

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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May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gifts and the remaining inventory from Jewel's Pink House will be at Trinity's Spring Gift Sale on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds will benefit God's Helping Hands.

Also included at the sale will be tables of slightly used items such as glassware, jewelry, scarves, flower pots, picture frames and miscellaneous household items.

All sales will be by cash or check.



**Tuesday, May 16
11 a.m.**

The Grief Support Group will now meet on Tuesday, May 16, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room.



Sunday, May 28

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on Sunday, May 28. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and great fellowship!



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. The following have birthdays in May:

May 10

Shirley Butler
2341 Robin Crest Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

May 22

Tom Lloyd
1162 Gunter Circle
West Columbia, SC 29169



Sunday, May 14

Please join us on Sunday, May 14, as we celebrate Mother's Day. A special Time Together will be held in their honor.



**Graduate Recognition Sunday
Sunday, May 28**

Please join us on May 28 as we celebrate our Graduates. A special Time Together will be held in their honor. Please contact Ruth Frady if you are graduating this year.



Jackie McNeill
John & Sue Ballentine

Dianne Schmotzer
Mary Kamoroff

Georgeann Pace
Mary Kamoroff
Bonnie Ramsey
Jo Ann Heiting

Steve Aiello
Mary Kamoroff
Bonnie Ramsey
Jo Ann Heiting
Jim & Marie Stiles
Trinity UMC Sinners Class
Pam Turner



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

The family of *Georgeann Pace* on her death on April 6, 2023;

Kathy Aiello and family on the death of her husband, *Steve*, on April 14, 2023.

**EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, MAY 14**

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,000 children and families through our statewide programs? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14th, 2023, to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org



Congratulations to *Boeing and Anjelica Johnston Koo* on the birth of their daughter, *Evy Grace*, on April 5, 2023. Evy Grace weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. *Evy Grace* is the granddaughter of *Eddy and Tonya Johnston*.



Dear Trinity UMC,

I would just like to thank everyone for your prayers and the cards that I received during my time of recovery from surgery. It was so uplifting to hear from each of you. The day before I got out of the hospital I received a visit from David Day and later that day a visit from John Jordan. We had a word of prayer together.

Thank you all and may God bless you all.

Doug Coates



Dear Trinity UMC,

We want to thank you for your support for the Methodist Student Network at USC. Your gift of \$250.00 is so appreciated. It is a great help and wonderful encouragement.

Every blessing in your ministry and mission serving in West Columbia and the world.

Tom Wall

John's Jotting

Words

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” We have all heard this saying, usually as a retort to someone calling us names. However, words do hurt. The harm done often goes deeper than those of sticks and stones. Broken bones heal relatively quickly, but the damage done by words wounds deeply and takes years to heal, if ever.

The writer of James recognized the harm done by words. Chapter 1:19 reads, “You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness.” In Chapter 3, he discussed the damage the tongue could cause and admonished them to tame the tongue. He told his readers to think before speaking and consider the harm one’s words might cause.

Usually, the harm done by our words is unintentional. We say things off the cuff, not considering how it comes across to the recipient or others. The Iowa ladies' basketball coach probably did not intend harm when she said playing the Lady Gamecocks was like “being in a bar fight.” But it did hurt, as Dawn Staley said in her interview. Those words gave the image that the Gamecocks played dirty because there is no such thing as a clean bar fight. The coach could have gotten her point that the Gamecocks played tough physical basketball without using that harmful simile.

Sometimes, the word is not said but implied. Often the implied word is all. For example, we say, “Blondes are dumb.” The implication is all blondes are dumb. The harm is that this statement maintains a stereotype that is false. I know many blondes who are quite intelligent.

Stereotypes are particularly harmful in human relations. If we say Hispanics are drug dealers, we judge all Hispanics as drug dealers. If we say Muslims are terrorists, we think they may blow something up. Even “positive” stereotypes are harmful. For example, Asians are better in science and math.

Stereotypes are harmful because we then see the other person according to the falsehood and not the reality. I have yet to meet a Hispanic person that is a drug dealer. Most Hispanics I have met are simply trying to better their lives. I have not met a Muslim terrorist, though I have met many who are kind and loving. I have known some Asians that are not good at science and math. We do not see the individual when we look at others through the lens of a stereotype.

Another way we may cause harm by all, said or implied, is that we may be making a derogatory comment to the person with whom we are speaking. We may say to someone that people of a particular political persuasion are deplorable, liars, idiots, or evil. If they are of that political persuasion we are saying they are deplorable, liars, idiots, or evil.

It hurts to hear derogatory comments about your race, religion, political persuasion, and even the way you play basketball. Even though these comments may not be directed to you personally, they are personal. Most often they are false. The real harm is that we see people according to the stereotype and not as the one thing we truly all are: children of God.

Shalom,

John



Safe Sanctuary Training

On May 7 at 2 p.m. there will be a district-wide Safe Sanctuary Training at Lexington UMC. The conference is asking that every church's Safe Sanctuary policy be reviewed by an assigned specialist in each district. At this training how these reviews will take place will be revealed and reviews will be scheduled. It is recommended that the Pastor and representative from the church council, Trustees, and SPRC attend. Other interested persons are also invited.

Second T.a.G. Group

Interested in growing spiritually? Some have expressed interest in starting a second T.a.G group (Transformation and Growth). We will begin with a study of the *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson. We will target to begin the group Thursday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m..



Trinity United Methodist Church Facebook Page

The name of the page is simply Trinity United Methodist Church. Because it is not a unique name (there are lots of churches and lots of Facebook pages with our name), the user name is @trinityumcwestcolumbia. If you have not already "liked" and "followed" our page, you can easily find it by searching the user name rather than the title of the page.

As you know, folks get their news from lots of sources and social media is the primary way for the "younger" generations. Activity will help keep it robust so visit it often to see what's happening. Also, please share posts so that your friends can see what is happening.

And, our Web site, www.trinityumcwc.org, is also updated regularly by Frank Howard. If you need to refer to the GLIA and have misplaced your copy, it can be found there. Also, the bulletin, the weekly calendar and John's sermon is there.