

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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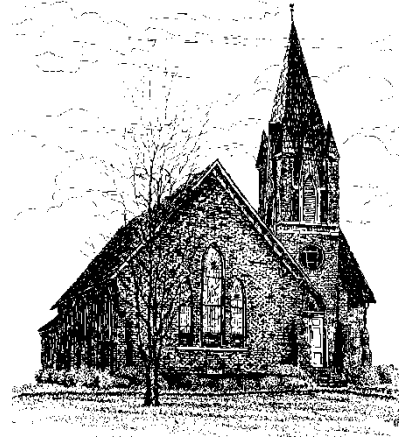
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



August 30, 2011

From the Pastor

We have had a very busy few weeks here at Trinity. Our worship services have been filled with good news and Good News. We have been reaching out in our community and we have been preparing for the two mission trips that will reach out into our world in different ways—our Katrina Mission Team is preparing to go to Biloxi for a week of work in the homes of those still touched by Katrina. Our Sager-Brown Tem is preparing for our week in Baldwin, LA, working to pack needed supplies to reach people touched by poverty and disaster all around the world. In preparation for these mission trips we have been involved in fund-raisers (possibly to be known from henceforth as “pastoral poundage increasers”) and in activities preparing for the trips. In addition our Craft Teams have been continuing their work to benefit the Africa Eli projects and girls’ education in South Sudan. I had never thought of going to a tractor show as going on a mission trip, but our morning at Kings Mountain Chapel was definitely a mission trip at the tractor show as we shared information about the Africa Eli project. All of these projects remind us of our Mission Statement’s promise that we will share the love of Christ and enable all people to grow in Christian discipleship.

In addition, Trinity folks have been reaching out in love at PATH and at the Thrift Store—helping those whose needs are beyond what we can do alone. Our volunteers and those who bring things for PATH each Sunday make a big difference in many lives each week. We can celebrate with them.

We can celebrate with our teachers and administrators as they have given so much of themselves to prepare for the reopening of school. The gifts that these folks share with the York community is more than many people will ever know.

I have never been privileged to take part in four baptisms in five weeks before, and these past few weeks have blessed me and reminded me of the important truth that we all need to remember—each one of us is as helpless as the small children whose parents brought them to Trinity for baptism when it comes to our need for the love of God. We can’t ever earn the love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ—but God gives it to us freely and only asks that we grow into the gift we’ve been given. I’ve also been reminded that each child is different and responds differently to the excitement and strangeness of having Mom or Dad hand them over to me and having me take them to the font and then having the feel of the water on their forehead. I won’t mention what I discovered about my horrible memory, and the fact that I called one young gentleman “she” throughout the baptism. Baptism is God’s gift to us—taking us as adults or children and claiming us by the power of the Risen Christ. It is our response to God’s love as we, parents and Church, promise that the child who is baptized will be raised with the knowledge and love of Christ, and brought to church and Sunday School until the time comes when the young person chooses to confirm the vows made at baptism. When we repeated our part of the vows four times in five weeks, renewing our promises to faithfully “participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,” we were being reminded of who we all are together as the children of God. What a blessing we have shared!

On August 28 we were blessed by our time at Camp Meeting Sunday. Even without Charles Bradford, the Burford Brothers and Olivia reminded us of the joys of “Old Time” music and the camp meeting tradition. The picnic lunch afterwards was a 21st Century adaptation of “Dinner on the Grounds.” We were blessed by beautiful music and great fellowship.

Thanks to each one who has been involved in all of the ministries and blessings that we have been enjoying. May God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

SUNDAY, September 4, 2011
SCRIPTURES: Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
SERMON: "Where Two or Three are Gathered"

SUNDAY, September 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.
 Lay Reader:
 Nursery Infants: Lee & Leah Youngblood
 Children's Church: Kevin & Marsha Smiley
 Toddler Church: Marcus & Janet Broome
 Acolyte: Samantha Breakfield

MONDAY 5 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

TUESDAY 6

Junior Troop 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7

Fellowship Supper..... 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Children's Choir..... 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 8

Pictorial Directory Photography..... 2:30-8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 9

Pictorial Directory Photography..... 2:30-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 10

Pictorial Directory Photography..... 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 11

UMMen 8:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 4yr-5th Grade/Bible Fair @ 1st UMC Clover 3-5:00 p.m.
 Administrative Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, Lee Youngblood, Jim Burch

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/SEPT: Faith Explorer's Class

TRUSTEES/SEPTEMBER: Chip Alexander & John Bailey

ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER: Barb Coady & Anna Feagin

WELCOME VISITORS/SEPTEMBER: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/SEPTEMBER: Susan Jones

PATH FOOD FOR SEPTEMBER: Peanut Butter – any size, any brand

Sunday School Attendance August 21:	131	Aug 28:	117
Worship Attendance August 21 (9:00 am):	60	Aug 28:	n/a
Worship Attendance August 21 11:00 am):	159	Aug 28:	220
Operating Fund received August 21.....	\$5,504.00		
August 28.....	\$5,530.51		
Operating Fund received up to August 28.....	\$208,784.18		
Budget goal up to August 28 (\$6,732.00 x 35).....	\$235,620.00		

MEMORIAL to the Operating Fund in memory of Eddie Warren by Nancy Warren.

