

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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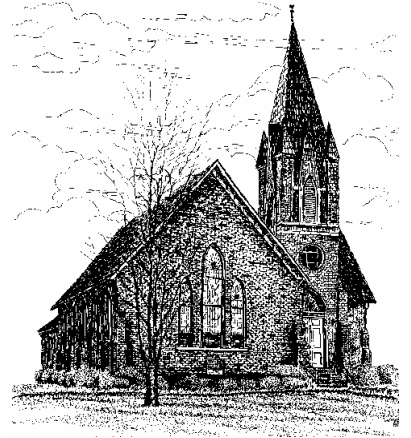
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



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## From the Pastor

A few weeks ago I read a story in a book by Dev Patnaik, Wired to Care, about Pattie Moore, a young designer living in New York in 1979. On one particular morning she got up, strapped herself in a body brace that made her shoulders hunch forward. She wore a white wig, painted her eyelashes gray, plugged up her ears so that she couldn't hear and put on glasses that blurred her vision. Then she went out into the wilds of New York City. Even her own neighborhood looked strange to her. It wasn't a prank to fool some friends. It wasn't a sociological or psychological experiment. It was an exercise designed to understand the problems that older people face. "As she quickly found out, when you're old, the world isn't designed for you. Pill bottles demanded too much dexterity. Telephones were hard to dial. Climbing steps onto a city bus was a dangerous ordeal....To make matters worse, people ignored her or made jokes at her expense. It was as if she wasn't a person anymore." Through what she learned, designers began considering some of the ways that life could be made easier for older people, and actually for all people. "It turns out that senior citizens aren't just some niche market—they reflect unarticulated needs that many of us have. When you make doors that are easier for seniors to open, you make life easier for all of us, young and old."

I have to admit that I was surprised by some of the things that Pattie Moore discovered. We just don't think about the way we do things. We tend to take for granted the fact that some pill bottles are hard to open unless we have a 3 year old around to open them for us. We tend to assume that people can see well enough to read the small print on some doors in office buildings. We tend to take for granted the fact that we have to walk up a flight of stairs in order to get to some places. Putting ourselves in the place of others is difficult, and often revealing.

One of the first things that we did when looking for Welcoming Church certification was to seek to take a look at our building through the eyes of our visitors. How do people know how to find the Sanctuary? Do people know where the restrooms are? Can people find information about our various Church School classes? Do visitors feel welcome from the moment they drive into the parking lot? Why not come to Church School or Worship this Sunday imagining that you are visiting Trinity for the first time. Can you find your way? Do people make you feel welcome? I have to admit that I had a moment of panic last Sunday. We had a number of visitors and we were singing from The Faith We Sing. I should have made the point in my welcome that hymn numbers in the 2000s were in TFWS rather than the Hymnal. I also should have pointed out the way that our Communion flows and the way that people approach the altar down the center aisle and return to their seats down the side aisles. Our visitors picked up on these things, but I should have been more careful. If your experience this Sunday points to other things that we need to be aware of, as we seek to look through the eyes of our visitors, please let me know.

There are some things that we assume people will remember—that there is only one service on Camp Meeting Sunday, that the Men's Club will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, that there is coffee in the Galley Kitchen before Sunday School.... Sometimes we need to make sure that these things are spoken aloud rather than unspoken. When we put ourselves in the place of visitors, we discover a lot. Of course, if we put ourselves in the place of each other we might learn something. If those of us who are over 55 put ourselves in the place of those who are in their 20s, what might we do differently in ministry? If those who are in their mid thirties look through the eyes of those in their late seventies and older, what might we see differently?

I am interested in hearing any experiences that you might have if you seek to see things through the eyes of either visitors or people of a different age group. Please drop me a note.

Of course, there is one more thing that we need to remember. When we think about Jesus living and walking here on earth, we are reminded that he was God in the flesh, and that he came into our world and experienced what we experience. He saw things through our eyes, felt things through human emotions and feelings. He grieved, he rejoiced, he prayed... How comforting is it for us to know that there is one at the right hand of God who has experienced what we do?

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Scriptures:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**Sermon:** "How Many Sleepless Nights?"

