

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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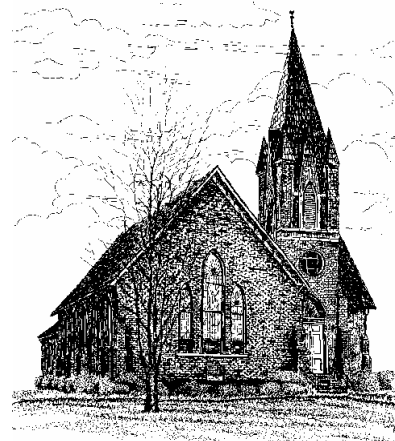
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



July 28, 2009

From the Pastor

It's hard to believe that August is almost upon us! July flew past us. The end of June and the first of July are traditionally the time when I take part in Continuing Education events, and this year was no exception. For one week Anna and Travis and I attended Music and Liturgical Arts Week at Lake Junaluska. During that week I attended workshops on Contemporary Worship, on worship planning and preparation and other topics that will help us as we continue to seek to plan worship experiences that are meaningful to all of us. For part of another week I took part in the Southeastern Jurisdiction Ministry Summit, also at Lake Junaluska. This workshop was sponsored by the Alban Institute and dealt with "Faith and Everyday Leadership: Reinventing the Church for the 21st Century." Again, there were wonderfully helpful topics that will help us as we move forward in ministry together. It was wonderful to be able to reflect "We're already doing that at Trinity" several times as the leader spoke about the ways that the congregation needs to encourage all people to become leaders and ministers.

We are fast approaching the time when things seem to "fire back up" even though we passed an official policy that we would not have a summer slump this year. (If you look at our attendance figures for last Sunday and our offering for last Sunday you may think that many of us violated the no slump policy!) One of the circles is meeting next week. The Mission Team is pushing our Back to School offerings to PATH. Our adult Bible Study groups will be starting back in September. We are beginning to look toward our November Charge Conference. Before long the Lay Leadership Team, the Finance Team, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the other bodies that are responsible for preparing for next year will begin to meet and make plans. This is where we need the input of each one in the Trinity family. I am excited about the way we are growing here. Our NewSong Service, which picks up in August, is a great way to reach a need that has been felt and expressed by many people. Our Mission emphasis is touching lives in York, in South Carolina, in the US and in Africa. Our Education team has worked wonders with Vacation Bible School and with our Church School program. The United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women are continuing to minister in ways that make a difference in the life of the church and our youth are active in many important ways. All of our Program teams—Education, Evangelism, Mission, Stewardship and Worship—are working hard to reach out and share the love of Christ and make disciples. All of the resource teams—Finance, Lay Leadership, Long Range Planning, Staff Parish and Trustees—are working hard keeping things going so that we can be about our mission. My question to you is this: **What dreams do you have for Trinity UMC for the rest of 2009?** This is followed by: **What dreams do you have for us for 2010? What needs are we not meeting as well as we could? What programs would you be willing to take part in if we started them? What would you be willing to lead?** Please let me know, either by e-mail at tumcpast@bellsouth.net, or by a note or call. No anonymous notes, please.

Trinity will grow as we all seek God's guidance and as we work together to live and minister as the people of God. It takes all of us rolling up our sleeves and getting involved in the programs and missions of the congregation. None of us should sit on the sidelines and simply criticize. Each of us should get involved in one or two groups or projects that are important to us. It isn't enough to say, "Somebody ought to...." We need to say, "Somebody ought to.... And I will help!"

