

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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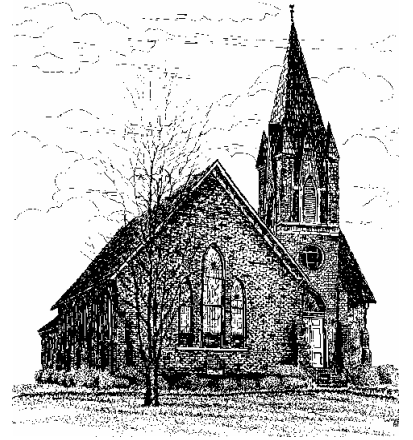
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



May 27, 2009

From the Pastor

Did you see the article in the paper a few weeks ago about the seventeen year-old man who was arrested in Winston-Salem for trying to hold up a convenience store with a banana? It seems that the young man came in with a banana under his coat and told the store owner that it was a gun, and that he wanted the cash from the cash register. The store owner and a customer attacked the young man and subdued him before calling the police. While waiting for the police to arrive, the young man calmly ate his banana, evidently thinking that if he destroyed the evidence he'd escape arrest for armed robbery.

How many times do we go out in life armed only with a banana, or something less than substantial, and find ourselves unable to complete our mission in life? It is probably fortunate that the young man was not shot by a store owner who believed that he was really being threatened by an armed robber. He may now get some help and learn a different way of coping with life. I hope he doesn't end up in the company of some more experienced armed robbers who will improve his armed robbery skills.

This Sunday the much of the Christian community will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday, when the disciples were given the gift of the Holy Spirit and were then able to go out to "Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and the ends of the earth" preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. Pentecost marks 50 days from Easter, and it is often celebrated as the birthday of the church. From Pentecost on, the Church has grown, moving out into the world with boldness, teaching and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Up until Pentecost, the disciples may have been only "armed with bananas." Up until Pentecost they would not have been successful in teaching and preaching and healing. After they received the Holy Spirit, they were armed with the power and might of God and were able to move out with faith and trust, equipped with all they would need to share the good news.

This Sunday we at Trinity will join with our community to celebrate Baccalaureate Sunday. We will recognize our seniors as they graduate from High School. We are blessed that our schools in York and Clover do such a great job of preparing young adults to go out into the world and become successful adults. We are blessed that our graduates can go to school or go to work with skills and knowledge that will help them as they move out into the world. If anyone in York and Clover goes out into the world armed only with a banana it is because of their own choice not to take advantage of the skills and training that are available. Trinity's seniors will go forth prepared to succeed. In addition, they will go out armed with our prayers, which will continue as they continue to learn and grow. We pray God's richest blessings on our graduates. Sunday will be a time of celebration as we recognize them and wish them the best. Pentecost and graduation are both times of new beginnings. Pentecost and graduations are times when the skills and the knowledge that has been given are multiplied by the power of the Spirit as people begin to reach out and make a difference in the world.

How about you? Do you feel as though you are out in the world armed only with a banana (and it turning slowly brown)? God gives strength and equips us for what we will face. All we have to do is ask. Pentecost is a great time to ask God to send the Spirit or to renew the Spirit's power in our lives. It's a time for us as a congregation to seek the guidance of the Spirit as we seek to be faithful in arming our young people and our adults to face the things that our world brings to us. Join us as we celebrate the Spirit and as we celebrate with our seniors. Lord, please take the time to re-arm each of us for the mission to which we have been called. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Pentecost – Sunday, May 31st, 2009
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-7, 16:4b-15
Sermon: “When the Spirit Comes”

PROMOTION SUNDAY & SENIOR SUNDAY - May 31

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
5 th Sunday, Sunday School Program	10:10 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Mission Team Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Evangelism Team Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: Circle #1	
Lay Reader: Elizabeth Miller	
Nursery Infants: Marie & Ed Ventry	
Toddler Church: John & Julie Martin	
Children’s Church: Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett	
Acolyte: Briana Pursley	

SC Annual Conference, May 31 – June 3

TUESDAY 2

Circle #2 & #4 Picnic @ Margaret Bailey’s	7:00 p.m.
Adult Basketball	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 3

Fellowship Supper	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – June 7

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Children’s Choir	9:40 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR JUNE: *Kenny Cloniger, Kevin Smiley, Lee Alford, Basil Childers, Johnny Eite, Kelly Pursley, Bud Jones.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/JUNE: Bible Study Class.

