

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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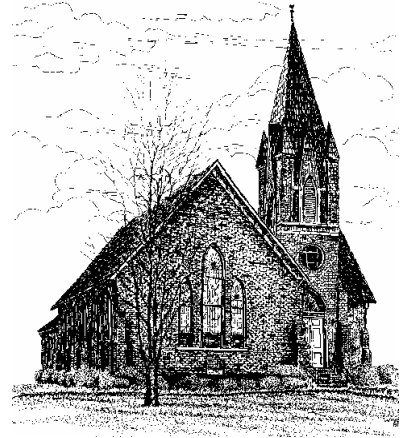
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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



January 5, 2010

## From the Pastor

**From the Pastor:** I promise that I didn't write what you find below. It was placed on my desk by a "fly" who wishes to remain anonymous, and I want to share it with you.

Reflections from a "Trinitonian" Fly

I'll bet you are surprised to be getting this note from a fly and not from your pastor! I've lived around Trinity all my life, and boy, have I seen changes abound in 2009. My rest has been sorely interrupted this past year. Why, there is barely any room available in which to light and repose on Sunday mornings at Trinity during the Sunday School hour. And where during the week in years past I had the run of the place (except for the offices) this past year I've been run out of my favorite hiding spots by such groups as NESEI Crafters, Mission Team meetings, Released Time for Bible Education meetings, unexpected (to me at least) meal gatherings, counseling sessions, brainstorming sessions. I could plan my week in the past around circle meetings, Trinity Travelers, dulcimer groups, and basketball. You all have certainly made it hard for a fly to find a place of solitude around here.

This fly is also sensitive to the vibrations of excitement that have been flying around. Toddler Church, new Sunday School classes, the great children's programs elicit high velocity tremors of involvement that make a fly dizzy! Not to mention the choir!

This fly has, sadly, noticed a few holes in the pews where people used to sit on Sunday. I know that a few of those holes were caused when old friends passed away, but what about those back pews where the youth used to sit? I miss sneaking up behind them to hear the latest school gossip. I've also noticed that there are more offering envelopes left in the pews. Now they make a good place for a fly to snuggle down between to take a good nap but is that what they are there for?

I don't know what this fly's life will be like in 2010. Are Trinitonians going to let a fly get some rest? OR will this fly be chased from the Sanctuary to the Trinity Center by an excited Trinity congregation intent on living up to their vows of time, talents, gifts and service?  
Signed, AFly from Trinity

**Reflection from your Pastor:** When I found the reflections from the "Trinitonian Fly" on my desk I had already sent a pastor's page to Jill to be printed on the front of this week's Trinity in Touch. The thoughts of the fly really speak much more eloquently than my words about what really matters as we look ahead into 2010. Where I was going to nag about attendance and giving and NewSong and nominations and programming needs, the fly speaks about the need we have to live up to our vows, to worship and to grow in ways that reflect our love for God and God's love for us. Trinity is an exciting place to be, and 2010 is a very good time for each of us to resolve to keep excited and to keep the excitement going. Maybe the "Trinitonian Fly" will buzz in later in the year and give us an update on how he/she sees things going.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**  
**Scriptures:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17. 21-22  
**Sermon:** "Called By Name"

*Passionate Spirituality*

*I evaluate cultural ideals and lifestyles by Biblical Standards." Where do you fall on the 1-5 rating on this one? How often do we ask ourselves what the Bible has to say about a particular idea or concern? What do you do when you feel the clash between Christ and Culture? This question calls for a lot of prayer and reflection, doesn't it?*

**SUNDAY, January 10**

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Children's Choir Practice..... 9:40 a.m.  
 NESEI Crafters Meeting in the Parlor ..... 9:40 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Bidy (5-9) Basketball Practice ..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Novice Dulcimer Class ..... 4:00 p.m.  
 Beginner Dulcimer Class ..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Bidy (5-7) Basketball Practice ..... 4:30 p.m.  
 SPRC Meeting ..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Trustees Meeting..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Sr.Hi.UMYF ..... 6:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry: Circle #4  
 Lay Reader: Debbie Black  
 Nursery Infants: Kristen & Jamie Patterson  
 Toddler Church: Stacy & Chip Rampey  
 Children's Church: Sandy Pursley & Dawn McGarity  
 Acolyte: Sarah Grace Garner

**MONDAY 11**

UMW Executive Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 12**

Adults – Movie & Supper ..... Meet at the church at 2:30 p.m.  
 Dulcimer Class..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Basketball ..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 13**

Trinity Travelers ..... 12:00 p.m.  
 Mite Girls Basketball Practice ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, January 17**

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.  
 Sudan Mission Trip to Wau ..... 4:00 p.m.  
 Lay Leadership Team Meeting ..... 4:00 p.m.  
 Bidy (5-7)Basketball Practice ..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Contemporary Worship Service..... 6:00 p.m.

