

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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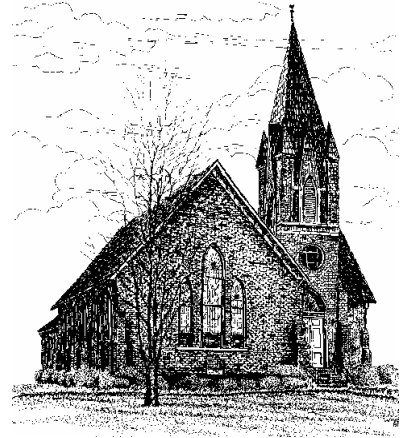
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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



February 16, 2010

## From the Pastor

I promised the group that rode the bus to Antreville for Nancy Faulkenberry's dad's funeral that I would say something somewhere about the trip back to York in the snow. I really don't have to search hard for something to say about it. Have you ever known that you have been the recipient of a gift from God? I know that our safe trip home was one of those gifts!

I know that it was a gift from God because I was driving the bus, and know that our safe return, in the face of the driving snow and the ice on the road was something that would have been beyond my skill without the extra help. The fact that our group was blessed to have no back seat drivers was a big help. The fact that Alice keeps the bus in tip top condition and that we have good tires had to have made a difference, too. But there were times when no amount of skill and no mechanical perfection and nothing else could have kept us safely on the road. All I can do is to thank God for the gift that he gave each of us who was on that bus.

One of the greatest shortcomings in my life, and I suspect in many other lives, is the lack of attention to the great gifts that God gives us on a daily basis. Every day I spend several hours in the car, driving to and from Trinity, driving to the hospital and to visit church members, and other places. Every day I take it for granted that if I am alert and normally careful I will arrive safely. Yet, anything could happen. It is a sort of give-away about my age to say that Skylab could fall on my car but I can remember when that wasn't a joke! Until a drive home is made special by blowing snow and ice, we don't always appreciate the simple gift of a safe arrival. It is easy to take God's gifts for granted until something happens to remind us how richly blessed we are. It's easy, for example, to take our church family for granted until something happens where we need them and they rally behind us.

One of our challenges as we enter Lent is to take a look at how we have come to take God's gifts for granted in our lives. It's easy to grow blind to the blessings we receive or to think that we deserve them. As we prepare for Easter, one of the ways in which we can grow is by looking more closely at the gifts God continues to offer to us and where we can be more thankful. We can look back at times and places where God's protection surrounded us and we didn't notice. We can look at our current situations and how God protects us and helps us. Sometimes it simply takes a little more awareness to see what God is doing for us and to be more appreciative.

In Luke's account of the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness we see Jesus resting, Satan leaving him until an opportune time. Jesus kept so close to God that there was never an opportune time until the crucifixion. As we look at what God is doing for us, and as we think about God's love through the lens of Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection, we can find ourselves seeking to grow closer and closer, so that God's love and guidance are never far from our awareness. Lent is a time for growing closer to God, for doing some spiritual "spring cleaning" and letting go of the things that separate us from God and each other. It is a time for taking on new habits of thankfulness and awareness. God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Passionate Spirituality**

Here's another good question to rate ourselves on: "I trust God to answer when I pray and wait patiently on his timing." How attuned are we to "instant gratification"? and how patient are we on waiting for God to do what is right for us? On the 1-5 scale what kinds of requests do we always get impatient over? When are we willing to wait and know that God is faithful?

**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.  
 Bidy (5-9) Basketball Practice..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Contemporary Worship Service ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
     Flower Ministry:     The David Burroughs Family  
     Lay Reader:  
     Nursery Infants:  
     Toddler Church:     Marie & Ed Ventry  
     Children's Church:  
     Acolyte:             Rush Johnston

**MONDAY 22**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Mite Girls Basketball Practice ..... 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 23**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Mite Boys Basketball Practice ..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
 Adults – Catfish Cove..... meet at the church 5:15 p.m.  
 Dulcimer Class ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Basketball ..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 24**

Mite Girls Basketball Practice ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 25**

UMCOR Sewing Group ..... 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, February 28**

Youth Skiing.....Meet at the church 6:30 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.  
 UMW - Call to Prayer & Self Denial ..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Bidy (5-9) Basketball Practice..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Novice Dulcimer Class ..... 4:00 p.m.  
 Beginner Dulcimer Class..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Bidy (5-7) Basketball Practice..... 4:30 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!

