

# 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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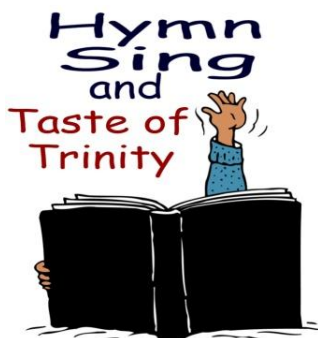
**Grieving with God**  
**Tuesday, August 11**

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



**Wednesday, August 12**  
**12 p.m.**

We will continue our Love Your Neighbor Ministry on **Wednesday, August 12**, as we once again host some of the residents of **The Pines** at Trinity.



**Sunday, August 30**

On **Sunday, August 30**, 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.



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



The Exercise Class will not meet for the rest of the summer. The class will start again on **Thursday, September 10**.

The **T.a.G. Group** will **continue to meet** throughout the summer.



Dear Rev. Kelley,

Thank you and your members for providing such a welcoming space and wonderful food for God's Helping Hands annual board meeting on May 30, 2026.

The support from Trinity is so valuable to God's Helping Hands mission. Please give my thanks to all who helped make this meeting possible.

Sincerely,  
Mary Sutton



Recently, I read an article titled “When Church Becomes Walmart”. I shared it on my personal, social media page. The article discusses the rise of the “mega church” occurring while small, community churches struggle. The author writes:

*A neighborhood church is not merely a place where people watch a service. At its best, it is a community in which people know when someone is sick, when a family cannot pay the electric bill, when an elderly member needs a ride and when the local school needs supplies.*

*People do not simply attend. They teach, cook, visit, organize, repair, give, serve and accept responsibility for one another.*

*In a smaller congregation, it is often difficult to remain anonymous. Your absence is noticed. Your gifts are needed. Faith is not merely delivered to you from a stage. It is practiced beside people who know your name, your struggles and your responsibilities.*

This is such a great description of Trinity—a neighborhood church where people know and love one another. In an era of lost community, let’s be grateful for one another and our lovely neighborhood church. We are truly a community of believers, a faith family that loves and cares for one another, and it is just what the world needs. So, spread the word and invite someone you know to church. We need one another, we need a strong community and we truly need God.

On a practical note: now that we have our portable, outdoor, drive-in screen, we need speakers too, and maybe a DVD player and one or two technical wizards to see how we might put an outdoor movie together. And how about some environmentally friendly, kid friendly, mosquito spray that’s safe for all living creatures except mosquitoes?!

The **District set-up meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup>**. That’s when we will learn the date of our church charge conference. Please pray for our church and especially for Jackie who works hard and does an amazing job on the bulk of the paperwork. I’d also like to recommend we have an administration meeting sometime after the set-up meeting. Thank you!

On the mission front, I signed us up for **a meal at the Methodist Student Network at USC on Sunday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Since we have to fill in the entrée slot in order to submit the form, we are serving Breakfast for Dinner with pancakes, sausage and anything else we’d like to bring. They will be looking for some **help before that on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Welcome Back Sunday Dinner**. Please let me know if you can help with either of these events.

Our senior friends at the Pines will be with us in the fellowship hall for our **Citrus and Sunshine luncheon on August 12<sup>th</sup> at noon**. They will also be visiting us on September 16<sup>th</sup> for what we are hoping will be a beach themed luncheon. If you’d like to help out or just stop by for either of these events, you are very welcome. It’s not too early to start thinking about a few bigger projects or events that may serve our neighbors at MSN and The Pines during the holidays.

Meanwhile, enjoy these warm August days. Tell your family and friends that you love them, and take time to give thanks to God for our beautiful neighborhood church!

