

# 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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**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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**MAY 2024**

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## **Epworth Mother's Day Offering May 12**

DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME ON MAY 12! Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



**MAY 12**

Mother's Day is May 12. Time Together will be in their honor following the Worship Service.



**Grieving with God  
Tuesday, May 14**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room of the church. 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,



A date and time will be announced soon for the Trinity Ladies Group. Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification.



**Sunday, May 26**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on Sunday, May 26. 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.



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

Over the next few weeks, Wednesday's Words will focus on common sayings that might be harmful even though they are not intended to be. Some will be taken from Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths*, others will be things I have heard people say during my career as a social worker, hospice chaplain, and pastor. If there is a cliché or something someone has said to you that has caused harm, let me know so we can explore what makes some of the clichés we say harmful.



Jackson Taylor  
Joyce Robinson  
Stuart & Sarah Smith



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

May 22

Tom Lloyd  
1162 Gunter Circle  
West Columbia, SC 29169



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Matthew Skipper and family* on the death of his great-grandmother, *Mildred McQuitty*, on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Jan Weaver  
Westminster Memory Care  
886 Park Road, Room 209  
Lexington, SC 29072

*John's Jottings*

**If It Gives You Pleasure**

I inherited from my mother a little book by Arnold Lobel entitled *Fables*. Like the well-known Aesop's fables, this book had short stories with a message. One of my favorite stories is "The Camel's Dance."

Miss Camel decided she wanted to be a ballerina. She made herself a tutu and slippers and began to practice her dance. She spent hours perfecting the positions, practicing her plies and arabesques. She pirouetted until she was dizzy. She worked on her sautes until her legs hurt. She danced and danced under the hot desert sun.

Finally, she perfected her dance and decided it was time for a recital. She sent invitations to all her friends to come and watch her dance.

The big day arrived and all Miss Camel's friends came to watch her dance. The music began. Miss Camel demonstrated all the basic positions. She pirouetted across the stage. She leapt as high as she could for her sautes. She felt so graceful as she held her plies and arabesques.

When the music stopped, she bowed, and there was silence. After a few moments, Mr. Elephant said, "That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen."

"I agree." said Ms. Ostrich, "Whoever heard of a dancing camel."

Ms. Lion told Miss Camel, "You may think you were graceful, but camels are lumpy, bumpy, and clumsy."

Mr. Baboon stated pompously, "Camels are not made to dance, and camels should not dance."

All her friends walked away shaking their heads, silently laughing. Miss Camel stood on the stage downcast. "I thought they would like my dance," She thought, "but they did not." "Maybe they are right, camels are not made to dance."

She removed her slippers and began to take off her tutu. Then she thought, "But I enjoyed dancing. I felt graceful and beautiful when I danced. Camels may not be made for dancing, but this camel is going to dance." She put her slippers back on and began to dance- 1,2,3, plie; 1,2,3, arabesque; 1,2,3, pirouette; 1,2,3, saute- all night long.

The moral of this story is, "If it gives you pleasure, do it, regardless of what others think." Often, we may want to take up a new hobby or try something new but we are afraid. We fear we might not do it right and others will think badly of us. We let criticism override the pleasure we may receive. Rather than enjoying the process, we allow worry about the finished product to steal the joy. We let the fact that we did not catch any fish take away the joy of fishing.

Little children will try almost anything. This might be another way to look at Jesus saying to come to him like a little child. Little children are not concerned about the outcome, they enjoy the activity. Ask a four-year-old to dance, and they will say, "Watch me dance!" Ask a twelve-year-old to dance, and they will mumble, "I don't know how to dance."

If there is something you want to try, do it! The joy is not in the finished product or the approval of others. Your joy and pleasure come from within you. Be like the camel, and don't hold back.

Shalom,  
John

# MAY 2024

**Flowers:** 05/05  
**Time Together:** **Needed**  
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

05/12  
**Needed**  
 Mary Sue Lewis; Fran Laska

05/19  
 English Percy  
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

05/26  
 Lynn Martin  
 No Time Together



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

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

**Family and Friends:** **Chantel Griffin** (sister of Erin Derrick); **Russell Eubanks** (son-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather 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); **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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

## GOD'S HELPING HANDS

### Special Needs for May

Tuna  
 Flour (All Purpose)  
 Sugar  
 Grits  
 Oatmeal  
 Cream Soups (Such as Cream of Chicken, etc.)  
 Macaroni and Cheese  
 Spaghetti Noodles  
 Canned Pasta  
 'Toothbrushes

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 2024

### Needed in April

\$ 18,562.00

### Given in April

\$ 14,428.49

### YTD Needed

\$ 78,888.50

### YTD Given

\$ 65,294.09

## ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
04/07	8	24
04/14	8	29
04/21	8	17
04/28	12	40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
			<b>1 Arvan Derrick</b> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6:00 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>3 Sadie Rae Stamps</b> Office Closed	<b>4 Slone Taylor</b>
<b>5 Raylynn Hipp</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>6</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6:00 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>10 Dee Hughes Jerry Rich</b> Office Closed	<b>11 Jan Weaver</b>
<b>12 Maggie Smith</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>13 Kevin Thomas</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>14</b> Grieving With God, 11 a.m.	<b>15 Brandon Edwards Peyton Johnston Matthew Skipper</b> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	<b>20</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Mark Branham Tom Lloyd</b> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6:00 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. <b>GLIA Articles Due</b>	<b>24 Nova Grahl Dee Senn</b> Office Closed FH Reserved	<b>25</b> FH Reserved
<b>26 Jay Alley Piper Stiles</b> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity Ministry Team Meeting	<b>27</b>  Office Closed	<b>28 Madison Duncan Charlie Platt Libby Platt</b>	<b>29</b> Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6:00 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	<b>30</b> Exercise, Class, 10:30 a.m.	<b>31</b> Office Closed	