

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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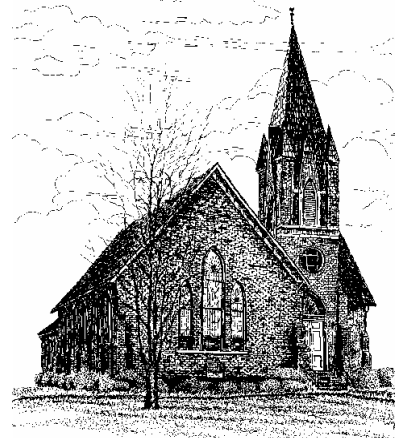
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



March 31, 2009

From the Pastor

Our 40 days of Lent are almost complete. We have spent time together examining our lives, our temptations and our tests, and the ways in which we have not lived up to our calling. We have read about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. We have read about Abraham responding to God's call, Moses and the Israelites receiving the 10 Commandments, and then promptly grumbling and complaining. We have read God's promise through Jeremiah to write the law on the peoples' hearts. During our Lenten journey we have come face to face with the ways in which Israel's journey is our journey, and their story is our story. This has helped us to see something about the God who has worked in their history and ours. It has also shown us something about the One whom God sent to bring us back to him—Jesus Christ.

For me, the extinguishing of the Lenten candles has been a very meaningful time in the worship services this year. The reversal of the Advent candles serves to focus our lives on the Christ whose Advent we celebrated and whose Passion and Resurrection we are preparing for. We are now fast approaching the time when we come face to face with the more painful part of the ways in which our lives and tendency to give in to the temptations of the world come into contact with the grace of God and the love of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday morning we will read the 11th Chapter of Mark, and celebrate again the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will celebrate with the procession of the children. There will be, for a time, a pervading sense of joy and hope. Then, as the week goes on, we will read the 14th and 15th chapters of Mark, in which we are reminded of the ways in which the praises of the crowd turned to cries for Jesus' death. We will see the fulfillment of Jesus' words to the disciples that he would go to Jerusalem, be rejected, suffer, be put to death, and on the third day be raised by God from the dead. There are touching moments in the story—the Last Supper, the tears at Gethsemane. There are sad moments—the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, the death of Jesus. There are moments of injustice—the trial of Jesus, his crucifixion and death.

In all that happens, if we look below the surface, we can see God working to bring his people back to him. We can see him sending his Son to save the world. We can see him taking on himself all of the things that you and I face—sadness, rejection, loss, betrayal, loneliness and death. In addition he has experienced the joys of family and friends and the fellowship with others that give life meaning. In the end, when all seems lost, and all of the candles are extinguished and all of the lights have gone out we are left with hope—with love and grace and the promise that God will never leave us. We know that what seems like the end is actually a new beginning. What seemed like a defeat was actually God's victory over all that the world and the devil could throw at him: a victory even over death.

As we prepare for Holy Week and as we worship and study next week, let's put ourselves in different places in the story and see God's power at work even in the middle of some of the troubled and difficult times. Let's look at God's greatness and look at Jesus' sacrifice and see how God calls us to celebrate when Easter arrives.

God bless each one, Gene Feagin, Pastor

April 5, 2009 – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-1; Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: “Out to Bethany”

PALM SUNDAY, April 5

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.
Ages 4-5 & Elem.1,2,3/Easter Egg Hunt..... 12-2:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Task Force 6:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry: FRIENDS Class
Lay Reader: Eric Johnston
Nursery Infants: Terri Alford & Robin Johnston
Toddler Church: Jon & Julie Martin
Children’s Church: April & Mike Smith
Acolyte: Rush Johnston

Holy Week Services @ Divine Saviour Catholic Church
Monday – Friday, 12:00 noon

MONDAY 6

Morning Circle @ Trinity UMC 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
Circle #2..... 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY 7

Disciple Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Circle #4..... 7:30 p.m.
Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8

Chancel Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 9

Maundy Thursday Service..... 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

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 APRIL: *Louis Ridinger, Ernie Wright, Sam Feemster, David Lancaster, Trip McGarity, David Breakfield.

TRUSTEES/APRIL: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

ALTAR GUILD/APRIL: Britt Snelling, Liz Brown & Debbie Black

WELCOME VISITORS/APRIL: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/APRIL: Grace Ulbricht

PATH ITEMS FOR APRIL: Dried Beans – any size, any kind.

