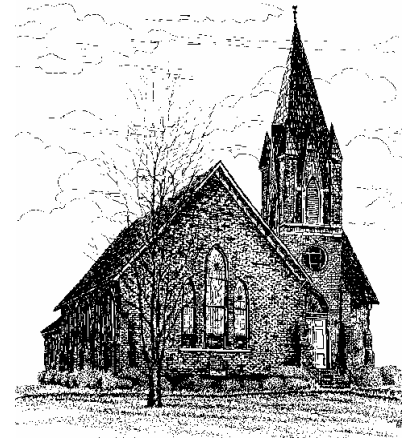


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March 18, 2008

From the Pastor

A number of years ago one of the candy companies ran a very cute ad that made the assertion that you could tell when it was getting close to Easter because you began to see their product being sold in the stores and being advertised on television. They were trying to build up in the mind of the consumer the connection between the Easter holiday and their product, so that this particular candy would be associated with Easter like turkey is associated with Thanksgiving. It was clever marketing, but for the Christian, Easter is not so much associated with candy eggs as it is with an empty tomb and a hope for life that is more powerful even than death. It is hard to come up with an image that symbolizes this sort of Easter faith. Some cultures see the butterfly as the symbol of renewal and new life. Some areas see the blooming jonquils and daffodils as symbols of renewal and new life. The custom of wearing new clothes on Easter Sunday has been another way of trying to symbolize the new life that God gives us through the resurrection of Jesus.

However you picture it, when we gather for worship on Easter Sunday morning, we are gathering to celebrate the gift that God has given—life that is more powerful than death. Through Jesus Christ we are all offered life which will be undefeated even by death. After it all began to sink in, when the disciples finally got used to the idea that Jesus had really been raised from the dead and that spreading the good news of God's love had become their responsibility, they began to live out of a vision of what the world could be through Jesus Christ. They began to live out of a sense of their responsibility to be teachers, spreaders of the good news. After Jesus had taught them and sent them the Holy Spirit, they moved out into the world with the purpose of bearing witness to the new life that Jesus offers. The church down through the ages has continued to witness to the power of life over death, hope over despair.

Trinity Church offers all sorts of ways in which we witness to God's love through the power of the Risen Christ. Our Bible Study groups, Church School, Circles, Fellowship groups and other ministries help us draw closer to God and closer to each other as we all seek to live as faithful disciples, and as we seek to raise our children to become faithful followers of Christ. Our Missions Team and our Evangelism Team offer hope and love to those outside of the congregation who are seeking to grow closer to God, or who need to know of God's love. Again, you are invited to think of other groups that we can offer to help folks learn and grow. Trinity Trim Down has taken off (and that's an unintentional pun) with a bang. Folks are enjoying fellowship while trimming down. ARK Almighty has begun to offer ways in which we can act with random kindness to touch those around us. We are open for other groups—who would like to learn to quilt? Who hungers to discuss good books? Who enjoys ham radio? Who likes to cook? Who feels a need to pray for the church?

Over the next few weeks, the Long Range Planning team will be asking all of us at Trinity to look ahead with our sense of God's vision for us. We will be asking everyone to share what you see God calling us to be doing as our part of witnessing to the love and power of God. We know that next year, in 5 years, in 10 years, in 15 and 20 years God will continue to be using Trinity Church. We want to be prepared for the challenges that will be coming our way, and to prepare we need to be aware of our common vision for service. Dare to dream big dreams. Dare to listen when the Spirit seems to be suggesting directions that we may never have imagined. On March 30 we will be invited to "Make a Wish," dreaming boldly. We want to be prepared to continue the bold witness of the power of the risen Christ as our community changes and as the needs around us change. We want to develop a shared vision and to respond to God's call.

Remember that we have all been offered new life by the Risen Christ. Enjoy Easter and let's seek to find ways to share the good news of God's love for years to come.

In His name. Gene Feagin, Pastor

March 23, 2008 – Easter Sunday
Scriptures: Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
Sermon: “So What?”

EASTER SUNDAY, March 23

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Flower Ministry:	Worship Team
Lay Reader:	Gabriel Lemhouse
Nursery Infants:	Alicia Breakfield
Nursery Toddlers:	Kara Lowman
Children’s Church:	Nancy Ligon
Acolyte:	Carrie Lee Lancaster

TUESDAY 25

Adults/Daniel Stowe Gardens	Meet at the church 1:30 p.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7:30-9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 26

Grades 3-8/Bowling	Meet at the church 1:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 27

Ages 3-7/Chuck-E-Cheese	Meet at the church 11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, March 30

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
“Make a Trinity Wish” covered dish lunch.....	following worship
Church Membership Class	4:00 p.m.
Dulcimer Class	4:00 p.m.
Missions Team	5:00 p.m.

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

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 March 16:	111
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 16:	41
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 16:	187
Operating Fund received on March 16.....	\$3,872.61
Operating Fund up to March 16	\$65,380.00
Budget Goal up to March 16 (11 x \$6,243).....	\$68,673.00
Africa/Education for Lilly Samuel up to March 16.....	\$905.00

MEMORIALS TO THE OPERATING FUND in memory of Betty Dickerson by Michael & Cindy Summersett; Betty Fincher.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Buck Miller, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Lisa Lara, Davis Clark, Jackie Clark, with Tommy Dickson recovering at home following surgery; and John Deyton hospitalized at Piedmont Medical Center.

