

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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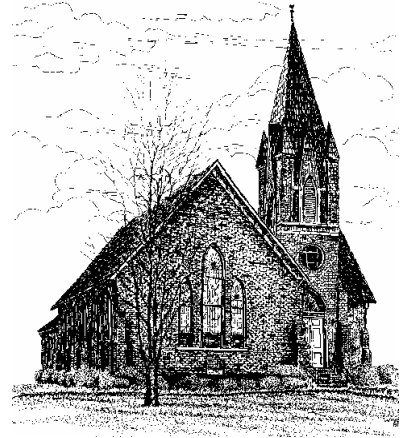
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 2, 2010

## From the Pastor

Do you think that spring is getting any closer? Every time it warms up just a little I have noticed that when we have a temperature drop later on it is just a little harder to put that heavier coat on than it had been. When we pick Travis up at Winthrop I notice that there are students who are out wearing shorts, even if they have on jackets or heavy sweatshirts on as well. A few brave souls have even unpacked their flip flops (of course, there are a few who never stopped wearing flip flops—even in the snow!). There is something within us that begins longing for spring and warmer weather. Of course, if you have noticed, we humans aren't the only ones responding to the temporary warmth that surprises us every once in a while. Some of the spring flowers are beginning to appear. Some of the trees are beginning to bud out just a bit. There are signs all around us that the season is about to change, even when the cold seems to keep coming back and zapping us. There are signs that warmth is coming, even when we keep hearing that "s" word, as in "snow-showers," "snow flurries" and "snow mixed with rain...."

As winter goes on and the cold weather continues to return, it is easy for us to begin to think that winter will never end. When this happens we often find ourselves looking at all of life and seeing the gloomy and dark and feeling the cold deep into our bones. What I have read about Alaskans and their ways of coping with winter leads me to suspect that they have to go to extraordinary measures to keep from being beaten down by things. There is a condition that is known as "Seasonal Affective Disorder." I am a little reluctant to include the symptoms as I read them online, for fear that some who read the description will automatically assume that they have them. After all, it is too easy to read medical descriptions and decide that we have the "disease of the week." We can get it from Dr. Phil, Oprah, or even the nightly news.

There are all sorts of other ways in which we can make ourselves feel worse during difficult times. We can blame ourselves for things that we have no control over. We can listen to the shrillest of the reporters and decide that everything is going downhill faster than we had thought. We can magnify the faults of others—especially our loved ones—or let ourselves become annoyed by things that we used to take in stride or enjoy. We can get so wrapped up in our own aches and pains that what might actually be a small ache gets magnified into a pain of mammoth proportions. How do I know? Last Thursday and Friday I thought I was coming down with a major illness. Every tiny snuffle got magnified. Each little cough sounded like bronchitis (or at least major pneumonia). I spent Thursday evening and a lot of Friday being pampered—hot peppermint tea, a warm blanket...I know I'm a lucky man! By Saturday I was feeling back to 100%. Now, I still snuffle, but it doesn't seem so bad. I still cough, but it isn't anywhere near bronchitis... I had let a little bit of tiredness and feeling not so great begin to magnify everything!

Now, are you ready for the good news? Spring is coming! It really is! It may not be here fast enough and we may face cold weather and even some more solid precipitation of some sort, but spring is coming! The days are already getting longer. There is more sunshine, more warmth, even as the forecasters keep promising that winter is not over! And are you ready for the *really good news*? God is still in control. God is still acting in our world and in our lives. Even when things seem the worst, God is with us. Even when we can't see what's around the corner, God is caring for us.

Lent may be a time when we must take a look at our short-comings, our places of missing the mark, and our falling short of the glory of God; still, this should not keep us unaware of the grace of God through Jesus Christ in doing for us what we can't do for ourselves. The really, really good news is that God's love for us takes us and our world and our worst and still loves us! God still is waiting to transform our hearts and lives so that we can worship and praise him.

Thanks be to God! Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Passionate Spirituality**

"I expect to grow in my prayer life and intentionally seek help to improve." Grow in our prayer lives? Do we expect to grow closer to God? If we do we will look at ways that we can spend more time with God, concentrate more completely on God and our conversation, and listen more deeply for God's response. How many people do we know who can be called "Prayer Warriors?" How many people do we know who seem to be closer to God? We can listen and learn from them. We can ask them for help.

