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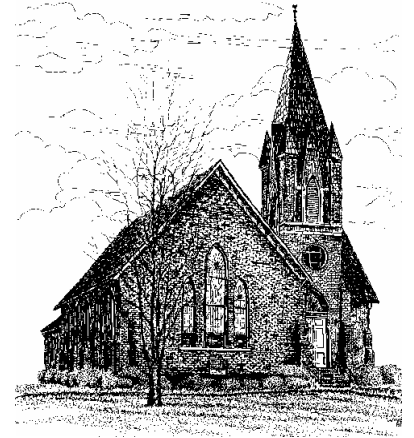
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



June 22, 2010

From the Pastor

Here's a question to help you fill your summer "thinking" time: what do the United Methodist Church and Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood have in common? Now, there are some yo-yos in the United Methodist Church, but I'm talking Ya-Ya here rather than yo-yo. The key word is not "divine" nor is it "sisterhood," though I guess that when I explain a little "sisterhood" may have more to do with things than "divine."

This analysis comes from Malcolm Gladwell's 2000 book, The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference. According to Gladwell, in a chapter titled, "The Power of Context," Ya-Ya was not a big hit when it was published in 1996. The author, Rebecca Wells, had written one other book and both Ya-Ya and the other received positive reviews but didn't sell a lot of copies. When Ya-Ya came out in paperback, however, something seemed to have changed. At book signings groups of women would come together, laden with books to be signed. Mothers and daughters began coming together, and then three generations of women would come. Gladwell writes that "The success of Ya-Ya is a tribute to the Power of Context. More specifically, it is a testimony to the power of one specific aspect of context, which is the critical role that groups play in social epidemics." According to Gladwell, Ya-Ya became popular with book club reading groups because it encouraged the ladies who were in the groups to share at deeper levels than they had shared during the reading of other books. Ya-Ya seems to have touched folks through groups and sharing times.

Now, what does this have to do with the United Methodist Church? Actually, the correct answer is "nothing at all." We need to go back to before the United Methodist Church, even before the Methodist Church to our roots in the preaching of John Wesley and the "Methodist movement" that he was instrumental in starting. Gladwell reminds us that Wesley was not the most charismatic preacher of his day, nor was he the deepest theologian of his time. Wesley's genius was organizational. He would preach open-air sermons to thousands of people; he would stay "long enough in each town to form the most enthusiastic of his converts into religious societies, which in turn he subdivided into smaller classes....This was a group, in other words, that stood for something....Wesley realized that if you wanted to bring about a fundamental change in people's belief and behavior...you needed to create a community around them where those new beliefs could be practiced and nurtured."

We have been saying for quite a while that people have a deep need for groups where they can share and grow. We have been encouraging folks here at Trinity to find a group to be a part of where they can grow spiritually, and another group where they can find ways to serve others. Gladwell underscores our sense of the importance of belonging to a group and taking part regularly in the life of the group. If we are going to live as Christians in our world, we need the support and strength that we receive from our time together in worship and learning. We need the opportunities to grow and to share, to know and to be known. I know that I tend to go on and on about the importance of Sunday as a time set apart to grow and to worship God—but this is because of the importance that our times of connection ought to have in our lives. It is through being in groups that worship and learn that we grow and become the people God has made us to be. I believe that we feel more connected to God as we connect with each other. I believe that we feel more connected to God when we set aside time to connect with God—worship and church school, prayer and Bible study are important connectors.

God bless each one. I hope to see you Sunday. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, June 27, 2010
Scriptures: II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62
Sermon: "The Challenge"

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
UMCOR Meeting..... 5:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: Circle #2
Lay Reader: Marian Garner
Nursery Infants: Terri Alford & Pat Childers
Toddler Church: Dicksy & Jason Broadwater
Children's Church: Linda & Michelle Goss
Acolyte: Tori Smith & Beck Johnston

MONDAY 28

Children (Ages 3-11)EDventure Meet at the church 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 30

Wet & Wild..... Meet at the church 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY – July 2

Adults – Old Salem..... Meet at the church 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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 JULY: *Johnny McCoy, Melvin McKeown, Matt Dover, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/JULY: Jack Benfield Class

TRUSTEES/JULY: Buzz Johnsey & Lee Keller

ALTAR GUILD/JULY: Pat Childers & Bud Jones

WELCOME VISITORS/JULY: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/JULY: Susan Jones

Sunday School Attendance June 20: 33
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) June 20: 38
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) June 20: 90
Contemporary Worship June 20: 40
Operating Fund received on June 20..... \$4,179.50
Operating Fund received up to June 20 \$141,389.79
Budget goal up to June 20 (\$6,524 x 25) \$163, 100.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund:

In memory of William Mitchell by Sean & Barbara Coady; Dick & Jan Sweigart; John & Margaret Bailey; Anadell Burch; The Bible Study Class.

