

# God's Love In Action

**GLIA: the essential element, or glue,  
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body**

**Trinity United Methodist Church, 1201 Mohawk Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169**

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**Music Director:** *Christopher A. McCroskey*

**Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 Monday-Thursday**

**Sunday School 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**

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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**FEBRUARY 2024**



**Sunday, February 11**

For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. On Sunday, February 11, Trinity youth will once again collect donations to help a local charity. Please plan to help them achieve their goal of helping others in our community.



**Sunday, February 25**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on Sunday, February 25. It will continue on the fourth Sunday of every month. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and great fellowship!



**Grieving with God  
Tuesday, February 13**

The Grief Support Group will now meet on the **second Tuesday of every month** at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is open to everyone.



**Wednesday's Words  
Every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.**

This month I will begin a series on United Methodist beliefs. You may participate in person in the sanctuary or on our YouTube channel. Wednesday's Words will be ongoing and open to any topics you might like to discuss. Come or tune in on Wednesdays at 11:30 am.



**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Tuesday, February 13, at 6 p.m.**

Plan now to join us for our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, and possibly bacon as we prepare for the season of Lent.



**Wednesday, February 14, at 6 p.m.**

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 p.m. We begin the season of Lent by acknowledging and mourning our sinfulness.



**Columbia Community Concert Band's  
Winter Concert  
February 25 at 4:00 p.m.  
Airport High School Auditorium**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> season continues as we present our winter concert on Sunday, February 25, 4 p.m., in the Auditorium at Airport High School. Selections include a variety of music from American Classics to River Dance to our usual march or two. This concert features our talented saxophone players in "What a Wonderful World" made so famous by Louis Armstrong. Look for the signup sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area if you'd like to reserve a seat on the bus which will leave from the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m. on the day of the concert. We hope you can join us for a relaxing musical afternoon!



**Shirley Butler**

Randy & Sarah Smith  
Ray & Gale Frady

**Larry Butler**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Jo Ann Heiting

**David Robinson**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker

**George Taylor, Sr.**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Barr-Price FH  
Jeanette Hornsby  
Dale Wells  
Hilda Edwards  
Sinners SS Class  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Marty Johnson  
Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Jo Ann Heiting

**Carlis Edwards**

Wayne & Charlie Hooker  
Dale Wells  
Tom Geddens  
Sinners SS Class  
Jim & Marie Stiles  
John & Patsy Zeigler  
Tom & Marilyn Lloyd  
Bill & Dianne Youngblood  
Kenny & Becky Long  
Pam Turner  
Marty Johnson  
Donna Muszynski  
Mary Kamoroff  
Bonnie Ramsey  
Ray & Gale Frady  
Jo Ann Heiting



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

The *family and friends* of **Larry Butler** on his death on Friday, January 5.

**Heyward and Mary Louise Robinson** on the death of his uncle, **David Robinson**, on January 8.

**Morris Taylor and to all the family and friends** of **George Taylor, Sr.** on his death January 15.

**Hilda Edwards**, his mother, and to **Lauren, Megan, Dylan, Brandon and Ryan**, his children, on the death of **Carlis Edwards** on January 22.



**Coming Up in March**

**Holy Week Services**

Sunday, March 24 at Trinity / Debbie Miller preaching  
Monday, March 25 at Brookland / Morgan Byers preaching  
Tuesday, March 26 at Shiloh / Mark Payne preaching  
Wednesday, March 27 at Platt Springs / John Jordan preaching

Mark your calendars for these times of worship and fellowship with our sister UM churches in the West Metro Area.



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. The birthdays for February are:

**February 3**

Bob Strickland  
949 Hook Avenue  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**February 7**

Mary Kamoroff  
2340 Robin Crest Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**February 14**

English Percy  
1129 Osage Avenue  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**February 15**

Gillet Hipp  
1408 Cardinal Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**February 24**

Rev. Joe Alley  
114 Riverchase Way  
Lexington, SC 29072



Dear Trinity Members,

We thank the church for remembering us at Christmas. Bobby can't see to read but the numbers on the Frazier Calendar he can see. Of course, I love the candy and the cards.

We have lived here at Asbury Arms for six years now and appreciate everything you do.

Love,  
Bobby and Karen Snelgrove



To My Trinity Church:

I want to thank you for my card at Christmas. I really appreciate the love and support you continue to give me. I hope you are all doing well and stayed safe during the holidays.

Love,  
Ryan Edwards



**Sunday, March 3  
4 p.m.**

Join us on Sunday, March 3, for food and fellowship as we watch the documentary film, Route 60: The Biblical Highway.

This film follows David Friedman and Mike Pompeo as they venture down this sacred road, treading the very ground Abraham, Jacob, King David, and Jesus once walked. Discover the history of Route 60, the Biblical Highway.

## *John's Jottings*

### *How Do We Get to Perfection?*

Over the past two months, we have addressed going on to perfection. Perfection is the perfect love for God and neighbor. We talked about perfection being a kitchen table relationship with God. Then the question becomes how do we get to perfection? How do we reach a kitchen-table relationship with God?

The reality is we cannot go on to perfection by ourselves. God perfects us. We must have faith that God justifies and perfects us. What is this faith that justifies and perfects us? Wesley wrote, “(faith) is not barely a speculative, rational thing, a cold, lifeless assent, a train of ideas in the head; but also a disposition of the heart.”<sup>1</sup> Faith is not an intellectual belief but an experienced change in one’s heart. Wesley continues, “Christian Faith is then not only an assent to the whole gospel of Christ, but also a full reliance on the blood of Christ, a trust in the merits of his life, death, and resurrection...”<sup>2</sup> Faith is *belief* in the Gospel, *reliance* on Christ for our salvation, and *trust* in him. Faith is also intellectual *and* emotional. Faith is a matter of the mind and the heart.