HONORARIUM to the Operating Fund in honor of Nina King and Frances Howe by Lu Barbary.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Mike & Jennifer Griffin, 112 Pheasant Ridge Circle, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Lois Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, Ernie Ulbricht and Isem Pennington.

Also, we remember Barbara Thrift, friend of Ernie Wright; Lee Good brother-in-law of Susan Jones; Jim King, nephew of Jo Hammond; Lee Hardin, friend of Darlene Dunlap; Lynn Mills & Ben Slaughter, friends of Evelyn Johnsey; Robert Goolsby, nephew of Evelyn Johnsey, Buddy Mitchell, father of Linda Goss.

The prayers of the Trinity family reach out for Cynthia Bradford after the death of her father, Rudd Ross on August 21.

(It is vital that we pray for one another as members of the body of Christ. If you have a prayer request or wish for someone to remain on the prayer list, please let Gene or Jill know. When a prayer request is given, the person will remain on the list for one month. After the month is over, the name will be taken off the list unless another request is made for the name to remain on the list.)



WELCOME to Emma Reece Sutton, Jayden Clark, and Coleman Hanna who were baptized at Trinity during August. They have been added to our roll as preparatory members.

The Mississippi/Katrina Team would like to thank you for your support at the lunch at Trinity on August 21. As usual, the people of Trinity made it a success. We appreciate all you do for this Mission Team.

The Children's Classes are raising money to buy tools and seeds for the gardens of the ELI girls in the Sudan. This will give them food to eat and to sell. For each \$5.00 raised the children will "plant" a vegetable in the garden in the hall. If you wish to donate, please give your donation to one of the children. Thank you.

Our college students are now up for "adoption". The list is in the hall. Please consider adopting a student for this college year. Individuals, families, and groups are all invited to be a sponsor. After you have made your choice, information will be given to you about your student's favorite snacks, restaurants, etc. Thank you so much for participating in this very meaningful ministry of Trinity. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda Goss at 684-1312.

A Bible study on Revelation is beginning on Wed. Sept. 7 at 6:30 to 7:30. The study will focus on understanding the symbolism and descriptive phrases found throughout the book. Yes, this marvelous book can be understood! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the conference room. Please join us! No prior knowledge of the book of Revelation is needed.

Sign-up is beginning for our Directory pictures. You can go to the church website www.trinityofyork.com and click on the "Directory Pictures" tab at the top of the page and it will give you the link so that you can choose your day and time. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the church at 684-4100 and we will help you schedule. There will also be a sign-up table at worship this Sunday.



The Trinity Crafters will have a **"Mini Bazaar" on November 19th** to benefit girls' education in Southern Sudan. The crafters have been working hard this year and have some neat items to sell. If a Trinity class or mission group would like to have a table, you are invited to participate. Items should be hand made or homemade (jelly, pies, etc) with profits going for your special mission. Tables are open for Trinity groups only. See Bud or Suzanne Jones by the first Sunday in October if you are interested.

ALICE'S CORNER

On Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2011 the York/Clover Cluster will sponsor a "Bible Fair" for children ages 4yr-5th grade. This is a fun, interactive afternoon where children see and hear familiar and maybe new Bible stories and events. They come alive in different ways. The event is free. Alice will take our church bus for all who sign up. Let's have a big crowd from Trinity go! The event is from 3 to 5 pm at the 1st United Methodist Church in Clover. Meet at TUMC at 2:15 pm. We will return about 5:30 pm.

Our family trip to Lazy 5 Ranch will be Sunday, September 18. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm. We will take the bus and carpool. Cost is \$7.50 per person for everyone 1yr and older. You must pay in advance and Alice needs your commitment. Bring a snack, your camera and something to drink. This is always a great wagon trip, wonderful animals and loads of fellowship.

The York School District #1 is offering to senior citizens (60yr old) a pass for free admission to school events such as regular athletic games, plays and concerts. Those who qualify may have their VIP courtesy pass made from 9-11 or 1-3 on Wednesdays. The picture ID pass will be made at the Education Service Center, 16 Spruce Street. To make an appointment, or for more information, call 684-1905 or ask Alice. This picture ID is good for life.

1st Trinity Travelers Meeting – September 14

1st KFC – send in your permission forms – September 14

Senior Citizens Dinner at Mt. Vernon UMC - September 24, 4:00 pm.

COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESS FOR 2011/12

Name

Address:

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Telephone #:.....

E-mail address:.....

College Attending:

Projected graduation date:

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS, whether you have a new address or are at the same one as last semester, please complete and return to the church office as soon as possible so that you can receive your church newsletter.