In memory of Inelle Bolin by John & Frances Howe; The Jack Benfield Class.

To the Sudan Fund in memory of William Mitchell by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

HONORIUM to the Playground Fund

In honor of Lu Barbary's birthday by Kenny & Cathy Cloniger.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Nathan & Sharon Morrison, 1593 Pioneer Road, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Scott Taylor, Mildred Kalb, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield, Isem Pennington, and Mere McCoy recovering at home following surgery.

Also, we remember William Greeff, son-in-law of Mildred Kalb; 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; Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with:

Patsy Freeman following the death of her aunt, Bess King, on Thursday, June 17.
Smokey Childers following the death of his sister, Inelle Bolin, on Friday, June 18.

Thank you very much for the awesome care package! My guys really appreciate receiving things from home. They really gobbled up the magazines! We would also like to thank the men's group for the packages they sent earlier. Thanks again for your continued support; it really does help us get through this journey.

Tracy Payne – Afghanistan

SUMMER AT PATH

During the summer many of our PATH children will be at home alone. During June and July please bring **HEALTHY SNACKS** for these children – granola bars, pudding packs, small packs of crackers, etc.

Please also feel free to bring extra veggies from your garden – by 10 am please! Fresh veggies are such a treat for our clients.

Thank you for all you do for PATH – please continue to remember our clients during the summer!

UMCOR needs your HELP!!

We are ready to begin sewing school bags for UMCOR. If you have some free time on the Thursdays that we work, please come join us. Jobs available are cutting, pinning, sewing and ironing. I know... these tasks don't sound like fun, but this group has a great time working. Bring scissors and your portable machines. Our first work day will be June 24th at 9:30 A.M. Hope to see you there.

Cathy Lowman is asking for folks to contribute the following for craft projects at VBS: dowels of any size, scrapbook paper, fiberfill and cotton stuffing to put in pillows, small candles, miniature animal figures (for our Garden of Edens), silk leaves and flowers, square and rectangular small wood scraps, large tongue-depressor sized popsicle sticks, small baskets, ribbon and wooden hearts. She also wants us to save Pringles cans for her. **NEW ITEMS REQUIRED:** Mason jars (any size, either wide-mouth or regular, flexible wire (20 or 22 gauge or florist wire), laundry detergent plastic jugs (any brand or color), Styrofoam balls (any size).

UMCOR Sager Brown - October 2011

Trinity has reservations to take a group to work at the UMCOR depot in Baldwin, Louisiana the last week in October of 2011. If you are interested in participating in this mission experience, please meet in the conference room this Sunday, June 27th at 5 PM for a **brief** meeting and planning session. All that is needed at this time is a \$20 per person non refundable registration fee. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested, please give your name to Bud Jones.

ALICE'S CORNER

The Summer of 2010 is off to a great start with wonderful participation and fellowship. Remember we want to see God in all we do and say and everywhere we go. JOIN in the activities when ever you can.

NO newsletter in July so be sure to watch for changes in the bulletins. The church bus is full for most trip! Cars are welcomed!

- Kids – Thursday, June 24 – Fun with Friends – 9:30 am – Wear your bathing suit.
- Kids – Monday, June 28 – EDventure in Columbia. Cost is \$7.50. Meet at the church at 8:30 am. Bring a snack – Lunch following event.
- Wet & Wild – All ages - \$25.00 + money for lunch and supper. Meet at the church at 8:00 am.
- Adults – Old Salem – 2 seats on the bus remaining. Meet at the church at 8:00 am on Friday, July 2.
- Kids – Monday, July 5 – Bowling, Playground
- Kids – Wednesday, July 7 – "Frog & Toad" at CPCC
- Tubing for Families – Friday, July 9. Meet at the church at 11:00 am (note change of time).

PLEASE turn in your Registration Form for Vacation Bible School – July 12-16 "I Go Green"! Tell your friends – Watch for offers to help decorate the Trinity Center!