

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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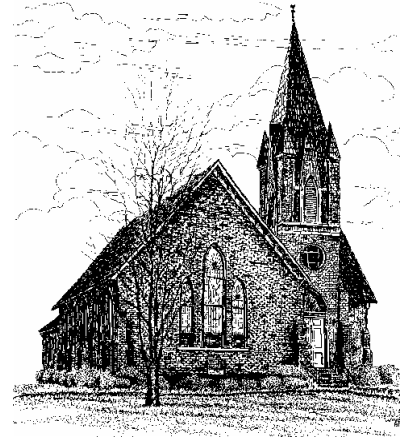
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



May 5, 2009

From the Pastor

Edgar A. Guest, the British/American poet wrote these words:

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home,
A heap o' sun an' shadder, an' ye sometimes have t' roam
Afore ye really 'preciate the things ye lef' behind,
An' hunger fer 'em somehow, with 'em allus on yer mind.
It don't make any differunce how rich ye get t' be,
How much yer chairs an' tables cost, how great yer luxury;
It ain't home t' ye, though it be the palace of a king,
Until somehow yer soul is sort o' wrapped round everything.

As I was thinking about Mother's Day and the Festival of the Christian Home these words kept running through my mind. I had to track down a copy of the poem in order to see why. Most of the time we just remember the first line, but every line in the poem (which is actually about one page long) has something to say.

What's the difference between a "house" and a "home"? The house is the building, the frame, the place which can be turned into a home. The house is the frame, the location—but home is the result of love and friendship and interaction between people and God. The "livin'" is what makes the difference. I have been in very large houses that had the highest quality fixtures and appliances, with room for everybody who lived there, but which didn't feel like home. I have been in very large houses where the feeling from the moment I walked in the door was a feeling of love and joy. I have been in cottages and mill houses where the family's love made what might have seemed cramped space into a palace; and I've been in cottages and mill houses that made me want to escape as quickly as possible because it seemed that there was no love left there! It isn't the size of the building; it's the size of the love that the building encloses.

I've visited in homes in which there were half a dozen children and their parents, and in homes where there was one person alone; yet the feeling of home was there. I've been in houses where there was only one person and houses where there were seven or eight—and yet the house felt empty and love-less. The difference is the love! The difference is the sense of God's presence filling all of the empty places, and cushioning all of the places where people might bump into each other and rub things raw.

In the lines above the poet mentions that sometimes we only appreciate things when we have been away from them for a time. Our Homecoming weekend taught us a little about that—we remembered things that we may not have appreciated while they were happening as much as we have appreciated them since. It wasn't until I had left home and Anna and I had started our own that I realized how blessed both Anna and I had been in the homes we grew up in.

Henry Ware wrote these words, which we sing each year. Think about what they mean as we celebrate the homes in which we live, and the love which we share with God's grace:

Happy the Home

**Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.
Happy the home where Jesus' Name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.**

Let's celebrate the love of God and the homes where God's love is shared. God bless each one,
Gene Feagin, Pastor

May 10th, 2009 – Mother's Day
Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Sermon: "Abiding Love"

SUNDAY, May 10 – Mother's Day

UMMen – Mother's Day Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
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.
Flower Ministry:	Morning Circle
Lay Reader:	
Nursery Infants:	Terri Versen & Pat Childers
Toddler Church:	Trey & Kathy Sandifer
Children's Church:	Terri & Lee Keller
Acolyte:	Amanda Breakfield

TUESDAY 12

Dulcimer Class	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 13

Trinity Travelers	12:00 noon
Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 17

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 Service	6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR MAY: *Donnie Shuler, David Burroughs, Jimmy Pridmore, Bill Wilkins, Jim Barrett, Chris Jones, Dicky Whitesides.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/MAY: FRIENDS Class

TRUSTEES/MAY: Nancy Faulkenberry & Lee Keller

ALTAR GUILD/MAY: Mary Butler & Pat Childers

WELCOME VISITORS/MAY: Senior High Class

VISITOR CARDS/MAY: Eric Johnston

PATH FOOD FOR MAY: Rice, any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance May 3:	69
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) May 3:	34
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) May 3:	112
Operating Fund received on May 3	\$5,429.66
Operating Fund received up to May 3	\$104,841.36
Budget goal up to May 3 (\$6,500 x 18).....	\$117,000.00

To the Katrina Fund:

In memory of Arlie Farris by Ernie & Laura Wright.

