

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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Dearest Beloved!

Our journey continues and I continue to be amazed and impressed by your love, service and goodness. We have lots of exciting things coming up, and I trust God will be with us every step of the way.

Don't be shy—invite your friends and family to church—and continue to pray for our church and one another. Let's hold fast to God's promise:

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:31).*

As we look to the months ahead, let's give God thanks for the wonderful opportunities we have to gather and celebrate. From our Trunk or Treat event for Halloween to the season of gratitude at Thanksgiving, and the beautiful hope that Advent brings, we are excited about God's abundant grace and promise here at Trinity. And if you have any ideas or traditions you want to make sure we include or work on for the future—just give us a holler in the church office. Thank you for being such a wonderful community! Let's grow and serve God together!

With grace and much gratitude,
Rev. Darlene L. Kelley



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

October 24

Betty Cantrell
924 Natchez Trail
West Columbia, SC 29169



**BLESSING
of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 6
11 a.m.**

We warmly invite you and your beloved pets to a special worship service on Sunday, October 6th 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) 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 (thanks for that great idea, Pam & Faye). Blessing certificates with your pet's name will be available.

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.

We will have one or two people from Palmetto Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation as our special guests. We will take up a special offering for them during the service. Their website is www.palmettowildlifesc.com.

We will also be collecting supplies for Final Victory Animal Rescue in West Columbia. A few of their needs are:
Dog Food (wet or dry, puppy or adult; PurinaOne preferred)
Cat Food (wet or dry, adult or kitten)
Cat Toys; Dog Toys; Quart Ziploc Bags
For information about the rescue and a full list of needed items you can go to their website: finalvictoryrescue.com.

Most importantly, 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 call

the Church Office.



Craig Walters
Edwa Meek



Grieving with God
Tuesday, October 8

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. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion.



COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
4 P.M.

The Columbia Community Concert Band opens its 44TH concert season on Sunday, October 27, at 4 p.m. in the Auditorium at Airport High School.

Selections for this concert include a wide range of music: The Cry of the Last Unicorn, Rolling Thunder March, theme from the hit movie, *Top Gun*, and On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss (aka It Is Well With My Soul).

Chris Derrick has once again volunteered to drive the Trinity bus if we have enough people sign up. The sign-up sheet will be on the Round Table in the Gathering Area. The bus will leave the Gunter Circle parking lot at 3:20 p.m.

So, join us for Taste of Trinity and conclude the afternoon with an enjoyable concert. As always, thank you so much for your support!



Thursday, 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 50 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 27th. Candy will be provided for our Trinity bags through a recent donation.

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! Sundown will be at 6:30 that evening, so 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 boooootiful!



The Trinity Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1 at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, October 19.**

They will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month. For November, they will again meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1.

Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification.



Sunday, October 27

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, October 27.** Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

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



Save the Dates for an upcoming
Advent Bible Study!

Starting on Sunday, Dec. 1st and running the four Sundays of Advent, we'll join together right after church (we'll figure something out re: Taste of Trinity) for brunch and a seasonal, biblical journey! Watch for details!

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Flowers: 10/06
Time Together: **Needed**
Liturgist: Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
 Bob Strickland

10/13
Needed
 Ruth Frady
Needed

10/20
 Patsy Boggs
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor
Needed

10/27
 Lynn Martin
 Not Needed
Needed



Hilda Edwards Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Ruth Frady
 Patsy Shuler English Pearcy Latson Lewis Becky Derrick Jimmy Grahl

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

Family and Friends: **Sonya & Wayne Dooley** (daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Robinson); **Family of Rocky Brumbaugh** (father-in-law of Joshua Ballentine); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Deanne Summer** (partner of Martha Cooke); **Kelsey Molotsky** (granddaughter of friend of Bob Strickland); **Meg Sansbury**; **Mary Perry** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Chantel & Dave Griffin** (sister and brother-in-law of Erin Derrick); **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); **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); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, 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); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **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); **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 October*

Mixed Vegetables (Cans)
 Sugar (Small Bags)
 Cooking Oil
 2 lb. Bags of Rice
 Flour (Small Bags)

*I am leaving the list from last month until I can get an updated list from them.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

Needed in September

\$ 21,604.10

Given in September

\$ 16,898.30

YTD Needed

\$ 175,225.44

YTD Given


\$ 162,610.22

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
09/01	10	42
09/08	13	64
09/15	9	36
09/22	8	29
09/29	SS & Church Canceled	

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