

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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Grieving with God Tuesday, June 11

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room of the church. We are using the book "Good Grief" by Granger E. Westberg. Copies are available each session and in the church office. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion,



A date and time will be announced soon for the Trinity Ladies Group. Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification. The group will not meet in July and August.



Marie Stiles will be providing new name tags prior to June 30th. Please remember to wear the name tags so Pastor Darlene Kelley and her husband, Craig, can learn our names.

Also, please remember to keep them on during Time Together and Taste of Trinity. A basket will be provided for you to put them in as you leave.



Sunday, June 23

Sunday, June 23, will be *John and Kay's* last Sunday at Trinity. There will be a reception in their honor immediately following the Worship Service that Sunday.



Sunday, June 30 (Please Note the Change of Date)

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, June 30**, as we welcome *Pastor Darlene Kelley* and her husband, *Craig*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and get to know our new pastor!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



Congratulations to *Zen and Hunter Robinson* on the birth of their daughter, *Payton Joyce Robinson*, born on Sunday, May 12. Her big sister is *Bralyn*!

Payton is the granddaughter of *Brent Robinson* and the great-granddaughter of *Joyce Robinson*.



Mildred McQuitty

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Jo Ann Heiting
Bonnie Ramsey

Ronnie Ballentine

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

Claudia Sineath

Jeanette Hornsby
John & Patsy Zeigler
Jim & Marie Stiles
Jo Ann Heiting
Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamoroff

Dolly Orth

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Each month we highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. Birthdays in June:

June 2

Nell Cooke
Brookdale
1920 Ebenezer Road, Room 705
Rock Hill, SC 29732

June 19

Jean Raynor
The Pines of Columbia
190 McSwain Drive, Room 204
West Columbia, SC 29169

A gift to Trinity is given by **Marty Johnson** in loving memory of **Tommy Johnson** in remembrance of their 51st Wedding Anniversary on May 19.



With Sympathy

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to:

Arvan and Becky Derrick and family on the death of his uncle, **Teddy Berrick**, on Monday, May 6.

John and Sue Ballentine and family on the death of his cousin, **Ronnie Ballentine**, on May 15.

Micheal and Pam Fulmer and family on the death of **Claudia Sineath** on May 21.

Lonny and Allison Orth and family on the death of his mother, **Dolly Orth**, on May 28.



Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for your support for UMC Campus Ministry at USC. Your contribution of \$250 is so appreciated. You have been an encourager for many years.

Blessings,
Tom Wall

John's Jottings

Unity

My great-great-grandfather, Willis Simeon Bowles, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was in Joseph Johnston's Army fighting in the Carolinas. After receiving word of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Johnston began negotiating the surrender of his Army with General Sherman. Johnston and Sherman met at Bennet's Farm four miles outside Durham Station, N.C. (present-day Durham). On April 26, the surrender was finalized, ending the hostilities in the East. Willis began the trek home to Baconton, GA., refusing the train. The story of Willis walking home after the war became one of our family legends.

When Kay worked at Lexington Mental Health Center, she was chosen to be trained in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. This training required her to go to Duke University several times. I went with her on one of her trips to Durham.

While Kay was in her training session, I went to the site of Bennet's Farm, which is now a National Historic site. I went to commune with my great-great-grandfather and experienced an idea of what he saw and felt that April. The most powerful part of that experience was the monument marking the surrender spot. It did not depict Confederate soldiers surrendering to Union soldiers as one might expect. The monument was two marble columns with a marble crosspiece at the top. On the crosspiece was a single word: UNITY.

The place where the most divisive chapter in our country's history ended was marked by that single word: UNITY. This war where brother fought against brother, ended with a call for unity. Armies that had fought for four long, horrible years across Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and the Carolinas called for unity. This monument cried for soldiers who had been trying to kill each other to come together in peace as brothers. The monument said, "Put aside your differences, let go of your causes, and live in peace."

Unity was the only way the country could heal after those horrific years. Holding on to lost causes, resentment, anger, and difference would only continue the conflict. Only by forgiving and uniting could the country heal. Even now, over 150 years later, we have not completely healed. We still hold onto some of those differences and old opinions.

Unity is necessary for a community to survive. Working together in a united mission leads to a thriving community. Any division will lead to the end of the community. Since the church is a community, these rules apply. Being united in mission will lead to a thriving church. Divisions will lead to the end of a church.

I know we all love Trinity and want her to thrive. Sadly, over the time I have been here, I have seen more division than unity. Much of the division in our society has permeated Trinity. In many ways, I feel I have been a flash point for these divisions. I know many have disagreed with my stance politically, socially, and regarding LGBTQ issues. I know many disagreed with suspending services and reopening during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The gaps became more evident during that time. The fact that the divisions at Trinity have widened during my time has been extremely painful.

