

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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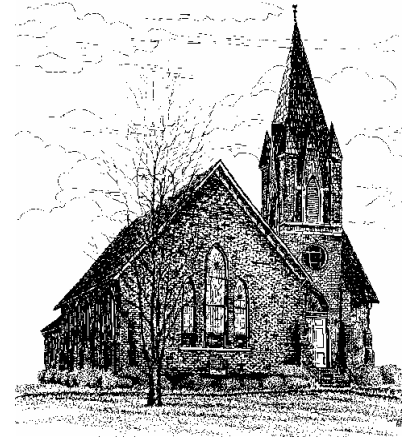
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



April 7, 2009

From the Pastor

As this issue of *Trinity in Touch* goes out we are in the middle of Holy Week. Many of us have been gathering at Divine Saviour Catholic Church for our midday worship services and meals. Many have been spending extra time reading from the Gospel accounts of Jesus' last days. Almost everybody is planning on gathering on Thursday night for our Maundy Thursday worship service. At the same time, even as we are concerned with Holy Week, we are also thinking about Easter and Spring Break! Admittedly, not all of us are fortunate enough to be able to take Spring Break off. Some of us were off for a few days earlier. Some will have to wait until summer to get some time off. Others get nervous even thinking about being off!

But all of us are looking toward Easter! The hope that we feel as we come together to worship God rises from the deepest places within us. It goes beyond the new clothes that we find the children wearing. It goes beyond the beauty of the flowers that we bring from our yards and use to "flower" the Cross in the churchyard. It goes beyond the powerful music that resonates from the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday—"Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "Up From the Grave He Arose," "He Lives," "Easter People Raise Your Voices," and all of the other stately Easter songs. Even the more somber Easter songs like "In the Garden" draw a response from us that comes from the heart. We are looking toward Easter and its promise of renewal and new life.

I think I have written before about my Grandmother's complaint one year at Easter. The minister had preached a powerful sermon about Easter and people being able to live with hope because of Jesus' resurrection. He had given some powerful examples of how we can keep going in this world when we know that God is in control and that we are in God's hands. It was one of those sermons that made me glad I had been there in worship. Then, on the way out the door, my Grandmother remarked with a sniff, "Didn't offer much for those of us who are getting close to death." If I had been chewing gum I would have swallowed it! The message that I was carrying from the sermon was that not even death can defeat God. The message that I was carrying was that no matter where we go or what we do, or what comes our way, our God is larger than the problems and is with us through whatever comes our way.

Since last Easter we have all had some experiences with death. Many of us have lost loved ones, others have stood close to families during their times of grief. Others have faced illnesses that have reminded us that we are in God's hands and that death comes to each of us. What a comfort it is to be able to proclaim with Paul that "Death has been swallowed up in victory." My feeling is that if God has been faithful and cared for us so far in our lives, will he not continue to be faithful and watch over us if we trust him even in the face of death? Easter is a reminder of God's faithfulness and love. It is a reminder of our hope through Jesus Christ.

Looking back at what my grandmother was experiencing I can see now that she was feeling the same sort of anxiety that we feel when we are looking at any major change in life—the first day of school, the first day of a new job, the first day of retirement... Just the change is frightening, even when we know that things are in God's hands and therefore under control. A natural anxiety is understandable, but we simply keep reminding ourselves that God is good and God is in control. Easter is our reminder of God's control and of God's faithfulness.

Somewhere in my files I have a copy of a poem that talks about God's faithfulness through all of life and death. In the margin of this particular copy is a handwritten note from a church member who was suffering from a serious illness. His prognosis was not good at all. He was aware of how serious things were, but wrote the following note: "There's nothing that I'm going to face today, Lord, that you and I can't handle."

Easter is our promise that there is nothing that God will not help us through! Our call is to put our trust in God and to celebrate the resurrection. Have a very happy Easter. God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
Sermon: “The Real Never Ending Story”

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

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: Renee Barker
 Nursery Infants: Kristen & Jamie Patterson
 Toddler Church: Jason & Meg Munn
 Children’s Church: Vicki & Chris Wood
 Acolyte: Amanda Breakfield

MONDAY 13

Disciple Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 14

Disciple Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
 Dulcimer Class..... 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 15

Trinity Travelers..... 12:00 noon
 Chancel Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 18

Worship & Altar Guild Workday

SUNDAY, April 19

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.

USHERS FOR APRIL: *Louis Ridinger, Ernie Wright, Sam Feemster, David Lancaster, Trip McGarity, David Breakfield.

