

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!

Lent is here, and our own United Methodist Book of Worship gives us an 'Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline' that encourages us to "observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word". The invitation reminds us of our "mortal nature" and the need for us to "make a right beginning of repentance".

This holy season, let's make a commitment to God and "observe a holy Lent". Let's concentrate on prayer as a first step. My favorite Franciscan, Richard Rohr teaches: *When we learn to enjoy and trust the presence of God, we will naturally turn to that presence in prayer. When the church is no longer teaching the people how to pray, we could almost say it will have lost its reason for existence. Prayer is the ultimate empowerment of the people of God* (Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*).

All good relationships start with good communication, and our relationships with God are no different. How is your prayer life? How can you be more intentional about prayer this Lenten season? If we devoted ourselves to prayer and holiness this Lenten season, what changes could we make in our community and ourselves? How could our devotion to prayer and holiness carry over to all the seasons of our lives?

Paul's letter to the Hebrews reminds us: *Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord* (Hebrews 12:14). Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and to find new life in Christ. Let's make a *right beginning* with God.

Blessings!

Darlene



**Pancakes to Ashes
Tuesday night, March 4th
6 p.m.**

Join us for pancakes in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th. After we enjoy our pancakes and the sun sets, we will join together in prayer and begin our Lenten celebration with an imposition of the ashes. Everyone

**Drive Thru Ashes
Ash Wednesday Morning, March 5th
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

As my new friend, Pastor Joanna Gragg, from Our Saviour Lutheran Church would say: You now have two ways to "remember you are dust"!

Pastor Gragg and I will be offering Drive Thru Ashes from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the parking lot of Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Ash Wednesday morning (this Wednesday, March 5th). Stop by for a prayer and the imposition of the ashes! As Pastor Gragg says: *This is how we do church! This is how we do Lent!*



Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour!



**Grieving with God
Tuesday, March 11**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 11, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, will facilitate the discussion.

is welcome. We may need some cooks & kitchen volunteers!



Patsy Zeigler
Kathy Aiello



The Pines
Saturday, March 22
2 p.m.



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



Saturday, March 15

The Trinity Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1 at 9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, March 15**. They will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month. Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification.



Monday, March 17

The group will meet at WECO on **Monday, March 17, 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.



Sunday, March 23

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, March 23**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

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

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Flowers: 03/02
Time Together: **Needed**
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
Liturgist: Dan Greshel
Children's Sermon: Erin Derrick

03/09
Needed
 Ruth Frady
 Tom Geddens
Needed

3/16
Needed
 Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor
 Jeanette Hornsby
Needed

03/23
Needed
 Not Needed
 Dan Greshel
Needed

03/30
Needed
 Jack Stevens; Pam Turner
 Jeanette Hornsby
 Erin Derrick



Hilda Edwards Patsy Shuler Marilyn Lloyd Tom Lloyd Ruth Frady Christopher McCroskey
 Rhett Hook Diane Muszynski Cristen Hipp Latson Lewis English Pearcy Hannah Glanz
 Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Ray Frady

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

Family and Friends: **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **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); **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); **Ann Cullum** (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); **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); **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 March
 Cooking Oil (Not Olive Oil)
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Juice

STEWARDSHIP REPORT February 2025


Needed in February
 \$ 18,209.60

Given in February
 \$ 26,152.83

YTD Needed YTD Given
 \$ 36,419.20 \$ 41,377.49

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

<u>In-Person</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
02/02	9	25
02/09	8	30
02/16	11	33
02/23	6	40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Diane Muszynski</i>
2 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 <i>Christie Maloy</i> Pancakes & Ashes, 6 p.m.	5 <i>Donovan Barilleaux</i> Drive-Thru Ashes, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. @ Our Saviour Lutheran Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G. 7 p.m.	6 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	7 <i>Craig Walters</i> Office Closed	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Birthday Celebration	10 <i>Bella Prevuznak</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	11 <i>Latson Lewis</i> Grieving with God, 11 a.m.	12 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	13 <i>Ann Marie Harbert</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	14 Office Closed	15 Trinity Ladies Group, 9:30 a.m. @ Lizard's Thicket Hwy. 1
16 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	17 <i>Sue Ballentine</i> <i>Lily Warble</i> St. Patrick's Day Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. Hot Topics & Cold Beer, 7 p.m.	18	19 <i>Alice Jones</i> Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	20 First Day of Spring Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. GLIA Articles Due	21 Office Closed	22 The Pines, 2 p.m.
23 <i>Annie Kate Moore</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion Taste of Trinity Ministry Team Meeting	24 <i>Dylan Edwards</i> Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	25	26 Choir, 6 p.m. T.a.G., 7 p.m.	27 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	28 Office Closed	29 <i>Everly Branham</i>
30 <i>Jad Driggers</i> Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Choir, 10:35 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion	31 Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.	