

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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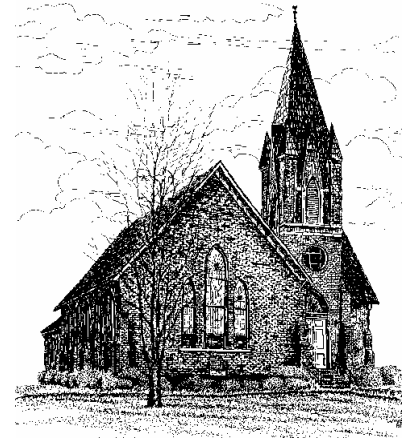
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



February 26, 2008

From the Pastor

One of my favorite stories from childhood concerns the day that my younger brother got his first pair of glasses. The ophthalmologist's office was in one of the older buildings in Asheville, on one of the upper floors. Of course we thought it was a skyscraper, even though it was probably only five stories or so. At any rate, after all of the fittings and all of the tests, the day came when Jim went to pick up his glasses. "Look," he said, "there are telephone poles out there!" Imagine the different world that he entered when he put those glasses on and began to see things that he had had no idea were around him.

I didn't understand exactly what he was experiencing until about fifteen years ago. At the time I was wearing contact lenses, but I started having problems seeing! In fact, I saw better without the lenses than I did with them in. Being the optimist that I am, I immediately thought I was going blind or had something terribly wrong with me. I began making plans in my mind to take care of Anna and the children if I couldn't see. Finally going to the ophthalmologist, expecting the worst, I had an embarrassing surprise. "Try reversing your lenses," he suggested. "Put the one that's in your right eye in your left, and the one in your left eye into your right." I resisted. I knew that I had been very careful and had never gotten my lenses confused. Of course, when I finally gave in and gave it a try, convinced I could prove him wrong, I could see as clearly as I ever could. I guess you could say that I had been blinded by pride as well as by reversed contact lenses! After that I appreciated everything I saw clearly for quite a time to come.

In recent weeks, many of the Trinity family have had cataract surgery. Some have come home looking as though they'd boxed fifteen rounds with Mike Tyson, but almost everybody has reported that their sight has recovered and improved. The blessing of being able to see clearly is a rich one.

In the ninth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who had been born blind. As the man goes through the process of learning to see after his healing, he comes into contact with folks who are spiritually blind, who refuse to see that Jesus has done the healing. Jesus makes it clear that spiritual blindness, refusing to see what God has done and is doing, is worse than physical blindness. He alerted the authorities that claiming to see—that is, claiming to have all the answers—can be a worse form of blindness than physical blindness.

The problem for us is that like the Pharisees we can become so sure that we see more clearly than we really do. We can become so certain that we have all the answers that we don't even see the people around us, and we don't see where we have been sidetracked. Lent is a time for letting God help us really see! "Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me." Amen

March 2, 2008

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41

Sermon: "Sight and Sense"

SUNDAY, March 2

Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Dulcimer 'make-up' Class in the Choir Room.....	3:00 p.m.
Church Membership Class.....	4:00 p.m.
Jr. Hi. UMYF.....	5-6:00 p.m.
Sr. Hi. UMYF.....	6-7:30 p.m.
Lay Reader:	Curtis Sigmon
Nursery Infants:	Terri Alford & Robin Johnston
Nursery Toddlers:	Lisa Roberts
Children's Church:	Amy McSwain
Acolyte:	Makayla Broome

MONDAY 3

Circle #1.....	10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Circle #2.....	7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY 4

Disciple Bible Study.....	10:00 a.m.
Circle #3.....	3:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7-8:30 p.m.
Circle #4.....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5

Trinity Trim Down Organization Meeting.....	5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper.....	5:45 p.m.
Children's Choir.....	6:45-7:15 p.m.
"Evan Almighty" in the Trinity Center.....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 6

Adults/Storytelling Festival.....	Meet at the church 1:30 p.m.
Brownie Troop 3495.....	6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 9

UMMen.....	8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Church Membership Class.....	4-5:00 p.m.
Basketball Banquet.....	6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR MARCH: *Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, John Smith, Jim Burch.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/MARCH: Bible Study Class

TRUSTEES/MARCH: Nancy Faulkenberry & Frances Howe

ALTAR GUILD/MARCH: Denise Mitchell & Harriet Wilkins

WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/MARCH: Kim Ramsey

PATH ITEM FOR MARCH: Bath Soap/Wash - any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance Feb. 24:	117
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Feb. 24:	68
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Feb. 24:	135
Operating Fund received on Feb. 19.....	\$5,097.88
Feb. 24:.....	\$4,954.30
Operating Fund up to Feb. 19.....	\$47,344.11
Budget Goal up to Feb. 24 (8 x \$6,243).....	\$49,944.00
Mississippi/Katrina Fund received Feb. 24.....	\$20.00

MEMORIALS

In memory of Betty Dickerson

Operating Fund by Lee & Terry Alford; Tom & Nancy Faulkenberry; Bob & Evelyn Johnsey; Jim & Wally Burch; Isem Pennington; Eddie & Susan Jones; Dick & Jan Sweigart; Elizabeth Inman; Samuel & Mary Lowry; Jim & Pat Hodnett; Kenneth & Lannie Love.

