

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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Greetings, Beloved!

The seasons are changing and Advent is in the air. Advent is one of my favorite seasons, and I'm looking forward to planning worship worthy of the coming of the King! On the first Sunday of November we will honor the saints who have gone before with **All Saints Sunday, the Remembrance of Names and the celebration of The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints.**

It is truly a season of thanksgiving and gratitude. Stewardship and gratitude go hand in hand, and I'm grateful for the folks participating in this season's stewardship campaign. **We give to our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.** I am grateful for your prayers especially, and I continue to be extremely grateful to be here and to serve among you. I'm excited too about some upcoming events, so mark your calendars!

Advent is a lovely time for mission. Folks at The Pines are close by and many could use personal care items, and perhaps, more importantly, a bit of love and kindness. One of our own, Jean Raynor, is a resident there. Wouldn't it be lovely to arrange a visit to The Pines? We could walk down the halls, singing, praying and handing out much needed gifts, and I know we'd be spreading joy and inspiring smiles. Stay tuned for details. Let's see if we can make that happen and truly be God's love in action!

It may also be a good time to remember our Methodist Student Network friends at the University of South Carolina. Advent season is also exam season. Perhaps, we can visit MSN for worship one Sunday evening soon. Let's stay connected. We want to encourage college students and young adults and attract them to our community, so we are also planning a **Hot Topics and Cold Beer night on Monday evening, November 18th. We'll meet at 7 at WECO.** You have to be way cool and young at heart to hang. Talk to SloneTaylor for details and thank Patsy Boggs for the idea and the event's cool name.

Indeed, this is a season of connection. Before we sing those Advent hymns, we'll gather for the **Tri-district event this Saturday, Nov. 2nd and meet our new Bishop.** We will also have a great opportunity for community connection with our **Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday evening, November 26th at 6:00 p.m.** Providence Presbyterian will be hosting the event, and we'll be joined by the good people of Congaree Presbyterian and Brookland United Methodist Churches. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet our neighbors.

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Advent is also a time of spiritual reflection, and we will meet right after church on the **four Sundays of Advent, beginning December 1st, for brunch and a bible study centered on the basics of spiritual growth and discipline:** prayer, meditation, service, gifts and witness. So, save the dates!

Thank you again for being such a great church! I am so excited to be here with you and to be entering Advent season together!

Blessings and much love,
Darlene

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:14-17



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, November 12**

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.



The Trinity Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1 at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, November 16.**

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



HOT TOPICS COLD BEER

**Monday, November 18
7 p.m.**

Becky Derrick

Pam Turner	Sinners Class
Jim & Marie Stiles	Tom Geddens
Jo Ann Heiting	Marty Johnson
Jeanette Hornsby	John & Patsy Zeigler
Jimmy & Faye Grahl	Dean & Nancy Spires
Hilda Edwards	Mary Kamoroff
Bonnie Ramsey	July & Mackenzie Barber
Nelson Mullins Family	
Nelson Mullins BADL Team	

In order to encourage college students and young adults a group is being formed called Hot Topics and Cold Beer. This group will get together monthly at [Weco Bottle and Biergarten](#) in West Columbia on Meeting Street. The objective of the group is to get together for fellowship, good conversations about God and faith, and enjoy a beer or other beverage of your choosing. Any theological or spiritual topic is welcome. This will be a casual event, so come as you are!

The first Hot Topics and Cold Beer will be **Monday, November 18th at 7 p.m.** Since this is the week before Thanksgiving, the topic for discussion will be focused on gratitude and thankfulness. Feel free to suggest topics as well.

If you have any questions, please see Slone Taylor or Patsy Boggs. If you are interested in attending and would like email or text message updates, please email Slone Taylor at Slonetaylor21@yahoo.com or text her your cell phone number to (803) 397-7294 and she will add you to her list. Also, invite anyone who you think would be interested in attending. This is open to all and is not limited to those who attend Trinity.



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *Arvan Derrick, Erin and Chris Derrick, Chantel and Dave Griffin,* and the entire family on the death of *Becky Derrick* on October 18, 2024.

About Weco Bottle and Biergarten:

Weco Biergarten, located at 626 Meeting St. in West Columbia, is a casual environment with a rotating list of beers, ciders, and sours on tap as well as bottled and canned beverages available to purchase, including wine. They post what's on tap on their [website](#). They have a large variety to choose from, including non-alcoholic options like soda, sparkling water, kombucha, and local canned cold brew coffee. They offer mostly outdoor seating under a large covered patio and tables with umbrellas beyond the patio. They host a different food truck every day, and they post the food truck schedule to their website, [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) weekly. Parking is located in front of the building and in a small parking lot on the side. They also have an overflow parking lot located at 730 Meeting Street.



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



**Tuesday, November 26
6 p.m.**

We will be participating in a Community Thanksgiving Service hosted by Providence Presbyterian Church. Also participating will be Congaree Presbyterian and Brookland United Methodist Churches. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet our neighbors.



Sunday, November 24

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, November 24**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

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



**Saturday, November 30
9 a.m.**

Plan to join us on Saturday, November 30, as we decorate the Sanctuary and Gathering Area for Advent and Christmas. We plan to start decorating at 9 a.m.



**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!

Trinity shows up.....

I volunteered to talk about our Presence in the church, meaning us physically being at church. We, as Methodists, when joining the church, vow to uphold the church with our Presence, being physically here.

Some of you know how long I have been here, but some may not, so I am going to share my Trinity story. My 45 year relationship with Trinity started when I was about 9 or 10. We came here when I was in the 5th grade. We attended Sunday School, Big church, and MYF. I came faithfully until I started college and then did not come so regularly through college. But you see, I had Joe Alley at my college, so I kind of felt at home. After college, my roommate, Kelly, who is a faithful servant of Christ, started attending church in Lexington, but she was a Presbyterian. I couldn't change denominations, that's like changing religions. I started to miss being at church, so I visited Lexington UMC, but it did not feel like home. So, I came back to Trinity and I'm so glad I did. I started keeping the nursery and teaching Sunday School with Donna Easterling. I took a discipleship Bible class led by Dr. Bill Butler, he was also my Bible teacher at Columbia College. I served on committees, taught VBS, then led VBS, counted money every month with Ted Frady for years upon years, and continued teaching Sunday School when my daughter, Claire was little.

You could say I love SHOWING UP for Trinity.

In the book of Hebrews Chapter 10 the Bible says ²⁴“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”. To me, those verses explain Trinity; we enjoy being in the presence of one another.

Being at Trinity for so long has given me a feeling that it is my duty to Trinity to SHOW UP, to give my TIME, but it's not out of guilt, it's out of love for all of you. I believe that all of you SHOW UP for Trinity out of love for her. I will paraphrase something I read online: it said physically attending church makes us part of something bigger than ourselves, makes us part of a community, and makes us PRESENT for each other.

AND Trinity people show up in small and big ways.....

We do this by SHOWING UP to teach Sunday School, to be an usher and to acolyte, to sing in the choir, to lead the choir, to read scripture during the service, and to sometimes preach. We SHOW UP to keep the nursery, to bake bread for communion, to prepare Time Together, to wash dishes after meals, and to lead and attend meetings. If we did not SHOW UP and give our time, there would be no church.

I remember this one church wide camping/glamping trip (we weren't in tents) the entire church went on and it was so much fun, because everyone SHOWED UP. We used to have weekend long planning retreats that we SHOWED UP for. The Fall Festival meant the men would spend the night cooking a pig for the BBQ the next day. They SHOWED UP and spent time together. We SHOW UP for Easter Egg hunts. Becky Derrick boiled eggs for every Easter Egg Hunt I have been a part of except for this year's hunt and that's been a lot of hunts. One of my favorites is SHOWING UP for our Christmas Eve service, singing the Hymns, and to see extended church family we have not seen in a while. We SHOW UP for baby showers and sadly for illnesses and funerals. I believe that is where Trinity shines.....when we really need one another. I experienced firsthand that PRESENCE from members when my father and sister passed away. The church needs us here to exist, to not give up meeting together, and to just be PRESENT for one another.

Coming back to Trinity after college sparked a strong bond with me and Trinity. Being present, SHOWING UP here is not a chore, it's not even a second thought. Donna Easterling once said about she and I leaving Trinity that “They will have to pry our cold dead hands off these pews”.

Patsy Meek Boggs

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Flowers: 11/03
Time Together: **Needed**
Liturgist: Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
 Tom Geddens

11/10
English Percy
 Ruth Frady
 Bob Strickland

11/17
Needed
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor
 Toni White

11/24
Needed
 Not Needed
 Joe Alley



Hilda Edwards Patsy Zeigler Kaye Floyd Ruth Frady
 Patsy Shuler English Percy Latson Lewis Jimmy Grahl

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

Family and Friends: **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **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); **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 November

Mixed Vegetables (Cans)
 Sugar (Small Bags)
 Cooking Oil (Not Olive Oil)
 Flour (Small Bags)
 Jiffy Mix
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Juice
 Crackers
 Cookies
 Jelly
 Jello Pudding
 Dried Milk
 Ramen Noodles

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 2024

Needed in October

\$ 19,203.48

Given in October

\$ 16,786.08

YTD Needed

\$ 194,908.96

YTD Given

\$ 177,819.31

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
10/06	N/A	62
10/13	11	40
10/20	10	31
10/27	8	43

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
					1 Office Closed	2
3 <i>Joyce Robinson</i> <i>Ann Thorley</i> All Saints Sunday Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 <i>Jason Easterling</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	5 <i>Holley Imel</i> 	6 <i>Julie Kamoroff</i> <i>Ken Kennerly</i> Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G, 7 p.m	7 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	8 <i>Heather Wells</i> Office Closed	9
10 <i>Jackson Locklear</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration	11 <i>Ben Whetstone</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	12 <i>Allan Kamoroff</i> <i>Mark Lewis</i> Grieving with God, 11 a.m. .FH Reserved, 6:30 p.m.	13 Chor, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	14 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. Killingsworth Gala, 6 p.m.	15 Office Closed	16 Trinity Ladies Group, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket Hwy. 1
17 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.	18 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7:30 p.m. @ WECO	19	20 <i>Jill Steinkruger</i> Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G, 7 p.m.	21 <i>Tom Geddens</i> <i>Robert Koo</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	22 Office Closed	23 <i>Jessica Johnston</i>
24 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Taste of Trinity Ministry Team Meeting	25 No Exercise Class	26 <i>Perry Padgett</i> <i>Jeanene Varner</i> Community Thanksgiving Service @ Providence Presbyterian, 6 p.m.	27 No Choir Practice No T.a.G. Group	28 <i>Anjelica Koo</i>  Office Closed	29 <i>Brett Jones</i> <i>Harvey Wohlbach</i> Office Closed	30 Decorating for Advent, 9 a.m.