**SUNDAY – August 9**

UMMen ..... 8:00 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.  
 Families/Lazy 5 Ranch .....Meet at the church 1:30 p.m.  
 Flower Ministry: Circle #4  
 Lay Reader: Bill Fischer  
 Nursery Infants: Kim & Emily Jones  
 Toddler Church: Marsha & Kevin Smiley  
 Children’s Church: Terry & Lee Keller  
 Acolyte: Amanda Breakfield

**TUESDAY 11**

Knitting Class ..... 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY 12**

NESEI Craft Project ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 13**

Adults/Picnic .....Meet at the church 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY 15**

Families/Kids/Youth – Virginia Creeper Bike Trail.....  
 .....Meet at the church 7:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY – August 16**

Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Lay Leadership Team meeting ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Contemporary Worship Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**USHERS FOR AUGUST:** \*Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, & Church Youth

**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/AUGUST:** FRIENDS Class

**TRUSTEES/AUGUST:** Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

**ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST:** Libby Brown & Judy Hanners

**WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST:** Jack Benfield Class

**VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST:** Eric Johnston

Sunday School Attendance August 2: 127  
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) August 2: 37  
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) August 2: 101  
 Operating Fund received on August 2 ..... \$6,592.49  
 Operating Fund received up to August 2 ..... \$177,544.78  
 Budget goal up to August 2 (\$6,500 x 31)..... \$201,500.00

**MEMORIALS in memory of Wilma Mitchell**

**To the Operating Fund** by Eddie & Susan Jones.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund** by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Libby Brown, Martha Bostic, Louise Smith, Clark Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield, Wes Lancaster; also with Charlie Gallion recovering at home following surgery; Geneva Warren, and Mildred Kald hospitalized at Piedmont Medical Center; Carol Moody convalescing at Westminster Rehab Center; and Carol France anticipating surgery.

**Also, we remember** Robbie Hinkle, mother of Helen Pridmore; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Karen Duncan, Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Our sympathy** is with Smokey Childers and his family following the death of his sister, Wilma Mitchell.

**The United Methodist Men** will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9. This meeting is open to ALL men and boys of the church. They will have a brief discussion concerning issues for the remainder of the year. A delicious breakfast of pancakes & toppings, grits, bacon and fruit salad will be served at 8:00am. Please make every effort to attend.

**Trinity has a growing need for a laptop computer and a computer-friendly projector.** This equipment will be used on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, at the NewSong Service, at Trinity Travelers and by any group that needs it. If any class or group is willing to make a donation, please do so! There are times when we have visitors who need this equipment, and there are times when it would be handy for us to own. Estimated cost \$1,000 - \$1,500.

**NESEI Crafters...we still need YOU!!** We will be working August 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. on our necklaces and nativity scenes. REMEMBER, if you can measure, cut, sort, tie knots, crochet or use a glue gun, we need you. We really could use more “crocheters”. If you have items being made at home, try to get them to us before Summerfest. **THANKS to everyone who has supported this project by working and buying the items. Your efforts will go a long way to help the girls at the school in the Sudan.**

**Beginning Knitting**

Knitting lessons will begin on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. for an hour in the conference room. Please bring size 10, 10 ½ or 11 needles. Also, purchase a skein of Peaches and Cream cotton yarn (approx. \$1.49) at Walmart. The first week you will learn to cast on and how to do the knitting stitch. Follow-up class dates will be announced at the first meeting.

**Summerfest Booths**

The Mission Team of Trinity will have two booths at Summerfest and they will be located in the church parking lot. Katrina Missions and Sudan Missions will both have items for sale. If you have some free time and would like to help with either booth, see Kenny Jones, Ellen Jones, Marian Garner or Bud Jones. You may also give you name to Jill in the church office.

**Nativity Scenes and Necklaces**

Orders may be picked up in the conference room on Sunday. Someone will be there to assist you. They are marked with your name and amount owed. Both items are still available and will be on sale at Summerfest. If you wish to place an order for a nativity scene, see Bud Jones.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- **This Sunday afternoon, August 9** is our trip to Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville, NC to see some of the animals God created. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Meet at the church at 1:30 pm. We will ride on wagons throughout the Ranch and feed the animals. Please call the church office and pay by Thursday if you are planning to go. We will stop for supper on the way home.
- **The Adult trip** to Musgrove Mill State Park and Historic Site is next Thursday, August 13. Meet at the church at 9:00 am for a great day. Bring a covered dish picnic food!
- **The Virginia Biker Trail** excursion is now **just** Saturday, August 15. Unless you sign up with Alice by Tuesday, August 11 this trip will be cancelled.
- **Monkey Joe’s trip II** will be held on Monday, August 17 for kids 2-10. Sign up with Alice. Meet at the church at 10:00 am. Cost is \$6.75 per person includes jumping, pizza and drink.
- **There is 1 ticket for the Atlanta Braves adult trip**, August 25-26, remaining. Contact Alice if you are interested.

**PLEASE NOTE – THE CHURCH PARLOR WILL BE CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12.**

**MISSION MOMENTS - During the month of August.**

Remember...Schools Supplies for our Back to School Missions Project!!

The Missions Committees Back to School Project is underway!! PATH is in much need of the following items: Bookbags (no wheels), Notebook Paper, and 3 Prong Folders. **NO crayons please!!!** OR to make it even easier, you can donate a WalMart Gift card or a Gift Card to any store that has school supplies and a member of the Missions Committee will purchase these items for you! Just see a member of the Committee for more details!! Remember, what better investment in our future than the investment in our children and their Education.