

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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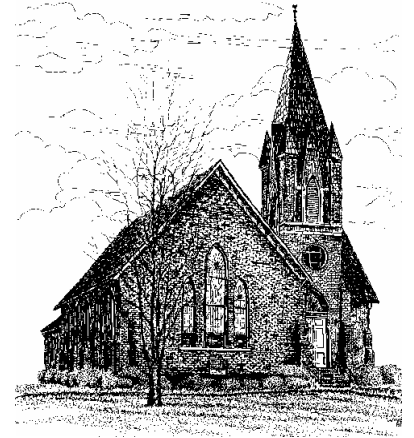
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



February 9, 2010

## From the Pastor

Last weekend was one of those “mountaintop” experiences for many of us. (No, I’m not talking about the Super Bowl, though I am thinking in part of the “Souper Bowl.) As some of you may remember reading, Trinity was privileged to be able to host the Rock Hill District Lay Speakers’ School last weekend. About 50 lay speakers from all across the Rock Hill District spent almost all day on Saturday and all afternoon on Sunday here. Some folks were taking the Basic Lay Speaking course. Others were in advanced courses—Worship (taught by Anna Feagin) Preaching (taught by the fortunate pastor of Trinity UMC) and Story-telling. It was a great experience spending time with lay speakers from all across the Rock Hill District. Trinity folks are, of course, the “crème de la crème” of the district, but we are truly blessed by the lay speakers in each congregation in the district. During the weekend, we shared our faith, we shared a meal together, and we shared in worship and in communion. If the Lay Speakers’ School had been the best thing that happened during the weekend, it would have been a fabulous weekend.

Sunday morning, however, was another blessing that really touched many lives. At the 9:00 worship service a family who all have beautiful voices was sitting right behind me and their beautiful voices were inspiration enough. It had been such a disappointment to have to cancel the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast and Sunday School program on January 31, that we knew we wanted to reschedule it for Sunday. When those of us who had taken part in the early worship service walked into the Trinity Center, it was like entering a party! We learned that the serving crew had already had to put up more tables and set out more chairs. The fellowship that was going on around the tables was wonderful. The food... what can I say about the food? Then, when Kim called us to order for the program, the blessings continued. Christopher’s music was touching, the testimonies of Kim, Bill, Patsy, Trip, Dawn, Patsy again and Evelyn were very inspiring to all of us. Joseph’s prayer was a great way to go forth.

At the 11:00 worship service we were blessed again— first by the children during children’s time. Souper Bowl Sunday and the idea of our responsibility for helping take care of those who can’t take care of themselves is very important to our children, and they made it very clear during children’s time. The anthem that the choir sang was more than beautiful. It was one of those times when the words and the music and the Spirit were all in alignment. Of course, gathering at the Lord’s Table is always a time of blessing and strength. Each of us left the sanctuary remembering that God has called us, and that God commissions each of us for his work, and strengthens us as we go forth to serve.

If the Lay Speakers’ School, the 2 worship services and the breakfast and testimony time had been all that had happened it would have been an amazing weekend, but there was one other event that really touched my heart. After the Super Bowl, our television was still on when the next program came on. It is a new “Reality” series about high level corporate types who go “undercover” in their companies and get to see things from the perspective of the workers. The first episode featured the COO of a waste management firm who worked at his company’s landfills, at a recycling site, and who rode and worked with a trash collection truck. His insights—policies that seemed good on paper but which created hardships for the people who had to carry them out, people who were carrying on despite serious personal difficulties (one man had been working for nineteen years while on dialysis, one woman had her father and her sister and family all living with them as they grew closer to losing their house and others) touched him in many ways. I watched in amazement as he began applying what he had learned in many ways. As I watched I found myself thinking of Jesus, as he came into our world, into human flesh and faced the things that we all face. I found myself even more amazed at the goodness of God as he shows himself in our world in so many ways!

All through the weekend God was showing his love. All through the weekend I saw people sharing what God was doing in their lives, and making a difference themselves because of their sense of God’s love and grace.

I wonder what God has in store for us this week and weekend? A wedding on Sunday, worship and church school, Trinity Travelers...

Come and see. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Passionate Spirituality**

For the last few weeks we have been looking at our spirituality through our contact with the WORD. For the next few week we will be examining our relationship with God through our prayer life. Take a few moments to rate yourself on the 1-5 (never to always) scale as you read this statement: "My prayers focus on discovering God's will more than expressing my needs." How often do our prayers become "To Do" lists for God? How often are they more like a child's Christmas wish list than a real conversation?

