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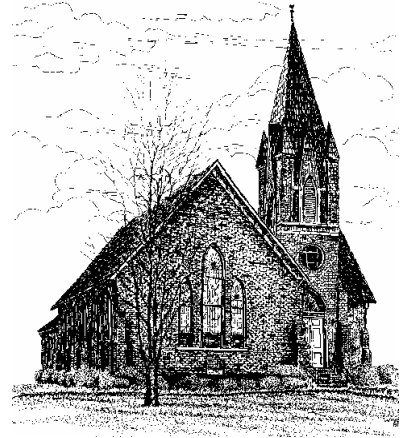
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 30, 2010

From the Pastor

I know I used this space last week to talk about Holy Week and to share some scripture readings for the week. This week I would like for us to think a little more about the end of the week. First, I need to confess something. My home church in Hendersonville, NC always had Maundy Thursday worship services. My family never attended! The first Maundy Thursday service I attended was also the first Maundy Thursday service I led as pastor. Those folks at that congregation were very generous to a young pastor, and they endured many things out of love! Fortunately there is a pretty standard order of worship for Maundy Thursday, and fortunately I didn't try to reinvent the wheel in preparing for it!

The first question that comes to mind is, "What in the world do we mean by 'Maundy Thursday.'" Make up your mind, is it Monday or Thursday? For a long time, remembering the events of the Thursday and Friday before Easter, I thought that the origin of the word had something to do with the root word for "maudlin." I didn't mean it in terms of "overly or tearfully sentimental" as the dictionary defines it. I meant it in terms of sad, almost unbearably sad. Actually the word comes from the Latin words *mandatum novum*, or "new commandment." The United Methodist Book of Worship notes that the new commandment is given in John 13:34: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Another question about Holy Week is "Why do we call it *Good Friday*? We read the scriptural accounts of that Friday and it is difficult to think of anything good—Jesus was tried by Pilate, he was flogged, he was crucified and died. During the time that he was on the cross, soldiers gambled for his clothing, and horrible things took place. None of this seems like good! Yet, without the crucifixion there could be no resurrection! Without the cross there could be no empty tomb! One of my best friends in the ministry was known for his Good Friday worship services each year. Each year he would invite six other ministers to meet in his office at 10:00 on Good Friday. There we would divide the scriptural seven last words of Christ—and we would have until about 11 to plan what we would say. Nobody knew before we got there which of the passages of scripture we would have—so we couldn't come with a written meditation! Each one had to speak from the heart—and it was a blessing for all of us and for the congregation that gathered for the service each year.

What's that? You don't remember the seven last words (phrases) of Jesus? Look up these passages and prayerfully consider them: Luke 23:34, Luke 23:43, John 19:26-27, Mark 15:43 (Matthew 27:46), John 19:28, John 19:30a and Luke 23:46. What would you say if you were called upon to take one of these passages and speak extemporaneously? **Take one, write a brief meditation on it and e-mail it to me at tumcpast@bellsouth.net. We will publish some of the meditations later in the year, and use them in our Holy Week devotions next year. There might be a prize involved—just to see who's paying attention and ready to write!**

From The United Methodist Book of Worship: Merciful and everliving God, Creator of heaven and earth, the crucified body of your Son was laid in the tomb... Grant that we may await with him the dawning of the third day and rise in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18
Sermon: "Personal Evangelism"

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.
Flower Ministry:	Worship Team
Lay Reader:	Rush Johnston
Nursery Infants:	Terri Alford & Robin Johnston
Toddler Church:	Linda Goss & Teresa Anderson
Children's Church:	Stephanie Stiles & Kristen Knight
Acolyte:	Rush Johnston/Sophie Smiley

MONDAY 5

Morning Circle.....	10:00 a.m.
Circle #2.....	7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY 6

Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY 7

Fellowship Supper	5:30-7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, April 11

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.
Beginner Dulcimers	4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Meeting.....	7:00 p.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. 28:	132
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Mar. 28:	55
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Mar. 28:	160
Operating Fund received on March 28	\$5,153.36
Operating Fund received up to March 28	\$72,085.28
Budget goal up to March 28 (\$6,524 x 13)	\$8,812.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Taze Bolin by Ronnie & Liz Cowart; Johnny & Diane Wine; Jimmy & Joan Clark; Wanda McCorkle & Family.

Betty Beck by Ronnie & Liz Cowart.

Sam Ferguson by Matt & Kath Brown.

To the Choir Fund of Taze Bolin by Debbie Black

To the Playground Fund in memory:

Betty Beck by Buck & Julie Miller; Dick & Jan Sweigart.

Sam Ferguson by Dick & Jan Sweigart.

Bob Johnsey, Roy Wilkerson by Buck & Julie Miller.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Also, we remember Bobby McCoy, mother of Johnny McCoy; 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.

NEEDED someone to teach the nursery during Sunday School. If you can help please contact Teresa Anderson or Kathy Sandifer.

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.

Members of Circle #2 would like to thank you for all your donations for the yard sale. There was approximately \$1,400 made to be used for Church projects as well as missions. We would like to thank Steve Boyd, Tom Faulkenberry, Rusty Graham and Jackson for helping us pack up on Saturday morning and a tremendous thank you to Phyllis Barrett for her work all week. Start saving items for next spring.

Thank you ! Thank you Circle Two for donating the sewing machine from the yard sale to the UMCOR Sewing Group. The machine will be stored at the church and can be used as needed. After taking a well deserved break, the group will be sewing more school bags for next years' UMCOR Team to carry to Sager Brown.

Please keep the Trinity 2010 UMCOR/SagerBrown Team in your prayers as they work and travel to and from Baldwin, Louisiana during April 3rd – April 10th. Team members are Terri Versen, Emily Jones, Bill and Marion Fischer, Kenny and Ellen Jones, Bill and Olivia Huffstetler and Bud and Suzanne Jones. They will carry over 400 school bags made by the Trinity sewing group and several hundred health kits prepared by area churches and a Clover High School class. THANKS, to all for your support.

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER – April 7 from 5:30-7:00 – is being hosted by the Bible Study Class. The menu is chicken strips, potato casserole, marinated coleslaw, biscuits, and banana pudding.

The UMM would like to invite ALL men, young & old, to their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, April 11 at 8:00. Come and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

The Recreation Committee would like to know if anyone is interested in playing softball. It has been a while since we played and thought we may try to get a team together. It would be for a co-ed church league for ages 18 and up. If anyone is interested, please let David Breakfield or Alice know.

ALICE'S CORNER.

- Our UMYF youth will celebrate Spring Break Holidays on Sundays, April 4 and 11.
- Alice will have a Children and Family Summer Activities planning meeting on Monday evening April 12 at 7:00 pm in the FRIENDS Sunday School classroom. Come with your ideas and suggestions. There will be summer planning meeting for Adults on Wednesday, April 14 following Trinity Travelers.
- 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!



TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM: Fire ant killer: Pour two cups of CLUB SODA directly in the center of the fire ant mound. The carbon dioxide in the club soda displaces the oxygen and suffocates the queen and other ants. The whole colony will be dead within days.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK