

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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**Sunday, October 4
11 a.m.**

We once again invite you and your beloved pets to our Blessing of the Animals Worship Service on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. Inspired by the birthday of St. Francis and adapted from our own United Methodist Book of Worship, this unique service is a wonderful way to celebrate the joy and companionship of our pets, and to thank God for all the wonderful gifts of Creation.

Whether your pet has fur, feathers or fins, all creatures are welcome! We'll gather outside (weather permitting) on the Gunter Circle side of the building for a time of prayer, reflection and blessing. A pet is not required for attendance; this is our Sunday worship service. Bring the whole family—some may require leashes or carriers. If your pet is unable to attend, please feel free to bring a photo, and we'll bless them in spirit. Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available. Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (a non-profit rescue for orphaned and injured wildlife) will once again be joining us. A Love Offering will be taken up for them.

If you have a pop-up or canopy tarp that we might borrow for our outside service that day, please contact the church office at 803-794-7777 or email us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com. We'll also need three or four volunteers to set up chairs outside on the morning of the event.

Let's use this opportunity to invite friends, family and neighborhood animal lovers to this special worship event at our church! Say a prayer, spread the word and give God the glory!

If you have any questions, just ask Rev. Kelley at 845-416-7308. Thank you!



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, October 13**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on **Tuesday, October 13, at 11 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Trinity to Participate as a Vendor at the Saluda Riverfest

Our church has purchased a table at the first annual Saluda Riverfest scheduled for **October 8** from **5:30 until 8:30 p.m.** at Saluda River Academy for the Arts.

We will give out business cards, water and candy and will have Taste of Trinity Cookbooks for sale for \$5.00. This event is being held by the PTO to raise funds for student field trips, teacher support and classroom resources, and a brand new initiative that provides personal care items and clothing for students in need.

This is a great opportunity to get our name in front of one of our long-standing neighbors. If you can help “man” the booth with Darlene, please let her know.

There will be carnival games, food trucks, face painting, a cake walk, craft and other vendors.

For more information about Saluda Riverfest, go to Saluda River Academy for the Arts Facebook page.



**Sunday, October 18
3 p.m.**



On **Sunday, October 11**, we will provide a meal for MSN. Please let Darlene know if you can help.

We will continue our Love Your Neighbor Ministry on **Thursday, October 22**, as we visit **The Pines** at 2 p.m. for their **Chili Tasting**.



Stewardship Moments will begin on October 18 and end on November 15 with our guest speaker, Rev. Tom Wall. It is an exciting time in the life of our church as we hear words from the heart from the following:

Michael Kaven – October 18
Raleigh Carter – October 25
Tonya Spires – November 1
Jeanette Hornsby – November 8
Rev. Tom Wall - November 15

Prayer, Presence, Service, Witness and our Gifts is what we all said we would do when we joined the church. Let's all honor our commitment!

Bonnie J. Ramsey
Finance Chair/Stewardship Chair



Killingsworth

*A home for women recovering
from various life distresses*

Killingsworth is a safe place that supports personal development: recovery habits, mental and physical health habits, employment and identity. The dedicated staff and volunteers foster an environment of encouragement and hope, helping women rediscover their strengths and potential.

There is a fund-raising Gala scheduled for **November 12, 2026, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** in THE MOORE BUILDING at the SC STATE FAIR GROUNDS, 1200 Rosewood Drive Columbia, S.C. 29201.

The church is purchasing a table for eight as part of its Outreach Ministry for the first eight people to sign up to attend. Cost per person is \$85.00, so if the list is full and you would like to attend, please see the pastor. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area or you may contact Marie Stiles by texting or calling her at 803.463.9706 or by sending her an email at mariebstyles@gmail.com to secure your commitment to attend.



Linda Smith
Ray & Gale Frady

Keith Greshel
Ray & Gale Frady



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Raleigh and Karen Carter and family on the death of his mother, **Joanne Carter**, on Monday, September 28. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Mark and Mary Sue Lewis and family on the death of her uncle, **Jack Reeves**, on Thursday, September 24, in Houston, Texas. He had been on our prayer list. Please keep the family in your prayers.



The Ladies Group will meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Highway #1 in Lexington at 9:30 a.m. on October 24 and November 28. We will skip December as the 4th Saturday falls on Christmas week-end. Jackie will send reminders through her weekly update emails and 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.



Taste of Trinity
Sunday, October 25

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **October 25**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!



Columbia Community Band's Fall Concert
October 25, 2026, 4 p.m.
Airport High School Auditorium
1315 Boston Avenue, West Columbia

We open our 46th season with an out of this world musical experience to the sky and beyond. Selections include music from the movies Star Wars and Apollo 13 on our way to Mars and Jupiter. The flyer is located on the round table in the Gathering Area. Doors to the auditorium open at 3:30 pm. Our spaceship takes off promptly at 4 - see you onboard!



Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. For October:

October 13
Morris Taylor
1200 Tarrytown Lane
West Columbia, SC 29170



Saturday, October 31
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on our Gunter Circle parking lot to celebrate our children, our church and our community with Trunk or Treat. We've got candy bags with stickers that say "Trinity UMC" on the side, ready to fix and fill. We'll need some willing bag stuffers at Taste of Trinity on Sunday, October 25th.

We'll decorate the side of our church bus and have a table out front to attract some attention. You can decorate your car, bring your lawn chair and your treats and join in the fun! You may want to bring a flashlight or lantern too.

