

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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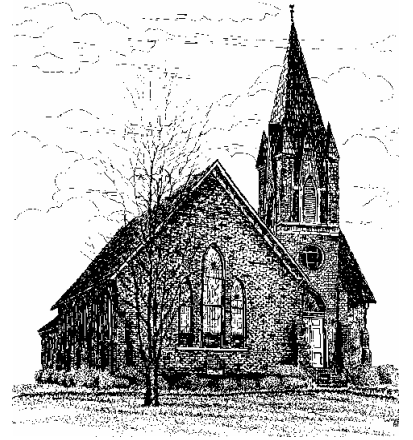
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 10, 2009

## From the Pastor

In early 1860, when Abraham Lincoln won the Republican nomination for President on the third ballot at a deadlocked convention, his son Robert Todd Lincoln was a student at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire preparing to enter Harvard University. When he received word that his father had won the nomination, Robert Todd Lincoln is reported to have said, “Good. I will have to write home for a check before he spends all of his money in the campaign.” The first time I read this, in Charles Lachman’s The Last Lincolns: The Rise and Fall of a Great American Family, I grinned to myself and thought that this might be seen as the typical response of an adolescent—somewhat flip and facetious.

As the story of Robert Todd Lincoln’s life went on, however, my opinion changed. Lachman portrays the son of the 16<sup>th</sup> President as being ashamed of his father’s childhood, obsessive in his determination to keep his father’s papers private (and threatening to destroy them), and basically as a person whose world revolved around himself and his own preferences and concerns. His treatment of his mother, who obviously had some emotional problems, raises some questions as well. It seems to me that through most of his life, Robert Lincoln’s world revolved basically around Robert Lincoln.

Admittedly he can’t be considered the only person who has faced this problem. I imagine that many of us see a person in the mirror each morning that fights the battle of living for ourselves as opposed to living for God. We may not be so blatant in our seeking to manipulate the people around us as to “write home for a check before the money is all gone,” but we all fight the tendency to place ourselves in the center of the universe. I read somewhere that the moment that we realize that the world *doesn’t* revolve around us is the moment that we begin to really mature.

In many ways we know intellectually that we aren’t the center of the universe, but emotionally it still seems that we are. We know that just because we are hungry doesn’t mean that we need to eat. We know that just because we want something we don’t necessarily need it. We know... but knowing doesn’t always change our behavior. We can find way after way to twist things to our own advantage. We can rationalize almost anything in defense of our own wishes.

A part of our Lenten self-examination needs to be an examination of where we have stopped living for God and started back living for ourselves. We need to look at what idols we have put in the place of God, worshipping by being more concerned about them than about God. Look on the back page of this newsletter at the two scripture readings that are listed for Sunday worship. Read these two passages and see what they tell us about misplaced priorities and false gods and idols. How is God calling us to move back to worship that is focused on him? How are we called to move closer to the example of Jesus? God bless you in your search. Gene Feagin, Pastor

**March 15, 2009 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Scriptures:** Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22  
**Sermon:** “Ten Ways to Forget God”

**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.

Flower Ministry:	Bible Study Class
Lay Reader:	Eric Johnston
Nursery Infants:	Leann & Steve Mellon
Toddler Church:	Trey & Kathy Sandifer
Children’s Church:	Julie & Scott Taylor
Acolyte:	Sarah Grace Garner

**TUESDAY 17**

Adult Basketball .....	7:30 p.m.
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**WEDNESDAY 18**

Chancel Choir .....	7:30 p.m.
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**THURSDAY 19**

Adults-Lunch & Patchwork Storytelling .....	Meet at the church 11:30 a.m.
Brown Troop 3495.....	6:30-8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, March 22**

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.
Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF/District Youth Event @ Mt. Holly.....	Meet at the church 4:00 p.m.
Dulcimer Class (Beginners).....	4:30 p.m.
Evangelism Team meeting .....	6:00 p.m.
Play Practice .....	3:00 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 8:	111
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 8:	33
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 8:	154
Operating Fund received on March 1 .....	\$7,453.35
March 8 .....	\$4,979.68
Operating Fund received up to March 8 .....	\$61,495.18
Budget goal up to March 8 (\$6,500 x 10).....	\$65,000.00

**MEMORIALS**

**To the Operating Fund in memory of :**

**John Gettys Smith** by Eddie & Susan Jones; Betty J. Jones.

**Arlie Farris** by Eddie & Susan Jones.

**To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of:**

**Vida Lee Stewart** by Bill & Marion Fischer.

**John Gettys Smith & Arlie Farris** by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

**DONATION TO EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME Summer Camp Fund in memory of Vida Lee Stewart** from the Morning Circle.

**DONATION TO THE MORNING CIRCLE** from Carolyn & Fred Stewart, Sr. in thanks for the bereavement meal.

**VISITORS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

The Westbrooks, 214 West Terrace St., Edgefield, SC 29824.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Herb & Bessie Lowman, 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; 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 Bubba Farris and his family following the death of his mother, Arlie Farris.

**The Annual Covered-Dish Banquet** to celebrate another successful season of children’s basketball at Trinity is scheduled for this **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Trinity Center. The event is open for the entire church but particularly all the players and their families. Please plan to attend as we recognize all of the children in our program. Bring plenty of food!

**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!

**YEARS AGO** a gold book rack/holder - large enough to hold a large Bible – was given to our church as a memorial. Does anyone know its whereabouts? There is a similar one in the parlor – we’re looking for a different one. Please call Mary Jane Shuler 684-4539.

**HOMECOMING DECLUTTER AND CLEANING:**

Please note the schedule posted on the bulletin board and in Sunday School rooms! Thank you for helping make TUMC look its best for our very special Homecoming Celebration!

Don’t forget the **NAME IT AND CLAIM IT** table, it is in the hall of the education building. The table will be up until Monday, March 23 at which time all unclaimed items will be put in the yard sale.

**ALICE’S CORNER**

- There will be no Jr. Hi. or Sr. Hi. UMYF this Sunday night, March 15 because of the Basketball Banquet. Both groups will attend “A Day of Diversity” at the Mt. Holly UMC in Rock Hill on March 22. Meet at the church at 4:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the District Council on Youth Ministries.
- On Thursday, March 19 Trinity Travelers will sponsor a trip to the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival in Rock Hill. We will attend a bluegrass concert and hear plenty of folklore. The event is free – just bring money for lunch. Meet at the church at 11:30. Seats on the van are available. Lots of fun and great entertainment. Better not miss this event!

**HOMECOMING MOMENT**

Trinity United Methodist Church dates back almost to the beginning of the town of Yorkville, now York, which was laid out about 1786. It was not until 1849 that the town of Yorkville was incorporated with a population of eight hundred people. Yorkville’s first Methodist Episcopal church, Trinity was organized in 1824 by Rev. William Gassaway who was the first Circuit Rider for the counties which include York. Rev. Gassaway served churches throughout South Carolina for 45 years and is buried near Tirezah, SC on land given him by a Mr. James Fulton. The first congregation consisted of the following members: James Jeffries, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Jeffries, Col. Thomas W. Williams, Dr. John E. Jennings, John Chambers, Mrs. Margaret Chambers, Mrs. Sarah Beaty, and Mrs. Tabitha Wilkerson.

**Save the date:** A Homecoming Weekend, in celebration of Trinity’s 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, will be April 25-26, 2009.