

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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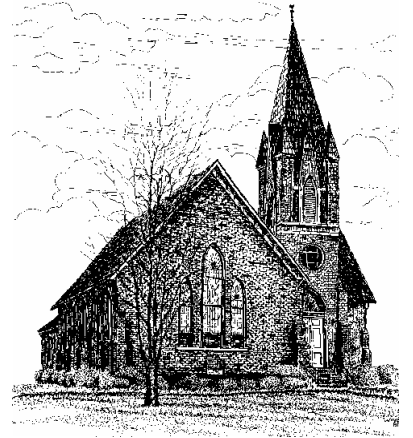
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



August 25, 2009

From the Pastor

For several months now our Sudan Missions Team has been sponsoring craft workshops making necklaces and nativity scenes to raise money for the girls in school in Sudan. Not only have the people who came done something that will make a difference in the lives of a lot of people, but they have also enjoyed some great fellowship as well. I don't know exactly how many people have taken part in these projects, though I have been pleasantly surprised at the number of folks who came at least one day to work. I don't know how much money has been raised; though you will be given an update by Suzanne Jones after all of the dust settles from Summerfest. I do know that everyone who has taken part, either by working or by buying the crafts, has now got a personal stake in the mission work that is going on in Sudan.

At the same time, you may have ridden by the church and seen Kenny Jones bringing in items for our Katrina Auction. If not you may have seen the items stored in the room where they will be locked away until closer to time for the auction. I've already started my Christmas wish list! I can't give the exact figures here, either, but I know that over \$50,000 has been raised that has gone into concrete help for the folks in the path of Katrina as a result of all of the fundraising activities that Trinity has sponsored throughout the York County area. I know that there are several hundred people, at least, who have a personal stake in the mission work that is going on even after all these years among folks whose lives are still in recovery!

Week by week, month by month, Trinity folks bring the item of the month for PATH. I recently heard a rough estimate concerning the numbers of book bags, notebooks, and reams of notebook paper, pencils and folders that were donated as a part of the back to school drive. I won't misstate this amount, but you will receive an update on this part of your generosity as well. On a weekly basis, our "tubs" are filled with food for PATH, and needs are met. There are a number of Trinity folks who give time each week to work at PATH or at the Thrift Store, helping fill bags of groceries, processing the people who come in with very real needs and helping in other ways. In addition, whenever we have "leftovers" after some of our fellowship times, those gifts are shared with PATH or other area helping agencies. We have a very personal stake in helping our neighbors through PATH and its ministries.

Every week someone will come in with overflowing trash bags filled with cans to go to Habitat for Humanity for recycling. I can't tell you where they all come from, and I won't mention the folks who walk around the golf course and then leave all the cans they've picked up at the end of a neighbor's driveway to be brought here for recycling. In addition, we have folks who answer the call when Habitat is building a house—we've had folks participate in the "women's build," as well as in several other builds. We have folks who give of their time at the ReSale Shop in Rock Hill, as well as some of us who spend a little time in the store and have been pleased to purchase some much needed items! We have a personal stake in helping our neighbors through Habitat.

Now that school is starting back, our volunteers will be working again with Released Time for Bible Education. Trinity folks are teachers, assistants, fundraisers, board members and prayer warriors as this outreach mission seeks to touch the lives of young people with the news of God's love in a non-denominational, non-coercive, non dogmatic manner. We certainly have a stake in reaching out with the good news of God's gift of love through Jesus Christ. We all will benefit if our young people find the life-changing love that comes through a relationship that offers grace and hope.

I could go on and on (and there are some who claim that I do!), but the point is clear: from the Sudan to Mississippi and Louisiana to beautiful downtown York to not-so-beautiful other parts of York, we at Trinity have a stake in helping those who are in need. We have made a commitment to live in ways that share God's love and we continue to find ways to do that. Not all of these projects are for everybody, but there is at least one project that will catch the eye of almost everyone. Some folks give of themselves in ways that I didn't list: we have volunteers in many places doing work that touches lives on an individual basis.

When we join the church we take a vow to support the church with our witness, our time and talents and gifts and service. Each of us can find ways to become involved in outreach projects that touch lives. Last week I wrote about some of the ways that we become involved in learning opportunities within the congregation. This week we have thought about how we reach beyond our walls. We need a balance, each of us can find ways to grow personally and to reach out.

