

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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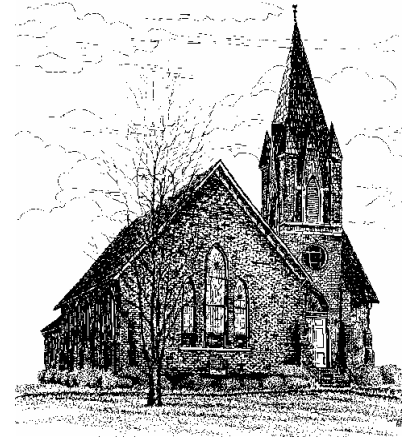
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 17, 2009

From the Pastor

Curtis Roosevelt Dall was the grandson of Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt. His parents separated and then divorced during the 1st term of FDR as President. Curtis, known in the family and by the press as “Buzzie,” writes that he felt like he grew up in the White House. He certainly grew up in an atmosphere of wealth and elegance whether he was in the White House or at the family home in Hyde Park, New York. He and his sister attended private schools, were raised by nurses and a governess, and were driven by a chauffeur and guarded by the Secret Service. Even when his mother remarried and the family moved out of the White House to Seattle they had Secret Service protection and some of the other trappings of their position.

However, “Buzzie” writes that when they moved to Seattle he and his sister experienced a form of culture shock. They went to public school. They lived in a neighborhood with “real” children, at least for a time until his mother decided that the neighbor children were not a good influence on “Buzzie” and his sister, “Sistie.” When they went to spend their time in the summer with their great grandmother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President’s mother reported her discomfort with the “common” language that the children had picked up. It was as though they had moved into a whole new world where they didn’t understand the rules and they didn’t know how to adjust. In his book, [Too Close to the Sun: Growing Up in the Shadow of My Grandparents](#), he talks frankly about the difficulties that he faced adjusting to life after the White House. He talks about the fear that he experienced when it looked like FDR was not going to run for his 3rd term. How would he live without Secret Service?

This may seem to be an extreme example in many ways; yet, each of us experiences the same sort of change in our lives at various times. The world of our childhood is different from the world of college or of work. The world our Sudan team is experiencing is different from the world they left here in York; I suspect that the world they experience when they return next week will be different from either Sudan or the world they left here in York. Retirement changes our world. Graduation changes our lives. Changes in the economy change our lives.

Now, let me tell you something else that changes our lives: following Christ changes our lives. As we grow as disciples, our lives change. We look at the world differently. No longer does the world seem to revolve around us—rather it revolves around the God who made us and the Christ who saves us. No longer do we seek to take all we can; now we seek to share all we can of the love and grace of God. I love to tell the story of the young mother who came up to me a few years ago and complained that it seemed that the more she sought to live the Christian life the more it seemed God expected of her. The more she grew, the more she found out that she needed to grow. She was often tempted to just go back to her old ways. Since she was a woodworker I knew that she would understand me if I suggested to her that God often works in our lives like woodworkers work with wood. From the tree to the boards, from the boards to the project—all with saws of various sizes. Then the woodworker would trim, sand, and sand with ever finer sandpaper until the project took final shape. So, God works with us, refining our lives ever finer as we grow closer and closer to the image in which we were created.

Our Lenten challenge is to look at which world we live in the most. Our challenge is to ask God to continue to re-make us. How are we called to let God shape us? God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

March 22, 2009 – 4th Sunday in Lent
Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21
Sermon: “Lift and Live”

SUNDAY, March 22

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.
Jr.Hi.& Sr.Hi.UMYF/District Youth Event @ Mt. Holly.....	
.....Meet at the church	4:00 p.m.
Dulcimer Class (Beginners).....	4:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service team.....	5:00 p.m.
Evangelism Team meeting	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice	7:30 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	Bible Study Class
Lay Reader:	Ernie Wright
Nursery Infants:	Marie & Ed Ventry
Toddler Church:	Teresa Anderson & Linda Goss
Children’s Church:	Alicia & David Breakfield
Acolyte:	Will McSwain

TUESDAY 24

Disciple Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Adults – Catfish Cove.....	Meet at the church 5:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class	7:00 p.m.
NO Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 25

Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY 28

Yard Sale	7-11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, March 29

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Council on Ministries	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice	7:30 p.m.

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

TRUSTEES/MARCH: Keith McSwain & Buzz Johnsey

ALTAR GUILD/MARCH: Glenda Helton & Pat Childers

WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/MARCH: Kim Ramsey

PATH ITEMS FOR MARCH: Personal items – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors – any size, any kind.

Sunday School Attendance March 15:	105
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 15:	49
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 15:	151
Operating Fund received on March 15	\$4,722.55
Operating Fund received up to March 15	\$66,217.73
Budget goal up to March 15 (\$6,500 x 11).....	\$71,500.00

MEMORIALS

To the Chancel Fund in memory of Arlie Farris & John Gettys Smith by Bill & Nina King.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Arlie Farris by the Bible Study Class.

To the Sudan Tractor Fund in memory of Arlie Farris by The Donnie Shuler Family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Herb & Bessie Lowman, Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, and Joe McCorkle.

Also, we remember Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Dot Jackson, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Bebe Benfield, mother of Fredda Lee Culbreth, now under hospice care at Sandpiper Nursing Home; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with the family of Charlie Forsythe who died last week.

Joe McCorkle is now living at to York Towne Village, Cannon Hall Apt.122, 42 Ross Cannon Street, York.

