

# **TRINITY IN TOUCH**

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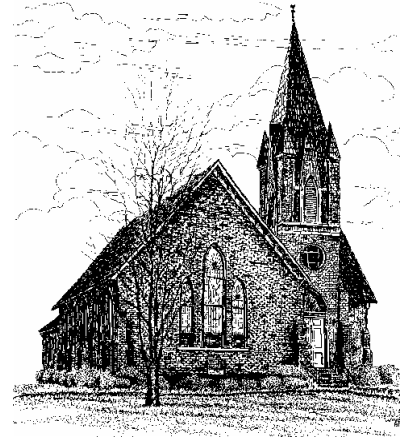
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*Church School: 10:00 a.m.*

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

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



*March 3, 2009*

## ***From the Pastor***

In its infinite wisdom, the insurance company that provides health insurance coverage for United Methodist pastors and others working for the Conference has begun participating in a program that is intended to encourage us to exercise more. Participants can sign up and receive a pedometer which can be connected to a website so that after a certain number of days the number of steps we have taken per day can be uploaded. They encourage us to take at least 7000 steps per day and offer incentives when we meet our goals at regular intervals. When I signed up, I felt like I would have no trouble at all walking 7000 steps daily. After all, I am constantly on the go, up and down the halls here at the Church, up and down the streets of York, in and out of hospitals and nursing homes. In addition Anna and I walk regularly and do a lot of exercises on our Wii Fit ® that call for stepping. Imagine my surprise when I looked at the pedometer at the end of the day and found my steps significantly under the goal!

I did a little research—staring at the pedometer (and almost running into walls or dogs because of looking down), counting steps and comparing the count with what the pedometer showed. I took note of where the pedometer count was when I started stepping on the Wii ® and where it was when I got off. The Wii showed that I had taken over 3000 steps in my 30 minutes on it, but the pedometer had only counted about 1000 steps! It finally dawned on me that something was keeping the pedometer from counting every step. I adjusted the placement of the pedometer on my belt. I tried stepping more firmly. I began moving up and down the halls at more of a job. I did everything I could think of to make it count every step. I have ended up walking more steps than the 7000 that were counted, and I have ended up running a little more and being more aware of my movements. I am certainly healthier because of this little glitch in the pedometer.

But many of you know that I love to find the perfect phrase to make a point in a little different way. Somewhere along the line I found myself beginning to look away from the idea of counting every step to the idea of making every step count! Think about the difference. I could run in place and count every step, but I wouldn't get much of anywhere by doing so. I could walk up and down the halls, and accomplish nothing that matters. Making every step count is a different matter. Making every step count means going to the places where we can make a difference. Making every step count means walking or running to places where people have needs that we can help meet. Making every step count means sometimes stopping and being still and listening to God rather than being in constant motion.

In Genesis 17, God comes to Abraham and tells him to “Walk before me and be blameless.” In other words he tells Abraham and Sarah to make every step count. In Mark 8, when Jesus tells Peter to “Get behind me, Satan,” he is telling Peter to follow him, and to make every step count. A part of our Lenten self examination might need to be an examination of how we make every step count. We might need to look at what we are doing that really has no useful purpose. We might need to look at what we get really upset about and agitated about that really doesn't matter. Our call is to look at where God would have us change in order to make every step count.

Each step we take that leads us closer to God, or helps another person feel God's love and help is a step that really counts. Each step we take that improves our relationship with God or our relationship with each other is a step that really counts. We can count our steps, but only through God's help can we be sure that every step counts.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

**March 8, 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Scriptures:** Genesis 17:1-7; Mark 8:31-38  
**Sermon:** “Walk Before Me and be Blameless”

**SUNDAY, March 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.  
 UMWomen – Call to Prayer & Self Denial ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Jr.Hi.UMYF – Bowling ..... Meet at the church 2:30 p.m.  
 Dulcimer Class (Beginners)..... 4:30 p.m.  
 Sr.Hi.UMYF ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Play Practice ..... 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry: The Dickson Family  
 Lay Reader: Phyllis Barrett  
 Nursery Infants: Robbie Miller & Liz Brown  
 Toddler Church: Ed & Marie Ventry  
 Children’s Church: Julie & Scott Taylor  
 Acolyte: Amanda Breakfield

**MONDAY 9**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 10**

Disciple Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Dulcimer Class ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Basketball ..... 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 11**

Trinity Travelers ..... 12:00 noon  
 Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY 12**

Senior Day @ Hamricks ..... Meet at the church 12:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 15**

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.  
 Play Practice ..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Basketball Banquet ..... 6:00 p.m.

