

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 make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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MAY 2026

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 10

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of our support last year Epworth served 2,230 children and families through its statewide programs in 2025. On Sunday, May 10th, 2026, we will participate in the annual Mother's 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, May 12

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 12**, at **11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Our Love Your Neighbor Ministry continues as we meet at The Pines at **2 p.m.** on **Sunday, May 3**, to share Communion with the residents. On **Wednesday, May 20**, we will provide **a light lunch for six to 10 residents and staff members.** Three or four volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean up. Please let Darlene know if you can help.



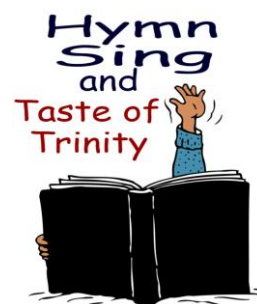
**Saturday, May 16
(Change of Date)
9:30 a.m.**

The Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy #1 in Lexington, at 9:30 a.m. on May 16. Marie Stiles will send out an email each month to obtain your RSVP. If you are not on Marie's group email and wish to be added, contact her at 803.463.9706 or mariebstyles@gmail.com.



Dinner/Brunch & A Movie

There will be two opportunities to see the documentary *Happy* at Trinity. The first will be on **Friday evening, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.** and dinner will be served. The second will be on **Sunday, May 17th right after church** and brunch will be served. Invite your family and friends. This is not a children's movie, but is appropriate for anyone twelve and older. Watching this movie might make your life just a little better.



Sunday, May 31

On **Sunday, May 31**, we will have a combined **hymn sing and Taste of Trinity covered dish luncheon.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for both the hymn sing and the luncheon. Plan now to join us and invite your friends as we sing our favorite hymns and enjoy our favorite foods.



Congratulations to Rhett Hook on receiving the Volunteer of the Year award at Lexington Medical Center's Volunteer Appreciation dinner in April. He has volunteered over 4,000 hours.



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

IN LOVING Memory

Ann Piercy
Tom Geddens

Wayne Johnston
Tom Geddens



We recently found out that **Wayne Johnston**, a member of Trinity, passed away on June 24, 2025. **WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to his wife, Kay, and the family. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear Trinity Family,

I certainly have faith that all the Trinity Family Prayers helped guide us to deal with my health issues since January. It was very reassuring knowing that prayers were being said, and experiencing God's guidance and love. Ted, Beth, Allison and I really appreciate your loyal prayers and love!!!

In God's love,
Ruth Frady



Thank you Trinity!

On behalf of everyone at the Methodist Student Network, we are deeply grateful for your contribution. Our mission depends on the generosity and compassion of folks like you, and we never take your involvement for granted.

Much love,
Jad Taylor, Campus Minister



Greetings!

Here is a poem by Mary Oliver that celebrates the new month. I am hoping it provides you with some "spiritual honey" and helps make "luminous any dark place" in your life.

May

May, and among the miles of leafing,
blossoms storm out of the darkness—
windflowers and moccasin flowers. The bees
dive into them and I too, to gather
their spiritual honey. Mute and meek, yet theirs
is the deepest certainty that this existence too—
this sense of well-being, the flourishing
of the physical body—rides
near the hub of the miracle that everything
is a part of, is as good
as a poem or a prayer, can also make
luminous any dark place on earth.
~Mary Oliver

Coming up in May we will host the folks at The Pines for **lunch on Wednesday, May 20th**. Our church will provide a light lunch for six to 10 residents and staff members from The Pines as part of our Love Our Neighbor Ministry. Hopefully, if the weather is good, folks at The Pines will be able to enjoy our garden and the outdoors. We will need three or four volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean up. Please let me know if you are available and can help.

Dinner and/or Brunch and a Movie

But not just any movie! I'd love as many folks as possible to see a documentary called *Happy*. We have permission to show the movie at our church, and we will have two opportunities to view it: **Sunday, May 17th right after church** in the fellowship hall. Brunch will be served. You can also see it on Friday evening, **May 15th at 6:00 p.m.** and dinner will be served. Invite your family and friends. This isn't a kid's movie, but I highly recommend it for anyone twelve and older. As dramatic as it sounds—I think watching this movie might make your life just a little better.

Thanks for being the best church in all the land. Invite a friend to worship!

With grace and gratitude,
Darlene

MAY 2026

Flowers: 05/03
Time Together: Needed
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
Liturgist: Toni White

05/10
 Jo Ann Heiting
 Celia Perez
 Tom Geddens

05/17
Needed
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor
 Mary Sue Lewis

05/24
 Lynn Martin
 Needed
 Needed

05/31
Needed
 N/A
 N/A



Marie Stiles Marilyn Lloyd Ruth Frady Rhett Hook Raleigh Carter Christopher McCroskey
 John Ballentine Diane Muszynski Ray Frady Latson Lewis English Percy Jeanette
 Hornsby
 Hannah Glanz Hilda Edwards Fran Laska Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Jan Stamps

Shut-Ins: Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

Family and Friends: **Otis A. McCroskey** (father of Christopher McCroskey); **Connie Crouch** (friend of Mary Sue Lewis); **Kristie Carter** (niece of Faye Grahl); **George Hough** (brother of Mary Louise Robinson); **Cody Linholm** (husband of Taylor Linholm); **Donna Eidson** (former Trinity pastor); **Ghent Brewer** (brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby); **Kim & Sandra Meetze** (friends of Martha Cooke); **Matt Imel** (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); **Cayla Watters** (friend of Karen Carter); **Tommy Stokes** (nephew of Joyce Robinson); **Kati Flowers** (mother of friend of Blake Kamoroff); **Christina Lindemuth** (daughter of Karen Carter); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Connie Mason** (friend of Lynn Martin); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David & Kristen Turner** (brother and sister-in-law 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 May

Vegetable Oil (small containers)
 Cookies
 Jelly
 Canned Green Peas
 Flour
 Sugar
 Juice
 Canned Milk
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Bread
 Hot Dog Buns

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 2026

Needed in April

\$ 18,952.00

Given in April

\$ 29,173.48

YTD Needed

\$ 80,546.00

YTD Given



\$ 95,829.87

Holy Week Offering: \$ 517.25

Lieu of Lilies for MSN: \$ 2,211.38

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
04/05	14	81
04/12	12	41
04/19	13	35
04/26	9	36

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
					1 Arvan Derrick Celia Perez Office Closed FH Reserved	2 FH Reserved
3 Sadie Rae Stamps Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion The Pines, 2 p.m.	4 Slone Taylor .Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	5 Raylynn Hipp	6 T.a.G., 7 p.m.	7 Craig Walters Ray Frady's Spiritual Birthday Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	8 Office Closed	9
10 Dee Hughes Jerry Rich Mother's Day Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration	11 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	12 Maggie Smith Grieving with God, 11 a.m.	13 Kevin Thomas T.a.G., 7 p.m.	14 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	15 Brandon Edwards Peyton Johnston Matthew Skipper Office Closed Dinner & a Movie, 6 p.m.	16 Ladies Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket Hwy. 1
17 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Brunch & a Movie	18 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	19	20 The Pines @ Trinity, 12 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	21 Exercise, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	22 Mark Branham Karen Carter Office Closed	23
24 Nova Grahl Dee Senn Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m..	25 Office Closed	26 Jay Alley Piper Stiles	27 T.a.G., 7 p.m.	28 Charlie Platt Libby Platt Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	29 Office Closed	30 FH Reserved
31 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Taste of Trinity	