

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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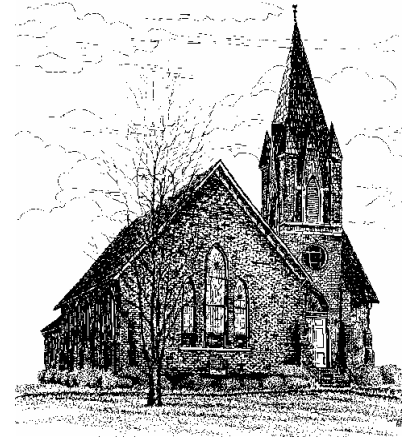
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm



January 6, 2009

## From the Pastor

Well, has 2009 been better so far for you than 2008 was? OK, I know that it isn't fair to make a judgment before a week has gone by, but I heard so many people saying that they were sure that 2009 had to be better that I had to ask. At the first of every year I often remember my young friend Ginger, who told me in about 1983 that she was sure that 1984 would be a better year for her and her family. Her grandmother had passed away and her kitten had been run over on a busy highway in '83. She's 25 years older (about 33) now, and I wonder if she still remembers '83 as a bad year, or if she has other memories? We have a saying in our family when we find ourselves looking ahead with this sort of hope; "I don't want to wish my life away, but I'll be glad when...."

Just out of fairness we may want to contrast this idea of hoping for a better year with the other saying that I have heard (and said) quite often in the last few days: "I'll be glad when school starts back and the holidays are over *and we can get back to a regular routine.*" There is something comfortable about routine, and about the normal ways that we do things. There is something comfortable about knowing that if it is Sunday morning you'll be getting ready for Sunday School and Church and if it is the first Wednesday night of the month you'll be coming to Trinity for fellowship and supper. There's something comforting about knowing that on Monday morning you'll be going to school or work or to the Y or PATH.

I think that we all feel comfortable when we have a little control over our environment and our lives, and we all feel less comfortable when we are sensing that we have less control than we thought we had. We can build some structure into our lives, and we can take some consolation in the feeling of having a little control. When we look back at the bad things that have happened, when we think of the "bad years" normally they are the years when things happened that reminded us that we don't have as much control as we thought we did. Our friend Ginger learned back in 1983 that she didn't have a lot of say in some of the things that really mattered to her. We learned in 2008 that we have much less control over our economic destiny right now than we once believed.

Of course, there are a couple of quick lessons that we need to learn: the first is that, no matter what happens, God is in ultimate control. No matter how powerless we feel, God is not powerless. The things that happen that hurt us will not destroy us, because God is in charge. My dad's parents bought a small pharmacy in 1928, and fought through the Great Depression to keep it open. Bank failures and high unemployment threatened them, but did not beat them. They knew that with God's help they could keep going. The second lesson that we need to learn is that we may not control some events in our lives, but we can control how we respond to them. We can live trustingly even when we can't see what is coming. We can live faithfully even when we don't know how God is going to act. We can live in ways that share God's love, even when we don't have much else. Our oldest son used to love the lines from an old Walt Disney movie: "It isn't what you have that matters; it's what you do with what you have." We have been given freedom of choice and as we choose to love and share and care, we are blessed.

I know that 2009 will be a great year for each one of us: God is in control and we are all going to work together to live in ways that make it a great year. No matter what happens, we will live as God's people, filled with faith and trust. No matter what happens we will share the love of Jesus Christ. Have a great 2009! God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

January 11, 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 Sermon: "We Never Knew"

SUNDAY, January 11

- 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.
Biddy Basketball Practice ..... 4-5:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: Circle #4
Lay Reader: Julie Goss
Nursery Infants: Alicia Breakfield
Toddler Church: Ed & Marie Ventry
Children's Church: Julie Taylor
Acolyte: Sarah Grace Garner

MONDAY 12

Adult Retreat to Epworth by the Sea (Mon, Tues & Wed).....

TUESDAY 13

- Dulcimer Class ..... 10:00 a.m.
Mite Boys Basketball Practice ..... 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice ..... 6-7:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class ..... 7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball ..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 14

Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 18

- 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.
Biddy 1 & 2 Basketball Practice ..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.

USHERS FOR JANUARY: \*Johnny McCoy, Melvin McKeown, Julian Dickerson, Ronnie Cowart, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

TRUSTEES/JAN: Buzz Johnsey & Lee Keller

ALTAR GUILD/JAN: Mary Butler & Judy Hanners

WELCOME VISITORS/JAN: Senior High Class

VISITOR CARDS/JAN: Susan Jones

- Sunday School Attendance January 4: 113
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) January 4: 45
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) January 4: 132
Operating Fund received on January 4 ..... \$7,583.05
Budget for 2009 - \$337,993.00 (weekly goal \$6,500).....

