

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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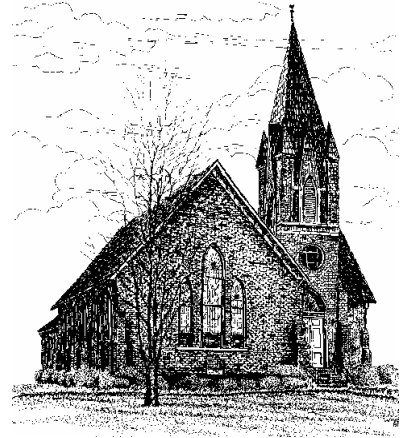
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March 16, 2010

From the Pastor

By the time you are reading this issue of Trinity in Touch Lent will be over ½ over for 2010. How are you coming with your “spiritual spring cleaning”? Between Lent and the Disciple study from Invitation to Psalms I have found myself being bombarded on every side with my need to grow closer to God. Thinking about the tests that we face, about the ways in which we have “sold out” to the culture we live in, the ways in which we might be simply “a waste of good soil” and about the ways in which we have let what once was a labor of joy devolve into a time of tedium and “going through the motions” has been a painful experience in some ways. It has been a freeing experience in others as we have come face to face with the places where we can see God calling us to grow and change. Sometimes we go through life with the sense that things are somehow not quite right, even when we aren’t sure where they are wrong. Lent is an opportunity for us to find some illumination, some direction for our longing, so that God can help us in the healing and repair of the places that are out of whack. Of course, anything that is worth doing will take longer than 40 days to do properly. We will need a lot more time of prayer, self-examination and growth than simply Lent. At the same time, as we celebrate Easter and the resurrection we can rest assured that God loves us for who we are, rather than for what we do, and we can go about the business of growth with trust and faith through the joy of the resurrection.

By the time you are reading this, our mission team will be in D’Iberville, and busily working for the glory of God through their spring cleaning and repair of broken housing, and (more importantly) lives that have been damaged by Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath of that devastating storm. Our prayers are with them during their time of service, just as our prayers are with the folks who are in need and receiving the help that can make a difference in their lives. Our prayers are also, needless to say, with the folks in Haiti, who are barely beginning to dig out from the devastating earthquakes that destroyed so much and killed and injured so many in that nation, and the people in Chile who are also recovering from disaster. Lent is a season of voluntary penance, repentance and self examination. The folks touched by Katrina and by the earthquakes are going through a season in the wilderness as well—not by choice, not by desire, but simply by virtue of natural disasters touching the area where they live. Some people face disasters with boldness and faith; others face them with cowering and fear. Others hold their heads up, pull their shoulders back and move forward knowing only that they must. None of us knows how we would face these sorts of things.

What we can do is to develop a relationship with God that is so close and trusting that even when these kinds of things happen we experience God’s presence and help. We can grow so close to God that we can be bold and brave even when it seems that the world is falling apart all around us. There are no preparations that we can make for some disasters, other than a preparation of heart and soul. We can follow sensible precautions—stored water and batteries and all of these sorts of things; but we can also build up a reservoir of faith and trust that will sustain us through anything that might happen.

As we continue our “spiritual spring cleaning” let’s ask God to help us to store up an Easter faith that will be with us through all of life. Let’s ask him to help us clean out those things that hurt and separate and to strengthen those things that give us peace in the storm and strength in the tough times. God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Passionate Spirituality

"I pray because I am aware of my complete dependence on God for everything in my life." We have been looking at the difference between prayer as a "shopping list" for God from us and prayer as a conversation with God. It is easy to think about the ways in which we come to God with our concerns and our "wants," but how much do we really take time to come before God just to place ourselves in a relationship of trust and dependence? The more we offer ourselves to God in faith and trust, the more we begin to grow in our trust and faith. Whatever your score on the 1-5 scale might be, how can you move closer to trusting God for everything?