If you have ideas for needs we aren't meeting, if you aren't sure where you fit in, contact Marian Garner of the Missions Team, Eric Johnston of the Evangelism Team, Alice Smith, or me.

Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Scriptures: James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "Holding to Human Traditions"

SUNDAY, August 30

- Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- 5th Sunday Program 10:10 a.m.
- Families/Tubing 10:45 a.m.
- Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
- Flower Ministry: Circle #4
- Lay Reader: Curtis Sigmon
- Nursery Infants: Marsha & Kevin Smiley
- Toddler Church: Meg & Jason Munn
- Children's Church: Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett
- Acolyte: Briana Pursley

TUESDAY – September 1

- Circle #4 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 2

- Fellowship Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 3

- Junior Troop 3495 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 4

- Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 6

- Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
- Cherub Choir Practice 9:40 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

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 23: 119
- Worship Attendance (11:00 am) August 23: 206
- Operating Fund received on August 23 \$3,647.97
- Operating Fund received up to August 23 \$190,601.68
- Budget goal up to August 23 (\$6,500 x 34) \$221,000.00

HONORARIUM to the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in honor of Kenny Jones by Lee & Terri Alford.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- Drew Thomas, 226 E. Liberty Street, York.
- Sarah A. Moseley, 1037 Wallace Dr, Newberry, SC 29108
- Tim Tucker, II, PO Box 6454, Winthrop University.
- Gail Bristow, 114 Rhett Ct, Fort Mill.
- Rudd & Nancy Ross, Rock Hill.
- Patrick Randay.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Jeff West, Smokey Childers, Carol France, Max Mellon, Libby Brown, Martha Bostic, Louise Smith, Clark Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield; also with Geneva Warren now convalescing at home; Mildred Kalb convalescing at Westminster Rehab Center.

Also, we remember Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Karen Duncan, Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with the family of the Rev. Kenneth Bedenbaugh, former pastor at Trinity, who died on Saturday, August 15.

Congratulations to Helen & Jimmie Pridmore who are now the proud grandparents of Dayton Michael Moss who was born on Sunday, August 23. Angela & Dan Moss are Dayton's parents.

Reminder: The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jo Plemmons. Please bring a can of green beans to the meeting. Any size, any kind.

The 5th Sunday Program will begin in the Trinity center at 10:10 am this Sunday. Our Salkehatchie participants will be presenting their experiences at the camps they attended this summer. Please plan to join us to hear how our youth have been helping people in South Carolina.

The UMW Rock Hill Annual Meeting will be held September 26, 2009 at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:45 am and meeting starts at 10:00 am. Lunch for \$5.00 will be served after the meeting. Sue Owens will be the guest speaker. I need to send in reservations by September 15, so let Ellen Jones know at 927-7271 if you would like to attend. There will be the UMW National Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri on April 30 - May 2, 2010, if anyone is interested in going.

ALICE'S CORNER

- **Our tubing trip down the Green River** was so much fun this summer we will "do it again" this Sunday afternoon, August 30. We will leave following early worship and Sunday School, have a picnic lunch at the NC Welcome Center, tube, and return home early for school the next day. Plan to join us for some wonderful family fun. All ages are welcome! Cost is \$6.00. Tubes are furnished. **Please notify Alice if you are going!**
- **Our family trip to Lazy 5** has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 20. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Sign up with Alice. We will leave following Sunday School and take a picnic lunch.
- **Alice has tickets for "Around the World in 80 Days"** at the Flat Rock Playhouse on Wednesday, September 16. Ticket cost is \$27.00. **Also,** tickets are available for the United Methodist Spirit Singers concert at the Newberry Opera house, Saturday night, September 12. **Tickets are free.** We will eat supper on the way. A limited number of tickets are available. See Alice if you want to go. (Chris Suggs and Hunter Ligon are members of this fantastic group of youth singers.)
- **The Adult Christmas trip** to Myrtle Beach has been set for December 7, 8, & 9. We will see the Christmas show at Carolina Opry and Alabama Theatre. Alice is taking names for the bus now! Don't delay in signing up.

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

COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESS FOR 2009/10

Name

Address:.....

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Telephone #:

E-mail address:

College Attending:.....

Projected graduation date:

All students, whether you have a new address or are at the same one as last semester, please complete and return to the church office as soon as possible so that you can receive your church newsletter.

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.