I'll see you on Sunday. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, August 2nd, 2009
Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
Sermon: "The Bread of Life"

SUNDAY – August 2

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
 Lay Reader:
 Nursery Infants: Marie & Ed Ventry
 Toddler Church: Dicksy & Jason Broadwater
 Children's Church: Alicia & David Breakfield
 Acolyte: Rush Johnston

MONDAY 3

Morning Circle Lunch..... 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY 5

Fellowship Supper.....5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Contemporary Worship Team meeting..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – August 9

UMMen..... 8:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
 Families/Lazy 5 Ranch..... Meet at the church 1:30 p.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, & Church Youth

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/AUGUST: FRIENDS Class

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Judy Hanners

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Eric Johnston

PATH FOOD FOR SUMMER: Healthy Snacks for Children

Sunday School Attendance July 26: 93
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) July 26: 34
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) July 26: 89
 Operating Fund received on July 26 \$3,557.92
 Operating Fund received up to July 26 \$170,952.29
 Budget goal up to July 26 (\$6,500 x 30)..... \$195,000.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of Voight Hipp by Matt & Kathy Brown; Kenny & Cathy Cloniger.

To the Chancel Fund in memory of Betty Dickerson for her birthday (July 29) by the Bill Miller Family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Clark Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield, Wes Lancaster; with Carol France and Charlie Gallion anticipating surgery, Carol Moody hospitalized at Piedmont Medical Center, and with Louise Smith recovering at home following hospitalization.

Also, we remember Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp's sister; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Trinity has a growing need for a laptop computer and a computer-friendly projector. This equipment will be used on 5th Sundays, at the NewSong Service, at Trinity Travelers and by any group that needs it. If any class or group is willing to make a donation, please do so! There are times when we have visitors who need this equipment, and there are times when it would be handy for us to own.

Thanks to Dicky Whitesides and Whitesides' Cleaners for dry cleaning the choir robes and the pastor's robe. We appreciate all you do for Trinity.

*Dear Church Members,
 Thank you for your generous contribution to Released Time Bible Education – York District One. Because you are willing to give many young people in our community are learning who they are in Christ. This makes a lasting impression on their young lives and is the rudder that is able to direct and establish a great future for them.
 May God richly bless you all!
RTBE Board*

NESEI Craft Day - The next craft workday will be **Thursday, July 30th at 9:30 A.M.** in the conference room. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!** We still need everyone to come help us measure, put cards in the envelopes, glue and crochet and just visit if you wish. We have had wonderful response to this and we sincerely thank everyone who has helped. Your efforts will go a long way toward helping the girls at the Yei NESEI Girls' School.

The Faith Explorers Class will begin a new unit on August 2nd. Anna Feagin will lead a study of The Old Testament for Beginners. The study will be six or seven weeks in length and is open to anyone who interested in a Bible Study that really teaches the fundamentals of Bible Study. Join us in the Conference Room this Sunday.



FIRST WEDNESDAY SUPPER

The August 5th First Wednesday Supper will be hosted by Trinity's UMCOR/SagerBrown Team. The menu will be southern baked chicken (Chef George style), fresh summer veggies (probably zucchini and squash), rice pilaf, garden tomatoes, bread, dessert and tea. We will serve from 5:30 until 7:00 PM. The cost is \$4.00 per person and \$15 family max. Any profit will go toward gas for the bus for the trip. We look forward to seeing you at supper. The UMCOR Team.

Back to School Supplies for PATH

It's time to watch for sales! PATH needs notebook paper, 3 prong folders, and book bags (no wheels). **Please no crayons.** Thank you for continuing to support this important project.
 The Mission Team

Attention Beginning Knitters

If you would like to learn to knit, keep August in mind. Specific dates will be published in a few weeks. See you then.

ALICE'S CORNER

- **Lazy 5 Ranch** is Sunday, August 9. All money is now due! The cost is \$7.50 per person. The price of \$6.50 was an error in the Summer Booklet. Some folks will owe \$1.00 more.
- **The Virginia Biker Trail** excursion is now **just** Saturday, August 15. Please sign up with Alice if you are thinking of going.
- **Two additional events** have been scheduled for August. A repeat trip to Monkey Joe's on Monday, August 17, and another tubing trip on Sunday, August 30. Watch for details!