

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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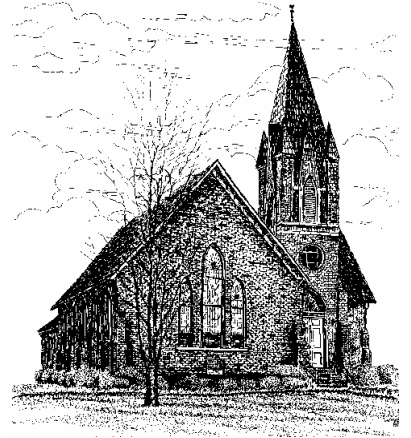
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 24, 2009

From the Pastor

Isn't it funny how just typing a particular date can trigger memories? When I typed March 24th at the heading of this reflection all sorts of images began running through my mind. March 24th was Anna's grandmother's birthday, and "Granny Johnson" was a very important part of Anna's life, and she became an important part of my life from the time Anna and I started dating. In fact, the last spanking I ever got came from Granny Johnson. (Notice I didn't say the last one I needed, just the last one I got!) Anna lived with her grandmother the first year she taught school after graduating from USC. I was much slower than Anna, still am, and took all of four years to graduate. Anna only took three years and went to live with her grandmother while she taught in Spartanburg County. One Sunday I picked Anna up and we were planning to go to church, but we couldn't agree on where to go, so we ended up riding around and not ending up at a worship service at all. When Granny found out she was very disappointed in me and let me know. "So spank me," I said, and pointed the proper end for a spanking to where she could reach it. I almost flew out the window she hit me so hard! I needed that! Granny Johnson was one of those strong people who taught the important values to her children and grandchildren (and grandsons – in-law). I can still hear some of the things that she would say about life and people. She outlived two of her children, living next door to one of her daughters and helping care for the daughter during a long and painful illness. Her witness during the difficult times was an inspiration to all of us. Many of her family have something of her living in their hearts!

In the 31st Chapter of Jeremiah, God tells the people that the time is coming when the covenant he will make will not be written in stone, but "I will put my law within them; I will write it on their hearts." One of the ways that God does this is through people in our lives who teach us what really matters about living and loving and worshipping God. Granny Johnson's words and actions helped to write the Law on many hearts and lives. Who are some of the people who have helped write the Law on our hearts? Whose sense of God's grace has given you a sense of God? Whose words about God have helped write the Law on your heart? Whose faith in times of trouble has helped your faith grow?

Of course, the second part of the question is a reversal of the first. Who are you the one whose words might mediate God's words to? Who is watching you to see faith in action? Who is listening to you hoping for a word of faith and encouragement? A part of our Lenten examination of our lives might include looking at how the Law is written on our hearts, and how we are living up to that Law. We might also look at how we are letting God use us to teach those around us. Whose lives do you touch? God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

March 29, 2009 – 5th Sunday in Lent
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33
Sermon: “Called to Service”

SUNDAY, March 29

Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
5 th Sunday Program.....	10:10 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Council on Ministries.....	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice	7:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	April & Mike Smith
Lay Reader:	Bill Fischer
Nursery Infants:	Kim & Emily Jones
Toddler Church:	Matt & Christina Dover
Children’s Church:	Sandy Pursley & Dawn McGarity
Acolyte:	Briana Pursley

MONDAY 30

Disciple Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Play Practice	8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 31

Disciple Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Dulcimer Jam (Location tba)	7:00 p.m.
Play Practice	7:30 p.m.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 1

Fellowship Supper	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Play Practice	7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 2

Brownie Troop 3495	6:30 p.m.
Play Practice	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 3

Play Practice	7:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY 4

UMW – Rock Hill District Day Apart (registration 9:45 am).....	10:00 a.m.
Virgil’s First Easter (Dinner Theatre)	6:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY, April 5

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.
Contemporary Worship Task Force	6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR APRIL: *Louis Ridinger, Ernie Wright, Sam Feemster, David Lancaster, Trip McGarity, David Breakfield.

TRUSTEES/APRIL: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

ALTAR GUILD/APRIL: Britt Snelling, Liz Brown & Debbie Black

WELCOME VISITORS/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/APRIL: Grace Ulbricht

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

Sunday School Attendance March 22:	80
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 22:	54
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 22:	120
Operating Fund received on March 22.....	\$4,765.75
Operating Fund received up to March 22.....	\$70,983.48
Budget goal up to March 22 (\$6,500 x 12)	\$78,000.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Charlie Forsythe by Eddie & Susan Jones.

Mary Meeler by Bob & Evelyn Johnsey.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Arlie Farris by Dick & Jan Weigart.

HONORARIUM TO OPERATING FUND in honor of John & Frances Howe’s 59th wedding anniversary by Mike, Cindy, Ann Marie, Melanie, Katy, and Mikah.

VISITOR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Dana Krepps & Ryan Campbell, 2269 Patterson Road, Clover.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Clark Warren, Herb & Bessie Lowman, Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Joe McCorkle; and with Carol France anticipating surgery.

Also, we remember Inell Bolin, sister of Smokey Childers; Bobbie McCoy, mother of Johnny McCoy; 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. **Congratulations** to Hunter Ligon who has been accepted to sing with the Spirit Singers this year.

The 5th Sunday is March 29th and the adult Sunday school classes, as well as other classes who would like to join us, are invited to meet in the trinity Center during the Sunday school hour. Our featured speakers will be members of the team who just returned from the Sudan. Sunday school classes are asked to prepare attendance for the Sunday School Superintendent and then come to the Trinity Center.

The spring yard sale is scheduled for this Saturday, **March 28**. Please plan to bring your items to the church 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.

UMW – Rock Hill District Day Apart this year is being held on Saturday, April 4 at St. James UMC, 1930 Quarry Road, York. Registration is at 9:45 and the meeting will follow at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Ellen Jones 927-7271.

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**There are just a few tickets for Trinity’s dinner theatre “Virgil’s First Easter”** to be presented on Saturday, April 4 at 6:30 pm. Don’t miss the fun and fellowship. Tickets are required! Get yours from the church office this week.  
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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).

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.

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.



ALICE’S CORNER

- The Sr. Hi. Youth activity for Sunday night, March 29 will be announced mid week. Watch for a text!

TRINITY’S GREAT HERITAGE – TRINITY’S NEEDLEPOINT KNEELING PADS

After observing the ancient needlepoint kneeling pads in several cathedrals in England, several ladies suggested that the United Methodist Women of Trinity stitch needlepoint pads and give them to Trinity as a national bi-centennial gift. The project was started immediately with John Wine drawing twelve of the designs based on the paraments given by Marilyn Mills, granddaughter of Lena Stewart. Four designs based on symbols for The Trinity were selected as well as two designs from The Church of England.

The project was completed and given to Trinity from the United Methodist Women in 1976. Those working on the project were Melinda McKeown, Chairperson, Terri Alford, Cathy Bolin, Janet Harrison, Betty Jean Jones, Suzanne Jones, and Pat Ridinger.

About the same time a prayer bench to be used at weddings was given in memory of Dorothy Pridmore. A needlepoint pad was stitched for this as well. John Wine drew the design, a symbol of The Trinity, and was stitched by Melinda McKeown.

(History of the Kneeling Pads from Melinda McKeown.)