

TRINITY IN TOUCH

Trinity United Methodist Church
22 E. Liberty Street - PO Box 376
York, SC 29745

Telephone: (803) 684-4100

Website: www.trinityofyork.org

Pastor e-mail: tumcpast@bellsouth.net

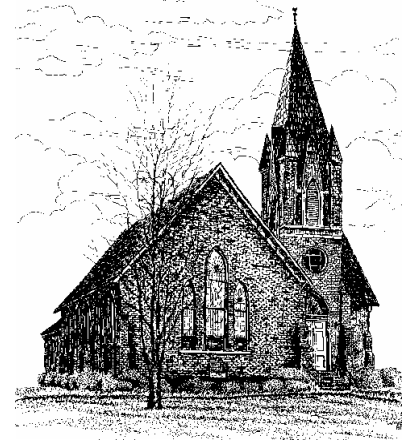
Secretary e-mail: tumcyork@bellsouth.net

Program Director: tumcprog@bellsouth.net

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 25, 2010

From the Pastor

What is a good reason for not attending worship services? In 1984, during a presidential debate between Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan, Fred Barnes asked President Reagan why he did not attend worship in Washington, after he had been very regular during his years as Governor of California and as the GE spokesperson and an actor. According to Paul Kengor in God and Ronald Reagan, the President explained that he feared endangering not only his own life but those of others when he went to church. "I pose a threat to several hundred people if I go to church," Reagan explained. "I know all the threats that are made against me. We all know the possibility of terrorism." He added that "I miss going to church, but I think the Lord understands."

As you can see when you look at the other side of this newsletter, I am not writing this after a Sunday that was poorly attended. I am writing after a Sunday in which we had excellent attendance at both services; this is not intended to be the proverbial two by four that knocks folks on the head and induces guilt. I would rather that we take some time to think about the importance of worship and the reasons that may keep us away. None of us can say that our presence at worship puts us or others at risk, at least not to the degree that Mr. Reagan felt his presence might (and remember that this was after the assassination attempt by John Hinckley when he knew what was at risk). Colds, the flu, and other illnesses that we experience are good reasons not to put others at risk.

I did have to laugh at a recent meeting here at the church when we were speaking about a particular Sunday—and of the eight people gathered in the Conference Room, only two are going to be present for here at Trinity that morning!

Sometimes we miss because we are involved in other church activities. On that Sunday that we were talking about in June, some of us will be at Annual Conference. This year Conference closes with worship at the 11:00 hour on Sunday. We had a group who were in worship last Sunday at Lake Junaluska at the UMW Spiritual Life Retreat. Sometimes we attend worship with family or friends in other places. What we are doing is representing Trinity at worship in another place.

Sometimes we miss worship because we are on vacation. Of course it is possible to attend worship while on vacation. We have tried over the years, and have had some real learning experiences and some real inspirational experiences attending worship in other places. There are times when attending worship on vacation might be difficult, but there is a danger in setting ourselves up for not being able to attend worship.

As I've mentioned, sometimes we are ill and put others at risk by our attendance. Sometimes we are simply unable to attend for health reasons. Sometimes we have to make a choice for other reasons—family priorities, other activities—and these are questions that we need to examine in our own hearts. What sort of message are we giving our children and our neighbors when we choose not to attend worship and schedule something else? What are the most important things in our lives? What are we trying to say to God about his place in our lives? Every once in a while we all find ourselves unable to push any harder. That is to be expected. The danger comes when we keep setting ourselves up to be unable to push any harder; when we allow other priorities and commitments to distract us from our time of worship and fellowship. I know that many may be missing worship in the next few weeks because of holidays and vacations—but I hope that you'll worship somewhere (and bring us a copy of the bulletin so that we can see what other congregations are doing). One of our members recently asked me to give a check to Jill for their family, which will be missing a few weeks. Let's keep up with our obligations even when we worship elsewhere.

I hope to see you Sunday unless John Hinckley is after you!

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

SENIOR SUNDAY, May 30, 2010

SENIOR SUNDAY, MAY 30

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 5th Sunday, Sunday School Program 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Sr.High Youth – Party & Cookout @ Swim & Racquet Club.....
 5:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry: Morning Circle
 Lay Readers: Seniors
 Nursery Infants: Marie & Ed Ventry
 Toddler Church: Linda Goss & Teresa Anderson
 Children’s Church: Stephanie Stiles & Kristen Knight
 Acolyte: Maggie McSwain

MONDAY 31 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

Circle #2 @ the Mitchells 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – June 2

Adults – Spider Lilies Meet at the church 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Supper 5:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 3

Junior Troop 6:30 p.m.

