

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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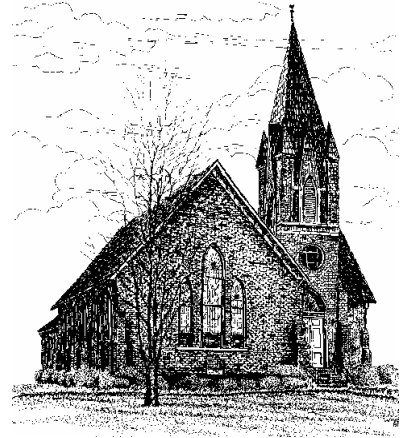
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



September 15, 2009

## From the Pastor

I have gotten a number of responses to the remarks I made in worship a few weeks ago about my refusal to pass along or forward every e-mail that comes my way that tells me that if I really love Jesus or am really a Christian or am really an American I will forward that e-mail to five, ten, or three hundred of my closest friends. If forwarding e-mails is what makes Christians into better Christians then I may face some problems when I come face to face with St. Peter! "Let's see," he will say. "You were sent 9,725,220 e-mails to forward and you didn't send but twenty or so. What are we going to do with you?"

While some of my reasons for not forwarding are very practical—I don't have time to send everything out that comes my way, I know that there are folks who don't read forwarded e-mails and it is a waste to send anything to them, and I never want to be in the position of sending something that may seem controversial to folks who don't want to receive them—some of my reasons are also theological. I have a strong belief that our salvation comes through faith in Christ rather than through any of our actions, even though our actions of love for God and concern for others will show our faith. I don't like the feeling of being manipulated that some of the things we are asked to forward project. Sometimes refusing to forward is tied to being ashamed of Jesus; sometimes the refusal seems to be an accusation that we really don't believe. Other reasons given for forwarding are a little more innocent; saying that the recipient is important to the sender and that one way to prove that the sender is important to the recipient is to send the e-mail to a group of friends, and to include the sender in the list (now if I didn't make that sound more complicated than it needs to be I don't know what I could do to make it more complicated!)

Anyhow, I guess the point is that I don't forward a lot of e-mails. I do appreciate receiving them. I enjoy reading the testimonies. I enjoy being reminded of old stories that I haven't heard in years. I am constantly amazed at how stories from the Chicken Soup series continue to come around again and again, and I enjoy the reminders. Often an e-mail will come in with the perfect illustration for a sermon. I enjoy reading and receiving them; but don't ask me to send them on. I will forward some, and I will delete some. (I told someone the other day that I am a middleman between a friend in Columbia and a friend here in York—both send me excellent and touching stories and I send them on. If I ever give one of these ladies the other's e-mails, I probably won't hear from either of them again!).

Forwarding a story or example, if it is done personally, is a good way of telling someone that we have been thinking about them. It's a good way to keep in contact with folks who are important to us. This isn't a replacement for writing a personal e-mail or letter or sending a card or making a call, but it's a good means of extra contact. Of course, if we send something that the other doesn't appreciate it's not so good.

**But the real question we need to be asking ourselves might have more to do with how we really show our love for God.** If we don't show it by forwarding e-mails, what can we do that will show our love? It is all a matter of priorities. We make a statement to the world that shows our love to God by the things that are important to us. When we come to worship, we say that our worship of God matters to us. When we come to church school or to NewSong or to fellowship suppers, or United Methodist Men, we are saying that these are important parts of our life. We aren't earning points from God by these things, but we are making a statement to the world about what matters to us. The ways we spend our lives make the loudest statement of what really matters to us that can be made.

So, pass it on, if you really love God you'll-----

Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, September 20, 2009**  
**Scriptures:** Proverbs 31:10-31; Mark 9:30-37  
**Sermon:** "True Greatness"

**SUNDAY, September 20**

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.
Families-Lazy 5 Ranch.....	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service .....	11:00 a.m.
Novice Dulcimer Class.....	4:00 p.m.
Beginner Dulcimer Class.....	4:30 p.m.
Church Health Team .....	5:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service .....	6:00 p.m.
SPRC Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry:	Jack Benfield Class
Lay Reader:	Anna Feagin
Nursery Infants:	Terri Verson & Sandy Pursley
Toddler Church:	Marie & Ed Ventry
Children's Church:	Alicia & David Breakfield
Acolyte:	Sarah Grace Garner

**MONDAY 21**

Islam Study.....	6:30 p.m.
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**TUESDAY 22**

Islam Study.....	10:00 a.m.
Continuing Dulcimer Class .....	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball.....	7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 23**

Craft Work Day .....	9:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY 26**

UMW Annual Meeting.....	Meet at the church 8:30 a.m.
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**SUNDAY, September 27**

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.
Jr.Hi.& Sr.Hi.UMYF – District Day of Fellowship .....	3:15 p.m.