Notice there are three components to faith. Faith is belief. One must believe the Gospel. Faith is reliance. One must rely on Christ as the means of our salvation. Faith is trust. One must trust in the promises of God. Faith is belief, reliance, and trust in the gospel of Christ summarized in John 3:16-17, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes (relies upon and trusts) in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Faith is the beginning of our being perfected. We are justified by faith. Our sins are forgiven, and our wills are aligned with God’s will. We begin the process of perfection, allowing God to draw us closer to divine love.

We continue to be drawn closer to God through our works. As James writes, “So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:17).” Wesley maintained that good works were the human response to God’s grace. We receive God’s justifying grace and respond with works that lead us to perfection.

Our works include our acts of piety **and** acts of mercy. Acts of piety include reading and studying Scripture, prayer, meditation, fasting, worship- public and private- attending to the sacraments, and Christian fellowship and support. Acts of mercy include feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, working for justice, and endeavoring to save souls. In a nutshell, acts of piety bring us closer to God, while acts of mercy bring us to love our neighbor.


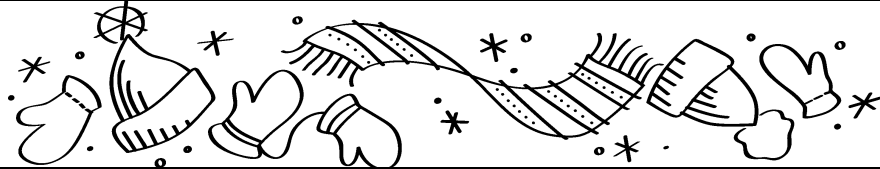

We go on to perfection by responding to God’s love and grace by working to be drawn closer to God and our neighbor.

Shalom,  
John

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<sup>1</sup> John Wesley, “Sermon 1: Salvation by Faith, In *The Sermons of John Wesley: A Collection for the Christian Journey*, Kenneth J Collins and Jason E. Vickers, Eds. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013) 128.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">February</h1>						
				<b>1</b> <i>Amelia Barilleaux Ted Frady Zelle Orth</i>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>2</b>  Office Closed	<b>3</b> <i>Bob Strickland</i>
<b>4</b> <i>Chris Derrick Allison Orth Paige Stiles</i>  Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 p.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>5</b> <i>Connie Chambers</i>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Lissa Abrams Joshua Day Mary Kamoroff</i>  Choir, 6 p.m.  T.A.G. Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>8</b> <i>Joe Alley, III</i>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>9</b>  Office Closed	<b>10</b> <i>Jennifer Carter Brent Robinson</i>
<b>11</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration Souper Bowl Sunday	<b>12</b> <i>Janice Hipp River Robinson</i>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> <i>Anna Kamoroff Xan Taylor</i>  Grieving with God Group, 11 a.m.  Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.	<b>14</b> <i>English Percy</i>  Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m.  Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m.  Choir, 7 p.m. T.A.G. Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> <i>Gillett Hipp</i>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> <i>Ransom Laughead Jack Wilson</i>  Office Closed	<b>17</b> <i>Marty Funchess</i>
<b>18</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>19</b>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6 p.m. T.A.G. Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>22</b>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  <b>GLIA Articles Due</b>	<b>23</b>  Office Closed	<b>24</b> <i>Rev. Joe Alley Leigh Cashatt</i>
<b>25</b> <i>Eddy Johnston</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity Columbia Concert Band Winter Concert, 4 p.m.	<b>26</b>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m.  Choir, 6 p.m.  T.A.G. Meeting, 7 p.m.	<b>29</b>  Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  		

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**Flowers:** 02/04  
Bonnie Ramsey  
**Time Together:** Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

02/11  
**Needed**  
Ruth Frady

02/18  
**Needed**  
Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

02/25  
**Needed**  
No Time Together



Patsy Zeigler    Jim Stiles    Kaye Floyd    Becky Derrick    Patsy Shuler    Christopher McCroskey  
Charlie Hooker    Latson Lewis    John Ballentine    Mary Kamoroff    Jimmy Grahl    Taylor Linholm

**Shut-Ins:** Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath

**Family and Friends:** **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Charlyn McNeill** (sister of Mary Sue Lewis); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (friends of John & Kay Jordan); **Alex Courtney** (friend of great nephew of Joyce Robinson); **Lawrence Gilbert** (friend of Becky Derrick); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Judy Spence** (former member); **Anne Piercy** (former member); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Gloria Erd** (friend of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Beverly Lipscomb** (sister-in-law of John Jordan); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Sweat Family** ( friends of Marty Johnson); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **David Grandshaw** (brother-in-law of Edwa Meek); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Alexa Lookingbill, Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Bernardo Velasquez, Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

Special Needs for February

- Crackers
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Flour
- Sugar
- Soap
- Cookies
- Jiffy Mix
- Pasta Sauce
- Powdered Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Canned Meat
- Men & Women's Deodorant

*Prefer lift tops for canned goods if possible.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 2024

Needed in January

\$ 18,562.00

Given in January

\$ 16,248.03

YTD Needed

\$ 18,562.00

YTD Given

\$ 16,248.03

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
01/07	13	34
01/14	13	38
01/21	10	35
01/28	12	38