Invite your friends and neighbors, and all your favorite ghouls and join us on Halloween! It will be booooooiful!



Greetings Beloved,

We have a great month lined up with all kinds of exciting possibilities. We'll start the month with our Blessing of the Animals and end it with Trunk or Treat on Halloween. In between, on **October 8th, we will have a table at the Saluda River Festival.** I'd love to have some of you with me to hand out water and a few small gifts and to reach out to our community. This is a great opportunity to support a local school and to do a bit of outreach.

We will feed the students at the **Methodist Student Network on Sunday evening October 11th.** A platter of subs and sandwiches from Publix will be a hit and make it all easy, but please join us if you can for the fellowship and a chance to talk with the students. It's fun!

A new mission project that helps children in need through Epworth Children's Home is starting this month. You may have noticed the crib in the Gathering Area donated by our beloved Morris Taylor at Furniture Barn. We will fill the crib with diapers, baby wipes, non-perishable food suitable for small children, new baby clothes, new toys and anything else you think will help babies and toddlers. Once our crib is full, it will be donated with all its goodies to the Epworth Children's Home. They have lots of small ones to take care of in the kinship and family support programs.

Dominion Energy will host a Town Hall here on Tuesday, October 13th. There is a bit of controversy stirring over Dominion's proposed plans for our area. The pastor may need back up!

Our **Charge Conference is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th.** Lift Jackie in your prayers; she does the lion's share of the work. All are invited to our charge conference and attendance will be very much appreciated for anyone serving on our church administration teams. There will be snacks!

Retired United Methodist pastor, Rev. Joel Jones, will be filling in for me while I officiate a wedding the weekend of October 25th. Craig and I will be back in plenty of time for Halloween candy.

We are celebrating Stewardship this month through November, and there are many ways you can support and contribute with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your talents. And special thanks to Dr. Bonnie Ramsey and our speakers: Michael Kaven, Raleigh Carter, Tonya Spires and Jeannette Hornsby. We will have a guest speaker on November 15th, but he isn't quite confirmed yet as I write this, so we'll keep you in suspense.

One of the special ways folks are serving during the next few months is with their musical gifts. I am grateful for all the dedicated and talented people who are filling in at the piano.

Thank you for being the best church in all the land! Pray for one another and know with blessed assurance that God loves you and I do too!

With grace and much gratitude,
Darlene

Save the Dates: November 1st—Organ Donor Sunday & All Saints Sunday
November 13th—Book Club Dinner
November 15th—Laity Sunday

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Flowers:	<u>10/04</u> Needed	<u>10/11</u> Needed	<u>10/18</u> Linda Alford Wooten	<u>10/25</u> Needed
Time Together:	N/A	Celia Perez	Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor	N/A
Liturgist:	Tom Geddens	Chantel Griffin	Michael Kaven	N/A



Hilda Edwards Marilyn Lloyd Ruth Frady Rhett Hook Mary Sue Lewis Christopher McCroskey
John Ballentine Jeff Portwood Ray Frady Latson Lewis English Percy Jeanette
Hornsby
Hannah Glanz Arvan Derrick Fran Laska Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Raleigh Carter
Jack Stevens Donna Easterling Becude

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

Family and Friends: *Jane Lewis (mother of Mark Lewis); Landon Luesing (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); 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);); Wayne Gunter (uncle of Tony Scott); 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); Ghent Brewer (brother-in-law of Jeanette Hornsby); Matt Imel (husband of Holley Gleaton Imel); Cayla Watters (friend of Karen Carter); Tommy Stokes (nephew of Joyce Robinson); 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), 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, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

GOD’S HELPING HANDS

Special Needs for October
Sugar
Cereals
Saltines
Spaghetti Sauce
Cream Soups
Jiffy Cornbread Mix

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
September 2026

Needed in September
\$ 18,952.00

Given in August
\$ 10,420.83

<u>YTD Needed</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>
\$ 184,782.00	\$ 186,181.89

<u>ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER</u>		
<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
09/06	15	45
09/13	13	47
09/20	14	43
09/27	13	48

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
				1 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	2 Office Closed	3
4 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	5 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	6	7 T.a.G., 7 p.m.	8 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. Saluda Riverfest, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	9 Jeanette Hornsby Office Closed	10 FH Reserved, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
11 Kaye Floyd Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration MSN Meal, 5:45 p.m.	12 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	13 Morris Taylor Grieving with God, 11 a.m. FH Reserved, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	14 Charles Sox T.a.G., 7 p.m.	15 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	16 Office Closed	17 Donna Becude Jasmin Herrera Sebastian Liafsha Hayden Liafsha Sanctuary Reserved 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
18 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Charge Conference, 3 p.m.	19 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	20	21 Sarah Grace McCartha T.a.G., 7 p.m.	22 Cristen Hipp Salli McCartha Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. The Pines, 2 p.m. GLIA Articles Due	23 Christopher McCroskey Edwa Meek Office Closed	24 Wyatt Jones Trinity Ladies Group, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket Hwy 1
25 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity Columbia Community Concert Band, 4 p.m.	26 Addison Stiles Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	27 Peggy Nadler Jessica Warble	28 Jon Martin T.a.G., 7 p.m.	29 Matthew Martin Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	30 Office Closed	31 Trunk of Treat, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.