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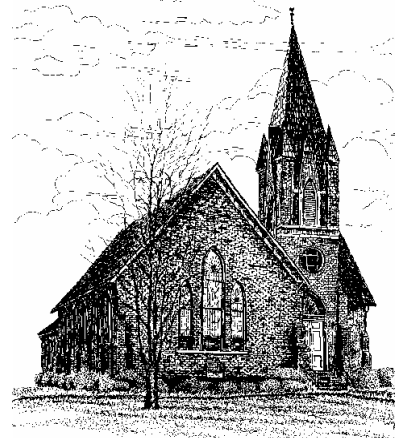
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



June 23, 2009

From the Pastor

Mike Smith's sister told me the story of her pastor's experience on a cruise. I won't name names and I won't guarantee that I am recounting the story exactly as she told it to me, but even if I garble the story a little there is a point here that we all can benefit from. It seems that this pastor, who is always immaculately groomed and well-dressed, went on a cruise with his wife and her extended family. After the cruise ship had set sail, he and his wife went to their cabin. Somehow his luggage was not with hers. Everybody else's luggage was there, except for the pastor's. I've heard of airlines losing luggage, and we went on a tour of Great Britain a few years ago where one couple's luggage never quite caught up with the tour, but I don't think I've heard of it happening on a cruise. At any rate, the cruise line always has clothes that have been left by passengers who have departed. They cleaned up some of these clothes and loaned them to the normally "spiffily dressed" reverend. For the whole cruise he wore clothes that were too large for him. His luggage never appeared. He stayed out of family pictures, and was recognized by all of the other passengers by his less than elegant attire. After the ship returned to port, as he was loading his wife's luggage in the car for their journey back to the Upstate, he noticed his luggage there in the trunk of the car! It seems that he had been so busy taking care of everybody else's luggage that he hadn't gotten his own out of the car.

As I say, I'm recounting a version of what was told to me, and I can't vouch for the details. Whether or not the story happened exactly as I have it here, it still teaches me a lesson that we need to think about. He apparently had gotten so busy worrying about everybody else's stuff that he didn't realize that he hadn't gotten his own. Does that sound familiar to you? Do you know someone who is so busy caring for other people that she or he never takes time to take care of themselves? We all know one person in the Trinity family who says that she always took care of others until she reached the point where there was no one left to take care of her. We know others who seem to have almost worn themselves out caring for others. There are probably a few who could be said to have spent a lot of their time minding other people's business until they were worn out, but I can't think of who those folks might be. The lesson for us is that if we aren't careful our own needs don't get cared for.

Now, this isn't a call to think only of ourselves. I'm not saying that the pastor should have made everybody else carry their own luggage—I'm just saying that he should have had a little time to worry about his own. I suspect that almost everyone who reads this is thinking of themselves as the one who needs the time to care for self—but maybe you're not the one. Maybe there's someone close to you who does more than their share for others. How can you gently tell them to look in the trunk and see if their luggage is there? Jesus knew the difference between taking care of himself and taking care of others. He made sure that he had the time for himself—even if it meant getting up early to get out to a lonely place for prayer. He also was willing to sacrifice some of this time to meet the needs of others. In a few weeks we will read of him taking time to listen to the disciples, slipping off to teach and care for them. We will read of how the needs of others conflicted with the disciples' needs and Jesus looked at the crowds and "had compassion on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd." In the meantime, look around at those who may be leaving their luggage in their trunks as they care for others. Look at how we as a congregation can do both outreach and self-care (taking care of the needs of our community and taking care of the needs that are closer to home).

Excuse me; I need to go take a look in my trunk.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, June 28th 2009
Scriptures: II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Sermon: "The Touch of Faith"

SUNDAY – June 28

UMMen & The Bibletones
Breakfast 7:30 a.m., Singing 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.
 Charge Conference in the Conference Room..... 12:00 noon
 Flower Ministry: Circle #2
 Lay Reader: Matt Dover
 Nursery Infants: Marsha & Kevin Smiley
 Toddler Church: Janet & Marcus Broome
 Children's Church: Sandy Pursley & Dawn McGarity
 Acolyte: Maggie McSwain

MONDAY 29

Children/Youth Service Day (Ages 4-14).....
 Meet at the church 9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY 2

Ages 3-5th Grade/CPCC..... Meet at the church 8:15 a.m.

