

# 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 Holy Week Services will begin at 6 p.m. Holy Week Offerings will go to God's Helping Hands.

Sunday 04/02 Mt. Hebron UMC

Monday 04/03 Cayce UMC

Tuesday 04/04 Brookland UMC

Wednesday 04/05 Shiloh UMC

Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity, 7 a.m.



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



**Saturday, April 8  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Join us for a morning of fun as we meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt! There will also be crafts and refreshments!

We are in need of small wrapped candy to fill the eggs or donations to purchase the candy. The candy and donations can be dropped off at the Church Office through Thursday, April 6.



This year's Easter celebration is the second time in several years we have been able to have a public event and we're thrilled to be able to present our Easter Cantata! We also welcome our guest soloist Kathy Seppamaki as we reflect on the life and significance of Jesus.



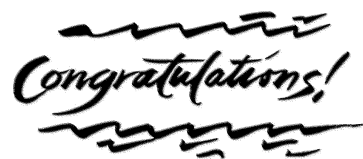
**Tuesday, April 18  
11 a.m.**

The Grief Support Group will now meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room.



**Sunday, April 23**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on Sunday, April 23. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and great fellowship!



Congratulations to Matthew Skipper! He is receiving an award for having the highest GPA this school year for both Sociology and Political Science.



**George Taylor, Jr.**

Dale Wells  
Hilda Edwards  
Patsy Shuler

**Adeline Campbell**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Mary Kamoroff

**Melton Martin**

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Patsy Shuler

**Jackie McNeill**

Vince & Sue Rhodes  
Patricia & Wilford Sargent  
Bob & Gaynell Hubbs  
Bill & Cathy Crawford  
B. J. Neal  
Kathryn Scarborough  
Dale Wells  
Trinity UMC Sinners Class  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
Hilda Edwards  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
George Taylor  
Patsy Shuler  
Minnie Shull Circle  
Dan Wiggins  
Claudia DuBose

**June Hutto**

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Charles McNeill**

George Taylor

**Dianne Schmotzer**

Jim & Marie Stiles  
Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting  
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**Gene Waldrep**

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Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting  
Mary Kamoroff



**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:**

***Joey Hardee and family*** on the death of his father-in-law,  
***Gene Waldrep***, on Friday, February 24.

***Ray and Gale Frady and family*** on the death of her sister-in-law,  
***Dianne Schmotzer***, on Friday, March 17.

***Simon Ross and family*** on the death of his mother-in-law,  
***Adeline Campbell***, on Saturday, March 18.



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



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, food, well wishes and prayers before and following my knee replacement surgery. They have helped me so much.

I appreciate and love my Trinity Family.

Dale Wells



***COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND'S  
SPRING CONCERT  
APRIL 30, 2023, 4:00 PM  
AIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM***

As we conclude our 42<sup>nd</sup> season, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us through your attendance at our concerts. It means so very much to our group and to me personally that you take time out of your busy schedule to hear us perform. The music for this concert is listed on the flyer located on the round table in the Gathering Area. I'd also like to especially thank Chris Derrick who graciously agreed to drive the church bus for our last three concerts. He has a prior commitment and won't be able to drive the bus to this concert, and I know everyone will miss having him as their chauffeur. We'll strike up the band at 4 pm on Sunday, April 30, and we hope to see you there!

# John's Jotting

## CONFESSIO*N*

In our adult Sunday School class, Marty Johnson is teaching a series on prayer. An acronym she shared was ACTS. This acronym is a reminder of four aspects of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. In prayer we give God praise and adoration, confess, give God thanks, and make our requests to God. In this writing, I want to focus on confession.

Confession is the hardest aspect of prayer. Many people say they do not like prayers of confession because they make them feel guilty. There are two types of guilt, justified and unjustified. Justified guilt is when we do something wrong. Unjustified guilt is feeling guilty even though we have done nothing wrong. I may delve further into the difference between these at a later time. Justified guilt is prevenient grace telling us we need to confess. Guilt makes confession difficult.

Confession also involves looking hard at ourselves. We want to think we are good people. For the most part, we probably are. But we all have sinned. We live in a world broken by sin. We must ask if there have been times we have let our propensity to sin overcome us. Our sin may not be intentional and malicious, but we may unintentionally cause harm. Our sin may be that of omission, not doing something good. We must take a hard look at our actions, attitudes, and thoughts daily. If any do not align with the teaching of Jesus, we must confess them.

We usually think of confession in terms of sin. We confess our sin(s) and then ask God to forgive our sin(s). Confession also involves admitting our weaknesses. Again, something we do not like to do. We want to focus on our strengths and what we do well. Admitting to weakness is just weak. We do not like feeling it. Confessing our weaknesses is just as necessary as confessing our sins.

We have times of weakness. We have times when we are physically, spiritually, and emotionally weak. Life circumstances become overwhelming. Stress at work, home, and church leads to tiredness and sickness. The expectations of others become too much. We feel that we can go no further.

When we confess our times of weakness, we recognize our reliance on God. We realize our strength comes from God, not ourselves. We lean on God to give us strength and guidance. When working, attending seminary, and serving a church, my morning prayer was simply, "Lord, give me strength." I had to rely on God for strength, for I could not do everything on my own. In our weakness, we listen for God's guidance. God may tell us to stop and heal in times of grief and pain. An athlete playing while injured may hurt the team because they cannot play at the necessary level. We cannot minister to others effectively when we are physically, spiritually, or emotionally injured. We confess our weakness to rely on God for strength and healing.

We also confess our weak areas. Nobody does well in all areas of life. Some are more social than others. Some are visionaries, seeing future possibilities, while others see what needs doing now. When we confess our weaknesses, we recognize our interdependence on others. God gave each different gifts and talents to work together.

A few years ago, I took a personality inventory. This inventory measured four areas: leader, task, people, and free spirit. I scored highest in the free spirit and people categories, indicating I am creative and relationship oriented. Does this mean I need to work harder to be a more task-oriented leader? No, but I need to ensure these types are working with me. When we confess our weaknesses, we see the people with whom we need to be for effective ministry. While confession may be painful, it frees us. Confession of our sins opens us to receive God's forgiveness thus freeing us of guilt. Confessing weakness opens us to God's strength and guidance. We recognize our interdependence on others. We realize our dependence on God and we rely more on God than on ourselves.

Shalom,  
John



### **Jewel's Pink House & Second Time Around Sale**

**May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Mary Percy Russell has offered to the church all of Jewel's Pink House inventory to sell for the benefit of God's Helping Hands. The committee (Kay Jordan, Patsy Boggs, Sue Ballentine & Marie Stiles) met with Mary and discussed the logistics as well as an idea of holding a tea party in conjunction with the sale in memory of Jewel and her talent of hospitality.

If you wish to participate by donating a finger food item, assisting with **set-up on May 5**, passing out flyers to your neighbors to advertise the event or helping serve refreshments on May 6, please contact Kay Jordan (803-315-0673) and let her know how you are willing to help. (Finger foods needed are cheese straws, peanuts, and small servings of desserts.)

On the same day, we will also have a Second Time Around Sale of gently-used household items – something you have in a drawer or cabinet which is in good condition, but you no longer use. Please bring your donated items to the church by April 30.



Centering Prayer is a form of prayer to increase awareness of God's presence. It involves opening one's heart and mind to God's presence, deepening one's relationship with God, and freeing one from attachments that prevent this relationship. To learn more and practice Centering Prayer, join John Tuesday, May 2, at 11:00 am or Wednesday, May 3, at 5:45 pm.