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Margaret Edge by Betty J. Jones; Ray & Mary Sue Burns.

Margaret Myers by Betty J. Jones.

Vicki Bolin by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw.

Ray Mock by Sam & Gay Feemster.

To the Chancel Fund in memory of:

Margaret Edge by Bill & Marion Fischer; Bill & Nina King.

Curtis Coomer by Bill & Nina King.

To the Sudan Fund - Tractor in memory of Ray Mock by The Bible Study Class

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Voight Hipp, Justus Chol, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey; with Pat Childers recovering at home following surgery, and Vida Lee Stewart convalescing at Westminster Rehab Center.

Also, we remember Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; John Sherer, cousin of Denise Mitchell; Jean Thomas, friend and co-worker of Karen Smith; Molly Ferguson, aunt of Nancy Faulkenberry; 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; and Harold Dickson.

Our sympathy is with:

Matt Dover and his family following the death of his grandmother, Fulvia Dover.

Ellen Jones and her family following the death of her brother-in-law, Buddy Smith.

Cindy Burroughs and her family following the death of her father, Ray Mock.

RICE - as you shop, please buy RICE for our PATH clients - any kind, any size! We appreciate the many ways that TUMC supports PATH. This economic climate is particularly hard on our clients. Please keep up your good works in 2009.

THANK YOU - Charles Plemmons, Bill Huffstetler, Cynthia Bradford, Susan Jones, Mary Jane Shuler.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS - If you're a knitter and would like to learn to make the Felted purses, please come on Thursday, January 8, 2009 for our first meeting. We'll meet in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting we'll choose a pattern and find out what supplies we need to get started. If you have questions in advance, please ask Melinda McKeown or Suzanne Jones.

Nursery and Children's Church Volunteers Needed: It is once again time to compile the list of volunteers for the Infant Nursery and Children's Church. Due to Safe Sanctuary requirements we will now need to have at least 2 adults in Children's Church for the up coming year, therefore we will need some additional volunteers to be "helpers" for Children's Church. The "helpers" will not have any teaching responsibility. If you are interested in volunteering to be a "helper" or would like to have your name added to or removed from the Infant Nursery and/or Children's Church list please notify Kathy Sandifer(684-3652) or Alicia Breakfield (628-0783) by January 25th. This is a vital ministry to the church so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Meet the Trinity Sudan Mission Team

Trinity's first international mission team consisting of 9 members will travel to Yei, Sudan on March 12, 2009 and return on March 23, 2009. While there, members will be working at the NESEI Secondary School in various capacities. We request that you begin to pray for our success, health, and safe travel. Before we leave, you will have the opportunity to sign a prayer calendar to pray for us at a specific time while we are away or you may write a note of encouragement for us to carry with us to open and read after we arrive.

Team members will be preparing the First Wednesday Supper in January and in February to earn money for some of our expenses. If you, your Sunday School Class, Circle, or any group wishes to help sponsor a member of the team or make a donation to the team as a whole, please mark your check with the individual's name or with the team name and turn it in to the church office. Members include Marian Garner, Bill Huffstetler, Olivia Queen, Staci Versen Rampey, Terri Versen, Kellie Stevens, Rod Innes, Bud and Suzanne Jones.

We hope to carry some sewing repair kits, knitting needles and yarn to use to teach the girls these skills. A sewing kit should include needles, black thread, orange thread, small scissors and a small piece of scrap cloth to practice on. Place all in a qt. Ziploc bag. Sizes for knitting needles will be announced soon. Any bright colored yarn will be suitable.

We are excited to represent Trinity in this mission and each of us will do our best to make you proud of the work we do. We look forward to sharing with you when we return. Blessings to all Trinity Members for your support!!

It's Knitting, Crocheting, and Sewing Time!

The box with supplies for UMCOR baby sweaters and book bags is now in the hall. If you knit, crochet, or sew, please stop by and get your yarn or fabric. Patterns are on the mission bulletin board in the Sunday School hall. Last fall we sent over 60 each of the baby sweaters, book bags, and receiving blankets. Thanks in advance for your help. The UMCOR Team.

ALICE'S CORNER

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. Youth will combine and begin a study on the Apostles' Creed this Sunday night, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. Come and discuss the statement of our beliefs. Friends are welcome!
Trinity Travelers will hold their monthly covered dish luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at 12:00 noon. Come join us for great fellowship.
Church Basketball Season will begin this weekend. Our 3 Biddy teams will play on Friday nights and our girls and boys Mite teams will play on Saturdays. Watch for dates, times and places in the newsletters and bulletins. Come cheer for our players!