The Sunday School classes of Mrs. Cathy, Mrs. Nancy, and Mrs. Ranny will be participating in the Heifer Project beginning March 29 and ending May 17. They need 1lb coffee cans with Lids to use for collection containers. They can also use the “Light Switch bank” containers sent to customers of York Electric Coop! The children will decide which animals they plan to buy to send to impoverished communities.

Needed – We are now looking for at least one adult (preferably 2) who would be interested in keeping the Infant Nursery during Sunday School each week. Sandy Pursley will be stepping down from this role after Promotion Sunday at the end of May and we need to have a new person in place by then. As you know this is a vital part of our ministry to young families because it offers them the opportunity to attend adult Sunday School classes without having to worry about their precious babies. If you feel a calling to this ministry, please contact Alicia Breakfield (628-0783) or Kathy Sandifer (684-3652).

A big thank you to all our coaches and players for a wonderful 2009 church basketball season. You represented Trinity UMC with talent and sportsmanship. Congratulations to our annual “Scotty Burroughs memorial award winners”.

- Biddy 5-7.....Sophie Smiley
- Biddy A 5-9.....Makayla Broome
- Biddy B.....Evan Myers
- Mite Girls.....Aubrey Wood
- Mite Boys.....Andrew Reynolds

NAME CHANGE! The members of Circle #1/#3 are proud to announce that they are now one circle and are now called **THE MORNING CIRCLE!** The morning circle meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. All interested TUMC Women are invited to attend. Contact Judy Hanners (684-4336) or Anne Hipp (684-4639) for more information.

Eric Johnston will be acting in a series of one-act plays in Rock Hill on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at 8 pm. The plays will be at Terry Roueche’s photography studio on Hwy 5 in Rock Hill. Tickets are \$15 each; refreshments will be served. Call (803) 327-9125 for reservations.

The Contemporary Worship service team will be meeting on March 22 at 5 pm. Anyone who is interested in helping with or contributing to our planned Contemporary Worship service should attend. Hope to see you there!

The spring yard sale is scheduled for **March 28**. Please plan to bring your items to the church Monday through Thursday. The gym will be open from 9:00 until 1:00 every day and Thursday afternoon from 3 until 6. We appreciate your donations. Circle #2

The Bible Study Class will host the Wednesday Night Supper on April 1, 2009. The menu will be chicken strips, hash brown casserole, green beans, seven layer salad, dessert and tea. Serving is from 5:30PM to 7PM. Price is \$4.00 per person or \$12.00 per family. We invite everyone to come and enjoy excellent food and fellowship.

The tickets for Trinity’s dinner theatre “Virgil’s First Easter” on Saturday, April 4 are now available from the church office and will be on sale for the next two weeks. Adult tickets are \$12.00 and Children, 9 and under, are \$7.00. Get yours right away!

YEARS AGO a gold book rack/holder - large enough to hold a large Bible – was given to our church as a memorial. Does anyone know its whereabouts? There is a similar one in the parlor – we’re looking for a different one. Please call Mary Jane Shuler 684-4539.

LIGHTS OUT! In 2007 Sydney, Australia, started an Earth Hour Lights Out program. Everyone in Sydney turned their lights off for one hour, all at the same time. Last year more than 50 million people in 35 countries participated. If you wish to participate this year, register at earthhour.org and turn your lights off on March 28 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.



HOMECOMING DECLUTTER AND CLEANING:

Please note the schedule posted on the bulletin board and in Sunday School rooms! Thank you for helping make TUMC look its best for our very special Homecoming Celebration!

Don't forget the **NAME IT AND CLAIM IT** table, it is in the hall of the education building. The table will be up until Monday, March 23 at which time all unclaimed items will be put in the yard sale.

BOOKCASE NEEDED! While we have been "decluttering" the church, we have found many reference and instructional books that should be accessible for TUMC members to use when planning lessons, etc. We have the perfect wall in the perfect room (Sunday School superintendent's office!) – we just need a bookcase! If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Mary Jane Shuler at 684-4539.

ALICE'S CORNER

- Jr. Hi. and Sr. Hi. UMYF will attend "A Day of Diversity" at the Mt. Holly UMC in Rock Hill this Sunday, March 22. Meet at the church at 4:00 pm. Bring \$3 for supper.
- This Thursday, March 19 Trinity Travelers will sponsor a trip to the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival in Rock Hill. We will attend a bluegrass concert and hear plenty of folklore. The event is free – just bring money for lunch. Meet at the church at 11:30. Seats on the van are available.
- The Trinity Travelers will sponsor a trip to Catfish Cove seafood restaurant on Tuesday, March 24. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm. We always have a great time sharing in fellowship over a delicious supper. Come join us! We will take the bus and cars.

TRINITY'S GREAT HERITAGE – TRINITY'S CEMETERY

On January 20, 1845, Trinity paid to James M. Lowry the sum of \$50.00 for one acre, more or less, on E. Jefferson Street. This lot adjoined the first church building and was used as a cemetery. This cemetery is still owned and maintained by Trinity. In the late 1980's and early 1990's Jimmy Ashley volunteered to restore the cemetery. He removed trees that were a threat to monuments, restored monuments, planted rose bushes along the fence, planted grass and flowers and in general beautified the cemetery. He maintained the cemetery until a heart problem forced him to stop. The job of maintaining the cemetery is now the volunteered responsibility of the United Methodist Men of Trinity.

Thanks to the late Jimmy Ashley a part of Trinity's great heritage has been preserved.