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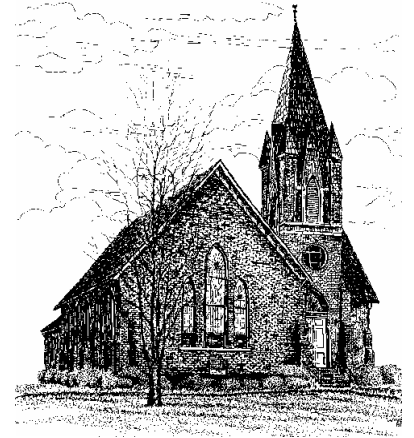
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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From the Pastor

I don't know when we first noticed him. I know that Anna had spotted the elderly gentleman sitting in front of a sliding glass door in a house between our house and Winthrop one morning while we were taking Travis to work. After a few days of noticing him sitting there, blinds open so that he could catch the first rays of the sunrise, she pointed him out to me. Then we both began to watch. Sometimes when it was cloudy or dark he wouldn't be there. Sometimes when we went up the road to take Travis he wouldn't be there and then he'd be there when we were on our way home.

After some time we noticed that he wasn't there as often. Sometimes we'd see him on Mondays and Tuesdays and not for the rest of the week. Other times the house would be dark for most of a week. Sometimes there would be a yard full of cars and we'd guess that someone was ill, or that the family was gathering for another purpose. We never stopped, never even knew his name. Many times I would say a silent prayer for him as we drove by the house.

You can see what's coming: one day as we drove by we realized that things had really changed. We were able to tell that there had been a death at the house. For several days the blinds remained closed, and nobody seemed to go into the room with the sliding glass door and the overstuffed chair facing out. Then there were more changes—patio furniture appeared outside the sliding glass doors, then the blinds were opened and the furniture inside had been rearranged, then the furniture was covered and it began to look like the house was being painted. And we noticed all of this as we zipped up the road toward Rock Hill and then back down the road to the parsonage early in the morning taking Travis to work and then in the mid-afternoon when we were bringing Travis home. An anonymous man who probably never recognized the car that passed his house up and down the road twice a day—and yet we watched things change.

I know that there are some folks who imagine God as being even more impersonal and uninvolved in the lives of his children than simply looking in four times a day or so for less than 30 seconds at a time. I know that it is hard for us to understand how God can be personally related to each of us to the point where Jesus can say that the hairs on our head are numbered and he knows us by name. Yet, our faith tells us that God's love for us is deeper and greater than we can even imagine, and that he does know us and love us by name. The Chancel Choir is singing a wonderful anthem this Sunday at 11:00 that exalts God and says, "He knows my name." What a wonderful promise it is that God loves us and knows us by name. Our God is not a "drive-by" God, but a personally involved and loving God, who took human flesh when nothing else would work to bring us back into the right relationship with him. Our God is a "hands-on" God who loves us and cares for us even when we aren't ready to be faithful and involved with him in the same way.

In I Corinthians 13 Paul reminds us that now we only see in part, and understand only the dim reflection of what God's love is like. He says that we see in part, but that we will reach the time when we will see face to face and know fully, **even as we have been fully known**. In the times we live in, when we don't understand all we are experiencing, isn't it wonderful to know that we serve a God who knows and loves? Whatever you're facing this week, just remember that God knows and loves you and is with you through all of it.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

SAVE THE DATE – UMW is having a Daughter Banquet (all females are daughters) on Saturday, April 24 at 11:30 am. Tickets will be sold and Alice is planning on having a skit.

Thanks, Trinity

Last week, Trinity received the following note from Anita Henderlight and NESEI for our donation of 10 girl’s scholarships for the coming year. Please see the mission bulletin board for the original note of thanks and pictures.

“To the Trinity UMC Family:

For your continued prayers, financial support, and constant encouragement, ‘Thank You!’ On behalf of the students in Sudan, receive our joy-filled chorus of appreciation and love! ‘We sing for the Lord is our light!’ ”

**Peace and Blessings,
Anita and NESEI”**

ALICE’S CORNER

- The football teams are set and will get ready to play! How will you prepare for SOUPER Bowl on February 7? The youth will be collecting soup and money in soup pots after both worship services. These contributions will be given to PATH to help fight hunger here in York School District #1. Go to the store in the next two weeks and buy some extra soups or stews and go to the bank and get some money to share. Prepare for this “special Souper Bowl offering”!
- A Trinity Church Family and friends snowtubing trip is planned for Sunday, February 21. We will leave after Sunday School and go to Moonshine Mountain outside of Hendersonville, NC. We will take the church bus and carpool. The group rate is \$20.00 per person for 2 hours of tubing. Let Alice know if you are going.
- The Sr. High youth will attend the movie “To Save A Life” this Sunday afternoon, January 31. Meet at the church at 3:00 pm and bring money for supper. This film explores how saving a life could be just a matter of opening our ears to the cries of those hurting through the dramatic story of Jake Taylor.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 29 & 30)

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Biddy (5-7)	Jan. 29 – 6:15 pm	First Pres York	@	Tirzah ARP
Biddy A	Jan. 29 – 7:45 pm	Trinity Biddy B	@	Woodland UMC
Mite Girls	Jan. 30 – 12:00 pm	Neelys Creek	@	Tirzah ARP
Mite Boys	Jan. 30 – 10:00 am	St. Mary’s	@	St. Johns
Senior Boys	Jan. 30 – 1:00 pm	St. Johns B	@	Woodhaven Bapt