Sunday School Attendance March 29: 108
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) March 29: 41
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) March 29: 143
Operating Fund received on March 29 \$4,162.75
Operating Fund received up to March 29 \$75,146.23
Budget goal up to March 29 (\$6,500 x 13)..... \$84,500.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Voight Hipp, Herb & Bessie Lowman, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey; with Carol France recovering at home following surgery, and with Clark Warren convalescing at Health South..

Also, we remember Inell Bolin, sister of Smokey Childers; Bobbie McCoy, mother of Johnny McCoy; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; 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.

Congratulations to:

Josh and Kerry Nimmons on the birth of their daughter, Atleigh Grace Nimmons. Kenny and Cathy Cloniger are the proud grandparents.

Justin and Tara Clark on the birth of their son, Jack Davis Clark. Jackie Clark is the proud grandmother.

Thank you for your donations to the yard sale. We made almost \$800.00 to be used for church, mission and charitable projects. We especially thank Ronnie Brown, Eric Johnston, Steve Boyd and Tom Faulkenberry for helping us load up the leftovers. Thanks, Members of Circle #2

GREAT JOB! Thanks to everyone who “decluttered” their assigned areas and to Circle #2 for selling the “clutter”! TUMC looks better already!

HOMECOMING CLEANING! Cleaning assignments have been “refined” – watch for specific details very soon!

The United Methodist Men will have a Window and Grounds Cleaning Day on Saturday, April 4 at 8am. If you are available, bring some gloves, rags or any other cleaning tools and come on out to help beautify our church for Homecoming.

UMW – Rock Hill District Day Apart this year is being held on Saturday, April 4 at St. James UMC, 1930 Quarry Road, York. Registration is at 9:45 and the meeting will follow at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Ellen Jones 927-7271.

Help needed! On Wednesday, April 8, Trinity will serve our famous Stuffed Potato for Holy Week Services to be held at Divine Saviour Church at noon. We are asking for you to come help prepare them on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to help. Call Ellen Jones at 927-7271 for further information.

On Easter Sunday we continue the tradition of **Flowering the Cross**. Please bring blossoms from your yard to decorate the wire cross in front of Trinity as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

DRY OUTSIDE! Save electricity and MONEY by hanging your laundry outside. Dry laundry for about 10-15 minutes to remove wrinkles then hang outside to finish drying. (They smell wonderful, too!)



ALICE’S CORNER

- Sunday School age 4 & 5 and grades 1,2,3 will have lunch and their Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday, April 5 following worship until 2 pm. Please bring an empty basket and a set of play clothes.
- Trinity Travelers will have their monthly covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, April 15. This is a week late due to Holy Week Services and lunch.
- The Older Adults will sponsor a trip to Johnson & Wales Culinary School in Charlotte on Tuesday, April 21. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am. We will tour the school and eat in their dining room for lunch. Cost is \$8.00 + tax (**cash only**). Please call Alice to put your name on the bus list. We can take cars if necessary.
- Two Flatrock Playhouse musicals – Man of Lan Mancha on June 24 and 7 Brides for 7 Brothers on July 29 – tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$29.00 for each play. Sign up with Jill for one play or both. They will be a part of our summer programs. Only 15 tickets have been purchased for each play. Don’t Delay!

Homecoming

TUMC will be celebrating our 185th Year Anniversary the weekend of April 25-26, 2009. Many exciting events are planned for this celebration as listed on the reply card below. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for some, or all, of these special events. We kindly request that you return the reply card by Monday, April 13, 2009. We are excited about this Homecoming celebration, and hope that you will invite your family and friends to come back “home” for this very special celebration.

Trinity United Methodist Church
Homecoming Events

Reply Card

Please check if you will attend.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

____ **Trinity Cemetery Tour**– 1pm until 4pm, Opening Ceremony at Trinity, 1pm
Yorkville Historical Society, Tickets \$4.00

____ **Hot Dog Supper** – 6:30pm, Entertainment provided.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

____ **Breakfast**, 9am in the Trinity Center

____ **Worship Service**, 11am

____ **Lunch**, following the Service in the Trinity Center

Name _____ **Number of family and friends attending** _____

Kindly return card by mail or place in drop boxes at the Church by Monday, April 13th.