PROMOTION SUNDAY, JUNE 6

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 JUNE: *Kenny Cloniger, Kevin Smiley, Lee Alford, Basil Childers, Johnny Eite, Kelly Pursley, Bud Jones.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: Bible Study Class

TRUSTEES/JUNE: Jamie Patterson & Nancy Faulkenberry

ALTAR GUILD/JUNE: April Smith & Kim Alexander

WELCOME VISITORS/JUNE: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/JUNE: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance May 23: 97
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) May 23: 50
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) May 23: 156
 Operating Fund received on May 23 \$2,929.25
 Operating Fund received up to May 23 \$119,488.85
 Budget goal up to May 23 (\$6,524 x 21)..... \$137,004.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Also, we remember Betty Baker, mother of Terri Alford; Lindsay Bentley, one of our seniors; Connor Glenn, great nephew of Ellen Jones; Patsy Clark, sister of Susan Jones; Sherry Leonard, niece of Bill Huffstetler; Ginger Boyd, mother of Carrie Hodges; 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.



We welcome Richard Kalb into the Trinity Family. He has been added to our roll as a professing member.

Trinity is an amazing church! So much service to others is going on in our congregation. Because of this service, an exciting 5th Sunday program is planned for this Sunday, May 30, during the Sunday School hour. We will hear from some of our Trinity folks who are involved in mission activities. Released Time Bible Study, PATH, Habitat for Humanity, Mississippi/Katrina, Sager Brown, and a few more will give brief updates. If you are a member of a Sunday School class, go there first and then join us in the Trinity Center at 10:10 for the start of our program. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

SUMMER AT PATH

During the summer many of our PATH children will be at home alone. During June and July please bring **HEALTHY SNACKS** for these children – granola bars, pudding packs, small packs of crackers, etc. Please also feel free to bring extra veggies from your garden – by 10 am please! Fresh veggies are such a treat for our clients. Thank you for all you do for PATH – please continue to remember our clients during the summer!

Sound System - As we continue making adjustments in the new sound system in the Sanctuary and in speakers throughout the building, we appreciate the patience of each member of the Trinity family. We need volunteers to learn how to operate the system during worship services and for funerals and weddings and other special events. We appreciate the generosity of the Chancel Choir for helping us with this wonderful gift (along with the generosity of Mrs. Vida Lee Stewart to the choir). A special note of thanks is due to Jim Barrett who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to build a cabinet that suits the needs of the system.

If you have any concerns about the system or are interested in learning how to operate it, please e-mail Gene Feagin, tumcpast@bellsouth.net and/or David Hodges, usctrumpet2000@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School needs shepherds, adults and teens who will shepherd the various classes from one activity to another. Contact Teresa Anderson or Miss Alice to volunteer.

Cathy Lowman is asking for folks to contribute the following for craft projects at VBS: dowels of any size, bamboo skewers, scrapbook paper, fiberfill and cotton stuffing to put in pillows, small candles, miniature animal figures (for our Garden of Edens), silk leaves and flowers, square and rectangular small wood scraps, large tongue-depressor sized popsicle sticks, small baskets, ribbon and wooden hearts. She also wants us to save Pringles cans for her.

SAVE THE DATE: Mississippi Mission Trip to D’Ilberville, October 30-November 6. Let Kenny Jones know if you are interested at 684-7238.

Tickets are in the office for the Pizza Buffet to benefit Mackenzie Decuir which will be held at Philadelphia UMC on June 5th. The buffet will be 4-7pm and then there will be a gospel singing featuring the Central Baptist Bluegrass Band. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from the church office.

ALICE’S CORNER.

- If you are looking for something to do this summer – you are in luck. The Summer Activities Booklet is out for your enjoyment. There are lots of fun things to do with the kids, adults, as families and as a church. Look it over and decide what you would like to do – fill out the registration form with NAMES and turn it in to Jill or the church office. Some events require the ticket cost to hold your spot. The First ones to sign up get to ride the bus if desired. We are going to be busy so get ready for great fun and fellowship.
- Our six high school seniors will lead our 11 o’clock worship this Sunday, May 30. They are an active, talented group of leaders in this church and their school. Let us join together as we worship together and share their stories and their accomplishments!
- The Sr. High youth will end their school year with a swimming part and cookout this Sunday evening, May 30 at the Swim & Racquet Club. Friends are welcome. The event begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Adults – Come join us as we go to Landsford Canal State Park on Wednesday, June 2 to see the famous Spider Lilies. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am. Wear comfortable walking shoes. We will eat lunch at the Front Porch!

TUMC ADULT SOFTBALL GAMES				
Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Adults	Friday, June 11 – 6:00 p.m.	Liberty – B	@	Shiloh 1
Adults	Tuesday, June 15 – 7:00 p.m.	Union Baptist	@	Shiloh 2
Adults	Friday, June 18 – 6:00 p.m.	Tirzah Pres	@	Shiloh 1