TRUSTEES/APRIL: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/APRIL: Britt Snelling, Liz Brown & Debbie Black

WELCOME VISITORS/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/APRIL: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance April 5: 120
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) April 5: 52
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) April 5: 176
 Operating Fund received on April 5 \$9,688.33
 Operating Fund received up to April 5 \$84,834.56
 Budget goal up to April 5 (\$6,500 x 14)..... \$91,000.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Voight Hipp, Herb & Bessie Lowman, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey; with Carol France recovering at home following surgery, and with Clark Warren convalescing at Health South.

Also, we remember Inell Bolin, sister of Smokey Childers; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Bebe Benfield, mother of Fredda Lee Culbreth, now under hospice care at Sandpiper Nursing Home; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Congratulations to Chuck & Renee Feemster on the birth of their son, Noah Kendall, on March 14, 2009. Sam & Gay Feemster are the proud grandparents.

On Easter Sunday we continue the tradition of **Flowering the Cross**. Please bring blossoms from your yard to decorate the wire cross in front of Trinity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PATH REMINDER: Please think **DRIED BEANS**, when grocery shopping!

It’s Time To Knit, Crochet or Sew for UMCOR! The yarn for baby sweaters has been restocked and is located in the plastic bins in the Sunday School hall. There are a few pieces of fabric that can be made into book bags. Patterns for knitting, crocheting and sewing are located there as well. Several Trinity members have already been working and a number of sweaters have been completed. The UMCOR Team traveling to Sager Brown in October will carry these items with them. Thank you in advance for your support. The UMCOR Team

WOW! the UMM spent a gorgeous Saturday morning working on the outside of our church. They washed windows, and doors, spread pine needles, raked leaves, etc. **GOOD JOB, guys!** We thank you!

HOMECOMING CLEANING! Cleaning assignments have been refined – watch for specific details very soon!

IMPORTANT: Monday and Tuesday (April 20 & 21) the conference room, parlor, and galley kitchen will be closed for floor cleaning. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (April 22,23,24) all of Trinity Center will be closed for floor cleaning.

WHY ARE WE CLEANING? #1 We want the church to look especially nice for Homecoming. #2 Our contract with the cleaning service provides for a bare minimum of cleaning. The Board of Trustees plans to review the contract and decide what needs to be cleaned weekly/monthly/yearly within the limits of what we can afford to pay. As your group cleans, please check your area for cleaning problems or maintenance problems. Please report the problems to any members of the Board of Trustees or to Mary Jane Shuler (684-4539).



There will be no newsletter next week as Jill will be on vacation.

ALICE’S CORNER

My sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make “Virgil’s First Easter” dinner theatre a success! The cast of characters did a great job memorizing lines and putting it all together. George & Martha Bostic and all their wonderful kitchen helpers prepared, cooked, and served a tasty and delicious meal. Dawn McGarity and her team of servers left no one without beverages and food.

An event such as this certainly requires a host of people working together and it requires an audience. You responded by buying your tickets and supporting us.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

- Trinity Travelers will have their monthly covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, April 15. This is a week late due to Holy Week Services and lunch.
- The Older Adults will sponsor a trip to Johnson & Wales Culinary School in Charlotte on Tuesday, April 21. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am. We will tour the school and eat in their dining room for lunch. Cost is \$8.00 + tax (**cash only**). Please call Alice to put your name on the bus list. We can take cars if necessary.
- Two Flatrock Playhouse musicals – “Man of Lan Mancha” on June 24 and “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” on July 29 – tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$29.00 for each play. Sign up with Jill for one play or both. They will be a part of our summer programs. Only 15 tickets have been purchased for each play. Don’t Delay!

Homecoming

TUMC will be celebrating our *185th Year Anniversary* the weekend of April 25-26, 2009. Many exciting events are planned for this celebration as listed on the reply card below. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for some, or all, of these special events. We kindly request that you return the reply card by Monday, April 13, 2009. We are excited about this Homecoming celebration, and hope that you will invite your family and friends to come back “home” for this very special celebration.

**Trinity United Methodist Church
Homecoming Events**

Reply Card

Please check if you will attend.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

_____ **Trinity Cemetery Tour**– 1pm until 4pm, Opening Ceremony at Trinity, 1pm
 Yorkville Historical Society, Tickets \$4.00

_____ **Hot Dog Supper** – 6:30pm, Entertainment provided.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

_____ **Breakfast**, 9am in the Trinity Center

_____ **Worship Service**, 11am

_____ **Lunch**, following the Service in the Trinity Center

Name _____ **Number of family and friends attending** _____

Kindly return card by mail or place in drop boxes at the Church by Monday, April 13th.