

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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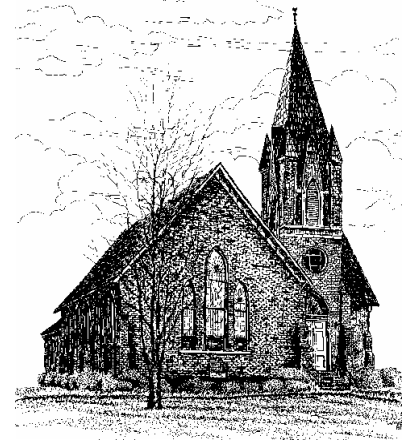
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



August 31, 2010

## ***From the Pastor***

This morning when we got back home after taking Travis to work we noticed a small group of wild turkeys in our backyard. As most of you know, the backyard is fenced and the gates are always closed so that the little dogs can stay there without risking getting too close to the road. Neither of the dogs was back there this morning, though, and the turkeys must have felt very comfortable. The mother turkey was watching the four juveniles as they made their way through the yard. At one point she jumped over the fence and watched them from the outside. Then she flew back over and more or less led them to the left side of the yard. Over the fence into the woods she went! Eventually three of the juveniles made their own jump/flight into the woods. That left one small (relatively) turkey inside the fence.

The mother and the other three disappeared from our sight, though I suspect that they were still pretty close. The lone turkey inside the fence walked back and forth, looking for a gate, looking for a way out. There is a small doghouse not far from where he was pacing, and I half expected that the turkey would jump on the doghouse and then over the fence, but that seemed not to have been an option. The turkey walked back and forth, looking. Once there was a ruffle in the feathers, but the turkey seemed to be convinced that he (or she, I don't know how to tell) couldn't make it over the fence. Finally Anna and I opened the back door and stepped onto the patio. Immediately there was a flash of wings and the juvenile turkey was over the fence and on its way into the woods and its family.

How many times do we find ourselves in situations where we can't see any way out until fear or some other event forces us to find a way? The capability to jump the fence was always there (otherwise the turkeys would never have gotten into the backyard at all). The fence just seemed so much higher in that rear left corner! We can get ourselves into situations that are hard to see the way out of. We can maneuver ourselves into places where we might not want to be, but where we don't see any escape from.

The turkey had several resources available to help it get out of our fence. It had the doghouse roof. It had the example of its mother and siblings. It had its own inner resources and strength. It simply took a catalyst to energize it to fly! We have more resources than we are often aware of when we find ourselves in times and places of difficulty. Sometimes, like the turkey, we become so blinded by fear that we aren't aware of what we have available! Sometimes we simply aren't aware of the resources we have. Sometimes it takes a crisis, physical, emotional or spiritual, to force us to face the quandary we are in. Sometimes it takes a crisis to help us begin looking for the new resources that are available to us.

I mentioned that the mother and all of the other turkeys had apparently disappeared into the woods. I don't know how close they were and whether the mother was watching and waiting for the juvenile inside the fence. I do know that when we feel abandoned and frightened, God is still with us. I know that Jesus promised never to leave us orphans but to send a Helper to be with us. Do you know anyone who seems to feel abandoned and discouraged? What can we do to share the encouragement and strength of God? Where can we go to feel that sense of encouragement and help? I hope to see you Sunday at worship. God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, September 5, 2010**  
**Scriptures:** Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33  
**Sermon:** “Nothing Comes Free”

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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 Reader:  
Nursery Infants: Steve & Leann Mellon  
Toddler Church: Dicksy & Jason Broadwater  
Children’s Church: Linda & Michelle Goss  
Acolytes: Tori Smith & Beck Johnston

**MONDAY 6 - Labor Day**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY 7**

Circle #4 ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 8**

Trinity Travelers..... 12:00 noon  
KFC (Kids for Christ) ..... 3:45 p.m.  
Chancel Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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.

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** \*Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, Jim Burch

**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/SEPT:** Faith Explorers Class

**TRUSTEES/SEPTEMBER:** Jamie Patterson & Terri Versen

**ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER:** Pat Childers & Barb Coady

**WELCOME VISITORS/SEPTEMBER:** Senior High Class

**VISITOR CARDS/SEPTEMBER:** Susan Jones

**PATH ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Oatmeal/Grits

Sunday School Attendance August 29: 98  
Camp Meeting Attendance August 29: 220  
“Afternoon of Bach” Attendance: 150  
Operating Fund received on August 29..... \$4,362.85  
Operating Fund received up to August 29..... \$195,332.71  
Budget goal up to August 29 (\$6,524 x 35) ..... \$228,340.00

**MEMORIALS**

**To the Operating Fund in memory of:**

**Betty Baker** by Ronnie & Liz Cowart; Carol Moody.

**Howard Steele** by Carol Moody.

**To the Jack Benfield Class in memory of Bebe Benfield** by Carol Moody.

**In memory of Paul Stafford**

**To the Choir Fund** by Ronnie & Liz Cowart.

**To the Sudan Fund** by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

**HONORARIA in honor of Bud & Suzanne Jones’ 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**To the Sudan Fund** by Melvin & Melinda McKeown.

