlie Hooker and Family



Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love you gave us when Mama Shirley died. The plant you sent was beautiful and we enjoyed the *very delicious* meal prepared for us after the service.

Mama Shirley loved her church and truly missed not being able to participate in worship in person during her confinement. She enjoyed the sweet notes and visits she received!!!

We hope to be there to worship with you on All Saints' Sunday. Thank you so much for all you did!

Love,
Pat, Perry and Donna Padgett



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. There are no birthdays for November.

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John's Jottings

Preparing for Worship

We come to worship on Sunday morning. We drive to the church building, or we may fire up the YouTube page. Some may fire up the YouTube page some other day or time. Our worship also includes Sunday School, Bible studies, or whenever the people of God meet.

Good, meaningful worship takes preparation. It takes preparation by all people involved in the worship service. Careful preparation is made to ensure that there is continuity in the parts of the service. The sermon, hymns, anthem, music, and prayers all revolve around a theme. We want the parts of the service to flow so there is not much dead time during transitions.

The pastors carefully prepare their sermons. They pray and listen for the word God is calling them to preach. They ask, "Lord, what does this congregation need to hear now?" They carefully select the text which best fits the present context of the congregation. They study the text, read commentaries, and look up words in Hebrew and Greek to capture the original meaning. They may look up quotes or stories that provide illustrations. They may research other topics that are relevant to the sermon. They rehearse the sermon and have others read or listen to it for clarity.

The worship leader makes sure that all the participants know and understand their role in the service. They make sure the communion elements are in place, the paraments are the correct color, and other items, such as candles, are in place. Readers practice reading the scripture they are to read and check the pronunciation of any unfamiliar words.

The music director selects anthems, hymns, and music that sets the mood for worship and fits with the theme of the service. The musicians practice the music, even if it is something very familiar. The choir practices the anthem. The choir also practices the hymns, particularly if they are less familiar to the congregation, so they may lead the congregational singing.

The audio-visual person prepares the slides of the hymn lyrics, creeds, and other liturgies for the congregation. They create visual effects for each of the readings. They create visual effects to enhance the sermon. They make sure all the sound settings are right to avoid feedback while also picking up on the live stream.

Sunday school and Bible Study leaders study and prepare lesson plans. Even with all this preparation by so many people, some still get little or nothing from the worship service. They claim to get nothing out of it.

As Kay and I were coming home from Nashville, we picked up a radio station where the speaker was addressing this issue. Her point was that we may not get much out of worship because we, the people in the pews, do not prepare for worship.

We hear the alarm clock on Sunday morning. We may debate if we want to go to church or sleep in. We decide to go to church. We take a quick shower. We throw on some clothes. We scarf down some breakfast. We rush in just as the prelude is starting. Then we sit back and watch. Or we decide to watch the service on YouTube instead of something else. Either way, we watch the service. We do not prepare or participate fully in the service. We view worship as a spectator sport.

The person on the radio program pointed out that to get something out of the worship service, one must put something into the service. She said the people in the pews need to prepare for worship just as much as the leaders in worship. We in the pews need to prepare ourselves to hear and receive the word of God just as much as the preacher needs to prepare to deliver the word of God.

How can we folks in the pews prepare for worship? The first way is to pray. During the week, pray for the people involved in worship. Pray that the preacher's mind and heart may be clear to receive the message God has for the congregation. Pray that the worship may be acceptable to God. Pray that you are open to receiving the word of God.

Also during the week take time to read the scripture readings for the upcoming service. I generally follow the *Revised Common Lectionary* which is available online. I will also start putting the readings for the next week in the bulletin. If it is a Bible Study, read the passages to be studied.

Before going to bed the night before worship, take time to review the Bible readings. Sit in silence for a few minutes to put aside all the work and stress of the week. Begin to focus on God to receive what God has for you in the worship. Don't forget to pray.

On the morning of worship, give yourself time to get ready spiritually and not just physically. Pray and sit in silence, setting aside all distractions and focusing on God. Arrive early. Sit silently in the worship space to feel the presence of God in the space. Then you will be ready to participate in worship and not be a spectator.

Think about it this way. We prepare to go to a football game. We put on our lucky tee shirt, pants, and socks. We paint our faces. We make sure we have all the tailgating necessities. We leave in time to beat the traffic and get a good tailgating spot. We get into the stadium in time to watch the teams run onto the field. We go through much the same preparation if we are watching the game on television. If we prepare so much for a football game, shouldn't we put as much or more preparation into worshipping God?

Let us prepare for worship and see how much more we get out of it.

Shalom,

John