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:** \*Johnny McCoy, Melvin KcKeown, Julian Dickerson, Ronnie Cowart, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

**TRUSTEES/JANUARY:** Steve Boyd & Jamie Patterson

**ALTAR GUILD/JANUARY:** Judy Hanners & Libby Brown

**WELCOME VISITORS/JANUARY:** Senior High Class

**VISITOR CARDS/JANUARY:**

**PATH FOOD OF THE MONTH:** Toilet Paper, Paper Towels (can't be purchased with food stamps)

Sunday School Attendance Jan 3: 107  
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Jan 3: 43  
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Jan 3: 102  
 Operating Fund received on January 3 ..... \$5,580.00  
 Budget goal up to January 3 (\$6,524 x 1)..... \$6,524.00

**MEMORIALS**

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

**Mac Alexander** by Blanche Alexander.

**Henry Wright** by Lee & Terri Alford.

**Voight Hipp** by Howard G. Royal, Jr.

**HONORARIA to the Mississippi/Katrina Fund**

**In honor of Johnny & Diane Wine** by John, Kathy, Finley & Madison Wine.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Isem Pennington, Louise Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bebe Benfield, and Jimmie Pridmore.

**Also, we remember** 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Tracy Payne, as he serves in Afghanistan this year; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; Jean Chason, friend of Ellen Jones; Rena Walden, former Trinity member; Jean Whittington, friend of Renee Barker; Landon Pertuset, friend of Edgar Hardin; Harold Wilson, father of Alicia Breakfield; Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Congratulations** to the Elementary 5, 6 Class and the Faith Explorers Class for winning the Advent Church School Challenge. The Elementary 5,6 Class averaged 6.4 for most of 2009. During Advent they averaged 9.6—or 110% of their average. The Faith Explorers averaged 7.75 for most of the year and then averaged 175% of that, or 13.6 for Advent. Let's keep up the good work.

**There will be a UMW Executive Committee meeting** on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. All executive members are requested to be present.

**Let's go to Wau!**

The Trinity Mission Team will sponsor a team to travel to Wau, Sudan in 2010. Dates for work will be in July. If you have an interest or feel led to this mission work with the NESEI Schools, consider this trip. Our work will be in the town of Wau where NESEI has students in four schools. Possible areas of work are: sports activities, debate training, the school garden, one on one work with the girls in English (a top priority), art instruction, basic sewing, drama, music, working at the Sister Gracie Health Center or banana pudding making. Team leaders will be Bud and Suzanne Jones and space is limited. An initial meeting for interested persons will be held on January 17th at 4 PM in the conference room.

**NESEI Crafters Meeting**

**All workers** who helped with the nativities and necklaces are asked to meet in the parlor at 9:40 next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a very short meeting to discuss the dispersal of the profits to NESEI and the "status" of remaining necklaces. See you Sunday.

**Can you sew?**

If the answer is a little or a lot, do we have news for you!!! Watch the newsletter this month for information.

**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 8 & 9)**

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Bidy (5-7)	Jan. 8 – 6:15 pm	Neelys Creek B	@	Ebenezer
Bidy A	Jan. 8 – 7:45 pm	OBC C	@	Woodland
Bidy B	Jan. 8 – 7:45 pm	OBC B	@	Tirzah ARP
Mite Girls	Jan. 9 – 10:00 am	St. Johns UMC	@	Tirzah ARP
Mite Boys	Jan. 9 – 1:00 pm	OAPC B	@	Tirzah ARP
Senior Boys	Jan. 9 – 11:00 am	Tirzah ARP	@	Ebenezer ARP

### ALICE'S CORNER

- Let me welcome you to a new year! The opportunity lies ahead for spiritual growth, to build a stronger and expanded community of faith, and to reach out to those seeking all that Trinity offers. Come let us work together as we follow God's call.
- All adults are invited to a movie (The Blind Side) and supper on Tuesday, January 12. Meet at the church at 2:30 pm. We will fill the church bus and then carpool.
- It's probably not too late to attend the Older Adult Spiritual Life Retreat at Springmaid Beach February 2-4, 2010. Dr. Leonard Sweet will be the featured speaker. To register call 1-888-678-6272. The fellowship, worship, singing and meditation with hundreds of other SC Methodists is wonderful. Come join the eight already registered.
- Church Basketball begins this Friday night for our three Bidy teams and Saturday for our Mite Boys and Girls, and Senior Boys. Look for game times and locations each week in the newsletter. We have approximately 55 children and youth playing on Trinity teams. Come for some great basketball and loads of fun and fellowship.
- The Sr. Hi. & Jr. Hi. Youth will meet at 6:00 pm this Sunday night to discuss their upcoming retreat "Revolution" in Columbia, January 22-24. Come share in fellowship and stay tuned to what is happening.
- Salkehatchie Summer Service 2010 application forms are available in the office. This program is for youth age 14 years old by the starting date of their chosen camp. There are 48 camps to choose from this summer.