

# 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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**KILLINGSWORTH GALA**  
Thursday, November 9  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Killingsworth Gala is back! The Gala will be held Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Seawell's Restaurant. If purchased individually, tickets are \$65 per person. A table of eight is \$500 or \$62.50 per person. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. We would like to be able to have a table for eight. Once we know how many will attend, your check can be made out to Trinity and given to Marie Stiles.

Killingsworth is a home for women in transition from homelessness, addictions, or incarceration. Killingsworth is an Advance Special Ministry of the South Carolina Conference and does not receive funding from apportionments.



*Proposed Trinity Women's Group*

Several ladies in the church have expressed interest in forming a Women's Group. This group would get together regularly, perhaps once a month. If you are interested in being a part of such a group, please let Marie Stiles know by texting her at 803.463.9706 or emailing her at [marie.stiles@icloud.com](mailto:marie.stiles@icloud.com). We would plan to have an organizational meeting sometime in October to discuss options.



Congratulations to *Carlie Fusco*, Matthew Skipper's fiancée, on her graduation from Presbyterian College's Physicians Assistant Program on Saturday, September 23. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Francis Marion University in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Pre-Medicine/Pre-Medical Studies.



Congratulations to *Taylor and Emmaline Lewis* on the birth of their daughter, *Susanna Wrenn Lewis*, on Tuesday, September 12, at 11:20 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs 14 ozs and was 20 inches long. *Susanna* is the granddaughter of *Mark and Mary Sue Lewis*.



Congratulations to *Brandon and Kelsey Jones* on their marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2023.



**COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND**  
**FALL CONCERT**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, AT 4 PM**

The Columbia Community Concert Band opens its 43<sup>rd</sup> concert season on Sunday, October 29, at 4 pm in the Auditorium at Airport High School. Our former assistant director, B.J. Brazier, is our new director, having graciously accepted the position as Bill Ackerman, our conductor since the band was formed 42 years ago, retired in August. He stepped down from the podium but now sits in the front row as our oboe player, and we are grateful he has joined us in this new chapter of his musical contributions to our group.

Selections for this concert include contemporary pieces, marches, a hymn and a tribute to Tony Bennett. Your support of our group is appreciated so much and we love playing to a crowd, so we hope to see you there!



**George Henry**  
 Bonnie Ramsey  
 Mary Kamoroff  
 Jo Ann Heiting  
 Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
 Hilda Edwards  
 Trudy Nelson  
 Charles & Mary Olimpio  
 Frank & Sharyn Holliday  
 John & Patsy Zeigler  
 Bob & Gaynell Hubbs



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older.

**October 13**

Morris Taylor  
 1200 Tarrytown Lane  
 West Columbia, SC 29170

**October 14**

Charles Sox  
 1827 Shull Avenue  
 Gilbert, SC 29054

**October 24**

Claudia Sineath  
 1620 Goldfinch Lane  
 West Columbia, SC 29169



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:**

*Andrew and Danielle Lewis and family* on the death of her mother, *Coreena Jones*, on September 15, in Venice, Florida. Please keep *Andrew and Danielle and their family* in your prayers.



**Sunday, October 22**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on Sunday, October 22. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and great fellowship!



**Tuesday, October 17  
 11 a.m.**

The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, October 17, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is open to everyone.

# John's Jotting

## *The Heart of the Holiness Code*

Over the past fifteen years, I have made it my habit to read through the Bible, reading one, occasionally two, chapters each morning. Presently, I am reading Leviticus. Many people stop reading or skip Leviticus because it does not seem relevant.

However, Leviticus is quite relevant. The first part, Chapters 1-10, describes the laws of sacrifice and the institution of worship. These chapters explain what is appropriate to bring before God, reasons for sacrifice, how to worship, and the consequences of improper worship. Chapters 11-15 describe what is considered clean and unclean. An unclean person cannot participate in worship. Chapter 16 initiates the Great Day of Atonement, the atoning of the sins of the community.

Chapters 17-26 are known as the Holiness Code. These chapters reflect that the Israelites are to be a holy people. They are to be different from the people of the land they will inherit. Chapters 21-25 describe the holiness of the priesthood, worship, and land ownership. Chapter 26 focuses on the consequences of obedience or disobedience.

Chapters 18-20 are the moral code for all people. These chapters put forth the ethics that separate the people of God from other people. Leviticus 18:3 says, "You must not do as they do in Egypt where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices (NIV)."

Chapter 18 deals with sexual behavior, delineating unacceptable sexual relations. This chapter gets a lot of attention, particularly verse 23. But verse 29 reads, "For whoever commits **any** of these abominations shall be cut off from their people (NRSV)." Everything mentioned in that chapter is considered an abomination. Chapter 20 spells out the punishments for these "abominations."

Chapters 18 and 20 are not the heart of the holiness code. Avoiding sexual sin did not make Israel a holy nation, nor us holy people. The heart of holiness is found in Chapter 19. The chapter begins, "The LORD spoke to Moses saying: 'Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am Holy' (NRSV)." We are to be holy as God is holy. This standard applies to Christians just as much as Israel. Jesus said, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matt.5:43, NIV)." Holiness means being like God in the world.<sup>1</sup> Chapter 19 emphasizes social and economic holiness. That is what is important to the LORD. That is what makes us holy.

A speaker I heard when I was in seminary said, "We focus on Leviticus 18 because we do not want to get to Chapter 19. I encourage you to read and study Leviticus chapter 19 so you may truly become holy."

Shalom,

John

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<sup>1</sup> Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. "The Book of Leviticus, In *The New Interpreter's Bible*, Vol. 1. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994) 1136.



As Christians, we are to be stewards of the resources God provides. These resources include money, time, and work. Many of us now have email and access to the internet. This is a resource we have to communicate more cheaply and efficiently. The church council voted, beginning in January 2024, to send the GLIA via email. Also, the GLIA will be posted on the church website. Members who do not have email or internet access will receive a mailed copy. Sending the GLIA in this manner will save money (postage, paper, and copier ink) and time (printing, copying, folding, and mailing). If you have not been receiving emails from the church and you have an email address please call the church office, so we may have the correct email address.

### **NEW CHURCH STRUCTURE**

At Charge Conference, a resolution was passed adopting a new church structure for Trinity. This new structure has an Administrative Team that serves all administrative functions including Trustees, SPRC, and Finance; a Ministry Team that coordinates all ministry activities, and a Prayer Team that prays for each team whenever they meet. This new structure will make us more efficient in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Team members for 2024 are:

#### **Administrative Team- functions as Trustees, SPRC, and Finance Committees**

Sue Ballentine - Lay Leader, Chris Derrick - SPRC, Ted Frady - Trustee, Tom Geddens - SPRC/Chair, Jo Ann Heiting - Treasurer, Wayne Hooker - Trustee, Brandon Jones - Young Adult, Bonnie Ramsey - Finance, Marie Stiles - Delegate to AC

#### **Prayer Team- Prays for the committees whenever they meet**

Becky Derrick, Hilda Edwards, English Percy, John Zeigler, Patsy Zeigler

#### **Ministry Team- Coordinates all ministry activities of the church**

Patsy Boggs, Erin Derrick, Ruth Frady, Dan Greshel, Jeanette Hornsby, Kelsey Tolliver Jones, Mary Sue Lewis, Jim Stiles, Slone Taylor

