

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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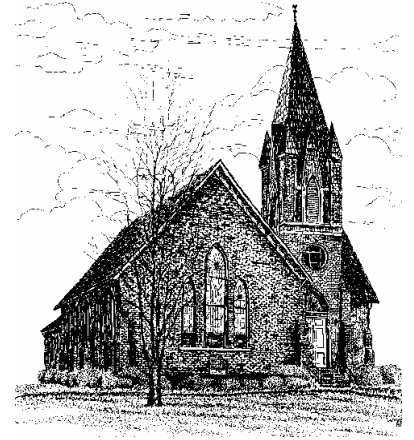
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



November 3, 2009

## From the Pastor

One of the requirements that the Discipline sets forth for the pastor is to report each year at Charge Conference concerning the state of the church. This “State of the Church” report is to lay out the strengths that the local church has and the places where the congregation faces challenges and concerns. Most years I try to include the report in the newsletter after Charge Conference is over, but this year I thought I would let you know in advance my impressions of Trinity’s needs and strengths. Since I mentioned last week that Sara White, our DS, will be spending more time in conversation about how God is working in our lives and in our congregation here at Trinity than in the business and formal reports that are a part of Charge Conference, you might be willing to share your impressions if you can help answer or expand on some of my concerns.

Trinity’s greatest strength is our people. From the Nursery to the Jack Benfield Class Trinity is made up of people who know and witness to the love of God on a regular basis. Almost every Sunday when the children leave for Children’s Church I am reminded of the future that these young ones represent. I am also impressed with the dedication of their parents, who take turns in Children’s Church, Toddler Church and in the Nursery, making sure that they have experiences that help them learn about God. Our people show their strength through all of the ways in which Trinity is involved in ministry to the community and the world. As I am writing this, a group is preparing to go to Mississippi and work in building ministry, another group is or has just left the Soup Kitchen at Wesley UMC, and the youth are telling their friends about the ways in which they have raised funds and made some bags for our transient population. Some of the Trinity family is working with Release Time Bible Education; the Morning Circle has just finished a program on Epworth and has brought soda crackers to go to the Soup Kitchen. We minister together with folks from other parts of the community and we minister in unique ways as well—who’d have thought the simple crochet necklaces would be such a ministry and fund-raiser for the Nesei School?

My biggest concern about Trinity right now also concerns our people. Sometimes it seems that we can lose focus on what really matters. Sometimes this lack of focus causes us to major in minors—becoming overly concerned with things that won’t really matter in the long run. Sometimes it causes us to let our priorities become skewed. We can see this lack of focus in decreasing attendance at church school and worship or lack of participation in some of the other activities of the church. When we find ourselves “too busy for church” we need to examine what we are doing. When we find ourselves “too busy with church” to enjoy some of the other activities of life we need to perform the same sort of examination. There isn’t an easy answer to how we focus our lives; it calls for prayer and help from God and from each other. I believe that when we take the time to prayerfully look at our lives and our priorities and to examine the ministries and concerns that are a part of the life of the church, we will find our attendance at worship and church school and other groups will increase. I believe that our giving as a response to God’s gifts to us, and in support of the ministries and missions of the church will increase.

In short, the state of Trinity UMC is very healthy. We may need to increase our spiritual exercise and become more aware of what we are doing and how God is using us, but we are generally healthy and ready for more ministry and more service as the people of God.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, November 8, 2009**  
**Scriptures:** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Mark 12:38-44  
**Sermon:** "The Chicken and the Pig"

*Passionate Spirituality*

*"My actions demonstrate a desire to build God's kingdom rather than my own." Once again please take a moment to rank your response from 1-5, never to always. The question is one of focus. Do we let our own desires, our own sense of importance and worth move us in directions that might be different from where we would go and how we would act if we were to really be working for God's kingdom? How can we align our behavior and attitudes more completely with the Kingdom of God?*

**SUNDAY, November 8**

UMMen .....	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service .....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Childrens Choir Practice.....	9:40 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service .....	11:00 a.m.
Sr.Hi.UMYF/Full Potato Bar Fundraiser .....	12:00 p.m.
Novice Dulcimers.....	4:00 p.m.
Beginner Dulcimers.....	4:30 p.m.
Charge Conference.....	7:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: FRIENDS Class	
Lay Reader:	
Nursery Infants: Meg & Jason Munn	
Toddler Church: Jon & Julie Martin	
Children's Church: Alicia & David Breakfield	
Acolyte: Amanda Breakfield	

**TUESDAY 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY 11**

Trinity Travekers.....	12:00 noon
Board of Trustees Meeting .....	5:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 12**

Craft Work Day.....	9:30 a.m.
Junior Troop 3495 .....	6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY 13**

Red Cross Blood Drive .....	12:30-5:30 p.m.
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**CONSECRATION SUNDAY, November 15**

Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi.UMYF/Spirit Singers .....	9:00 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.
Celebration Lunch.....	12:00 noon
Contemporary Worship Service .....	6:00 p.m.

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:** \*Donnie Shuler, David Burroughs, Jimmie Pridmore, Bill Wilkins, Jim Barrett, Chris Jones, Dicky Whitesides.

