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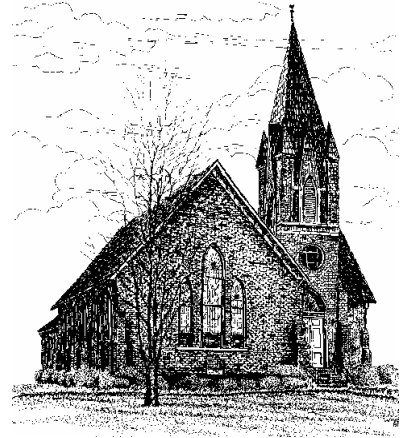
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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January 12, 2009

From the Pastor

With the arrival of a New Year comes a new set of challenges and promises. We have been busy in the church office closing out the books, finishing up year-end reports and handling a lot of details like these. Of course, these sorts of things will go on for a few more weeks, with year-end statements of giving, the Annual Report to the Annual Conference office, preparation of W-2s and similar activities. At the same time, our computer programs are being changed over to 2010, the budget figures in the newsletter reflect 2010 budget and new dreams and plans. After a few weeks for organization we will have copies of our budget and our officers for 2010 all available for the members. This is all a part of moving into a new year.

One of the most significant and important ways in which we move into 2010 will take place on January 24th when the Council on Ministries meets for the first time this year. At this meeting we are asking all program ministry team leaders and the age level coordinators and others to bring their calendars and their dreams and plans. Most of these teams will not have met yet for the first time this year, so this meeting will be a goal-setting, dream-sharing time. In many ways this meeting will be coming up with a "road map" for our programs for 2010. After we have a clearer idea of where we are planning to go in 2010 we will have a clearer idea of what we will need to do in order to get there.

One way that everybody can help is to take advantage of the opportunity that is on the bulletin board outside the Conference Room. The folks from the Church Health Team who have adopted this bulletin board as a place to share information and news articles and notes about Trinity families have set it up as a place for dreaming. The question on the board is, "What are some of your dreams for Trinity in 2010?" There are slips of paper available so that you can share your dream. If everyone who passes by the board would take a moment to share a dream we would have a good idea of some of the dreams that we have.

One of the dreams already there says, "NO empty pews." How do we meet that dream? It takes each one of us first deciding to be more faithful in our attendance, and then deciding to invite others to join us for worship on Sunday mornings. We are blessed with great music, great musicians, an absolutely fabulous choir, a beautiful setting for worship and all that we need is more folks present to fill the pews! Who can you invite?

One of my personal dreams is that our NewSong service on Sunday night will take off and meet the needs of a new group of folks. The music is contemporary, the setting is informal, the Praise Team is outstanding and the service always touches folks in a number of ways. We are looking for folks to take part, for folks to help in many ways with the service. Contact me or Eric Johnston with any ideas or suggestions.

Another of my personal dreams is that we become more engaged in Bible Study as a congregation. For the past few years we have offered at least one short-term Disciple Bible Study each year. We plan on offering the Disciple study of Psalms beginning in February. Watch the newsletter and the bulletin boards in the hallway for more information and for a sign-up sheet.

In the meanwhile, let us know where you feel God leading Trinity as a congregation. Share your dreams with the rest of the congregation. Pray for the Council on Ministries as we prepare for our January 24 meeting. Pray for the Lay Leadership and Nominations Team as we meet Sunday. Don't be afraid to step up and meet a need! We need every member of Trinity to work together.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, January 17, 2010
Scriptures: Isaiah 62:1-5: John 2:1-11
Sermon: "Doing What We're Told"

Passionate Spirituality

Please rate yourself from 1-5 (never to always) on this statement: "I can answer questions about life and faith from a biblical perspective." Very few of us will find ourselves at either extreme on this one. In order to answer from a biblical perspective we need to have a clear understanding of what the Bible says. We have to be able to reflect on life and faith. We have to grow in our understanding of how God helps us as we let our understanding of the things of God lead us in our daily lives.

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.
 Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF approx. 7:30 p.m.

Flower Ministry: Circle #4
 Lay Reader: Renee Barker
 Nursery Infants: Meg & Jason Munn
 Toddler Church: Marsha & Kevin Smiley
 Children's Church: April & Mike Smith
 Acolyte: Briana Pursley

MONDAY 18

York/Clover Cluster meeting @ St. Paul's UMC 6:30 p.m.
 Circle #4 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 19

Mite Boys Basketball Practice 4:00-5:30 p.m.
 Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 20

Trustees meeting 5:30 p.m.
 Mite Girls Basketball Practice 6:30 p.m.
 Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 21

Mite Boys Basketball Practice 4-5:30 p.m.
 Junior Troop 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 22

Youth "Revolution" Retreat (Jan 22-24)

SUNDAY, January 24

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.
 Bidy (5-9) Basketball Practice 3:00 p.m.
 Novice Dulcimers 4:00 p.m.
 Beginner Dulcimers 4:30 p.m.
 Bidy (5-7) Basketball Practice 4:30 p.m.
 Council on Ministries 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: Susan Jones

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

Sunday School Attendance Jan 10: 119
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Jan 10: 35
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Jan 10: 138
 Operating Fund received on January 10 \$7,206.29
 Operating Fund received up to January 10 \$12,786.29
 Budget goal up to January 10 (\$6,524 x 2) \$13,048.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Also, we remember 1st Sgt. Tracy Payne, as he serves in Afghanistan this year; Marilyn Young, friend of Patsy Freeman; 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.

Mark your calendars for January 31. Our 5th Sunday School time will be a very special one. We will offer breakfast from 9:30-10:00 or so. Those who attend the early service can come after worship and enjoy breakfast. Those who come to the 11:00 service can come at their usual time, enjoy breakfast and then worship. We also are planning a special program from 10:10 to 10:30 as usual. Join us for this special 5th Sunday.

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 late July or possibly October. 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.

10 Scholarships - The NESEI Crafters voted to use profits earned from the sale of the necklaces and nativities to send 10 girls to NESEI schools for the coming year. This totals \$5000. Earlier last fall, \$2000 was also sent to purchase sewing machines.

THANK YOU Trinity for your generous spirit and willingness to help others in need!!!

ALICE'S CORNER

- 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 continues 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.
- 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.
- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. youth will meet immediately following the contemporary worship service, January 17, to finalize all plans and pay fees for Revolution, the youth retreat in Columbia they will be attending.
- Plans are being made for our families to go snowtubing in February. Watch for details.
- SOUPER BOWL will be held February 7. The youth will be collecting soup cans and money in Soup pots to help fight hunger here in York School District #1. Our gifts will support PATH. Plan now to help and give.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 15 & 16)

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Bidy (5-7)	Jan. 15 - 5:30 pm	Tirzah ARP	@	Tirzah ARP
Bidy A	Jan. 15 - 7:45 pm	Bethesda	@	Woodland UMC
Bidy B	Jan. 15 - 7:00 pm	OBC C	@	OAPC
Mite Girls	Jan. 16 - 11:00 am	OBC	@	St. Johns UMC
Mite Boys	Jan. 16 - 2:00 pm	Neely's Creek	@	Woodland UMC
Senior Boys	Jan. 16 - 9:00 am	St. Johns A	@	Tirzah ARP