

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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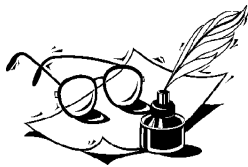
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Advent Season 2016

Last week I preached about the second coming of Christ our Lord. I don't know about you, but I had never thought about the second coming of Christ as being an Advent event. The more I thought about it as I prepared for the sermon last week, the more I began to see it as just that.

As we go about living our daily lives, we should be about the business of living and treating others as Jesus would have done. During the season of Advent our lives get so busy that sometimes we get all flustered ourselves, therefore we need to rely on God for His guidance so that others can see the light of Christ through the lives we live.

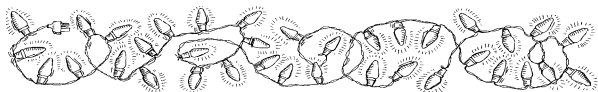
I am excited that this year Christmas is on a Sunday. What better day of our week to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. You know if we did not have Christmas to celebrate the birth of the Christ child, we would never have an Easter, and without Easter we would not have the hope of salvation. Praise the Lord that He loved us enough to send His only begotten Son to save us from our own sin.

By the way, I have already started collecting artificial greenery for next year's Hanging of the Greens service.

Remember God loves you and so do I.

Love,

Rev. Donna, Cece, Curlie, and Patch



Greater Cayce-West Columbia Holiday Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 10

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Trinity will be participating in the Greater Cayce-West Columbia Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 10. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in any way, please talk with Pastor Donna.



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18

"Because It's Christmas" is the name of this year's Christmas Cantata at Trinity. It will still be focused on the birth of Jesus, but from some fresh and interesting perspectives. A few of the anthems may help explain this different approach. With titles like "Joseph's Song", "What Did the Star See?" and "Camel Kneel Softly" you begin to see the story emerge from places and things that don't usually get the spotlight, but have some important things to say about the Christmas story. We welcome Frank Thompson back as our guest narrator, but this year we'll also enjoy the special participation from members of our church family! Selected adults, young people and children will help us tell the story in thoughtful and entertaining ways. Please join us on Sunday, December 18th, to see Christmas in a different light.

Candlelight Service



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Saturday, December 24, at 6 p.m. Plan now to join us for this special service.



On Sunday, December 25, we will have the worship service at 11 a.m. to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **We will not have the Sunday School Breakfast or Sunday School.**

memorials & gifts

Ruth Hipp Jones

English & Jewel Pearcy
Bonnie Ramsey
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Elaine Jones

Bonnie Ramsey
Wayne & Charlie Hooker
Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting

Andy Jones

Steve & Kathy Aiello

George Felkel

Ray & Gale Frady

Mary Matthews

Steve & Kathy Aiello
Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Mutt Skipper

Ray & Gale Frady
Clarice Calvert Bobo
Donnie & Carolyn Sox
Bonnie Ramsey

Nancy Hargett

Marvin & Sara Efron	Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Jim & Marie Stiles	Ray & Gale Frady
Maurice & Joyce Robinson	English & Jewel Pearcy
Tommy & Marty Johnson	Wayne & Charlie Hooker



Trinity Family

A gift in honor of their Trinity Family has been given by **Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting** in lieu of sending 2016 Christmas Cards.



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Christopher McCroskey and family** on the death of his mother, **Nancy Hargett**, on Tuesday, November 15; and to

Matthew Skipper and family on the death of his great-uncle, **Mutt Skipper**, on Thursday, November 10.



Fruit Baskets for the Shut-Ins will be assembled on Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help. Also, please let Becky Derrick know if you would like to take a basket to someone other than our own shut-ins.

Consecration Sunday Results

We had a total of 53 pledge cards returned for a total of \$226,180 in pledges. That brings us up to 83% of our budget. I thank and praise God for all of you who have participated in this worthy effort. May God grant us the wisdom to continue to bless us with knowledge to carry out His will for Trinity UMC.



Our Giving Christmas Tree

Again this year we will have envelopes on our Gathering Area Christmas tree for Saluda River Academy for the Arts, Canoeing for Kids, and a family from Families Helping Families. The envelopes will be on the tree by the first Sunday in December. You may choose to contribute to just one, or you may choose two or more. For the family, we each will be buying specific gifts for them. Their names and sizes and toy wishes will be included with the envelope. The gifts for the family will have to be in by noon on Monday, December 12. Thank you for your wonderful participation in helping us to reach out to others as we try to share His love with the rest of the world.



The Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. Chuck Martin will be driving the van to the concert. The van will leave from the Gunter Circle parking lot at 6:45 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room. The concert is free.



After much hard work and lots of support and encouragement from family and friends, Jon Martin will be graduating from USC on December 12 with a degree in Integrated Information Technology. While attending Carolina, Jon participated for four years in the USC Marching Band as a member of the sousaphone section and also participated in the Basketball Pep Band which allowed him to attend two NCAA women's basketball tournaments, one in Boulder, Colorado, and the other in Seattle, Washington. He also traveled to Chicago to compete in the National Collegiate Conference of the Association of Information Technology Professionals and was awarded 3rd place in PC Troubleshooting. Following an internship with IBM this past summer, the company offered Jon a fulltime position in Atlanta as a Technical Solution Specialist; he will begin his duties on February 21, 2017.