

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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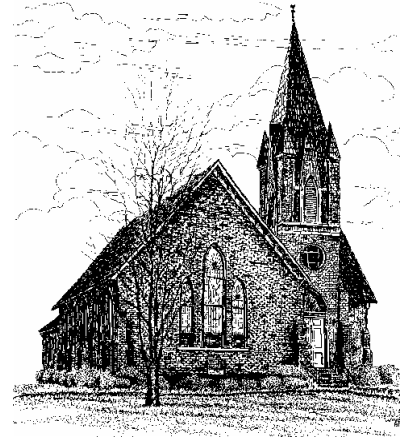
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



February 24, 2009

## From the Pastor

*“Dear brothers and sisters in Christ; the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.*

*“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word...” (from the United Methodist Book of Worship, page 322, Ash Wednesday worship service)*

When I was growing up, Methodists didn’t celebrate Ash Wednesday, at least where I was. I can remember my classmates who were Roman Catholics or Episcopalians coming to school after having gone to an early Ash Wednesday service and having the ashes on their foreheads, but it wasn’t something that *we* did. In fact, just like I have told some of you about Maundy Thursday worship, the first such service I participated in was when I was the pastor who was leading the service!

In my family we also didn’t “give up” anything for Lent. It wasn’t that we didn’t pray and examine our lives, but we never went so far as to think about some form of fasting to go along with it. It was once again only when I was leading a congregation and asking others to fast that I began to think seriously about fasting or sacrificing in some way myself as a preparation for Easter. I really don’t like to ask you to do something that I’m not willing to do—that’s why I’m always at the Blood Drive, why Anna and I tithe, why we seldom miss anything that takes place in the life of Trinity: if I am going to ask you to do something meaningful I can’t feel comfortable without at least making the effort myself.

When it comes right down to it, in Lent the important thing isn’t the ashes, it isn’t whether we give up candy bars or broccoli or something. The really important idea behind all of these things is that we place ourselves in a position where we are open to God’s guidance as we examine our lives. We all let ourselves get sidetracked by things that don’t matter as much as we let them matter to us. We all wander down paths that separate us from God. We all let walls grow up that separate us from each other and from God. We all find idols that are easier to worship than God is—and we all need to be called back to the path. We all need to be called back to where we ought to be, worshipping God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. As we enter this Lenten season, let’s prayerfully ask God to show us where we’ve wandered, and restore us to where we should be. Ashes and prayer on Ash Wednesday is a good reminder. Sacrificial fasting and taking on new ways of service are a good start. Worship and prayer, Bible Study and self-examination will lead us all to a closer relationship with God and each other.

What God really wants from us is faithfulness and love.

In Jesus’ name, Amen. Gene Feagin, Pastor.

**March 1, 2009 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Scriptures:** Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15  
**Sermon:** “Forty Days with the Beasts and Angels”

**SUNDAY, March 1**

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.
Jr.Hi.UMYF .....	3:45 p.m.
Battle of the Biddies.....	4-6:00 p.m.
Recreation Meeting .....	following Battle of the Biddies
Sr.Hi.UMYF.....	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice.....	7:30-9:00 p.m.
Lay Reader:	Matt Dover
Nursery Infants:	Terri Versen & Sandy Pursley
Toddler Church:	Lee & Terri Keller
Children’s Church:	Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett
Acolyte:	

**MONDAY 2**

Circle #1 & #3.....	10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
Circle #2.....	7:15 p.m.

**TUESDAY 3**

Disciple Bible Study.....	10:00 a.m.
Mite Boys Basketball Practice .....	4:30-6:00 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice.....	6-7:30 p.m.
Circle #4.....	7:30 p.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 4**

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

**THURSDAY 5**

Mite Boys Basketball Practice .....	4:30-6:00 p.m.
Brownie Troop 3495 .....	6:30-8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 8**

UMMen.....	8:00 a.m.
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.
UMWomen – Call to Prayer & Self Denial.....	2:30 p.m.
Jr.Hi.UMYF – Bowling.....	Meet at the church 2:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class (Beginners) .....	4:30 p.m.
Sr.Hi.UMYF.....	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice.....	7:30-9:00 p.m.