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** \*Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, Jim Burch

**TRUSTEES/SEPTEMBER:** Lee Keller & Nancy Faulkenberry/  
Frances Howe

**ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER:** Melanie Myers & Cynthia Bradford

**WELCOME VISITORS/SEPTEMBER:** Senior High Clas

**VISITOR CARDS/SEPTEMBER:** Julie Taylor

**PATH FOOD FOR SEPTEMBER:** Rice – any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance Sept. 6:	89	Sept.13:	109
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Sept.6	37	Sept.13:	53
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Sept.6:	111	Sept.13:	105
Operating Fund received on September 6 .....	\$5,803.10		
September 13 .....	\$4,080.50		
Operating Fund received up to September 13 .....	\$206,158.43		
Budget goal up to September 13 (\$6,500 x 37) .....	\$240,500.00		

**MEMORIALS**

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

**Wilma Mitchell** by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw.

**Roy Wilkerson** by Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw; Lee & Terri Alford; Edgar & Mary Hardin; Eddie & Susan Jones.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of Roy Wilkerson** by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

**To the UMCOR Fund in memory of Roy Wilkerson** by Johnny & Diane Wine.

**To the Choir Fund in memory of Roy Wilkerson** by Renee Barker.

**HONORARIA**

**Towards purchasing a laptop computer in honor of The Salkehatchie Participants** by Chris & Kim Jones.

**To the Operating Fund in honor of Jimmie Pridmore's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday** by John & Frances Howe; Dean & Sadie Shillinglaw.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Carrie Hodges, Mildred Kalb, Jeff West, Carol France, Libby Brown, Martha Bostic, Louise Smith, Clark & Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield; also with Karl Munn recovering at home following surgery.

**Also, we remember** Melba Jones, sister of Ellen Jones; Paula Good, sister of Susan 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.

**VISITORS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Michael & Beth Dover, 352 Pelling Drive, York

*Dear Friends,*

*I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, love, cards, gifts, and support during this very trying time. You have carried me through my surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. I would not have been so successful without you. May God Bless you all.*

*Gratefully, Karen Duncan*

**THANK YOU TRINITY!!!!**

The Back to School project was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated supplies and money. With your help we were able to donate the following items:

48 bookbags, 63 packages of notebook paper, 80 three - prong folders, 4 three ring binders, 325 pencils, 20 pens, 5 packages of index dividers, 8 composition books, 1 protractor, 1 ruler.

**The UMW** is continuing its project to collect Campbell Soup labels for the Wallace Family Life Center. The collection box is on the table across from the Bible Study Class. A list of the types of labels accepted is on the board above the box.

**UMW Ladies** will meet on Saturday, September 26 at 8:30 am at the church to go to the Rock Hill District Meeting at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster. Will eat lunch there and return home after lunch.

**There will be an organizational meeting** on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm in the conference room for anyone interested in going to D'Iberville, Mississippi. The trip dates are Saturday November 7 through Saturday November 14, 2009.

The next **NESEI craft workday will be Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 9:30 A.M. in the conference room. **We will need our "measurers, crocheters AND gluers" next week.** The current projects will conclude December 12<sup>th</sup> with the craft show at Lake Junaluska and there are two other events before then. Please consider helping us through December when you can. A check for **\$2000** has been mailed to NESEI to be used for sewing machines, sewing supplies, and computers. All of this money came from sales of the nativity sets and necklaces. **MANY THANKS** to the members of Trinity for your continued help and support!

**Habitat for Humanity Update:** On Saturday, September 26, we will send a team of workers to Rock Hill to help build a home for a very deserving family. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please sign up in the hallway at the Habitat info wall or contact Spike Myers. We would also like to **THANK** everyone who has saved aluminum cans. Last week, we delivered 135 pounds of cans to be recycled. Keep up the good work.

**The Annual Harvest Brunch**, sponsored by Trinity's United Methodist Women, will be October 24. Tickets will go on sale October 4. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Teacup Auction can contact Dawn McGarity or Kim Jones. Please mark your calendars for this great time of fellowship!



**TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM:** Ketchup will clean and shine copper and remove discoloration.

**ALICE'S CORNER**

*I can't begin to say thank you enough times for the cards, calls, prayers, visits, food and numerous expressions of love I received from this church family after my recent surgery. All your concern and well wishes have helped me on a path of recovery. The "no lifting" rule is the hardest to follow but I am trying. Please be patient with me for a few more weeks!*

- Our family trip to Lazy 5 Ranch is this Sunday, September 20. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Please call Alice by Wednesday if you are going. We will take a picnic lunch and leave from the church at 11:00 am.
- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. UMYF will attend the Contemporary Worship Service this Sunday night, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- The deadline for signing up for the Adult Christmas Trip (Dec.7-8-9) to Myrtle Beach is Sunday, September 27. We will see the Christmas shows at Carolina Opry and Alabama Theatre. Don't delay in your planning! We have a great time.