Sunday School Attendance Feb.14:             120  
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Feb.14:         33  
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Feb.14:       192  
 Due to the banks being closed for President's Day there is no financial report included in this week's newsletter.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Dick Sweigart, Isem Pennington, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield, and Nina King recovering at home following hospitalization.

**Also, we remember** Judy Yarborough, sister-in-law of Helen Yarborough and aunt of Liz Cowart; Linda Sherer and her baby daughter Emma, friend of Robin Johnston, 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.

**Our sympathy** is with Nancy Faulkenberry and her family following the death of her father, Sam Ferguson. Also, our sympathy is with Melanie Bolin following the death of her special friend Jack Sweeney.

**Congratulations to:**

Bill Huffstetler and Olivia Queen who were married at Trinity on Sunday, February 14.

Kristen Knight on the birth of her son Patrick Edward on Friday, February 5.

Join us this Sunday evening for NewSong, our contemporary worship service. This service will focus on "The Original Temptations." Not the singing group, but the temptations that Jesus faced and we face. The format is casual, the music is contemporary, and the worship is all Christ-centered. Be with us!

**Thanks** to everyone who donated last week at the blood drive. 51 pints of blood were collected. Thanks to Mary and Tim Whitson, Dicksy Broadwater, Kim Jones, Dawn McGarity, and Melanie Myers for the great refreshments they made. Thanks also to Nancy Faulkenberry for filling in as a volunteer on very short notice. Our next blood drive will be in May. We hope to see you then.

*Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and your prayers.  
 Please continue to remember me as I continue my therapy.  
 Basil Childers.*

**UMCOR Baby Sweaters** - The UMCOR knitting box in the hall has a new supply of yarn for baby sweaters. The folder in the box has instructions for knitting and for crocheting. **HELP YOURSELF!! AND THANKS** in advance for your work.  
 The Mission Team

**INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN AT TRINITY**

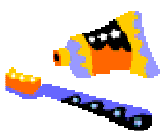
The United Methodist Women will hold the **2010 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** program on Sunday, February 28, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church. This years program is entitled, **PROPERTY MAKES MISSION POSSIBLE**, and a special offering will be taken to support the mission facilities sponsored by the UMW. 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.

**VBS – Mark your calendars.** VBS will take place the week of July 12 – 16 from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

**ALICE'S CORNER**

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. Youth will attend the Contemporary Worship Service this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.
- Our family snowtubing trip will be this 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. Let Alice know if you are going.
- 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.



The UMM have decided to "spear head" a fund raising project to benefit the Ft. Mill 1222nd National Guard Combat Engineering Company stationed in Afghanistan. Tracy Payne is a member of this unit. The 105 soldiers with this unit have a critical need for personal toiletry items. Our goal is to collect \$1,165.00 to purchase these items. We have already received from various groups and individuals \$742.50. Any groups, classes and/or individuals wishing to contribute may do so by making checks payable to TUMC UMM and drop off at the church office, or pledge by email to ([davidjburroughs@bellsouth.net](mailto:davidjburroughs@bellsouth.net)) by **this Sunday, February 21.**

**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 19 & 20)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Opponent</b>		<b>Location</b>
Biddy (5-7)	Feb. 19 – 6:15 pm	First ARP	@	Woodland UMC
Biddy A	Feb. 19 – 7:45 pm	Neelys Creek	@	Woodland UMC
Biddy B	Feb. 19 – 7:00 pm	Tirzah ARP	@	Woodland UMC
Mite Girls	Feb. 20 – 9:00 am	First Pres. York	@	Tirzah ARP
Mite Boys	Feb. 20 – 2:00 pm	Tirzah ARP	@	Tirzah ARP
Senior Boys	Feb. 20 – 11:00 am	Lake Wylie	@	Ebenezer ARP