TRUSTEES/JUNE: Steve Boyd & Keith McSwain

ALTAR GUILD/JUNE: Ellen Jones & April Smith

WELCOME VISITORS/JUNE: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/JUNE: Eric Johnston

Sunday School Attendance May 24:	106
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) May 24:	41
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) May 24:	118
Operating Fund received on May 24	\$5,284.53
Operating Fund received up to May 24	\$120,047.40
Budget goal up to May 24 (\$6,500 x 21).....	\$136,500.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of Samuel Kalb by Ray & Mary Sue Burns; Julian Dickerson.

HONORARIA

To the UMCOR Fund in honor of Ben Jones by Johnny & Diane Wine.

To the Mississippi Fund:

In honor Grace Ulbricht’s birthday by Kenny & Ellen Jones.

In honor of Kenny & Ellen Jones, and Sam & Gay Feemster for the many things they do for our Church family by Johnny & Mere McCoy.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, MAY 24

Betty Welsh & Carol Straw.
 Christi Crowe, 623 Huron Avenue, Oostburg, WI 53070.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Clark Warren, and Bebe Benfield.

Also, we remember Howard Steele, father of Sandy Pursley; Emily Brown, mother of Kathy Brown; Angie Moss, daughter of Helen Pridmore; Abigail Pierce, granddaughter of Donna Shugart; 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; DeAnna Greiner, granddaughter of Bill Huffstetler; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; Harold Dickson; and Mackenzie Decuir.

Our sympathy is with Anne Hipp and her family following the death of her husband, Voight Hipp on Sunday, May 24.

Thanks to everyone who attended the blood drive this past Friday. We collected 52 pints of blood and had 58 people attend. The refreshments provided by Mary and Tim Whitson, Denise Mitchell, Kim Jones, and Nancy Faulkenberry were especially appreciated.

SUMMER AT PATH -Many of our PATH children are home alone while parents work during the summer. The children will not have the free breakfast and lunch that they normally have during the school year. Our PATH FOOD OF THE SUMMER will be healthy snacks that do not involve cooking - pudding cups, cereal bars, crackers, small boxes of raisins, etc. When grocery shopping over the summer, please think SNACKS for our children. ALSO, if by chance your garden is overflowing, please bring extra produce to PATH any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday by 10AM please. As always, TUMC members are such a supportive group of our PATH families - we appreciate all that you do!!!! The TUMC PATH TEAM

On May 31 we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is invited to wear something red to symbolize the Holy Spirit’s presence with us.

Our 5th Sunday speaker on May 31 will be Skip James, Facilitator of the Released Time Bible Education program. Executive board members and teachers will be present, too. Several students have agreed to give their testimony of their experience as a student of Released Time Bible Education and the impact it has had on their lives. Several of our church members are part of the RTBE team. Please join us in the gym during the Sunday School hour on May 31 to learn about this great program.

The Evangelism Team meeting has been rescheduled for 6 pm on Sunday, May 31, in the conference room.

Circles 2 & 4 will meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm for a picnic at Margaret Bailey’s.

Summer Grilling Kick Off
 Wednesday June 3, 2009 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fixings and Desserts
 Donations accepted
 Proceeds will help pay for gas for our Mission trip to Mississippi in November

ALICE’S CORNER

- Look for the Summer Activities Booklet available this Sunday! It will have events and activities for all age groups. Friends are always welcome! Fill out the registration page and turn it in to the Church office.
- Senior Sunday is this Sunday at the 11:00 morning worship service. On this day we will recognize our six high school graduates: Christina Alexander, Craig Lowe, Elizabeth Miller, Brittani Spradlin, Sarah Lancaster and Melissa West.
- Mark your summer calendars **NOW** for “Under Construction – Habitat for Humanity” Vacation Bible School the week of July 13-17. A fun week for ages 2-5th grade. Contact Alicia Breakfield if you would be willing to volunteer.
- At the older adult retreat at St. Simons Island in January a three novel trilogy was purchased by Bill & Marion Fischer. The trilogy written by Eugenia Price contains “The Lighthouse”, “The New Moon Rising” and “The Beloved Invader”. These historical fiction books about St. Simons Island are available on loan for some wonderful summer reading. You can check them out of the church office.

VEGETABLE INSECT SPRAY - Mix 1 cup vegetable oil with 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap. To use in your garden mix 2 teaspoon of concentrate with 1 cup of water. Put in hand sprayer and spray infested plants. Be sure to spray top and bottom of leaves.