Mission Moment

When the recent tornadoes ravaged the southeast, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) was there the next day to assess the situation and see how they could help. UMCOR is still present aiding the people recovering from the tsunami that happened several years ago in Southeast Asia. Their work is presently in over 126 countries around the globe. Trinity will join United Methodists worldwide by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing by making our gifts to support UMCOR on March 9th. Money collected from this offering makes UMCOR's work possible, because they receive no apportionments or World Service funds. Money from OGH is designated for operational costs so that 100% of all other money given to UMCOR goes directly to a designated need. As Christians, we are called to offer our hands, our hearts, and the hope of the church to those suffering everywhere. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing through UMCOR allow the church to answer the call.

Chancel Fund by Bill & Nina King; Ray & Mary Sue Burns.

Operating Fund in memory of Mack Alexander by Blanche Alexander.

Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Aquilla Comer by Ernie & Laura Wright.

HONORARIUM to the Operating Fund

In honor of Thelma Kelly's 90th birthday by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Donald & Jan Crook, 3035 Clover Circle, York.
Natalee Graham, 214 Herndon Avenue, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Buck Miller, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Lisa Lara, and Davis Clark.

Also, we remember Sandy Pursley's father; Ralph Coomer, brother of Curtis Coomer; Allan Summersett, brother of Mike Summersett; Keith Carter, son of Lois Crolley; Charles Fischer, brother of Bill Fischer; Sandy Adams, niece of Bunny Whitesides; Danny Moss, Helen Pridmore's son-in-law's father; Geraldine Wilkerson, mother of Denise Mitchell; Faye Johnson, mother of Anna Feagin; Ruth McGill; and Patty Beverly who grew up in Trinity.

Thelma Kelly's 90th Birthday
Everyone is invited to a drop in at Trinity's Parlor on Sunday, March 2 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. The gift of your presence is all that is requested.

Don't forget the organizational meeting for the **Trinity Trim Down** on Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Melanie at 628-0289.



The FRIENDS Class will hosting the First Wednesday Night Supper on March 5 at 5:45. They will be serving a variety of Soups along with grilled cheeses sandwiches, dessert and tea. They will also have a guest speaker, Lori Benson, from Habitat for Humanity at 6:00. Please plan to come eat and stay for a very informative program.

ALICE'S CORNER

- The Jr. Hi. Youth will meet Sunday afternoon from 5-6:00 pm.
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- The Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival presented by the York County Library will offer "Down Home Stories and Folk Music" for Adults on Thursday, March 6 at the Baxter Hood Center in Rock Hill. Alice is taking the bus for a fun afternoon. There is no charge. We went last year and had a great time. Call Alice to reserve your seat on the bus. Meet at the church at 1:30 pm. We will be back by 5:15 pm.
- The annual Basketball Banquet recognizing all of our church players will be held on Sunday night March 9 at 6:00 pm. This is a covered dish dinner. Please bring plenty of food. Everyone is welcome to participate. Congratulations to all of our teams, players, coaches, and fans for a wonderful season. The Senior Girls will play Saturday, March 1 at 12:00 noon at Tirzah ARP gym in the semi-finals and 2:00 pm (hopefully) for the championship!
- "Noah and the Arkettes" Play is to be presented on Sunday afternoon, March 16 at 5:30 pm. Alice needs children, youth, and adults to portray animals. You can't have an ark with no animals. Call Alice to select your animal. A light supper will be provided after the play.

Beginning Sunday, March 2 till Easter Sunday Trinity will be a part of **ARK ALMIGHTY**. This project asks us to do **Acts of Random Kindness** for others. Christians helping fellow Christians through the rough patches of everyday life - living out precisely what Jesus called us to do: love one another. Just doing simple acts can make a difference in someone's day.

As a part of this project the movie "Evan Almighty" will be shown three times - Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 pm, Monday, March 10 at 7:00 pm, and Wednesday, March 12 at 2:00 pm. This movie examines how one man (Evan Baxter) responds to a call from God (Morgan Freeman) to change the world. Though it is a family-friendly comedy, it contains a lot of thought provoking moments that challenge us to consider what it takes to work with God. What if God delivered wood to your house and asked you to build an ark? We all can change this world but it takes one act at a time. Take Part - see if your life changes too!