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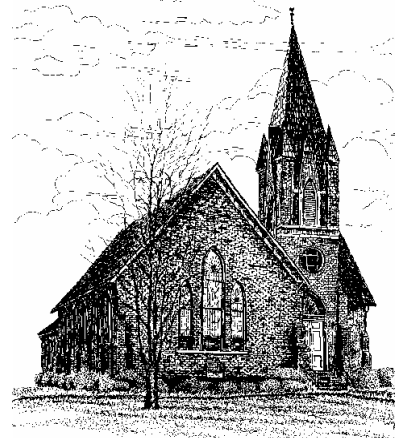
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



February 3, 2009

From the Pastor

Last week as I was reading www.interpretermagazine.org, I came across an article titled “If Your Church Closed Today...” by the Rev. Lovett H. Weems, Jr. In the article, Dr. Weems, who is professor of church leadership at Wesley Theological seminary asks, “If your church closed today, who would miss it other than your members?” Dr. Charles Johnson, who as Rock Hill DS several years ago and who now serves as Greenville DS once asked his pastors a similar question, “If your church disappeared, who in the community would even notice?” Have you ever wondered about how much of a difference our congregation makes in the life of our community?

As I was writing the paragraph above I had a horrible question run through my mind: if you or I were to disappear off of the face of the earth, who would notice? Who would care? Now, I know that our families would miss us. I know that our children and grandchildren would miss us. But how different would things be in the grand scheme of things? I didn't watch “It's a Wonderful Life” this year at Christmas, but I guess I am asking the “George Bailey Question.” When you take a moment and think about it, each one of us touches large numbers of lives on a daily basis—from the folks we live with or talk to on the phone to the people who wait on us at the grocery store, to the customer service folks we speak to when we have questions or complaints.

One year the church I served invited a former pastor to come back for Homecoming. As we were making the preparations, one of the ladies who was very faithful in her service to the congregation confided in me that this particular pastor had really messed up in his relationship with her. She was there every Sunday, sitting near the front. She always had a word of encouragement about the ministries of the church, and she always was willing to share a poem or prayer that she thought might be meaningful, but when she was sick and in the hospital for three weeks, the former pastor had not even seemed to notice that she was gone. She said, “I'll bet he won't even remember my name.” After the homecoming service he and I were standing in the door greeting people as they went toward the Fellowship Hall for lunch. When Miss Merle came up to shake hands, she gave me a sidelong glance, and shook the former pastor's hand. “And who are you?” he asked her. I learned a great lesson—we all like to be remembered and we all like to be noticed. I may not always succeed, but I've tried ever since then to be aware of who isn't present, and to let them know that we miss them.

In many ways the question of usefulness, of mattering, is an important one for all of us. We want to be noticed and known. We want to be appreciated and missed. We want to matter. If, as a church, we don't do anything that matters, if we don't touch lives with hope and grace, then we are missing our calling. If we don't bear witness to God's love and grace through Jesus Christ, we aren't being the church we were made to be. If as individuals we don't touch other lives with encouragement and hope, with a sense of God's love and grace, then we aren't being the people we were made to be.

Take some time this week to think about the people you would miss if you didn't see them. How can you let them know that they are important to you and matter to you? Take some time to think about the folks who may not have anyone close to them who matters. How can you share God's love with them? Think about our mission and ministry at Trinity. How can we continue to build a ministry that touches lives? How can we continue to be faithful to our calling and make a difference for God in York?

Let's work together not for our own reward but for God's glory and grace.

Gene Feagin, Pastor

February 8, 2009 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “Working for the Lord”

SUNDAY, February 8

UMMen	8:00 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.
Families-Moonshine Mountain Snowtubing.....	11:15 a.m.
Barbecue Lunch.....	12:00 noon
Biddy 3 Basketball Practice.....	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Biddy 1 & 2 Basketball Practice.....	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class (Beginners).....	5:00 p.m.
Altar Guild.....	5:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	Jack Benfield Class
Lay Reader:	Dick Sweigart
Nursery Infants:	Marsha & Kevin Smiley
Toddler Church:	Jon & Julie Martin
Children’s Church:	Terri & Lee Keller
Acolyte:	Emma Patterson

MONDAY 9

Disciple Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY 10

Disciple Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Mite Boys Basketball Practice	4:30-6:00 p.m.
Mite Girls Basketball Practice	6-7:30 p.m.
Dulcimer Class	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 11

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

THURSDAY 12

Mite Boys Basketball Practice.....	4:30-6:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, February 15

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.
Biddy 3 Basketball Practice.....	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Biddy 1 & 2 Basketball Practice.....	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Jr.Hi.UMYF – Bowling	4:00 p.m.
Sr. Hi.UMYF	6:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, Tony Roberts, Chris Wood, Mike Smith, Keith McSwain.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: FRIENDS Class

TRUSTEES/FEB: Lee Keller & Keith McSwain

ALTAR GUILD/FEB: Libby Brown & Cynthia Bradford

WELCOME VISITORS/FEB: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/FEB: Sandra Deyton

PATH FOOD OF THE MONTH: Breakfast food – any kind, any size.