Much love,  
Darlene

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|                | <u>08/02</u>             | <u>08/09</u> | <u>08/16</u>                 | <u>08/23</u>  | <u>08/30</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Flowers:       | Anonymous                | Needed       | Needed                       | Bonnie Ramsey | Needed       |
| Time Together: | Jack Stevens; Pam Turner | Celia Perez  | Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor | Celia Perez   | N/A          |
| Liturgist:     | Chantel Griffin          | Tom Geddens  | Michael Kaven                | Needed        | Needed       |



Hilda EdwardsMarilyn LloydRuth FradyRhett HookMary Sue LewisChristopher McCroskey  
John BallentineJeff PortwoodRay FradyLatson LewisEnglish PercyJeanette  
Hornsby  
Hannah GlanzArvan DerrickFran LaskaKaye FloydLibby StricklandRaleigh Carter  
Jack StevensDonna Easterling Becude

Shut-Ins: Nell Cooke; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch

**Family and Friends:** **Lynda Areheart** (*friend of Jo Ann Heiting & Bonnie Ramsey*); **Danielle Bradley** (*daughter of Ramona Shiffert, a friend of Kelsey Jones*); **Vicary Whitaker** (*sister of Edwa Meek*); **Jack Reeves** (*uncle of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Wayne Gunter** (*uncle of Tony Scott*); **Marty Johnson** (*former member*); **Otis A. McCroskey** (*father of Christopher McCroskey*); **Connie Crouch** (*friend of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Kristie Carter** (*niece of Faye Grah*); **George Hough** (*brother of Mary Louise Robinson*); **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*); **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,

GOD’S HELPING HANDS

Special Needs for August

Canned Beans  
Canned Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Meat  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Crackers  
Canned Fruit  
Jiffy Mix

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 2026

Needed in July

\$ 18,952.00

Given in July

\$ 19,298.23

YTD Needed

\$ 142,140.00

YTD Given

\$ 151,282.68

| <u>ATTENDANCE FOR JULY</u> |           |                |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <u>In-Person</u>           | <u>SS</u> | <u>Worship</u> |
| 07/05                      | 13        | 42             |
| 07/12                      | 10        | 37             |
| 07/19                      | 14        | 37             |
| 07/26                      | 13        | 48             |

| Sun                                                                                                                                                           | Mon                    | Tue                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                    | Thu                                             | Fri                                           | Sat                           |
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| <b>2</b><br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir, 10:35 a.m.<br>Worship, 11 a.m.<br>Holy Communion                                                               | <b>3</b>               | <b>4</b>                                                                             | <b>5</b><br><br>T.a.G. 7 p.m.                                                          | <b>6</b>                                        | <b>7 Tom Hornsby</b><br><br>Office Closed     | <b>8</b>                      |
| <b>9 Erin Derrick<br/>Trey Howard</b><br><br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir, 10:35 a.m.<br>Worship, 11 a.m.<br>Birthday Celebration<br>FH Reserved, 3 p.m. | <b>10</b>              | <b>11 Monica Johnston</b><br><br>Grieving with God, 11 a.m.                          | <b>12 Joshua Ballentine</b><br><br>The Pines at Trinity, 12 p.m.<br><br>T.a.G., 7 p.m. | <b>13</b>                                       | <b>14</b><br><br>Office Closed                | <b>15</b>                     |
| <b>16</b><br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir, 10:35 a.m.<br>Worship, 11 a.m.                                                                                | <b>17 Treas Wooten</b> | <b>18 Mary Kennerly<br/>Dana Risinger</b><br><br>.                                   | <b>19 Rivers Alley<br/>Mikey Stamps<br/>Pierce Trotter</b><br><br>T.a.G., 7 p.m.       | <b>20 Bruce Kenner</b><br><br>GLIA Articles Due | <b>21 Patrick Stamps</b><br><br>Office Closed | <b>22 Alan Wells</b><br><br>. |
| <b>23 Pam Hook<br/>Megan Howard<br/>Simon Ross</b><br><br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir, 10:35 a.m.<br>Worship, 11 a.m.                                   | <b>24</b>              | <b>25</b>                                                                            | <b>26</b><br><br>T.a.G., 7 p.m.                                                        | <b>27 Phil Hook</b>                             | <b>28 Lynn Martin</b><br><br>Office Closed    | <b>29</b>                     |
| <b>30</b><br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir, 10:35 a.m.<br>Worship, 11 a.m.<br>Hymn Sing & Taste of Trinity                                                | <b>31</b>              |  |                                                                                        |                                                 |                                               |                               |