**TRUSTEES/NOVEMBER:** Buzz Johnsey & Frances Howe

**ALTAR GUILD/NOVEMBER:** Ellen Jones & April Smith

**WELCOME VISITORS/NOVEMBER:** Bible Study Class

**VISITOR CARDS/NOVEMBER:** Grace Ulbricht

**PATH FOOD FOR NOVEMBER:** Soup - any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance Nov.1:	117
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Nov.1:	50
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Nov.1:	120
Operating Fund received on November 1.....	\$6,850.25
Operating Fund received up to November 1 .....	\$245,969.17
Budget goal up to November 1(\$6,500 x 44).....	\$286,000.00

**MEMORIALS**

**To the Operating Fund in memory of:**

**Clark Warren** by The Donnie Shuler Family; Lee & Terri Alford;

**John Deyton** by The Donnie Shuler Family; Ray & Mary Sue Burns; The Shive Family.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of John Deyton** by The Morning Circle.

**To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Clark Warren** by The Morning Circle.

**HONORARIUM to the Mississippi/Katrina Fund**

**In honor of Kenny Jones** by Pete & Kelly Hypio & James & Mantha Peeler.

**VISITORS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Marcia Reese, 43 7<sup>th</sup> Street, York.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Weston Sandifer, Carol France, Louise Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield; also with Jimmie Pridmore recovering at home following surgery.

**Also, we remember** Lynn Mahoney, daughter of John & Margaret Bailey; Margaret Burroughs, mother of David Burroughs; Mary

Emma Dickson, aunt of Carrie Hodges; Harold Wilson, father of Alicia Breakfield; Melba Jones, sister of Ellen Jones; Henry Wright, brother of Ernie Wright; Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.



**We welcome** Olivia Queen into the Trinity Family. She has been added to our roll as a professing member.

**Many, many thanks** to the McGarity family for hosting a fun and exciting Halloween party and to the FRIENDS class for providing desserts and many other church members who provided food and energy. It was a GREAT NIGHT!!

**Many thanks** to everyone who contributed to the "Bags for Transients" a project introduced by the Sr. Hi. youth. A total of \$461.00 was collected and now 9bags are stocked and ready for use.

**Budget requests are now due for the 2010 budget.** Ministry team chairs have received a form with current budget information and a place to make requests for 2010. The Finance Team requests that these requests be returned to Kevin Smiley, Jill England, or Gene Feagin by November 15<sup>th</sup> (or Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> if a team needs to meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>). If you are happy with your budget as it is, or are willing to let the Finance Team examine your expenditures for 2009 and make a budget allocation, you don't need to make a request. If you anticipate increases above and beyond the 2009 budget, please supply rationale for the changes.

**The Sr. Hi. UMYF Potato Bar**, soup, dessert and beverage lunch will be held this Sunday, November 8 following morning worship. Tickets are required! Call Alice by Thursday if you need one.

**Children's Christmas Play:** Practice for this year's Christmas play will be held on Sunday afternoons instead of during Sunday school. Children 4yrs through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. The play will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Children participating must be able to attend dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and they must be able to attend a majority of the practices. Practice will be held every Sunday afternoon, starting November 8<sup>th</sup> and going through December 6<sup>th</sup>, time TBA. Please let Alicia Breakfield (628-0783) or Alice as soon as possible if your child will be participating.

**The United Methodist Men** would like to invite ALL men(young & old) of the Church to their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 8:00am. They will have a spokesperson from Tender Hearts to discuss their involvement in the community. There will be a wonderful breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, cheezy grits, fruit salad and biscuits. So PLEASE make every effort to attend this meeting and help support this important part of TUMC. And enjoy some good food and great fellowship, too.

**The Released Time Bible Education** organization will be having a Community Awareness Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, November 14 from 4pm-7pm in the Trinity Center. Tickets are \$8 a plate, which includes BBQ pork, baked beans, slaw, bun, dessert and a drink. Plates will be available for dine-in or carry-out orders. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from Spike Myers, Evelyn Johnsey and Helen Yarborough. Servers will be children involved in the program. So come out and support this wonderful program and enjoy some great food at the same time.

**This Thanksgiving, Acts of Hope**, a group of people from several area churches are attempting to feeding 25 families in the community. They cannot do this without the help of many people willing to give of their time and contributions. Let's do our part again by supplying the 25 cakes or pies for these families. If you can get them to our church kitchen by Wed morning on Nov.25, I can take them to the group to be delivered. If you can help bake, please call Denise Mitchell at 803 684-7311, or email at oradenise@bellsouth.net. Thank you in advance.

**ALICE'S CORNER**

- Trinity Travelers will meet next Wednesday, November 11 at 12:00 noon. Come join us!
- Alice will take the church bus to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte on Tuesday, November 17. Cost is \$6.50. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am. There are several seats on the bus available. Call Alice if you want one!
- All Jr. & Sr. High youth attending "Revolution" in Columbia, January 22-24 are asked to send in their registration money by November 8 to Alice or the church office. This retreat is replacing Springmaid. DON'T MISS OUT.
- Church Basketball for ages 5-18!!!! Please sign up on the sheets in the Trinity Center by November 15. If anyone is interested in coaching please talk with Alice Smith. This is a fun program in the life of Trinity - don't miss out!

Consecration Sunday this year is on November 15. Lunch will be provided by the church following the 11:00 worship service. If anyone has questions regarding the Stewardship campaign, please speak to Christina or Matt Dover who are the chairpersons on this Committee.

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**Trinity UMC - Consecration Sunday Reservation Card**

I (we) will be present for morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon (provided by the church) on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_YES      \_\_\_\_\_No      The number of persons attending from my household will be \_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*Please return to the church office\*\*\*\*\***