

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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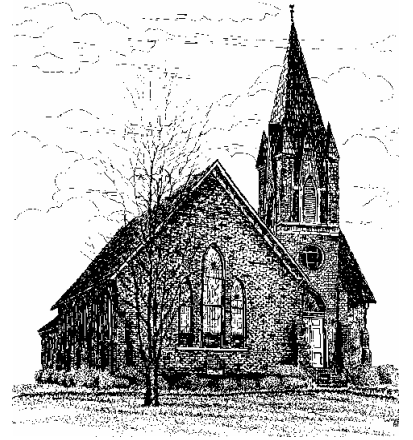
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



January 27, 2009

From the Pastor

I know that most of you have read Miss Alice's note in the bulletin and in last week's Trinity in Touch about this being the 20th anniversary of the Sunday on which the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia were moved by a simple prayer to begin a project to help those who are hungry. This simple prayer: **"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat,"** touched the lives of the young people at Spring Valley, and began something that still touches lives 20 years later. The folks from Spring Valley invited 21 other congregations to join them in collecting \$5,700 which was donated to local charities that provide assistance to those in need. Over the past 20 years, more than \$50 million has been raised in cash and food for organizations that fight hunger. "From a single prayer and a single youth group, the Souper Bowl of Caring has become a powerful nationwide movement that touches more lives each year."

In my mind, the Souper Bowl of Caring is one of the most effective ways there could be for helping those in need. It doesn't take much work, it doesn't take much time, and yet it makes a big difference. As our young people begin to look at the needs around them, to look at the work that PATH does, and to ask how they can help, God often touches them with a sense of love and compassion. Over the years our kids have participated in such projects as the "Thirty Hour Famine" and "CROP Walk." All of these projects also make hunger real and show how people can make a difference through simple actions and careful, prayerful planning. I can testify that the needs in our area are increasing, and all we can do to help will make a difference in the lives of folks around us.

But did you notice how the idea for the Souper Bowl of Caring grew? It started as a response to a prayer in one youth group. It moved from the youth group to the congregation, from that congregation to 21 other congregations, and from there around the world! It started small and grew. It started locally and expanded nationally. Sometimes we forget that we have as much power as we do to affect the way things are here and around the world. Sometimes we forget that when we start with prayer, with real openness to God's guidance, and when we continue to remain close to God, God will take our local efforts and bless them and use them. Jesus didn't start his church with a mega-movement, he started by calling disciples one by one and teaching and ministering and sharing. Remember our mantra for the Sundays after Pentecost—"from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria and the ends of the earth." We start where we are and we let God guide us as we grow and move in the direction that God would have us to move.

So, where are our concerns? What needs are moving you? Why not start with prayer and see where God leads you? In the 1st chapter of Mark's Gospel we read about the beginning of Jesus' ministry—with prayer and with God's presence so strong that the crowds begin to be moved by Jesus' teaching and authority. What will God do with us if we are open to his guidance? How much of a difference can we make if we are serious about listening to God?

Spiritual growth within the church, outreach into our community, helping meet the needs of those who are struggling, offering worship that helps all people connect with God, teaching our children and encouraging our youth: God will help us meet all of these needs and more when we begin together in prayer and faith.

God bless each one as we work and worship together. Gene Feagin, Pastor

February 1, 2009 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: “The Teacher with Authority”

SUNDAY, February 1 – Souper Bowl Of Caring

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.
Evangelism Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Lay Reader: Wendy Goss	
Nursery Infants: Kristen & Jamie Patterson	
Toddler Church: Matt & Christina Dover	
Children’s Church: Alicia & Davey Breakfield	
Acolyte: Rush Johnston	

MONDAY 2

Circle #1 & #3 @ Mary Sue Burns.....	10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Circle #2	6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 3

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.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.
Circle #4	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 4

Fellowship Supper	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 5

Mite Boys Basketball Practice.....	4:30-6:00 p.m.
Brownie Troop 3495.....	6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 6

Red Cross Blood Drive.....	12:30-5:30 p.m.
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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.

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

WELCOME VISITORS/FEB: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/FEB: Sandra Deyton

Sunday School Attendance January 25:	124
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) January 25:	50
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) January 25:	146
Operating Fund received on January 18	\$4,356.50
January 25	\$5,876.82
Operating Fund received up to January 25	\$24,353.04
Budget goal up to January 25 (\$6,500 x 4).....	\$26,000.00

MEMORIALS

To the Sudan Fund in memory of Molly Ferguson by The Donnie Shuler Family.

To the Operating Fund in memory of Mary Meeler by John & Frances Howe; Eddie & Susan Jones; Trinity Travelers; The Jack Benfield Class.

HONORARIA to the Sudan Fund

In Honor of Marshall Thomas by The UMMen.

In memory of Curtis Coomer by The UMMen.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

The Mullis Family, 242 Tanager Drive, York.
Taylor Healy, 4759 Lockhart Hwy, Sharon

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; and with Vida Lee Stewart who is at Westminster Health & Rehab Center.

Also, we remember 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; and Harold Dickson.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received by the youth following our worship services this Sunday, February 1. Also, bring cans of soup for the wagon to worship service and our children will collect it. (See if we can fill it up- it is a big one!)

FOOD, FOOD, FOOD

Take a break from cooking the first week in February. The Trinity Sudan Mission Team will be preparing the **First Wednesday Supper** on **February 4th**. The menu includes baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, fruit, biscuits, dessert, tea and coffee all for \$4.00 per person or \$15 for a family. On Sunday, **February 8th**, the team will be serving a **BBQ lunch** after church. Serving will be from noon until 3 PM. Plates will feature BBQ, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert, tea and coffee for \$7 per person. You may choose to eat in or have take out plates. Plan to purchase your BBQ tickets at church on February 1st. Help us by “spreading the word” about this lunch. Thanks and blessings to you for your continued support of missions at Trinity. All proceeds will go toward the expenses of the Sudan Mission Team.



URGENT! BREAKFAST FOODS! PATH is desperately low on breakfast foods. When shopping, please look for deals on ANY breakfast items – grits, cereal, oatmeal, bars, etc. Thank you for the PATH team.

Please continue to save Campbell Soup labels and box tops and put in the box in the hallway. This is an ongoing project for the Wallace Family Life Center.

Ellen Jones is the new President of Trinity UMW. Thank you Ellen for stepping forward to take the position.

Circle #1 and Circle #3 have combined their membership. Judy Hanners and Anne Hipp are serving as Co-Chairs.

ALICE’S CORNER

- The Older Adults will go to lunch and a movie this Thursday, January 29. Meet at the church at 11:00 am.
- The Jr. Hi. UMYF and Sr. Hi. UMYF will enjoy the Super Bowl with family and friends this Sunday night February 1.
- Plans are being made for snowtubing at Moonshine Mountain on 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.
- Don’t forget about the Parenting Seminar “Understanding Your Teenager” with Duffy Robbins at St. John’s UMC on February 22 from 5-8 pm. This is the last week to get reduced priced tickets.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (JAN 30 & 31)

Team	Date & Time	Opponent		Location
Biddy A	Jan. 30 – 7:00 pm	OBC A	@	OAPC
Biddy B	Jan. 30 – 7:45 pm	OAPC	@	OAPC
Biddy 3	Jan. 30 – 6:15 pm	Ebenezer	@	Tirzah
Mite Girls	Jan. 31 – 11:00 am	OBC	@	Tirzah
Mite Boys	Jan. 31 – 2:00 pm	OBC A	@	Woodland