

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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July 26, 2011

From the Pastor

If it seems like a long time since you received a newsletter, let me reassure you, it is only for the month of July that we suspend our weekly publication. Between the week of the 4th and Vacation Bible School and Jill's preparation and sending out of 2nd Quarter Statements, the Green River Cove tubing trip and some of the other activities that fill July, it just seems that there hasn't been a gap since the last Trinity in Touch was mailed out.

Enough time hasn't lapsed for me to send out a "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" essay or to ask many of you for one. I am looking forward to hearing from our young people and adults who are in Europe as I write this. We may be able to hear from them. I know we will hear from our Salkehatchie workers—their reports are always fascinating.

One ironic thing happened while Anna and Travis and I were trying to spend a few vacation days in the mountains. As I told some of you who went tubing and then came up to the cabin for a moment, we had been having some air-conditioning problems at the cabin and the technician from Hendersonville had told us that our pressures were good and that if we got the coils cleaned and some other maintenance taken care of we should be as good as new. That was the day before we had the 32 people from Trinity come and go tubing and picnic. We had marked the first part of the week after VBS to spend up there, so we set those days for the ac people to come out and repair a duct that some "critter" had pulled down from under what used to be a porch and to do the rest of the work that had been recommended.

When I left the church after Ed Warren's funeral on July 17th, we headed straight to the cabin. On Monday morning when I decided to call and see when to expect our workers, I realized that my cell phone was still sitting right on my desk where I had left it so that it wouldn't ring during the funeral. Anna had her phone but it is older and for some reason we had a terrible time getting reception until we drove to Saluda. It is a more uncomfortable feeling than one might imagine being without the phone on the belt. We spoke to Jill regularly on Anna's phone and if we had been needed we would have gotten the message in a timely manner, but still it felt a bit awkward to me!

At any rate the Trane man came on Tuesday and did his work. He repaired the duct and cleaned coils and helped us with a problem with our filters. Then he told me that there were a few ducts down from animal damage under the cabin, and one duct still had something that had once been living (but was no longer alive) still in it. He noted that "You won't get much more air flow and cooling until you get these ducts replaced and whatever it is out of the duct under the bedroom." We're in the process of planning for that work now. As Michael the repairperson drove off, a storm knocked our power out and we were without air (water, electricity) again!

Reflecting on those few days from the comfort of the Parsonage I reached a few conclusions: First, I am glad that God doesn't have poor reception whenever we reach out in prayer! We may have reception problems when God speaks, but God hears us even before we ask and helps us know what to ask. I am tempted to think of God reaching out to us and asking "Can you hear me now?" but I don't think I'm going to go there! Secondly, there are often places in our-- lives that have become torn away or clogged with formerly important stuff, and we may need to take some time to get things cleared away so that our lives can serve God more efficiently. I can look at my own life and see places where "You won't get much more efficiency here until you do something about these broken bits." Where in your life do you see God needing to help you make repairs? The last lesson I want to think about from all of this is that we often think that we are in control, that we have the last word and if we only get things fixed our way everything will be wonderful—and then God reminds us that it isn't all about us!

Still, God loves us enough to give us all we need and a good deal of what we just want. He sent his son to bring us life. He sends the Spirit to help us replace the places where communication has broken down, and where we are burdened down by things that don't matter. Isn't God wonderful?

SUNDAY, July 31, 2011
SCRIPTURES: Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21
SERMON: "Using What We've Got"

SUNDAY, July 31

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 5th Sunday Church School Program..... 10:10 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Flower Ministry: Circle #4
 Lay Reader: Anna Feagin
 Nursery Infants: Terri Alford & Robin Johnston
 Children's Church: Linda & Michelle Goss
 Toddler Church: Steve & Leann Mellon
 Acolyte: Maggie McSwain

TUESDAY – August 2

Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 3

Fellowship Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 4

Women's Craft Group 9:30 a.m.

Men's Craft Group..... 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY 6

Families/Kids/Youth-Virginia Creeper Trail.....

SUNDAY, August 7

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 UMMen – Lunch 11-1:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander & Church Youth.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/AUGUST: FRIENDS CLASS

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Chip Alexander & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance July 24: 93
 Worship Attendance July 24 (9:00 am): 66
 Worship Attendance July 24(11:00 am): 123
 Operating Fund received July 24..... \$4,468.28
 Operating Fund received up to July 24..... \$179,016.85
 Budget goal up to July 24 (\$6,732.00 x 30)..... \$201,960.00

MEMORIALS

TO THE OPERATING FUND in memory of:

Breana Turner by Lee & Terri Alford; Richard Kalb.

