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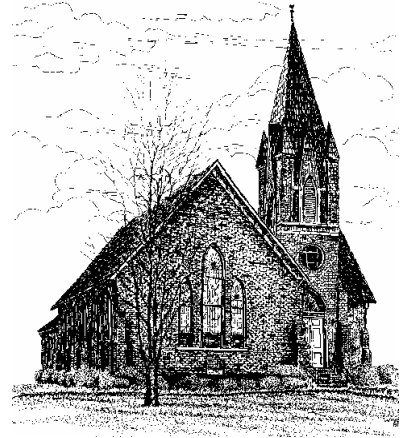
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Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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February 23, 2010

From the Pastor

Just before I sat down to write this I was talking to someone who was visiting in the building. After I conversation I told her, "It's a yucky day." Her response was, "You, too." Now, I know that she thought that I had said something else, like "Have a great day," but it struck me as amusing that her response was to what she thought I was going to say rather than to what I actually did say. The question that it raises for me is how often I do the same thing. How often do we anticipate conversations and follow our script rather than participate in the actual conversation that we ought to be a part of?

Sometimes we can be distracted by the other things that are going on around us—but in the conversation this morning, there was nothing else happening. On Sunday morning I spent a considerable amount of time talking to one of our church school teachers about a very real concern that she has. There were people coming in and walking around us. There were children who were coming up to her with questions. It was not an optimum time for the conversation we were trying to have, and I hope that she could tell that I was really listening, and that we are going to make every effort to do what we can to take care of the issues that concern her.

I know that we don't always listen as closely to each other as we could. I know that sometimes we think that we haven't been heard, even when the person we have spoken with has paid very close attention. I know that sometimes we think that we have been very attentive, but when we pause to reflect on a conversation later we can't even remember what we were talking about.

I wonder how often we don't listen to God when he's speaking to us. Our "Passionate Spirituality" moments on the back page of the newsletter this month have been dealing with prayer and our relationship with God, but I wonder how often we take time in our prayers to wait for God to speak to us, or to hear what God is saying to us. In our private prayers we can take more time to listen. In our daily activities we can begin to look for God's messages to us in the things that come our way. Now I don't expect God to use flashing neon signs to point us to what he's saying to us; though it would be nice to be able to say, "There! That's a message from God that I need to listen to." Most of the time we realize looking back that we have received a message from God. Like the disciples who had been with Jesus during the Transfiguration and didn't understand what they had experienced until later, we often look back over significant time in our lives and see God's word for us. I wonder if we could be more attentive and recognize at least the potential message in some of life's activities.

In many congregations the following prayer is prayed before the Lay Reader reads the first scripture lesson on Sunday morning: "Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN." This is a prayer that God make us open in our worship for the Word that he has for us. A part of our Lenten preparation is taking time to listen more closely to God—in our private prayers, in our Bible study, in Church School, and in worship. Another part of our preparation is to be more attentive as we listen to each other—being careful to hear what is really being said, rather than what we think is being said.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Passionate Spirituality

"My prayers include thanksgiving, praise, confession and requests." Another way to examine our prayer lives is in terms of "ACTS." Adoration is the beginning of prayer. Then confession follows naturally, since when we pause to remember who God is we begin to see how we fall short of the glory of God. Thanksgiving is the next part of the pattern. If God is God, awesome and mighty, and we are sinners saved by the grace of God, then we need to take some time to thank God for all of our blessings, including the blessing of Jesus Christ. Then, at the end, we make our requests to God. Of course, we need to take time to listen as God speaks to us.

SUNDAY, February 28

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.
Biddy (5-9) Basketball Practice.....	3:00 p.m.
Beginner Dulcimer Class.....	4:30 p.m.
Biddy (5-7) Basketball Practice.....	4:30 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	Sam & Gay Feemster
Lay Reader:	Marian Garner
Nursery Infants:	
Toddler Church:	Dicksy & Jason Broadwater
Children's Church:	
Acolyte:	Aubrey Keller

MONDAY – March 1

Morning Circle @ Trinity UMC	10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 2

Disciple Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Circle #2.....	7:15 p.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 3

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

THURSDAY 4

UMCOR Sewing Group	9:30 a.m.
Junior Troop	6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 7

