

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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We will continue our ministry to **The Pines** on **Sunday, July 6, at 2 p.m.** as we join them for a short worship and communion service. We will also host a **Watermelon Party** for the residents on **Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m.**



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, July 8
11 a.m.**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, July 8, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



**Friday, July 18
6 p.m.**

Join us on **July 18 at 6 p.m.** as we meet to share a meal and discuss our second summer selection, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, by Katherine Boo. A meal will once again be provided, so please sign the sheet on the Gathering Room table to help us get a head count. If you need a copy of the book, let Darlene know.



Join us Friday, July 25th - Saturday, July 26th from 5:00pm to 7:30 p.m. and then Sunday, July 27th, for the closing of VBS during our Sunday Worship at 11a.m.

We are asking the congregation to wear their best **Western wear** to church as we say YEE-HAW and Celebrate God's Greatest Gift together during worship!

STAY TUNED for more details....

If you wish to volunteer and missed the planning meeting, no worries, please reach out to Erin Derrick at church on Sunday's or feel free to text/call 803-467-3484.



Sunday, July 27

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, July 27**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

Please Note:

Hot Topics and Cold Beer will not meet in July and August.

The Trinity Ladies Group will not meet for breakfast in July and August.

The Exercise Class will not meet in July and August.

The T.a.G. Group will not meet in July and August.



Mattie Stockman
John & Sue Ballentine

Ransom Laughead

Faye Grahl
Sinners SS Class
Jim & Marie Stiles
Edwa Meek
John Zeigler
John & Sue Ballentine
Jo Ann Heiting
Jeanette Hornsby
Pam Turner
Hilda Edwards
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff

Franklin Branton

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

07/01

Marilyn Lloyd
1162 Gunter Circle
West Columbia, SC 29169

07/27

Fletcher Carter
2345 Robin Crest Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Mike and Krystal Laughead on the death of their son, **Ransom Laughead**, on Sunday, June 22. Our sympathy also goes to his grandmother, **Kathy Aiello** and his great-grandmother, **Hilda Edwards**.

Jeanette Hornsby and family on the death of her uncle, **Franklin Branton**, on Monday, June 16.



Greetings,

As we move into the long days of summer and our beautiful garden blooms, I continue to give thanks to God for allowing me to serve among you. Annual Conference always feels like the start of a new year for United Methodists, and I am blessed to continue my appointment here at the Trinity UMC.

Join us at **The Pines on Sunday, July 6th as we share in communion** with our neighbors. This is a short gathering and all are invited to visit with our own members at the home and also give a little love to folks right around the corner who are shut-in and often forgotten.

We will continue our Love Our Neighbors Ministry with another **visit to The Pines on Saturday, July 19th at 2:00 p.m. for a Watermelon Party**. These visits have been short, sweet and very rewarding, so mark the date on your calendar and join us.

Although we've hit a snag with our pantry boxes to Christopher Towers, with God's grace, we will find a way. Stay tuned for details as they emerge!

The Summer Book Club meeting in June was great, and I'm looking forward to the next dinner meeting in the **fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18th**. We're reading Katherine Boo's book, ***Behind the Beautiful Forevers***, and I have copies of the **book**. This is not an easy book, but I think it's an important one. Everyone is welcome, so you didn't have to be part of the first dinner to attend this one. The dinner is in less than three weeks, so start reading and inviting friends!

Our last Book Club Meeting is on Friday, August 29th. At that dinner, we'll be discussing a delightful book by Rachel Held Evans, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Save the date!

VBS is also on the horizon! We will be celebrating **VBS on July 25th, 26th and 27th**. See Erin Derrick for details and find out how you might help this important children's ministry!

Although we are busy and trying to find new ways to worship and serve God, we might also do well to remember how important it is to slow down and breathe, taking time to pray and remember all the good things God has done for you. Whether you find rest this summer on the sand at the beach or in the cool heights of the mountains, or just on the front porch with a cold glass of sweet tea, may you feel God's presence, peace, rest and renewal this summer.

God loves you and I do too! Thank you for being the best church in all the land! And don't forget that participation is strength and service, so sign up to read Scripture, do the children's message, help out with a great idea and most of all—pray! Please pray for one another and our church community!

With much love and gratitude,
Darlene

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body
you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15*

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Flowers:	<u>07/06</u> Bonnie Ramsey	<u>07/13</u> Needed
Time Together:	Jack Stevens; Pam Turner	Ruth Frady
Liturgist:	Needed	Tom Geddens
Children’s Sermon	Needed	Needed

<u>07/20</u> Needed	<u>07/27</u> Needed
Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor	Not Needed
Mary Sue Lewis	Tom Geddens
Needed	Needed



Patsy Shuler	Marilyn Lloyd	Tom Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Libby Strickland	Christopher McCroskey
Rhett Hook	Diane Muszynski	Ray Frady	Latson Lewis	English Percy	Hannah Glanz
John Ballentine	Jeanette Hornsby	Kaye Floyd			

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Jim Lewis** (father of Mark Lewis); **Christina Lindemuth** (daughter of Karen Carter); **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady’s neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity), **Keith James, Jay Clark** (friends of Darlene Kelley); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Michael McNeill** (brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Chip Mixon** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend 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 July
- Mixed Vegetables (Cans)
- Canned Fruit
- Cooking Oil (Not Olive Oil)
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Green Beans
- Jello

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
June 2025

Needed in June

\$ 22,762.00

Given in June

\$ 20,494.38

YTD Needed




\$ 118,362.40

YTD Given

\$ 123,725.29

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
06/01	7	42
06/08	12	43
06/15	12	50
06/22	11	50
06/29	13	66

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
		<i>1 Brandon Jones Marilyn Lloyd</i>	<i>2 Kathy White</i>	<i>3 K. C. Warble</i>	<i>4 Office Closed</i> 	<i>5 Ruth Frady</i>
6 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Ministry Team Meeting Communion & Worship@ The Pines, 2 p.m.	7	8 Grieving with God, 11 a.m.	9 Mary Sue Lewis	10 Jo Ann Heiting Eric Robinson	11 Office Closed	12 Jeff Portwood Alex Prevuznak Bill Smith, Jr. Debbie Whetstone
13 Alicia Morgan Libby Strickland Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration	14 Annie Day Lauren Kenner	15	16	17	18 Megan Corby Office Closed Trinity Book Club, 6 p.m.	19 Watermelon Party @ The Pines, 2 p.m.
20	21 Susannah Valder	22	23 Brady Derrick GLIA Articles Due	24 Rhett Hook	25 Office Closed VBS, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	26 VBS, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
27 Fletcher Carter Krystal Laughead Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity following Worship VBS Conclusion During Worship	28	29 Vince Gleaton	30 Kinsley Howard Steve White	31	