**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.
Mission Team Meeting .....	3:30 p.m.
Battle of the Biddies .....	4:30 p.m.
Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF .....	6:00 p.m.
Lay Reader:	Renee Barker
Nursery Infants:	Terri Versen & Sandy Pursley
Toddler Church:	Marsha & Kevin Smiley
Children's Church:	Cindy Summersett
Acolyte:	Briana Pursley

**MONDAY 8**

Disciple Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.
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**TUESDAY 9**

Disciple Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Adults – Play .....	Meet at the church 10:30 a.m.
Dulcimer Class .....	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball .....	7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 10**

Trinity Travelers .....	12:00 noon
Chancel Choir .....	7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 11**

UMCOR Sewing Group .....	9:30 a.m.
Adults – Hamricks .....	Meet at the church 12:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY 13**

Mississippi/Katrina Mission Trip (March 13-20)

**SUNDAY, March 14**

UMMen .....	8:00 a.m.
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.
Basketball Banquet .....	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:** Susan Jones

Sunday School Attendance Feb.28:	124
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Feb.28:	54
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Feb.28:	115
Operating Fund received on February 21 .....	\$3,778.75
February 28 .....	\$7,036.65
Operating Fund received up to February 28 .....	\$47,931.50
Budget goal up to February 28 (\$6,524 x 9).....	\$58,716.00

**MEMORIALS**

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

**Bob Johnsey** by Buzz Johnsey.

**Benjamin Lemhouse** by Ray & Mary Sue Burns.

**Sam Ferguson** by John & Frances Howe; Mike & Cindy Summersett; Lee & Terri Alford; Betty J. Jones; Ray & Mary Sue Burns; Johnny & Diane Wine; Richard & Jane Sherer; Anadell Burch; The Bible Study Class.

**To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson** by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

**To the Choir Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson** by Renee Barker.

**To PATH in memory of Sam Ferguson** by Reid & Karen Smith.

**To the Playground Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson** by Dicky & Bunny Whitesides.

**HONORARIUM to the Mississippi/Katrina Fund – In honor of Ellen Jones** by Dick & Cindy Howell.

**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** Patsy Clark, sister of Susan Jones; 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.

**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.

**Trinity is beginning to have a Facebook presence.** If you aren't a fan, it doesn't take too much to find our page and become a fan. I just uploaded some of Terri Versen's beautiful pictures from the wedding on Valentine's Day. Follow this link to see them. <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=148046&id=128785899023&l=56750210ee>

**We are looking for a new teacher or teachers for the Junior High Sunday school class.** If you are willing to help out, please call Marian Garner (329-8841) or the McGaritys (324-8638). We need a person in place by March 21. Thanks for your help.

**The Mission Committee** will meet Sunday, March 7 at 3:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend. We will be finished by 4:30, so we have the opportunity to watch the Battle of the Biddies!

**On Monday evening, March 8 the YCHS Concert Choir** (Hunter Ligon and Chris Suggs, members) will appear on the SC ETV broadcast of "Celebrate America" at 7:00pm singing "Shenandoah". Please make a pledge to SC ETV by phone that evening of \$40.00 or more to receive a DVD of the program and help YCHS reach a goal of 50 pledges so they can receive \$500.00 in free music! Please make sure your pledge is credited to YCHS!

**ALICE'S CORNER**

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. will meet in the Trinity Center this Sunday night, March 7 at 6:00 pm. Gene Feagin will lead a program on the Moslem faith. Come for fellowship and discussion.
- There are 5 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 this Sunday afternoon, March 7 at 4:30 pm in the Trinity Center. This contest features our 3 Bidy teams for 2010. Their enthusiasm, energy and commitment leave nothing behind. The game consists of 4 quarters with great half time entertainment provided. A hot dog supper will be served following the game. If you have not seen these teams in action this year – now is your chance! Don't miss Thrilling Tori, Bouncing Ball Ben, Amazing Amanda, Marvelous Marshall and Exciting Emma!
- 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 your 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 recipients of the Scotty Burroughs Sportsmanship award. All family members and interested Trinity members are urged to come and bring plenty of food.