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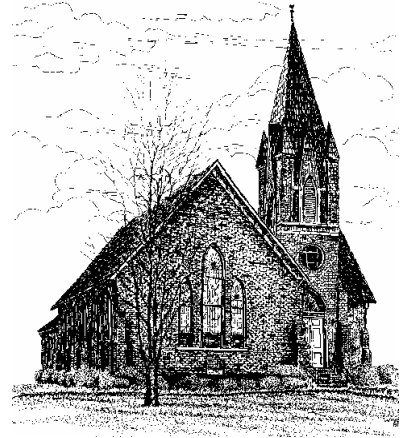
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 9, 2010

From the Pastor

I know that I've written before about how God's sense of humor never ceases to amaze me. This past week was no exception. Just as many of you were reading your Trinity In Touch from last week, where I talked about signs of spring, the snow began to fall. And it fell, and it fell. You can almost hear heavenly laughter. And then, again, I *did* say that we might face more cold weather and possibly some more solid precipitation. And it is true that spring is still coming. Yet, God's timing is pretty amazing. We serve an amazing God!

The Lenten season is a time when we may remember God's awesome power in a number of different ways. We may remember it in terms of judgment and our need for repentance and forgiveness; we may remember it in terms of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. We may remember God's power as we look at the world around us and all of God's glory in it. At Lent, God's power can seem more striking than his mercy and love. We have been introspective—wondering where we have missed the mark, where we have “gone native” rather than living as citizens of heaven, where we are not bearing “fruit worthy of repentance” in our lives. We may have begun to feel the need to let God make some adjustments in our hearts and lives. We may even feel a bit overwhelmed by who we are and who God calls us to be and the distance that is between.

This is when we need the word of grace. This is when we need the word that comes from God in a number of different ways. God reminds us that we are not in control—even when we think that we are. He reminds us that his love for us is not tied to how we act; though he makes it clear that he would prefer that we live in ways that show love and respect to him and all of his creation—the people as well as the world around us. Just when we feel a bit overwhelmed, or a bit down because we can see our shortcomings, God gives us a gift—the smile of a small child, the glimpse of a pair of wild ducks on the river, a beautiful white snowfall that comes but doesn't linger... and we are reminded again of his love.

To be sure, Lent is a time for our self-examination and prayer for help in changing. It is a time for confession, for repentance, and for doing the things that fall under the general category of setting our lives in order. But, it seems to me, it is also a time for remembering the love and power of God and to marvel over the fact that the God who made all of Creation still knows us by name. It is a time for wonder at the fact that the awesome and powerful God who scared Moses and Elijah and Isaiah nearly half to death took on human form and walked in our world in human form. It is a time to be amazed by the gift that God gave us when, in human form he was willing to face death on a cross for us. I am not theologian enough to put into words all that this gift entails, but I am human enough to know that it speaks of God's deep love for each of us. God's love is so deep and rich that it goes beyond our imagining! Let's live lives that are worthy of the gift that Jesus has given to us.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Passionate Spirituality

"I spend as much time listening to God as talking to him." Any real conversation demands that both parties really listen. Too many times we find ourselves waiting for the next break in the conversation so that we can get our own few words in edgewise. We walk away from conversations wishing that we had been able to say all that we wanted to say; or realizing what we "should have" said. How many times do we walk away wishing we had listened more closely? How much time do we take to listen to God? Do we deliver our "shopping list" prayers and then say amen and sign off or do we wait and listen? The more time we take in silence to listen to God the more chance there is that we will hear and learn.

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.
Flower Ministry:	Bible Study Class
Lay Reader:	Travis Feagin
Nursery Infants:	Robbie Miller & Liz Brown
Toddler Church:	Staci & Chip Rampey
Children's Church:	Sandy Pursley & Dawn McGarity
Acolyte:	Rush Johnston

MONDAY 15

Circle #4 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 16

Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 17

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 18

UMCOR Sewing Group 9:30 a.m.

Adults – Baxter Hood Ctr Meet at the church 2:00 p.m.

Junior Troop 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 21

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.

Contemporary Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

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

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 Mar 7:	116
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Mar 7:	55
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Mar 7:	123
Operating Fund received on March 7	\$8,531.63
Operating Fund received up to March 7	\$56,463.13
Budget goal up to March 7 (\$6,524 x 10).....	\$65,240.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Sam Ferguson by Evelyn Johnsey; Jason & Dicksy Broadwater.

Benjamin Lemhouse by Evelyn Johnsey.

To the Playground Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson by Bubba & Patty Farris; Ernie & Laura Wright.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Isem Pennington, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield; with Dick Sweigart recovering at home following surgery, and with Taze Bolin hospitalized in Charleston.

Also, we remember Frank Shugart, father of Roger Shugart; 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; 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.

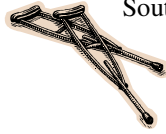
Mission Moment - Celebrate the many gifts God has given us, by planting an extra row in your garden for PATH. You can bring your fresh produce to church on Sunday or drop it by PATH during the week.

UMMen will meet this Sunday, March 14 at 8:00 am. We plan to have PATH come and give us their annual review. Please note that anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

"Name It and Claim It" – Each group is asked to "declutter" their classrooms or area and put all useable items on the "Name It and Claim It" table in the hall. If an item of yours appears on the table, please claim it and take it home. All unclaimed items will be sold at the yard sale on March 27.

The spring yard sale is scheduled for March 27. Circle #2 will be accepting donations. The Trinity Center will be open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 -1:30 and from 3:00-6:00 on Thursday night. Thank you for your donations.

Do you have.... an old pair of crutches gathering dust in the attic? If your answer is yes, please consider donating them to South Carolina UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) who is collecting them to carry to Haiti. It is estimated that over 150,000 people became amputees after the earthquake. You may bring crutches to the church anytime during office hours. Thank you!! The Mission Team



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.

Let's all join together in home composting and rainwater harvesting. Purchase a composter (\$45.00) and a rain barrel (\$55.00) at very reasonable prices on Saturday, March 13, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Knight's Stadium parking lot.



ALICE'S CORNER.

- The church bus will travel to Hamricks in Gaffney this 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.
- THE ANNUAL TUMC BASKETBALL BANQUET will be held this 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.
- The 15th annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival is coming soon. Alice has secured seats for the Down Home Stories and Folk Music on Thursday, March 18. The event is free. We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm and carpool or meet at the Baxter Hood Center at 2:30 pm. We DO NOT have the church bus for this trip (it will be in mission in Mississippi). Please come or bring your vehicle. A fun filled afternoon of entertainment.
- Yet another opportunity for fellowship and inspiration! The Fourth cross is a dinner production by Narrowway Theatre on Friday night, March 26. Tickets are \$22.50 and that includes your supper. Alice has 14 tickets available. Sign up with Alice or Jill. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm.



DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK THIS SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 13 – ONE HOUR FORWARD!