**SUNDAY, February 14**

UMMen .....	8:00 a.m.
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 following worship service .....	
Biddy (5-9) Basketball Practice.....	3:00 p.m.
Education Team meeting .....	4:00 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.
Jr. Hi. & Sr.Hi.UMYF .....	6:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	Huffstetler/Queen Wedding
Lay Reader:	Bill Fischer
Nursery Infants:	
Toddler Church:	Jon & Julie Martin
Children's Church:	
Acolyte:	Briana Pursley

**MONDAY 15**

Disciple Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice .....	6:30 p.m.
Circle #4 .....	7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 16**

Disciple Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Mite Boys Basketball Practice.....	4:00-5:30 p.m.
Adult Basketball .....	7:30 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 17**

Ash Wednesday Service .....	6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir .....	7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 18**

Knitwits .....	9:30 a.m.
Junior Troop .....	6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, February 21**

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.
Families – Snowtubing .....	10:45 a.m.
Worship Service .....	11:00 a.m.
Biddy (5-9) Basketball Practice.....	3:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service .....	6-7:30 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/FEB:** Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

**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!

Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Feb.7:	58
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Feb.7:	130
Operating Fund received on February 7 .....	\$10,477.87
Operating Fund received up to February 7 .....	\$31,400.31
Budget goal up to February 7 (\$6,524 x 6).....	\$39,144.00

**MEMORIALS**

**To the Operating Fund in memory of Blanche Lanier** by Charles & Jo Plemmons; Debbie, Tom & Julian Dickerson.

**In memory of Benjamin Lemhouse:**

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

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

**To the Chancel Fund** by The Chancel Choir.

**To the Choir Fund** by The Broadwater Family

**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** Linda Sherer and her baby daughter Emma, friend of Robin Johnston, 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.

**Confirmation 2010:** The signup sheet is posted outside Gene's office. All young people in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade or above who have not been confirmed are invited to take part. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can order materials.

**DAWN MCGARITY INTERIORS** has done a wonderful job in the Senior High room - new paint, new curtains, rearranged furniture, etc. **THANK YOU**, Dawn, for giving your time and talent to create such a welcoming space for our Senior High youth.

**The UMMen** will meet this Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am. The breakfast menu will be grits, eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, country fried steak and fruit.

*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*

**Don't forget the Education Team meeting** on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm! 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.

**Disciple Bible Study** begins Monday, February 15 at 6:30 and Tuesday, February 16 at 9:30 AM. Gene Feagin has books available at \$10 each. If you don't have time to pick up a book before the class begins, you can read Psalms 1-7,13, 22,23, and 51.

**INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN AT TRINITY**

The United Methodist Women will hold the **2010 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** program on Sunday, February 28, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church. This years program is entitled, **PROPERTY MAKES MISSION POSSIBLE**, and a special offering will be taken to support the mission facilities sponsored by the UMW. The program will be followed by Afternoon Tea in the Parlor. Please join us for this very meaningful program. You do not have to be a member of a circle to attend. **ALL** women at Trinity are United Methodist Women, and we would love to see all of you there.

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

**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.

**If you are not getting Trinity News Flashes by e-mail**, please e-mail Grace Ulbricht at graceangels@bellsouth.net. She will put you on the list. Also, if you need a message sent out to all Trinity members, e-mail Grace and she will send it

**TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM:** Ask your utility company for an energy audit to assess energy waste in your home.



**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 12 & 13)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Opponent</b>		<b>Location</b>
Biddy (5-7)	Feb. 12 – 7:00 pm	St. John’s B	@	St. Johns
Biddy A	Feb. 12 – 7:45 pm	OBC-B	@	OAPC
Biddy B	Feb. 12 – 7:00 pm	OAPC	@	OAPC
Mite Girls	Feb. 13 – 10:00 am	OAPC	@	Woodland UMC
Mite Boys	Feb. 13 – 1:00 pm	OBC-A	@	OAPC
Senior Boys	Feb. 13 – Bye			

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- Thank you Trinity for your help with the needy in York School District #1. Our SOUPER BOWL collection for PATH was \$300.00 + 24 cans of soup. Thank you!
- The Jr. Hi. & Sr.Hi.Youth will meet at 6:00 pm this Sunday, February 14. The “Skit Guys” will visit us with a discussion to follow. Also we will look at the spring calendar for activities and events.
- Our family snowtubing trip will be 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. We will take a picnic lunch and eat together at the welcome center on I-26. The group rate is \$20.00 per person for 2 hours of tubing. A liability form must be filled out for each family tubing. These forms are in the church office.
- Come join the older adults at Catfish Cove on Tuesday night, February 23. Meet at the church at 5:15. We will fill the bus and then carpool. Good food, salad bar, reasonable prices and super fellowship!
- “Church Basement Ladies” is a down to earth musical comedy celebrating the church basement kitchen and the four distinct characters who work there, their relationships, and their challenges as they solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church about to go through changes in 1964. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the pastor on due course. Alice has 14 tickets – a bus full – for Tuesday March 9. Cost is \$23.00. We will leave at 10:00 for lunch. Play begins at 2:00 at Isothermal Community College. Please bring your money for your ticket to the church office to secure your seat on the bus.