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.
Battle of the Biddies.....	4:30 p.m.
UMW - Call to Prayer & Self Denial	3:00 p.m.
Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF.....	6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR MARCH: *Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, Jim Burch.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/MARCH: Bible Study Class

TRUSTEES/MARCH: Jamie Patterson & Mary Sue Burns

ALTAR GUILD/MARCH: Liz Brown & Robbie Miller

WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/MARCH:

PATH FOOD FOR MARCH: GRITS AND/OR RICE

Sunday School Attendance Feb.21:	119
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Feb.21:	54
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Feb.21:	150
Contemporary Worship (6:00 pm) Feb.21:	65
Operating Fund received on February 14	\$5,715.79
Operating Fund received up to February 14	\$37,116.10
Budget goal up to February 14 (\$6,524 x 7).....	\$45,668.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Bob Johnsey by Mildred Kalb, Richard Kalb, Charlotte & Bill Greeff.

Sam Ferguson by Sam & Gay Feemster, Eddie & Susan Jones.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson & Melvin Roberts by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

HONORARIA

To the UMCOR Fund in honor of Ray & Mary Sue Burns and Bill & Olivia Huffstetler by Dick & Jan Sweigart.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Also, we remember Sherry Leonard, niece of Bill Huffstetler; Ginger Boyd, Mother of Carrie Hodges; Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; 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.

The United Methodist Men would like to think every individual and every group contributing to the National Guard toiletries project. As Trinity in Touch goes to press, over \$2000 has been contributed or pledged. If all goes well the first shipment will be on its way to Tracy Payne and his troops by Friday.

RICE AND GRITS ALERT: As of Wednesday, February 17 there was not a single GRIT at PATH! Please remember our PATH families when grocery shopping – watch for Buy One Get One Free (BOGOF) – we need foods that are filling and that can be "stretched" – like RICE and GRITS! Thank You – the PATH 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.

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER – March 3 from 5:30-7:00 – is being hosted by the FRIENDS Class. Warm up with soup and sandwiches while enjoying great friends and fellowship. There will be a special program with York School District Superintendent, Dr. Vernon Prosser, and Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Matt Brown.

ALICE'S CORNER

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. will meet in the Trinity Center this Sunday night, February 28 at 6:00 pm. Fellowship, refreshments and a Lenten devotional will be a part of the evening. Come join your fellow church youth for inspiration and group building.
- There are a few tickets remaining for "Church Basement Ladies" a musical comedy following four church women in the church kitchen. Sure to bring laughter and tears. We will stop for a hearty lunch preceding the play. Tickets are \$23.50. Play begins at 2:00 pm. Meet at the church at 10:00 am.
- The Battle of the Biddies" will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 7 at 4:30 pm in the Trinity Center. This contest features our 3 Biddy teams for 2010. Their enthusiasm, energy and commitment leave nothing behind. The game consists of 4 quarters with great half time entertainment provided. Refreshments will be served following the game. If you have not seen these teams in action this year – now is your chance! Don't miss Sensational Sophie, Explosive Evan, Pulsating Preston, Dazzle Man, Drake and Magnificent Maggie!
- The church bus will travel to Hamricks in Gaffney on Thursday, March 11. This is their special "Spring Bus Week" with good buys and refreshments. Meet at the church at 12:15 pm. (Please note departure time is different to time printed in the calendar.) Eat you lunch before you go and we will stop for ice cream on the way home. Invite your friends! We need to fill the bus.
- TUMC BASKETBALL Banquet will be held Sunday, March 14 at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Center. This covered dish meal is to recognize all basketball players, coaches and the recipient of the Scotty Burroughs Sportsmanship award. All family members and interested Trinity members are urged to come and bring plenty of food.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 26 & 27)

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Biddy (5-7)	Feb. 26 – 5:30 pm	Tirzah Pres	@	St. Johns
Biddy A	Feb. 26 – 7:00 pm	OBC-A	@	Ebenzer
Biddy B	Feb. 26 – 7:45 pm	Neelys Creek	@	Ebenezer
Mite Girls, Mite Boys, & Senior Boys		Playoffs - TBA		