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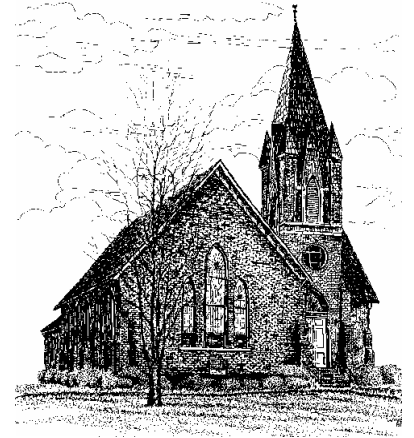
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February 2, 2010

From the Pastor

What did you do on your winter vacation? Anna and Travis and I spent a lot of time on Saturday trying to decide whether or not we would have worship on Sunday morning. It was pretty obvious that we needed to reschedule the 5th Sunday breakfast and special Church School program. The United Methodist Men had bought enough to serve 150-200 people a delicious breakfast, and it was pretty clear that, as icy as the roads were and as slippery as the parking lot was, we'd be lucky to have 20 people show up on Sunday morning. It was also pretty clear that the weather would not have been inviting for many folks to come out to the 9:00 service. After talking with Alice, Kenny, Mike, and Dick and Jan Sweigart, we were pretty clear that the wise thing to do was to cancel these early activities. The big question was the 11:00 service.

We rode into town (and if you've been to the parsonage you know how steep our drive is) and realized that things would have to change drastically for anyone to be able to come into worship at 11 without being at risk. When the temperature hadn't risen above freezing by the warmest part of the day it became clear that we were not going to see the parking lot in time for folks to safely come to worship. Thanks to Grace Ulbricht for sending out the e-mails to our mailing list to keep folks up to date on plans. Thanks to Mary Sue Burns, Nina King, and others who made phone calls to folks who might not have been on the e-mail list. **If the situation occurs again, you can call the church; the answering machine message will be updated regularly as we know what we will do in bad weather.** You can also watch WSOC TV—we are on their hazardous weather list. You can also feel free to call the parsonage.

At any rate, what did you do with your winter vacation? We had a family worship service at the parsonage: 3 dulcimers made music, Travis led us in prayer, and we shared a brief meditation from a book I am reading by Dr. Leighton Ford. We read and rested and tried not to succumb to cabin fever. It was almost too cold to walk, but Anna and I walked some. It was a restful day, but now I am ready for things to get back to normal.

Normal means that we will look forward to seeing everybody on Wednesday night for our fellowship supper. Normal means that choir practice will go on as usual. Normal means that we will enjoy our rescheduled breakfast and 5th Sunday activities on the 1st Sunday of February. Normal means that the sewing group will meet on Thursday, the basketball practices will go on during the week, and the games will continue on Friday and Saturday nights.

I doubt that I need to remind anyone of these activities, just as I doubt that I need to remind anyone to "keep those cards and letters coming." The business of the church goes on whether we can attend worship together or not. Continue to pray for the folks who are listed in our prayer concerns. Continue to look for opportunities to invite folks who are not active in a church to join us at Trinity. Continue to ask God for opportunities for Trinity to serve and meet the needs of the community around us.

Now that our winter vacation is over, I look forward to seeing all of the Trinity family back together for mission, for learning, and for worship. God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Passionate Spirituality

Here are a couple of related statements to consider: "I use the Bible as the guide for the way I think and act." "I study the Bible for the purpose of discovering truth for daily living." The real question is one of how important the Bible is to us as we shape our lives. Do we see the Bible as just another guide among many? Do we see it as an outdated way of looking at the world? Or, do we see within its pages eternal truths that guide our approach to all of life?

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 7

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
5 th Sunday, School Program & Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Lay Speaker Training	2:00 p.m.
Biddy (5-9) Basketball Practice.....	3:00 p.m.
Biddy (5-7)Basketball Practice.....	4:30 p.m.
Sr.Hi.UMYF.....	5:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	UMMen
Lay Reader:	David Hodges
Nursery Infants:	Kristen & Jamie Patterson
Toddler Church:	Linda Goss & Teresa Anderson
Children's Church:	Trey & Kathy Sandifer
Acolyte:	Sarah Grace Garner

MONDAY 8

Mississippi/Katrina Organization Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Disciple Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 9

Disciple Bible Study.....	10:00 a.m.
Mite Boys Basketball Practice.....	4:00-5:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 10

Trinity Travelers.....	12:00 noon
Chancel Choir.....	7:30 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, February 14

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Children's Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Church Wide Lunch.....	12:00 noon
Biddy (5-9) Basketball Practice.....	3:00 p.m.
Novice Dulcimer Class.....	4:00 p.m.
Beginner Dulcimer Class.....	4:30 p.m.
Biddy (5-7)Basketball Practice.....	4:30 p.m.
Trustees Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Sr.Hi.UMYF – Lock In.....	7:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, Tony Roberts, Chris Wood, Mike Smith, Keith McSwain.

TRUSTEES/FEBRUARY: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/FEBRUARY: Libby Brown

WELCOME VISITORS/FEBRUARY: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/FEBRUARY: Grace Ulbricht

PATH FOOD FOR FEBRUARY: GRITS - so good to give our clients in the winter! **RICE** - a little can go a long way!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Dick Sweigart, Susan Jones, Isem Pennington, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, and Bebe Benfield.