SUNDAY – July 5

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR JULY: *Johnny McCoy, Melvin McKeown, Julian Dickerson, Ronnie Cowart, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/JULY: Jack Benfield Class

TRUSTEES/JULY: Buzz Johnsey & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/JULY: Mary Butler & Melanie Myers

WELCOME VISITORS/JULY: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/JULY:

Sunday School Attendance June 21:	107
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) June 21:	41
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) June 21:	139
Contemporary Worship Service June 21:	41
Operating Fund received on June 21.....	\$4,903.50
Operating Fund received up to June 21	\$142,428.56
Budget goal up to June 21 (\$6,500 x 25).....	\$162,500.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of:

Voight Hipp by Isem Pennington; Bill, Robbie, Spencer, Blake & Jaime Miller; Mrs. Elizabeth Inman; Mike & Susan Hill; State Farm Insurance; and Bobby & Sheila Hipp for Father's Day.

Samuel Kalb by Bill, Robbie, Spencer, Blake & Jaime Miller

HONORARIA

To the Operating Fund in honor of Nettie Mae Bolin's 90th birthday by Reid & Karen Smith.

To the Choir Fund in honor of Father's Day by Renee Barker.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Julian Dickerson, Lydia Smiley, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Clark Warren, Bebe Benfield, Marion Fischer, Betty Smith; and with Mildred Kalb hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center.

Also, we remember Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Harold Dellinger, father of Susan Jordan; Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Emily Brown, mother of Kathy Brown; Angie Moss, daughter of Helen Pridmore; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp's sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, concerns, cards, calls, food and visits after Marion's surgery. We greatly appreciate all that has been done.

Marion and Bill Fischer

SUMMER SNACKS AT PATH: Please remember our PATH clients when grocery shopping – popcorn, pudding packs, crackers, trail mix, etc!! The PATH Team

York Lions Club is sponsoring a Gospel Singing on Saturday, June 27 at 6 pm in the Trinity Center. Everyone is invited to hear the Bibletones, Riverside Boys, Central Baptist String Quartet, and Dr. King & Friends.

"Breakfast with The Bibletones" - On Sunday, June 28, The United Methodist Men are inviting EVERYONE to breakfast at 7:30am. The Bibletones will perform a musical program at 8:00am. Come with a friend and an appetite to enjoy some good food and wonderful music.

There will be a special Charge Conference on June 28th at 12:00 for the purpose of accepting and dealing with the bequest to Trinity UMC from the estate of Vida Lee Stewart. This will be the only business of the Charge Conference at this time

Summerfest Sale

Take note of the items in the display window in the hall that will be on sale at Summerfest. If you wish to pre-order, you may sign on the pad on the communication table.

ALICE'S CORNER

- Next Monday, June 29 will be our Children/Youth Service Day I. This day will give us the opportunity to help others, visit someone or make a difference in their day and ours. Meet at the church at 9:30 am. This activity is for ages 4-14.
- We will travel to CPCC to see "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" on Thursday, July 2. It's like a Broadway play for kids. Tickets are required. Meet at the church at 8:15 am. This event is great for ages 3-5th grade. Bring money for lunch.
- "Under Construction – Habitat for Humanity" Vacation Bible School will be held July 13-17. A fun week for ages 2-6th grade. Please get your registration form in as soon as possible plus those of friends who will be attending.

Get your BBQ Tickets NOW !

Tickets for the BBQ supper on July 11th, will be on sale each Sunday through July 5th. Please plan to attend this event sponsored by the Sudan Team. Our guests for the evening will be Anita Henderlight of Knoxville, TN and Diane Birungi of Yei, Sudan. They will make a brief presentation following supper. The BBQ will be served as a buffet with all the trimmings and dessert. It begins at 6:30 PM. Any proceeds will go to support the NESEI School and Sudan projects. What an excellent opportunity to come out and meet members of the staff of the NESEI School and learn about how your gifts have helped them with the school program!! A nursery will be provided for children after the meal. **Thank you in advance for your support during this busy time of the year.**