In honor of Bud & Suzanne Jones, and Kenny & Ellen Jones
by Ernie & Laura Wright.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, MAY 3

Gerald & Esper Wilkins, PO Box 83, Stem, NC 27581
 Jack Shubert, Jr, 212 Ashcake Ct, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Havern & Helen Brindle, Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Carol France, Clark Warren, and Bebe Benfield.

Also, we remember Samuel Kalb, husband of Mildred Kalb; Abigail Pierce, granddaughter of Donna Shugart; Josiah Ayers, great nephew of Denise Burns & grandson of Rev. Dennis Ayers; Jack Stutts, friend of Denise Burns; Inell Bolin, sister of Smokey Childers; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; 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; 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.

PATH REMINDER: RICE – any kind, any size. Please remember PATH when grocery shopping!

The Rock Hill UMVIM team is planning a trip to Panama Aug 15-28, 2009. This is a construction team but members do not have to possess any particular skills. If interested, contact Ken Hudson at kenrhudson@yahoo.com

A NEW SONG: Trinity will begin a monthly praise service on Sunday, May 17th at 6 pm. Meet in the Trinity Center for praise, worship and fellowship. Feel free to come as you are and worship God with A New Song! The service will feature some of your favorite Contemporary Christian music, so be prepared to sing along. Bring all of your friends and come worship with us!

"Backyards and Beauty Spots"

Come visit Historic York on Saturday, May 9, and walk through "Backyards and Beauty Spots," the first-ever Garden Tour sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Five gardens in the historic district will be open for browsing, along with several "beauty spots" available for peeking. The gardens range in size from several acres to the very small. All are tended by their owners, some of whom will be there to answer questions.

The tour, which is from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., also includes a buffet lunch at the church parish hall, 108 E. Liberty St. There will be a plant sale, garden shop with items available for purchase, and an art sale featuring works by local painters and other artists. This could be your perfect Mother-Daughter day out!

Advance tickets are on sale, and may be purchased from members of Good Shepherd. Garden tour tickets will also be available the day of the tour, but advance purchase is required to reserve lunch. The last day for lunch reservations will be May 7.

Tour-only tickets are \$15; lunch-only tickets are \$7. For both the tour and lunch, tickets are \$20.

For reservations or information, call Jeanne Ferguson at 803-684-6020 or Betty Jane Howie at 803-684-4113.

You also may send checks payable to Good Shepherd ECW to Jeanne Ferguson, PO Box 335, York, SC 29745. You then would pick up your tickets at the church, 108 E. Liberty St., the day of the tour.

Gardens on tour:

- Mr. and Mrs. S.K. Lowry, 5 Wright Ave.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford, 12 Wright Ave.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanlon, 208 Kings Mountain St.
- Ms. Sue Ellen Lee, 7 Kings Mountain St.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shultz, 212 E. Liberty St.

Beauty spots for peeking:

- The Courtyard, 22 N. Congress St.
- The Sideyard, 9 Kings Mountain St.
- The Garden at Good Shepherd, 108 E. Liberty St.

ALICE'S CORNER

- We still have a few tickets available for "Man of LaMancha" at Flatrock Playhouse on June 24. Please contact Alice or Jill ASAP.
- I am working on the Summer Activity booklet which contains activities and events for all ages. If you have suggestions or ideas of places to go or things to do (particularly events to be repeated) please let me know ASAP.
- Trinity Travelers will have their monthly covered dish lunch meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at noon. All are welcome!
- The older adults will sponsor a trip to IKEA (the new mega shopping store in Charlotte) on Tuesday, May 19th. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am, shop, and eat lunch before returning home. The store requires lots of walking and you need to bring your own shopping bag for the items you purchase. The store is quite interesting with lots of furniture, home items, plants, and other items too numerous to mention. Join us on another fun trip! Give your name to Jill in the church office. It is OK to go and just browse.
- Mark your summer calendars **NOW** for Vacation Bible School the week of July 13-17.
- I have forms for Salkehatchie Summer service, and Youth Annual Conference held at Spartanburg Methodist College (July 6-10) – a week of awesome stuff for teenagers who have completed grades 6-12. Remember the church pays half of your cost (up to \$100) to attend.



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