Also, we remember Doug Sexton, friend of Johnny McCoy; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Jean Whittington, friend of Renee Barker; Landon Pertuset, friend of Edgar Hardin; Harold Wilson, father of Alicia Breakfield; Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Prepare now!! Circle #2 will be holding their Spring Yard sale on Saturday, March 27.

Thank you to DIANE and JOHNNY WINE for donating their time and talents to make a terrific storage unit for the children's church room. It is great to be able to have room in one central location for materials used in children's activities and lessons. The Board of Trustees thanks the Wines for being so generous.

*Please join us to celebrate the marriage of
 Olivia Queen and Bill Huffstetler
 Sunday, February 14
 after the 11:00 service
 A luncheon will follow the nuptials in the Trinity Center*

Celebrate the 5th Sunday with us on the 1st Sunday! Unless the weather changes our plans (again) we will have our 5th Sunday breakfast and Sunday School program this Sunday, February 7 at 9:30 am. Please join us for a time of special music, testimony and fellowship in addition to a mighty fine breakfast!

The Disciple Bible Study on Psalms will begin Monday, February 8 at 6:30 and Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00. If you haven't signed up, please feel free to join us anyway. Books will be available at the first meeting.

Don't forget the Education Team meeting on February 14th! All members of the team are urged to make whatever arrangements they have to make in order to be present. We need each one's input as we plan ahead into 2010.

Attention anyone in 6th Grade or above: We are beginning to plan for Confirmation 2010. If you have not been confirmed you are invited to join us. We plan on taking about 13 weeks to spend time learning about what it means to be a Christian and what it means particularly to be a United Methodist Christian. We will be planning at least one trip to meet with other confirmation groups. A signup sheet will be posted outside Gene's office.

UMW will have an "Every Daughter" Banquet (all females are daughters) on Saturday, April 24 at 11:30 am. Tickets will be sold soon. This lunch is for Trinity ladies and all our friends in the community too! The play Purses "R" Us will be presented. Don't miss out – put this on your calendar now and plan to attend.

4 & 5 Year Old Kindergarten Registration
 Kindergarten registration will be held on February 10th, 11th, and 12th for any children in York School District who will be 4 or 5 by September 1, 2010. Parents will need to go to the elementary school in their attendance area to register

- ALICE'S CORNER**
- This is your last week to prepare for the SOUPER BOWL offering taken this Sunday, February at both worship services. The youth will be collecting soup and money in soup pots to be given to PATH to help fight hunger here in York School District #1. Go to the store and bank and be prepared! Don't be caught with little or nothing to give!
 - A Trinity Church Family and friends snowtubing trip is planned for Sunday, February 21. We will leave after Sunday School and go to Moonshine Mountain outside of Hendersonville, NC. We will take the church bus and carpool. The group rate is \$20.00 per person for 2 hours of tubing. Let Alice know if you are going.
 - Trinity Travelers monthly luncheon will be held Wednesday, February 10 at 12 noon. Come share in great fellowship and food. We miss you!

Team	Date & Time	Opponent	@	Location
Biddy (5-7)	Feb. 5 – 5:30 pm	West End	@	OAPC
Biddy A	Feb. 5 – 7:45 pm	OAPC	@	OAPC
Biddy B	Feb. 5 – 7:00 pm	St. Johns	@	Tirzah ARP
Mite Girls	Feb. 6 – 1:00 pm	Tirzah ARP	@	OAPC
Mite Boys	Feb. 6 – 3:00 pm	Woodhaven/Temple Bapt.	@	Woodland UMC
Senior Boys	Feb. 6 – 11:30 am	Mt. Holly UMC	@	Ebenezer ARP

The UMCOR sewing group will meet Thursday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the conference room to continue working on school bags. We can still use folks who cut, pin, sew and have portable sewing machines to bring. Please bring your good scissors with you. We plan to work longer this week so bring a sandwich for your lunch or come and stay as long as you can. Drinks will be provided for lunch. If you wish to sew at home, we'll have bags already cut out that you can take home. The crowd last week was wonderful and we are looking forward to another good Thursday. THANKS!!

A local builder in the Columbia area Wade McGuinn, a member of Union UMC, and active member of UMVIM-SC has been building an orphanage in the Jeremie area of Haiti for the last four years. Wade has found a pilot and plane and together with Hal Crosswell have gotten together medical supplies and food not just for the orphanage, but for the large group of refugees that are now coming to Jeremie. Wade flies with the pilot to Haiti and makes sure the supplies are received by the proper officials. If you are interested in making a donation toward the \$7000 for one flight, please make your check out to Trinity and mark it for "Haiti Fuel Project.

NESEI Necklaces Available

We have a good supply of necklaces available. Because several folks have asked, we will have them in the parlor between first church and Sunday School on February 7th.

Let's Go to UMCOR/Sager Brown

Trinity has been fortunate to secure the dates of April 3 through 10 to work at the depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. Our work will be packing supplies for relief efforts around the world, most probably for the recent earthquake in Haiti. We still have some spaces available on the church bus. If you are interested in this mission work or have questions, please see Bud Jones by February 7th. This is open to singles and couples.

Mississippi/Katrina Organizational meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 in the Conference Room at 6:30 for anyone interested in working on homes damaged by Katrina. The trip to Heritage UMC in D'Iberville, Mississippi will be March 13 - 20, 2010. Contact Kenny Jones at 684-7238 if you have any questions.