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.
 Flower Ministry: Howe Family
 Lay Reader:
 Nursery Infants: Meg & Jason Munn
 Toddler Church: Janet & Marcus Broome
 Children's Church: Terri & Lee Keller
 Acolyte: Aubrey Keller

MONDAY 22

Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 23

Disciple Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Dulcimer Class 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 24

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 25

UMCOR Sewing Group 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY 26

Adults – Narrowway Theatre Meet at the church 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 27

Yard Sale 7:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY, March 28

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.
 Beginner Dulcimer Class 4:30 p.m.
 Youth – Narrowway Theatre Meet at the church 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Ministries 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. 14:	104
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Mar. 14:	44
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Mar. 14:	116
Operating Fund received on March 14	\$3,494.75
Operating Fund received up to March 14	\$59,957.88
Budget goal up to March 14 (\$6,524 x 11).....	\$71,764.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Taze Bolin by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw; William & Denise Mitchell; Renee Barker; Lee & Terri Alford; Eddie & Susan Jones.

Betty Beck by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw; Renee Barker; Eddie & Susan Jones.

Sam Ferguson by Steve & Helen Boyd.

To the Playground Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson & Betty Beck by William & Denise Mitchell.

To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Sam Ferguson & Betty Beck by John & Margaret Bailey.

HONORARIA to the Operating Fund by Lu Barbary:

In honor of birthdays of: Sadie Shillinglaw, Atleigh Nimmons, Kenny Cloniger.

In Honor of their anniversaries: Sadie & Dean Shillinglaw, Frances & John Howe.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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; Linda Sherer and her baby daughter Emma, friend of Robin Johnston, Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Landon Pertuset, friend of Edgar Hardin; 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:

The Rev. Larry Rodeffer, former pastor at Trinity, and his family, following the death of his mother Lucille Rodeffer on Monday, March 8.

Bunny Whitesides and her family following the death of her sister, Betty Beck, on Friday, March 12.

Nettie Mae Bolin and Anita Harvey and their families following the death Nettie's son, and Anita's father, Taze Bolin, on Saturday, March 13.

We wanted to thank our Trinity family for all the cards, meals and visits while Dick has been recovering from surgery. The meals were wonderful and the cards were encouraging. But most of all, thank you for the prayers. It means so much to know so many care.

Thank You All, Dick and Jan Sweigart

Mississippi/Katrina Mission Trip March 13 – 21. PLEASE remember those that are in D'Iberville, Mississippi. They will cherish your prayers as they try to help the people regain some type of normal life after the destruction of their homes.

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.

"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



Trinity will celebrate the One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 28th. Join United Methodists in this special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to "Be There and Be Hope". You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering that the UMC inspired by Jesus' love and compassion will be in the lead to ease the pain. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's costs of doing business. It allows them keep the promise that 100% of every dollar given to a specific project can be spent on that project and not on administrative or office costs. Funds collected over the needed operational cost are channeled where they are most needed around the world.

Thank you! The Mission Team.

ALICE'S CORNER.

- Congratulations to our Scotty Burroughs Sportsmanship Winners for TUMC Basketball 2010. The Bidy winners were Preston Rampey, Ethan Mitchell and Maggie McSwain. The Mite Girls winner was Morgan Cina and the Mite Boy winner was Weston Sandifer.
- The 15th annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival is this week. Alice has secured seats for the Down Home Stories and Folk Music for 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 9 tickets available. Sign up with Alice or Jill. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm.
- Don't forget the "Every Daughter Luncheon" on Saturday, April 24 at 11:30 am. This luncheon is for every daughter of Trinity, and your neighbors, friends, and family who are daughters! Cost is \$8.00 per ticket, being sold Sunday, March 21 by UMW members. Come join for fellowship, inspiration and great food.

TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM: Remove unnecessary items from your car; each 100 pounds of weight decreases fuel efficiency by 1%.