Annie Ruth Adkins by Eddie & Susan Jones; The Jack Benfield Class.

Ed Warren by Evelyn Johnsey,

TO THE UMCOR FUND in memory of Breana Turner by Renee Barker.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Bill Pate, Lois Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, Isem Pennington; and with Sarah Anderson and Marie Ventry both recovering following surgery.

Also, we remember Claire Trowbridge, mother of Ann Bailes; June Masneri, friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Brooklyn Channelly, friend of Renee Barker; Clara Baker, friend of Renee Barker; Lee & Paula Good, brother-in-law and sister of Susan Jones; Joanne Rinker, aunt of Eric Johnston; Mildred Faulkenberry, mother of Tom Faulkenberry; Frank Seimer, friend of Bill & Marion Fischer; Robert Hammond, nephew of Jo Hammond; Virginia Mitchell, sister of Julie Miller; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Doris Shealy, aunt of Debbie Black; Al McKenzie, cousin of Suzanne Jones.

Our sympathy is with Geneva Warren and her family following the death of her son, Ed Warren on Thursday, July 14; also with Evelyn Blair and her family following the death of her sister, Annie Ruth Adkins on Friday, July 15.

WELCOME to Mark, Jenny, Caroline, Amelia & Stroud Baker, Laverne Spoon, Lanny & Jean Littlejohn who all joined Trinity as professing members; Arabella Baker and Elle Littlejohn as preparatory members; and Taylor Littlejohn as an associate member.



PLEASE SIGN UP to be a Lay Reader. The signup sheet is on the door outside the Pastor's office.

Join us for our 5th Sunday Church School program this Sunday, July 31. Our special guest will be Mr. James A. Neal, author of Historic Methodist Churches and Places in South Carolina. Jim will share a presentation about some of the older churches in SC—pictures and stories.

MMMMM Good!

Trinity's 2011 UMCOR Team will prepare the Wednesday Night Supper on August 3rd and the meal will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. The menu includes grilled pork chops, buttered potatoes, summer fruit, beans, bread, assorted desserts and tea all for \$4.00 per person or \$15 family max. Any profit will go for gas for the trip. Donations will be accepted.

August Craft Schedule

The **Trinity Women's Craft Group** will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 AM on the following days in August - the 4th, 11th, and 25th. We will be cutting, measuring, sewing, threading beads etc. for several projects on the 4th. The **Trinity Men's Craft Group** will meet the same days at 10:00 AM. Now that vacations are winding down, we hope to see everyone back to join our fun mornings of working to help others. See you on the 4th.

Are you tired of fixing Sunday lunch or don't know what to fix? If so, join us on Sunday, August 7 and let the UMMen take care of everything. They will be serving lunch from 11am until 1pm. The menu will include Marinated Grilled Chicken, BBQ pork, home-made mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw, rolls, and desserts. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12. Money will be used to help fund UMM Projects. Thanks for your support and look forward to seeing you there.

The UMW Reading Program forms are due to Janie Matson, 959 Kingswood Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730 by August 15. There are some additional forms available in Ellen Jones' box at the church.

PLEASE NOTE - The Mississippi/Katrina Mission trip dates have changed. The new dates are Wednesday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 28.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HAVE STARTED! Please remember the 2 PATH Back-To-School projects as you shop the sales. (And remember that we will shop for you. Give donations to the church office.)
SCHOOL SUPPLIES: notebook paper and simple back packs
HYGIENE ITEMS for teens:(full sized, please) toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, washcloth
 Items may be placed in the blue PATH bins. **THANK YOU!**

ALICE'S CORNER

Our Bicycle trip on the Virginia Creeper Trail is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 with a 1:00 pm shuttle to White Top. This is a great day for people who enjoy riding bicycles and being outdoors. Bring a picnic lunch, overnight arrangements are available if you so desire. Contact Alice if you plan to attend and haven't notified her already.

Our last trip to Carowinds is planned for Tuesday, August 9 from 3:30 till dark. A minimum of 10 persons is required to make this trip happen.

All Adults – "Hairspray" at Flatrock Playhouse is Thursday, August 11. Meet at the church 9:30 am. We will eat a "covered dish" picnic lunch beside the Green River at the Feagins' before the show. Chicken and drinks will be furnished. You bring the rest!

The church bus will travel to see the movie "The Help" on two nights. Monday, August 15 and Tuesday August 16. Our younger Moms with school age children will go on Monday and all other Ladies will go Tuesday. Sign up now with Jill in the office or with Alice. Time and supper place TBA.