

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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SEPTEMBER 2025

Epworth Work Day Offering Sunday, September 14

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of our support last year Epworth served 1,677 children and families through its statewide programs. On Sunday, September 14th, 2025, we will participate in the annual Work Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth make a difference in the lives of children and families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org.



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, September 9
11 a.m.**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 9, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



The group will meet at WECO on **Monday, September 15, at 7 p.m.** If you have any questions, please see Slone Taylor or Patsy Boggs. If you are interested in attending and would like email or text message updates, please email Slone Taylor at Slonetaylor21@yahoo.com or text her your cell phone number to (803) 397-7294 and she will add you to her list.



We will continue our ministry to **The Pines** on **Saturday, September 27, at 2 p.m.** with apple & pumpkin pie to celebrate Fall.



**Saturday, September 27
9:30 a.m.**

The Ladies Group will resume Saturday morning breakfasts on the fourth Saturday of September, October, and November. We will again meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on September 27, October 25, and November 29. Jackie will send reminders through her weekly update emails and Marie Stiles will ask for your RSVP if you have signed up for the group texts.



Sunday, September 28

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, September 28**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!



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

September 28

Hilda Edwards

1186 Gunter Circle

West Columbia, SC 29169.



Ransom Laughead
Ray & Gale Frady
Nancy Allen
Tom Geddens

Pearl Geddens
Ray & Gale Frady
Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class
Jeanette Hornsby
Hilda Edwards
Patsy Boggs
Rev. Joe Alley
& Rev. Toni White
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Stanley Carter
Tom Geddens
Jeanette Hornsby
Jo Ann Heiting
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff
Pam Turner
Jim & Marie Stiles
Sinners SS Class

Tom Lloyd
Ray & Gale Frady

Rachel Fields
Jim & Marie Stiles
Jeanette Hornsby
Nancy Allen
Hilda Edwards
Pam Turner
Tom Geddens
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Franklin Branton
Ray & Gale Frady

Mattie Stockman
Ray & Gale Frady

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



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Matthew and Carlie Skipper and family on the death of his grandfather, **Malcolm Skipper**, on Wednesday, August 13.

Fletcher Carter and family on the death of his son, **Stanley Carter**, on Monday, August 18.



Dear Trinity Family,

I want to thank my Trinity Family from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love and sympathy that I received from you in the wake of my beloved Mother's passing. Thank you for the sympathy cards, the text messages, the e-mails, the hugs and for your presence at my Mother's memorial service. For those of you who attended the service, I am truly grateful for your consoling my Father. Your presence warmed my heart tremendously. I give God thanks that my beloved Mother and Father were able to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary the week before she went on to be with Him. God brought me to Trinity in 2003 for a reason and I believe now that it was so that I could bask in the love of the greatest church family that He could have blessed me with! Thank you, Trinity Family!

Tom Geddens



Don't forget to wear your name tags! If you don't have a name tag, please see Marie Stiles or call her at (803) 463-6706.



Greetings!

Thank you for a lovely summer! Our **Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing** was a lot of fun. We will have another one at the end of November on the last weekend of the month, and we can look forward to singing and feasting together on all the fifth Sundays in 2026 (March, May, August, and November).

The Book Swap and the Summer Book Club were also a lot of fun and a great success and have inspired us here at "The Book Church" to do more; so another **Book Swap and a Winter Book Club are being planned for the future. Thank you, Kelsey!**

Additionally, I want to thank Laurie Knapp for preaching and Tom Geddens for leading worship while I am away. **Rev. Tom Wall from Cayce UMC will be on emergency call** during my absence. Thank you for all your wonderful support for my trip. I will be back at worship on September 14th, and we will celebrate Holy Communion together.

On **Saturday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m., we will visit The Pines** for our autumn Love Our Neighbors project. Perhaps, we might bring some pumpkin pie and apple pie to our beloved friends at The Pines? Mark your calendars and join us for this special time.

One of my goals for the coming year is to have more folks engaged in our Lay Servant training. There are many talented people in our church, and I'd love to have more folks engaged in worship. Please consider being a liturgist or helping in any way the Spirit moves you. We may also **consider forming a Volunteers in Mission team** to help our neighbors when there is a storm or emergency that needs our attention.

Moreover, I'm **hoping to put a membership class together**. The classes will take place right after church one Sunday a month and will be short and sweet and include snacks. Even if you are already a member at Trinity, you may consider taking the class to learn more about our history, polity and beliefs as United Methodists. Watch this space for more information.

As we prepare for this year's charge conference, I am reminded once again of how blessed I am to serve among you. Trinity UMC, West Columbia is really a special community because of our people. Thanks again for a lovely summer! We're just getting started, and the best is yet to come!

With gratitude and much love,
Darlene

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Flowers:	<u>09/07</u> Allison Orth; Elizabeth Barilleaux	<u>09/14</u> Jo Ann Heiting	<u>09/21</u> Jo Ann Heiting	<u>09/28</u> Needed
Time Together:	Jack Stevens; Pam Turner	Ruth Frady	Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor	Not Needed
Liturgist:	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed



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

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

Family and Friends: **Kati Flowers** (*mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff*); **Wayne Young** (*brother of Faye Grahl*); **Berry Cochran** (*son-in-law of Charlyn McNeill*); **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*); **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*); **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 September

Mixed Vegetables (Cans)
Fruit Cups
Cooking Oil (Not Olive Oil)
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Green Beans
Jello
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cream of Chicken Soup
Cream of Potato Soup
Noodles
Crackers
Cookies
Vienna Sausage
Macaroni and Cheese

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 2025

Needed in August

\$ 22,762.00

Given in August

\$ 23,461.38

YTD Needed



\$ 159,334.00

YTD Given

\$ 162,688.17

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
08/03	5	44
08/10	14	44
08/17	13	47
08/24	15	47
08/31	11	55

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1 Chris Carter  LABOR DAY Office Closed	2 Stone Hughes	3 Elizabeth Barilleaux Elijah Herrera-Derrick Alex Thomas Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	4 Exercise, 10:30 a.m. .	5 Joan Gleaton Office Closed.	6 .
7 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	8 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	9 Grieving with God Support Group, 11 a.m.	10 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	11 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	12 Kay Jordan Office Closed.	13 Marie Stiles Laura Yordy
14 Christopher Gleaton Tommy Risinger Mac Stiles Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Birthday Celebration Epworth Work Day Offering	15 Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7 p.m.	16	17 Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m. Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	18 Judy Laval Drew Locklear Becke Valder Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	19 Scott Frier, Jr. Sara Platt Office Closed.	20 Donna Chestnut
21 Warren Driggers Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	22 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	23 GLIA Articles Due	24 Brenda Streetman Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	25 Wes Taylor Exercise 10:30 a.m.	26 Office Closed.	27 Tommy Gleaton Mary Louise Robinson The Pines, 2 p.m.
28 Hilda Edwards 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 Allison Kenner Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	30 Corinne Alford	