My heart breaks at the thought of Trinity dying. This will be the outcome unless we put aside our differences and focus on God's mission for Trinity. A house divided against itself will fall. Have we reached the point that our opinions and dogmas are more important than the continuing life of Trinity? Kay and I joined Trinity when we moved in 1986 because we felt the closeness of the community. Now it seems that opinions and dogmas are more important than the community.

The years after 1865 were a time of painful healing for the United States. But the country thrived as people let go of the old way of life and put aside animosity. The North and the South united to form the nation we are today. We would not be the nation we are today without unity.

I am leaving Trinity at the end of this month and Darlene Kelly will be the new pastor. Some will disagree with her as much as you disagreed with me. I pray that you will put aside these differences of opinion. The church is people coming together and working in unity for the mission God has for the church. Trinity will thrive if we put aside our differences, and prayerfully discern God's mission.

Please get behind Darlene whether or not you agree with her. Be a church working in unity for God and the community so Trinity may live.

Shalom,
John

JUNE 2024

Flowers: 06/02
Time Together: **Needed**
Jack Stevens; Pam Turner

06/09
Patsy Boggs
Ruth Frady

06/16
Needed
Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

06/23
Needed
Jeanette Horsnby

06/30
Needed
Not Needed



English Pearcy Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Patsy Shuler Becky Derrick
Erin Derrick John Ballentine Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis Pam Turner

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Jan Weaver

Family and Friends: **Kelsey Molotsky** (*granddaughter of friend of Bob Strickland*); **Meg Sansbury**; **Mary Ann Rentz** (*stepmother of Marty Johnson*); **Mary Perry** (*friend of Marty Johnson*); **Chantel Griffin** (*sister of Erin Derrick*); **Russell Eubanks** (*son-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting*); **Malcolm Skipper** (*grandfather of Matthew Skipper*); **Bryan Collard** (*brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (*sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis*); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (*friends of John & Kay Jordan*); **Lawrence Gilbert** (*friend of Becky Derrick*); **Bob Bohnstengel** (*spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin*); **Missy Abrams** (*stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams*); **Mary Davis** (*daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland*); **Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (*friends of Lynn Martin*); **Pearl Geddens** (*mother of Tom Geddens*); **Ross Deal** (*grandson of Mary Kamoroff*); **Nancy Wilson** (*friend of Jeanette Hornsby*); **David Turner** (*brother of Pam Turner*); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (*friends of Tommy Gleaton*); **Ron & Janet Walker** (*friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton*); **Merit Takach** (*friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson*); **James Boggs** (*father of Claire Boggs*); **Stacy Coggins** (*daughter of Steve Aiello*); **Bill Areheart** (*friend of Bonnie Ramsey*); **David Grandshaw** (*brother-in-law of Edwa Meek*); **Robert Bradley** (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); **Gary Becton** (*friend of Mark Branham*); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (*friends 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*); **Bernardo Velasquez, Walt & Janet Beck** (*friends 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 June

Tuna
Grits
Spaghetti Sauce
Cooking Oil
Jelly

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 2024

Needed in May

\$ 18,562.00

Given in May

\$ 20,201.16

YTD Needed


\$ 97,450.50

YTD Given

\$ 85,705.62

ATTENDANCE FOR May

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
05/05	10	33
05/12	10	34
05/19	13	33
05/26	9	24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Nell Cooke Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	3 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	4 Hugh Henry Sarah Moore	5 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	6 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	7 Ryan Edwards Office Closed	8
9 Jack Stevens Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration Annual Conference Begins	10 Wanda Stamps Annual Conference Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	11 Annual Conference Grieving with God, 11 a.m.	12 Emmaline Yordy Annual Conference T.a.G., 7 p.m.	13 Claire Boggs Pam Turner Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	14 Cosme Castro Office Closed	15 Marty Johnson
16 Father's Day Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	17 Allan Smith Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	18	19 Kelli Hill Jean Raynor Rhonda Wohlbach T.a.G., 7 p.m.	20 Sherrill Clarkson Nathan Robinson Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	21 Office Closed	22 Katherine Locklear
23 Lyla Branham Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Farewell Reception for John and Kay Jordan	24 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	25 Carol Driggers Haven Thompson	26 T.a.G., 7 p.m.	27 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	28 Loki Orth Office Closed	29 Daphne Branham Laurie Knapp John Zeigler
30 Carolyn Creasman Pastor Darlene Kelley's 1st Sunday Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity	