

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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Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 Monday-Thursday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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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DECEMBER 2024



We are entering a wonderful season of gratitude, expectation, hope and giving, and I am very thankful for Advent. We have a lot to look forward to, so eat well, get plenty of sleep, take your vitamins and put on your dancing shoes!

Advent Bible Study begins on Sunday, Dec. 1st and runs four weeks of Advent through the 22nd. We will meet right after church for 45 minutes to one hour, and a light lunch will be provided. Our focus will be a back to the basics discussion of the spiritual disciplines with an emphasis on prayer, meditation, and service. Please sign the sign-up sheet if you'd like to attend the first session!

Our next **Hot Topics Cold Beer** will be on **Monday, December 16th at 7:00 at WECO**. See Slone Taylor or Patsy Meek Boggs for details.

Mark your calendars for **the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 15th** and **Lessons and Carols on December 22nd!**

Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be at 6:00 p.m. on December 24th.

This passage from Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a good start for our Advent journey, so I wanted to share it with you. As we enter Advent, let's look up and look inward and look for the star and know that God is with us!

“Look up, you whose gaze is fixed on this earth, who are spellbound by the little events and changes on the face of the earth. Look up to these words, you who have turned away from heaven disappointed. Look up, you whose eyes are heavy with tears and who are heavy and who are crying over the fact that the earth has gracelessly torn us away. Look up, you who, burdened with guilt, cannot lift your eyes. Look up, your redemption is drawing near. Something different from what you see daily will happen. Just be aware, be watchful, wait just another short moment. Wait and something quite new will break over you: God will come.”

– [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#), *God Is In the Manger*

Blessings and much love,
Darlene



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



For the Sundays of Advent, we'll join together right after church for 45 minutes to an hour and a light lunch will be provided. The focus will be a back to the basics discussion of the spiritual disciplines with an emphasis on prayer, meditation and service. Please sign the sign-up sheet if you'd like to attend the sessions.



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, December 10**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 10, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. For many, the holidays can be especially difficult, and our hope is that you will find this group helpful. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.



Sunday, December 15

This year's Christmas Cantata is titled, *The Human Qualities that went into Making the Christmas Story*. While the cast of characters is familiar, we take a look at the very human thoughts and emotions that helped create the story of the birth of Jesus, starting back long before he was born and taking us through his birth and presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem. We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m.



Patsy Zeigler

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| John & Sue Ballentine | Sinners Class |
| Jim & Marie Stiles | Tom Geddens |
| Jo Ann Heiting | Marty Johnson |
| Joyce Robinson | Wayne & Charlie Hooker |
| Bonnie Ramsey | Mary Kamoroff |
| Steve Bryant | Daniel & Carol Fusco |
| Leon & Lynn Turlington | Ernest & Verna Tinsley |
| J. E. & Charimon Bauknight | |
| Ray & Gale Frady | |

Becky Derrick

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| John & Sue Ballentine | Joyce Robinson |
| Wayne & Charlie Hooker | |



WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to *John Zeigler, Kathy & Steve White, Lisa & Loran Adams*, and the entire family on the death of *Patsy Zeigler* on November 14, 2024.



During our Stewardship Moments we heard from speakers on the importance of our presence, witness, service, prayers and gifts. On Sunday, December 15, as you enter the church, pledge cards will be given out for the 2025 year. You will have the opportunity to place your card on the altar during or after the service. If you cannot attend on December 15, we can mail a card to you.



Monday, December 16

The group will meet at WECO on Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m. 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.



Trinity Members and Friends,

We truly enjoyed visiting with your congregation to celebrate Saint Francis and his love for animals. We truly appreciate everyone's time, blessings, and financial support of our blossoming partnership of wildlife rehabbers! Our highest priority will always be to help as many injured and orphaned "critters" as possible and your donations will go a long way in helping us accomplish this perpetual endeavor!

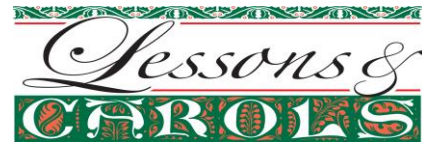
Palmetto Wildlife Rescue Rehab



ELVES & ANGELS NEEDED
Wednesday, December 18
6 p.m.

We have a great opportunity to love our neighbors in need and spread some holiday joy with a visit to The Pines of Columbia Assisted Living on McSwain Drive. Jean Raynor is a resident there. We will be singing Christmas Carols and we are hoping to hand out gifts to the residents. They have approximately 40 women and 20 men.

The following are some of the items the residents can use: blankets, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, bedroom shoes for men and women, toiletries, Crossword puzzle books, puzzle books, lotions, deodorant, chapsticks, Dove or Olay soaps, Large Print Bibles. There will be a box in the Gathering Area where you can place the gifts.



Sunday, December 22

There will be a service of Lessons and Carols on December 22.



Sunday, December 22

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, December 22**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!
Please Note: The Ministry Team **will not meet**.



Columbia Community Concert Band
Sunday, December 22, at 4 p.m.

You're invited to join us as we celebrate Christmas Around the World presented by the Columbia Community Band at Airport High School Auditorium, 1315 Boston Avenue in West Columbia. The selections feature music from diverse cultures, some familiar and some you may have never heard, but there's something for everyone to enjoy – from classics to cowboys. After all the rushing around, it'll be time to relax and enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season. We hope you can join us - you'll be glad you did! Merry Christmas!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6 p.m.

Be sure to join us at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Service.



Instead of purchasing poinsettias this year, we ask that you give an honorarium or memorial for a loved one. All money given in lieu of poinsettias will go to UMCOR, Advance # 901670, to help with ongoing recovery efforts for those impacted by the hurricane. We would like to have all donations in by December 16. A special insert listing memorials and honorariums will be in the bulletin on December 22.

In Memory of _____ By _____

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In Honor of _____ By _____

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Total Donation Attached \$ _____ **Please make checks out to Trinity and write UMCOR on the memo line.**

Additional forms will be available in the Church Office.

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Flowers: 12/01
Time Together: Needed
 Rhett & Pam Hook
Liturgist: Needed

12/08
 Jo Ann Heiting
 Ruth Frady
 Jo Ann Heiting

12/15
Needed
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor
Needed

12/22
Needed
 Not Needed
Needed

12/29
Needed
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
Needed



Hilda Edwards	Jimmy Grahl	Marilyn Lloyd	Tom Lloyd	Ruth Frady	Libby Strickland
Kathy Aiello	Patsy Shuler	Latson Lewis	English Pearcy	Ray Frady	Hannah Glanz
Kaye Floyd					

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

Family and Friends: **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity), **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Sonya & Wayne Dooley** (daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Robinson); **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); **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); **Monnie Tiller** (friend 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); **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 December

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

November 2024

Needed in November

\$ 19,203.48

Given in November

\$ 18,013.73

YTD Needed




\$ 214,112.44

YTD Given

\$ 195,833.04

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

In-Person	SS	Worship
11/03	12	49
11/10	10	32
11/17	11	42
11/24	12	41

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship & Communion, 11 a.m. Birthday Celebration Advent Bible Study	2	3 Terri Ellis Elizabeth Moore	4 Theo Grahl Maggie Mae Glanz Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	5 Jim Stiles	6 Office Closed	7 Kelsey Jones Artie Joyner
8 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship & Communion, 11 a.m. Advent Bible Study FH Reserved, 2 p.m.	9 Bonnie Ramsey Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	10 Elizabeth Taylor Grieving with God, 11 a.m.	11 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	12 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.	13 Office Closed FH Reserved All Day	14 Sanctuary Reserved All Day
15 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship & Communion, 11 a.m. Cantata Advent Bible Study	16 Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7 p.m. @ WECO	17 Faye Grahl Nell Pownall	18 Keith Hipp Caroling @ The Pines, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	19 Exercise, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	20 Office Closed	21 Zen Robinson
22 John Ballentine Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Lessons and Carols, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Taste of Trinity Following worship Advent Study Columbia Community Concert Band's Christmas Concert, 4 p.m.	23 Karen Castro	24 Tonya Johnston  Christmas Eve SERVICE 6 p.m. Office Closed	25  CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Kara Howard Tiffany Kirkland	27 Office Closed	28 Dan Greshel Heyward Robinson
29 Jena Driggers Ellen Matthews Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	30 Stephen Lloyd	31 Heather Liafsha	