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** \*Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, John Smith, Jim Burch.

**TRUSTEES/MARCH:** Keith McSwain & Buzz Johnsey

**ALTAR GUILD/MARCH:** Glenda Helton & Pat Childers

**WELCOME VISITORS/MARCH:** Bible Study Class

**VISITOR CARDS/MARCH:** Kim Ramsey

**PATH ITEMS FOR MARCH:** Personal items – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors – any size, any kind.

Sunday School Attendance March 1: 99  
 Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 1: 48  
 Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 1: 83

Last Sunday’s offering will be reported in next week’s newsletter.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Voight Hipp, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, and Joe McCorkle.

**Also, we remember** Mary Shuler, mother of Donnie Shuler; Laura Adams, mother of Laura Wright; Dot Jackson, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; 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 Mississippi/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; Midge Deaton, grandmother of Trip McGarity; Jane Adkins, niece of Jimmy Pridmore; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Our sympathy** is with Buzz Smith and his family following the death of his brother, John Gettys Smith.

As of Thursday, February 26, the **NAME IT AND CLAIM IT** table will be in the hall of the education building. In efforts to make our church look “spiffy” for Homecoming, we will be de-cluttering the church. The table will be up until Monday, March 23 at which time all unclaimed items will be put in the yard sale.

**There will be a meeting after the 11:00 Worship Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> for the Trustees and the Education Team** and anyone else involved in the use and storage of cardboard and other materials in the boiler room or the Trinity Center. As a part of clean up for Homecoming we are working to find suitable storage for necessary materials and to reduce the amount of unnecessary clutter. For more information speak to Keith McSwain or Mary Jane Shuler.

**Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program and Tea** Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m. at the Church. (ALL ladies in the church are invited. You do not have to be a member of a Circle.)

**Trinity Travelers** covered dish luncheon will be held next Wednesday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. Join us for great food and fellowship.

The spring yard sale is scheduled for **March 28**. Please plan to bring your items to the church Monday through Thursday. The gym will be open from 9:00 until 1:00 every day and Thursday afternoon from 3 until 6. We appreciate your donations. Circle #2

**The tickets for Trinity’s dinner theatre “Virgil’s First Easter”** on Saturday, April 4 are now available from the church office and will be on sale for the next month. Adult tickets are \$12.00 and Children, 9 and under, are \$7.00. Get yours right away!

**The Lenten devotional material** for families is in the church office. Anyone needing (A Seek and Find) activity book or family devotional book, please see Alice or Jill.

**HABITAT Update** -- We are starting off the new year with The Womans Build, which is taking place right now. It is planned to be complete on Mothers Day. With your help, we have collected 60 pounds of aluminum cans for our "Cans for Habitat" program. Keep up the good work. If you would like more info on any of these projects, please let me know. Thanks for your support, Spike Myers



Read labels and research products you buy. Buy products packaged in recycled paper or cardboard.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- **Jr.Hi.UMYF** will meet at 2:15 pm this Sunday to go bowling at Liberty Lanes in Gastonia. Bring \$8 for shoes + 2 games, and extra money for snacks and video games.
- **Sr. Hi. UMYF** will meet this Sunday night at 6:00 pm.

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

- March 12** Older Adults shopping at Hamricks-Senior Day
- March 19** Patchwork storytelling and blue grass music
- March 24** Adults – Catfish Cove Supper
- March 29** Bible Fair for Children – 3 to 5 pm
- April 4** “Virgil’s First Easter”, comedy Dinner Theatre - 6:30

**BASKETBALL GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEKEND (March 7)**

Team	Date & Time	Opponent	Location
Mite Girls	Mar. 7 – 11:00 am (Final)	St. Johns	@ Woodland
Mite Boys	Mar. 7 – 9:00 am (Semi-final)	St. Johns A	@ Woodland
Mite Boys	Mar. 7 – 12:00 pm (Final)		@ Woodland