Sunday School Attendance February 1:	125
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) February 1:	50
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) February 1:	144
Operating Fund received on February 1	\$7,598.63
Operating Fund received up to February 1	\$31,951.67
Budget goal up to February 1 (\$6,500 x 5).....	\$32,500.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of Mary Meeler by Carol Moody.

HONORARIUM to the Sudan Fund

In Honor of Sam & Gay Feemster by The Bible Study Class.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Pim Van Everdingen, John Smith, Voight Hipp, Justus Chol, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Vida Lee Stewart; and with Joe McCorkle now at Spring Arbor in Rock Hill.

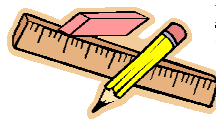
Also, we remember Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Bebe Benfield, mother of Fredda Lee Culbreth, now under hospice care at Sandpiper Nursing Home; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp’s sister; Karen Duncan,

one of the members of our Mississipp/Katrina Team; Helen “Mimi” Riddle, mother of Harriet Wilkins; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; John Sherer, cousin of Denise Mitchell; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Joyce Robbins, friend of Mere McCoy; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Sam Carpenter.

Barbeque TICKETS Are Still AVAILABLE.

Sunday, February 8th, the Sudan Team will be serving barbeque from 12 noon until 3:00 PM. **Tickets WILL be sold at the door.** This is a change from the original plan, but we hope you will take this opportunity to help us spread the “word” to others to come and have lunch with us. Those who are going with “Miss Alice” may eat before you leave for you trip. Ticket holders may eat in or have take out plates. Also, the barbeque will be sold by the pound if you wish to purchase some. Thank you in advance for supporting our mission efforts.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING this Sunday, February 8 at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary.



HELP - Would the person who made sewing kits with the **6 inch plastic rulers** please let Jill know “WHERE” you bought the rulers? Several folks have had trouble finding them. Thanks.

ATTENTION!! “Virgil’s First Easter” a dinner theatre comedy play will be presented in the Trinity Center on Saturday night April 4 beginning at 6:30 pm. The playwright is the same person who wrote “Cricket County Christmas” so laughs and smiles will abound. Watch for more details! Your favorite Trinity actors and actresses will be performing again – you won’t want to miss it! This is your **advance notice.**

The Salkehatchie Summer Service brochure has arrived with 47 different places to serve throughout the state of SC. Participants must be 14 years old by the start of their chosen camp. Cost is \$200.00. (Reminder the church pays ½ if you are a member.) Come by the office or see Alice for an application and brochure.

The Faith Explorers Class will begin a new study “The Jesus I Never Knew” on Sunday, February 15. The book by Philip Yancy helps us take a closer look at the biblical Jesus and his motivations. Yancy will help us gain new perspectives on what it truly means to be a follower of Christ. Come join us! Alice will be the leader for this study!

ALICE’S CORNER

Thank you to all who contributed money or staple cans and food to the Souper Bowl of Caring offering. We received \$400.00 and almost a wagon full of food items to aid PATH in their efforts to help those in need.

- Plans are being made for snowtubing at Moonshine Mountain this Sunday, February 8. Families and youth of all ages are welcome. We will attend early worship, Sunday School, eat a barbecue lunch, and then depart to Hendersonville and play in the snow. **Please contact Alice if you plan to attend.** We will take the church bus and cars. Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. UMYF will be snowtubing.
- The Older Adults** are planning an evening for supper and fellowship at the Concord Cove Restaurant on Thursday evening, February 19. (It is their \$12.00 special night.) Please let Alice or Jill know by Thursday, February 12 if you would like to go. Reservations are necessary. We will take the church bus and cars!



To save money, insulate your water heater and turn it down to 121 degrees.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (FEB. 6 & 7)

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Biddy B	Feb. 6 – 6:15 pm	Mt. Holly	@	Ebenezer
Biddy A	Feb. 6 – 7:00 pm	OAPC	@	Ebenezer
Biddy 3	Feb. 6 – 5:30 pm	OBC B	@	OAPC
Mite Girls	Feb. 7 – 9:00 am	St. Johns	@	OAPC
Mite Boys	Feb. 7 – 9:00 am	OAPC B	@	Tirzah