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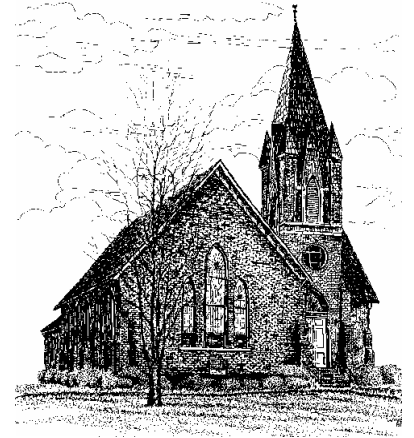
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 23, 2010

From the Pastor

Lent is coming to its end. This Sunday will be Palm/Passion Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and look ahead to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally to Easter Sunday itself. Next week will find folks from York gathering at 1st Baptist Church at noon for worship and a common meal, "in and out in one hour," as the Ministerial Association advertise it. During this time we will remember all of the events of Jesus' last week. In addition, we will gather here at Trinity on Maundy Thursday for worship and communion. This is a time of special attention to God's gift to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Now, I know that not everybody can make it to the Holy Week services. Not everybody can make it to our Maundy Thursday worship. Here are a few suggestions for each day during Holy week:

Monday: Read John 12:1-11. Think about the lingering fragrance of the perfume that Mary poured out on Jesus. I wonder if the house continued to have that fragrance even after the crucifixion. I wonder if Mary and Martha and Lazarus remembered the joy of knowing Jesus for the rest of the time they lived there. What fragrances do you associate with love and with God's grace?

Tuesday: Read John 12:20-36. Reflect on the voices and sounds that this incident relates. Where are the voices of those now who wish to see Jesus? How do we hear Jesus' voice for our time and for our lives? Imagine how the voice from heaven resounded like thunder. What voices do you associate with God's love and grace? What sounds draw you closer to God?

Wednesday: Read John 13:21-32. Most of us imagine the Last Supper in pictures straight from Leonardo DaVinci. This picture seems to have been drawn from this passage of scripture. What other pictures of the Last Supper do you have? Can you remember Maundy Thursday communion services set around a table? How do you picture the Last Supper and the disciples?

Thursday: Read John 13:1-17. Imagine the feeling in the Upper Room. Imagine Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. How did the water feel? How did Jesus' fingers feel? How long after this moment did the disciples remember the touch of the Master's hand? How do we remember those loving hands that touch and comfort and challenge us?

Friday: Read John 18 and John 19. Imagine the sights, the sounds, and the smells, all going on in these events. Imagine the way things felt: the pain of the servant's ear being cut off, the warmth of the charcoal fire, the weight of the cross, the pains... Use all of your senses to imagine what Jesus experienced. Imagine what his disciples experienced.

As we read these events and try to put ourselves in them, we can't help but be reminded of God's grace and love for us. Jesus didn't have to go through with things. He could have left us on our own, but he chose to give his life for his people. Even when defeat was all around, Jesus trusted in God. Even when death was certain, Jesus trusted in God. And God didn't let him down.

Our prayer is that as we remember what God has done for us, we will be more prepared to celebrate Easter Sunday with joy and trust. God bless each one.

Gene Feagin, Pastor

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40
Sermon: "The Lord Needs It"

Passionate Spirituality

"Regular participation in group prayer characterizes my prayer life." Where do we participate in group prayer? On Sunday morning in Church School and in worship we offer times of group prayer. At Trinity we make a practice of opening every meeting of every group with a time of prayer. Many of us spend time with groups that gather to pray for each other and for their loved ones and the world. Some congregations offer times when folks can come together and pray for their church or for the needs of their loved ones. Group prayer strengthens the group and it strengthens the individuals involved.

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.