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

**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/MARCH:** Bible Study Class

**TRUSTEES/MARCH:** Keith McSwain & Buzz Johnsey

**ALTAR GUILD/MARCH:** Glenda Helton & Pat Childers

**WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH:** Bible Study Class

**VISITOR CARDS/MARCH:** Kim Ramsey

**PATH FOOD OF THE MONTH:** Breakfast food – any kind, any size.

Sunday School Attendance February 22:	118
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) February 22:	44
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) February 22:	130
Operating Fund received on February 15.....	\$5,952.83
February 22.....	\$5,743.65
Operating Fund received up to February 22.....	\$49,062.15
Budget goal up to February 22 (\$6,500 x 8).....	\$52,000.00

**MEMORIALS**

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

**Vida Lee Stewart** by Charles & Jo Plemmons; The Jack Benfield Class; Jim & Wally Burch; Bob & Evelyn Johnsey.

**Margaret Edge & Fulvia Dover** by Bob & Evelyn Johnsey.

**To the Jack Benfield Class in memory of Vida Lee Stewart** by Anadell Burch.

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

**Annis Lindsay** by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

**Vida Lee Stewart** by The Donnie Shuler Family.

**To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Mary Meeler** by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Vida Lee Stewart** by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

**To the Youth Program in memory of Vida Lee Stewart** by Mr. & Mrs. Earl White.

**VISITOR ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Linda Lennert, 7 N. Congress Street, York.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, and Joe McCorkle.

**Also, we remember** Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Bebe Benfield, mother of Fredda Lee Culbreth, now under hospice care at Sandpiper Nursing Home; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Helen “Mimi” Riddle, mother of Harriet Wilkins; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Joyce Robbins, friend of Mere McCoy; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Our sympathy** is with Denise Mitchell and her family following the death of her cousin, John Sherer.

As of Thursday, February 26, the **NAME IT AND CLAIM IT** table will be in the hall of the education building. In efforts to make our church look “spiffy” for Homecoming, we will be de-cluttering the church. The table will be up until Monday, March 23 at which time all unclaimed items will be put in the yard sale.

<b>Sewing Kits and Market Bags</b>
Please turn in all sewing kits and market bags to the Sudan collection bins by next Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> . On Sunday, the team will be packing the supplies that they will carry. Thank you for your help. The Sudan Team.

**MARCH MADNESS** -- "Battle of the Biddies" - Sunday, March 1 at 4:00. Come out and watch the BEST up and coming Stars in York County. This is sure to be a barnburner so come watch these Future Hall of Fames in action. Seating is limited, so get there early. There will be a "Super-Duper Halftime Show" with autographs and refreshments afterwards.

**Please come join the FRIENDS class for first Wednesday night supper on March 4** from 5:30 until 7 pm. We will be serving soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, tea and dessert. Cost is \$4 per person or \$15 for a family.

**There will be a meeting after the 11:00 Worship Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> for the Trustees and the Education Team** and anyone else involved in the use and storage of cardboard and other materials in the boiler room or the Trinity Center. As a part of clean up for Homecoming we are working to find suitable storage for necessary materials and to reduce the amount of unnecessary clutter. For more information speak to Keith McSwain or Mary Jane Shuler.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- **Special Lenten Devotional** material and calendars have been ordered for adults, families and children. Look for the display in the hallway. Easter is a special day of the year. Let us prepare for it during Lent.
- **The Jr. Hi. UMYF** will meet at 3:45 pm and help with the Battle of the Biddies game as scorekeepers and timers.
- **The Sr. Hi. UMYF** will meet at 6:00 pm Sunday night, March 1.

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

- March 12** Older Adults shopping at Hamricks-Senior Day
- March 19** Patchwork storytelling and blue grass music
- March 24** Adults – Catfish Cove Supper
- March 29** Bible Fair for Children – 3 to 5 pm
- April 4** “Virgil’s First Easter”, comedy Dinner Theatre - 6:30 pm

<b>BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 27 &amp; 28)</b>				
<b>Team</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>Location</b>
Biddy A	Feb. 27 – 6:15 pm	Neely’s Creek	@	OAPC
Biddy A	Feb. 27 – 7:00 pm	OAPC	@	OAPC
Biddy B	Feb. 27 – 7:45 p.m.	St. Annes B	@	Woodhaven
Biddy 3	Feb. 27 – 6:15 pm	OAPC	@	Woodland
Mite Girls	Feb. 28 – 11:00 am	OAPC	@	St. Johns
Mite Boys	Feb. 28 – 4:00 pm	First ARP or Episcopal	@	Woodland