

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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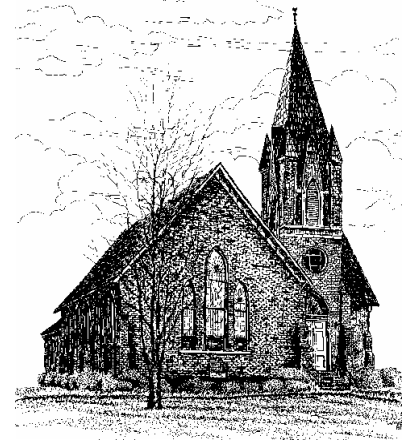
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



July 27, 2010

From the Pastor

Maybe I've spent too much time listening to the ladies who meet on some Thursday mornings to sew the school bags for Sager Brown. I keep hearing about the fabric they are using and the problem of matching the colors and patterns in the bag itself and in the handle or maybe I've just got a strange imagination sometimes. At any rate sometimes I think I see little patterns, little threads, running through the fabric of our lives. For example, one day last week I had taken a break from sermon research and was sitting on the couch reading one of the books I got for my birthday, while Anna and Travis were on their hands and knees playing with Teddy the Wonder Dog, who is still probably the smartest little dog in York County, even at his age.

If you were at worship on Sunday you may remember the illustration I used, quoting Rev. Peter Marty, a Lutheran Pastor in Iowa. Marty tells of how Martin Luther remarked that he wished that he could pray with the same intensity that his dog focused on meat with. "If I could only pray the way this dog watches meat. All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish or hope." (*From "Blogging Toward Sunday" in Theolog: The Blog of The Christian Century*) Are you starting to get the picture? Anna and Travis on all fours, chasing the dog around the room, me reading and remembering the illustration from Luther about the dog's focus on meat. Now just to make the pattern even clearer, the book that I was reading, The Search, is a novel about a dog trainer and search and rescue team trainer and member. Dogs, people, patterns....

I was reading **about** a person who trained dogs and worked with them in order to save lives. Anna and Travis were playing **with** a dog—that is well-trained and can do any number of tricks. Martin Luther had seen beyond a dog's devotion and attention to a lesson about God and humanity. Who was really the least involved? I would guess that the one who was reading **about** was the least involved. Who would you want training your dog? Would you want the one who was reading about training a dog, the one who was looking beyond the god and seeing God, or the one who had actually trained a dog already? Would you rather have someone working on your car who has read all of the books on car repair, or the person who has actually had hands-on experience? Would you rather have someone who has read all of the books on brain surgery operating on you, or the person who has read the books, watched the operations, assisted in some operations and has actually operated?

We need knowledge about, we need personal knowledge, and we need the sort of knowledge that comes from being able to move back from the concrete to the abstract as Martin Luther did. Luther's dog probably never grew beyond the focus on the meat; but Luther grew in his focus on prayer and its importance. We are called to cultivate a relationship with God that grows. We don't just need to know **about** Jesus, we need to know Jesus. We don't just need to know **about** God, we need to know God. Now that Trinity in Touch is resuming publication and teachers are washing their work clothes and dusting off their lesson plans and parents are checking closets to see what sorts of clothes are going to have to be replaced—now that we are getting back toward a more regular time of year—let's ask God to help us to see the pattern in our lives. Let's ask God to help us grow in knowledge about him and of him. Let's worship, let's serve, and let's grow as God's people.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, August 1, 2010

Scriptures: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "Bigger Barns or Bigger Lives?"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Bicycling & Picnic Supper.....
..... Meet at the church 3:00 p.m.

Lay Reader:

Nursery Infants: David & Alicia Breakfield

Toddler Church: Marsha & Kevin Smiley

Children's Church: Cindy Summersett & Robin Johnston

Acolyte: Sarah Grace Garner & Michelle Lamb

MONDAY 2

Morning Circle Lunch..... 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 3

Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 4

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

Grades 2-6 Lock In following fellowship supper

THURSDAY 5

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

UMMen..... 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, Church Youth.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/AUGUST: FRIENDS Class

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance July 25:	110
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) July 25:	52
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) July 25:	124
Operating Fund received on July 25	\$6,139.10
Operating Fund received up to July 25	\$168,360.70
Budget goal up to July 25 (\$6,524 x 30).....	\$195,720.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Ann White by Ray & Mary Sue Burns.

Dot Caldwell by Ray & Mary Sue Burns; Eddie & Susan Jones;

To the Choir Fund in memory of Ann White by Renee Barker.

To the Chancel Fund in memory and honor of Betty Dickerson's birthday on July 31 by The Bill Miller Family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield, Isem Pennington, and Ernie Ulbricht.

Also, we remember Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Ed Warren, son of Geneva Warren; Betty Baker, mother of Terri Alford; Connor Glenn, great nephew of Ellen Jones; Patsy Clark, sister of Susan Jones; Sherry Leonard, niece of Bill Huffstetler; Ginger Boyd, mother of Carrie Hodges; Linda Sherer and her baby daughter Emma, friend of Robin Johnston; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with Susan Jordan and her family following the death of her father, Harold Dellinger.

Congratulations to:

Maghan Roberts and Brandon Cockrell who were married at St. John's United Methodist Church, Rock Hill on Saturday, July 17.

Matt and Agnes Feemster on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Feemster, born on Monday, July 19. Sam and Gay Feemster are the proud grandparents.

Cathy Lowman wants to thank everyone who donated materials and supplies for our Bible School crafts. It saved so much money! Thanks for your generosity.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make "I Go Green" such a successful Vacation Bible School this summer. Teresa Anderson and her staff of leaders and helpers worked diligently to create an atmosphere of learning and fun. There will be an evaluation meeting for VBS for all those persons who can attend on Monday, August 9 at 7:00 pm in the Conference room.

It's Back To School again soon! It is hard to believe that summer vacation is almost over! Again, as in years past, the Mission Committee is sponsoring our Back To School project for PATH. As you are aware, there have been critical budget cuts and our school children need our help. PATH is in need of school supplies to help their clients. Please consider donating supplies or making a donation either individually, by Sunday School Classes, Circles, UMW, UMM, Youth, or any other committee or church group. The Mission Committee will take the donations and buy the supplies for you. How easy is that?! Please prayerfully consider the needs of our area children. **ALERT:** bookbags are Buy One Get One Free (2 for \$9.99) at Walgreen THIS week!

The UMM will be firing up the grills for a **Wednesday Night Summer Cookout Supper on August 4.** They will be serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixins', baked beans, assorted chips, iced tea and for dessert, brownies and ice cream. So take a break from the yard work and join us for some great food and fellowship.

The UMM will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, August 8 at 8:00am. This meeting is open to ALL men, young and old. We will discuss events and missions for the remainder of year. And, as usual, we will be eating a wonderful breakfast. This month's menu will be breakfast casserole, cheesy grits, bacon, biscuits and fruit salad. Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend.



TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM: Aphid spray for vegetable plants - mix 1-3 teaspoons of liquid soap (not detergent) with one gallon of water. Spray every 2-3 days if infestation is bad, then once every week or so.

ALICE'S CORNER

- Don't forget the **LOCK-IN** for all those who have signed up. We will begin following supper on Wednesday night, August 4.
- Adult Excursion to Greenville on Wednesday, August 11 is full but cars are welcome.
- The Family Braves trip on Sunday, August 8 has been **cancelled**.
- The Virginia Creeper Bike Event will be **only** on Saturday, August 14. Please let Alice know **immediately** who needs a bike and what kind so she can reserve them.