Also, we remember Mary Fisher, aunt of Matt Brown, Liz Brown & Robbie Miller; Dennis Lynn, father of Lisa Roberts; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Johnny Belcher, brother-in-law of Bill Huffstetler; Megan Monday, mother of Matt Hatchell; Ron Frazier, father of Kristen Patterson; Amador Flynt, father of Mary Butler; Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Allan Summersett, brother of Mike Summersett; Charles Fischer, brother of Bill Fischer; Sandy Adams, niece of Bunny Whitesides; Faye Johnson, mother of Anna Feagin; and Ruth McGill.

On Easter Sunday we continue the tradition of **Flowering the Cross**. Please bring blossoms from your yard to decorate the cross in front of Trinity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

5th Sunday, March 30 – Special Treat – Cove Creek will present a program “History through Music” at 10:15 in the Trinity Center. Members of Cove Creek include Anna & Gene Feagin, and Patty & Mel Collins.

Look ahead! What do you see in Trinity’s future? The Long Range Planning Team is working to come up with a comprehensive long range plan. Think about what you imagine Trinity Church being like in 5 years, 10 years, even 20 years. What kinds of programs and ministries will we need to reach your vision? What financial resources will we need? Members of the Long Range Planning Team are interviewing officers of some of the ministry teams of the church. On March 30th we will have a “Make a Wish” covered dish lunch where others will be able to share dreams and visions. Plan to join us!
Scripture tells us that without a vision a people perish. Let’s open our eyes to the vision God has for us.

The Mission Committee will meet Sunday, March 30 at 5:00 pm in the conference room. Please make every effort to attend.

The **First Wednesday Supper for April** will be sponsored by the Trinity UMCOR Team going to Sager Brown in September. The main entrée will be **homemade chicken pie**. We will prepare some pie with veggies and others will be made without veggies. The remainder of the menu will be announced soon. Mark your calendar for April 2 and plan now to attend.

Please join us for a prayer circle at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 2, after the Wednesday Night Supper. Let’s come together and lift our concerns and praises to God!

Please note the Yard Sale date has been changed from April 5 to **April 12**. You now have an extra week to get together your “treasures” to bring to the Trinity Center the week beginning Monday, April 7.

Have you noticed the two blue paper recycling bins? One is in the hall next to the PATH bins and the other under the bulletin board in the Trinity Center. When you leave Trinity, please place paper such as this newsletter, announcements, letters, old bulletins, etc in these bins so that the paper can be recycled instead of “trashed”. Thanks!



MANY THANKS to the **Sunday School Classes**, the **Circles**, the **Men’s Club**, and **individuals** who donated to the Africa Education Fund for Lilian Samuel to go to school. She is enrolled at a very good secondary school and is happy to be there. We should be receiving pictures and messages soon and they will be shared with the whole church. **Blessings** to you for once again making a major difference in the life of one of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Mission Team

Attention Sewers!!! We have had a donation of fabric that is suitable for making book bags. The cloth has been cut and you may pick it up from the table in the hall along with instructions and thread. You don’t even have to sew a perfect seam to make these. **Thank you Kenny Jones for donating the cloth!!!** We would love to have ALL of it made into bags before the UMCOR Team leaves in September. Take as many pieces as you can sew!!! Also, we have stopped the search for cloth to make receiving blankets, because all that we found was too expensive. However, Walgreens has the blankets for \$1.00 each if you are interested in donating any. THANK YOU. The UMCOR Team.

HELP!! Since most folks now have digital cameras, it’s possible that you may have an older 35mm camera that you no longer use. The East Africa Conference of the United Methodist Church has made a request for old 35mm cameras. Also, if you have upgraded your laptop and still have the old one not being used, they have a **great need** for that as well. Please bring either item to the church office. **Thank you.** The Mission Team

PATH ALERT!! Remember that PATH clients cannot use food stamps to buy personal hygiene items. We are desperate for bath soap and shampoo – any size, any kind of either!!! Thank you for all you do for PATH – Mary Jane, and Bill.

PLEASE NOTE!! There will be no newsletter next week.

ALICE’S CORNER

Many thanks to all the cast of “Noah and the Arkettes” and to the Trinity folks that made it happen so successfully. You are wonderful!

- **ARK ALMIGHTY** – The movie “Evan Almighty” is available for “at home viewing” (DVD only). See Alice for availability.
- **Our Adults** will go to Stowe Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, March 25. The orchids are magnificent! Meet at the church at 1:30, cost is \$9. Give your money to Alice to make your reservations.
- **The Children in grades 3-8** will go bowling at Liberty Lanes, Gastonia on Wednesday, March 26. Meet at the church at 1:30. Bring \$7.00 for bowling, and money for a snack. We will return about 4:30. Call Alice to reserve your seat on the bus.
- **The Children Ages 2-8** will go to Chuck-E-Cheese on Thursday, March 27. Meet at the church at 11:00. Cost is \$7.00. Please call Alice if you are planning to go. We must have 15 to get a group rate.