**To the Operating Fund** by Mike & Cindy Summersett

**VISITORS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

Beth Jarrett, 1217 Applewood Lane, York.  
Darlene Dunlap, 2000 Dunlap Farm Rd, York.  
Wendy Moore, 318 N. Congress St, York.  
Thea Norman, 320 N. Congress St, York.  
Rebecca Thompson, 14 E. Jefferson St, York.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Isem Pennington, Ernie Ulbricht, Grace Ulbricht; and with Bill King anticipating surgery on Thursday, September 2.

**Also, we remember** Sandra B. McCarter, sister of Rick Bailes; Robert Hammond, nephew of Jo Hammond; Virginia Mitchell, sister of Julie Miller; Charline Johnston, mother of Eric Johnston; Connor Glenn, great nephew of Ellen Jones; Patsy Clark, sister of Susan Jones; Sherry Leonard, niece of Bill Huffstetler; Ginger Boyd, mother of Carrie Hodges; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Our KFC (Kids for Christ)** program will begin on Wednesday, September 8. This after school program is for children in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Alice will pick up from York Intermediate School at 3:30 pm and transport to the church in the church bus for food, fellowship, fun, service and discussion. Parents will pick up at 5:00 pm. Trinity children will be given first opportunity to ride the bus and friends are welcome if we have room.

**The September meetings of the UMCOR Sewing Group** will be on **Thursdays 2, 16, & 30** at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

**Trinity Travelers**, a covered dish, luncheon meeting at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month for our Senior members (young at heart) will begin on Wednesday, September 12. Come join us for great food and fellowship and an opportunity to share with one another in the church.

**Our 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth** will have their September meeting on Sunday, September 26 from 6-7:30 pm. Supper, program and service project will be a part of the monthly meeting. All youth and their friends are encouraged and invited to participate.

**Dulcimer happenings:** We will have a continuing dulcimer class on the third Sunday of each month from 4:00-4:30. This is for people who have dulcimer skills, but can’t make our Tuesday evening meetings.

**Dulci-Kids is for children ages 6-12.** This class will meet on the third Sunday of each month from 4:30-5:30 and is offered to beginner and advanced beginner players. Loaner dulcimers are available.

**The York/Clover Cluster Senior Citizens Dinner** will be held at Mt. Vernon UMC on Saturday, September 25 at 4:00 pm. This is a delicious meal served with great entertainment and fellowship. Alice will take the church bus leaving at 3:30 for the first 14 to sign up. Let’s all go fro a great afternoon together.

**The Rock Hill District Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at First UMC Lancaster with registration from 9 to 10; meeting at 10. Speaker will be Mary Johnston., SCCUMW President. I need to send in registration by September 18. Call Ellen at 927-7271 to get registered if you wish to go. We’ll leave Trinity parking lot at 8:45 am.

**The SCCUMW Annual Meeting** will be October 23-24, 2010 at Murrells Inlet. Forms are in the Church Office and \$25 registration fee needs to accompany it. Forms must be sent by October 7. Also, a list of hotels for Friday are available at the Church Office. These prices are good until September 22. Call Ellen 927-7271 to discuss rooms and transportation. Marian Garner and Staci Rampey are going to tell about their Sudan experience.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

This week the calendar rolls over a month to September - a definite ending to the last two summer activities listed.

**Sunday, September 12** will be our Lazy 5 Ranch afternoon. Ride in a wagon and feed the animals. Bring a picnic lunch and we will eat together on Lake Norman after we see the animals. Cost is \$7.50 for everyone 1 year and older. You must pay by Monday, September 6 to get this rate either to Alice, or Jill in the church office.

**The Amish Country & Fenton Class Tour** is full. Last minute details will be sent to those who signed up.

**The Christmas Shows (Carolina Opry and Alabama Theatre) trip** is set for Monday, November 29 – Wednesday, December 1. Deadline is this Thursday, September 2 with a \$100 deposit. Don’t miss some great fellowship, loads of fun, and great entertainment.

**COLLEGE STUDENT’S ADDRESS FOR 2010/11**

Name .....

Address: .....

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Telephone #:.....

E-mail address:.....

College Attending: .....

Projected graduation date:.....

**ALL COLLEGE 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.