Flower Ministry: Palms
 Lay Reader: Phyllis Barrett
 Nursery Infants: Marie & Ed Ventry
 Toddler Church: Meg & Jason Munn
 Children's Church: Alicia & David Breakfield
 Acolyte: Amanda Breakfield

Holy Week Services @ First Baptist Church, York
Monday March 29 - Friday, April 2 at 12:00 noon

MONDAY 29

Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 30

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

WEDNESDAY 31

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1

UMCOR Sewing Group 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 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 APRIL: *Louis Ridinger, Ernie Wright, Sam Feemster, David Lancaster, Trip McGarity, David Breakfield.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

TRUSTEES/APRIL: Buzz Johnsey & Nancy Faulkenberry

ALTAR GUILD/APRIL: Anna Feagin & Judy Hanners

WELCOME VISITORS/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/APRIL: Grace Ulbricht

PATH ITEMS FOR APRIL: Shampoo, Toothpaste – only \$1 each at the Dollar Store.

Sunday School Attendance Mar. 21: 117
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Mar. 21: 50
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Mar. 21: 135
 Contemporary Worship (6:00 pm) Mar.21: 45

Operating Fund received on March 21 \$6,926.04
 Operating Fund received up to March 21 \$66,931.92
 Budget goal up to March 21 (\$6,524 x 12)..... \$78,288.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Taze Bolin by Sam & Gay Feemster; Julian Dickerson; Reid & Karen Smith; Bill & Nina King; John & Frances Howe; Jim & Wally Burch; Mike & Cindy Summersett; Betty J. Jones; Evelyn Johnsey; The Jack Benfield Class; "Girls of 61"; George & Carole Rhyne; York School District 1; Bobby McCoy; Lynda & Neal Counterman; Richard & Glenda Bolin; Melissa Strange.

Betty Beck by Bill & Nina King; John & Frances Howe; Mike & Cindy Summersett; Betty J. Jones; Evelyn Johnsey.

To the Jack Benfield Class in memory of Taze Bolin by Anadell Burch.

To the Playground Fund in memory of Taze Bolin by Reid & Karen Smith; Lee & Terri Alford.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Taze Bolin by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

To One Great Hour of Sharing in memory of Betty Beck & Taze Bolin by Bud & Suzanne Jones.

HONORARIUM to the Playground Fund

In honor of Alicia & David Breakfield by Dicky & Bunny Whitesides.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Isem Pennington, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Bebe Benfield, and Dick Sweigart.

Also, we remember Terry Najim, father of Amy Howe; 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.

Congratulations to Trinity students Kara Lowman, Emily Jones and Luke Lancaster! All three competed at the state level for the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and won first place in their respective divisions. Kara won for Business Procedures, Emily for Parliamentary Procedure and Luke for Introduction to Business. Congratulations!!

Circle #2 Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for this Saturday, March 27. The Trinity Center will be open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 -1:30 and from 3:00-6:00 on Thursday afternoon to accept your donations. Thank you!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt for the Kindergarten and Elementary 1,2,3 classes will be held on Sunday, March 28 from 12 noon – 2:00 pm. Children should bring a change of play clothes and an empty basket. We will supply the eggs, the lunch, and the fun.

On Easter Sunday we continue the tradition of **Flowering the Cross**. Please bring blossoms from your yard to decorate the wire cross in front of Trinity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ALICE'S CORNER.

- "The Fourth Cross" is a large scale Broadway Musical presented by Narrowway Theatre this Friday night, March 26. 4 crosses – 4 men, 1 man is a murderer, two are thieves, the fourth, a carpenter from Nazareth. Tickets are \$22.50. This includes the play and a chicken breast, vegetable, and blueberry cobbler supper. Alice has **7 tickets remaining**. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm. Please contact Alice or Jill if you would like to go.
- Tickets are now on sale for 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. Tickets are available in the church office and many UMW members. Come share a spring day with friends and family in fellowship, inspiration and good food.
- Alice is seeking, for LOAN, a variety of ladies pocketbooks and handbags for the UMW luncheon. A special play will be presented and pocketbooks are needed. Please put your name inside the bag and leave in the church office. Old pocketbooks, BIG pocketbooks, it doesn't matter. The more the better! Dig in your closets and FIND the hidden jewels! I know they are there!

Trinity will celebrate the One Great Hour of Sharing this 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**