

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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Grieving with God Tuesday, April 9

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday in the Conference Room of the church. We have named our grief support group "Grieving with God" for this second year of our meetings. We are using the book "Good Grief" by Granger E. Westberg. Copies are available each session and in the church office. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion, which is open, free and sympathetic to each other. Tell someone that you know is grieving, and join them in our discussions.



The Administrative Team will meet on Sunday, April 14, at 4:45 p.m.



Sunday, April 28

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

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



Columbia Community Concert Band's Spring Concert

**April 28, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Airport High School Auditorium**

Our 43rd season ends with the music of Ray Charles, the Sound of Music, Danny Boy and other Irish tunes which have been challenging for us to learn but which we're excited to play for our audience.

Having so many loyal followers means so much to our group of musicians, and we appreciate that you take time to support us with your attendance at our concerts. The music is listed on the flyer located on the round table in the Gathering Area along with the sign-up sheet to ride the bus which leaves the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m. Doors to the auditorium open at 3:30 p.m. We hope you can join us for our final performance until October.



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

This month I will continue the 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 a.m.



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. There are none in April.



George Taylor
Lynn Martin

Shirley Butler
Lynn Martin

Carlis Edwards

Charles & Margaret Tisdale
Ronald & Cathy Farr
Nancy Allen
Janice Hardwick
Sandra Hartley

Beverly Jordan-Lipscomb

Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Jo Ann Heiting
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff

Jackson Taylor

Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Hilda Edwards
Tom Geddens
John & Patsy Zeigler
Bonnie Ramsey
Ray & Gale Frady
Jo Ann Heiting
Mary Kamoroff

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

John and Kay Jordan and family on the death of his sister-in-law, *Beverly Jordan-Lipscomb*, on March 13, 2024.

Slone and Morris Taylor and family on the death of her brother and his grandson, *Jackson Taylor*, on March 14, 2024.

John's Jottings

My Dream

A few nights ago, I had a dream. I dreamt I was at church. The setup of the church was more like an arena. The pulpit and altar area were in the center, and there was stadium-type seating around the altar area. Communion was being served by intinction.

I was wearing a white robe with my stole and usual clerical accouterments. I was one of the last to go to receive communion. A young lady and I approached the table at the same time. I gestured for her to go ahead of me. The woman serving the bread quickly covered it and began carrying it away as I approached the table.

I said, "Wait, I haven't been served.

She replied, "I cannot serve you."

"Why not?", I asked as I was confused. I knew no reason I should not receive communion.

She shrugged her shoulders stating, "I don't know. I was told not to."

Becoming a little angry, I said, "Could someone tell me why?"

Seeming a little embarrassed, she said she would find somebody.

Time passed, and they began setting up for the second service while I stewed. Finally, a man wearing a black robe came and asked what he could do for me. I told him I wanted to know why I was not served communion. Without making eye contact, the man said, "We needed to make sure we had enough."

What? I yelled, you mean to tell me you do not think God's grace is limited so you could not offer me a little piece of bread which it represents. That's (at this point I said some unpastorly things)!"

The man said, "I'm sorry." And quickly walked away.

I yelled at him, "I am not leaving here unless I am served communion or given a reasonable explanation why I can't be served!" At this point, the scene shifted. I was alone, lying on a pew, asleep, still waiting.

Then the alarm went off. I hit snooze and went back to sleep. Now, I was standing outside the church with a sign, leading a protest against the church. I was telling people not to go there as they treated people unfairly. I had others with me that the church did not welcome. I was beyond angry. I was shouting at people as they entered the church. When I woke, I was so angry.

Why did I have this dream? I have never been in a situation where I was excluded and rejected for no rational reason. I think God was sending me a gift, to be able to truly empathize with someone who was rejected for no reason. I understood the shame and anger felt by those who were excluded and rejected because of their race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or other barrier. I understood Richard Allen, who formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church after he was refused communion at a Philadelphia Methodist Church because he was black. I understood (to a degree) the protesters of the Civil Rights Movement, Stonewall, and other acts of protest.

Throughout history, people have been excluded. But exclusion is not the way of Christ. Jesus included all, even the most despised. It is time for us as a church, a society, and a nation to quit being exclusive and include all. God sets no reason for exclusion, should we?

Shalom,
John

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Flowers: 04/07
Time Together: **Needed**
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

04/14
Needed
 Ruth Frady

04/21
 Laurie Knapp
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

04/28
Needed
 No Time Together



English Pearcy Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Patsy Shuler Taylor Linholm
 Erin Derrick Becky Derrick John Ballentine Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis

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

Family and Friends: **Chantel Griffin** (sister of Erin Derrick); **Russell Eubanks** (son-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Nancy Whitehead** (former member); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Mildred McQuitty** (great-grandmother of Matthew Skipper); **Logan Sturkie** (granddaughter of Marty Johnson's neighbor); **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); **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.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Special Needs for April

Crackers (No Saltines)
 Juice
 Flour
 Sugar
 Jiffy Mix
 Pasta Sauce
 Powdered Milk
 Evaporated Milk
 Canned Meat
 Cooking Oil (Not Olive Oil)
 Spaghetti Noodles
 Pop-top Canned Items

ATTENDANCE FOR March

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
03/03	12	40
03/10	14	30
03/17	8	36
03/24	11	42
03/31	10	67

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 2024

Needed in March

\$ 23,202.50

Given in March

\$ 18,571.24

YTD Needed

\$ 60,326.50

YTD Given

\$ 50,865.60

Holy Week Offering \$ 374.20

Gamecock Pantry \$ 1,580.00
 (Lieu of Lilies)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1	2	3 <i>Lincoln Moore</i> T.a.G., 7 p.m.	4 <i>Jacob Wyatt Wells</i>	5 <i>Evy Grace Koo</i> <i>Dolph Varner</i> Office Closed.	6
7 <i>Bess Locklear</i> <i>Billy Pearson</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	8 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	9 Grieving with God Support Group, 11 a.m.	10 <i>Hunter Frady</i> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	11 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	12 <i>Levi Derrick</i> Office Closed.	13
14 <i>Kathy Aiello</i> <i>Patsy Boggs</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration Administrative Team, 4:45 p.m.	15 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	16	17 Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	18 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	19 Office Closed.	20
21 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	22 <i>Ray Frady</i> Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	23 GLIA Articles Due	24 <i>Jaedon Easterling</i> <i>Candy Taylor</i> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	25 <i>Ed Kirkland</i> Exercise 10:30 a.m.	26 <i>Linda Wooten</i> Office Closed.	27 <i>Sean Frady</i> <i>Hannah Glanz</i>
28 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity following Worship Ministry Team following Taste of Trinity	29 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	30 <i>Aiden Hornsby</i>				