

TRINITY IN TOUCH

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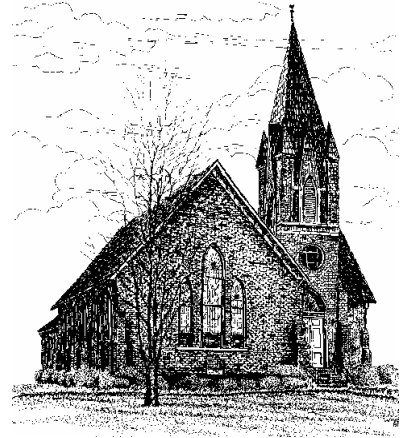
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



September 22, 2009

From the Pastor

They say that it is better not to put anything down on paper when you are angry or frustrated, because it is not easy to unsay or undo words once they have been shared. A couple of weeks ago I was very frustrated: our worship attendance was not where I thought it ought to have been, our Church School attendance was OK, but not great, nobody had responded to my invitation to a Confirmation Class, and very few folks had bothered to come to the special United Methodist Men's Breakfast where Matt Brown did such an eloquent job representing Dr. Vernon Prosser and sharing with us about the plans for School District One. I wanted to write a blistering pastor's page about taking responsibility and living up to our membership vows. I sat back and prayed and considered what might be the better way to handle my frustrations. I remembered the words of my mentor when I was starting out in ministry: "Some folks ask me why I don't preach about people's sins and shortcomings," he told me. "I figure that most people know where they are falling short. What they need to know is what to do about it." I remembered the words of a very wise church member in one of my early appointments: "Most people are able to manage to do whatever they want to do."

Of course, after comforting myself just a little by shifting responsibility away from myself, I took the opposite course and begin blaming myself. "What could I have done to keep people away from worship? How could I have done differently in terms of the Confirmation Class? How could I have gotten more people to the Men's Club?" It's very easy to accept no responsibility for the way things happen. It's very easy to accept total responsibility for the way things happen. The truth is generally somewhere in between. I know what I will do differently when I start recruiting for the Confirmation Class again. When I think of the beauty of the anthem that the choir sang on that Sunday I know that worship attendance will pick up as people realize how blessed we are with our choir and the leadership of David, David, and Carrie. I also know that most people remember my words, "If you like the way things are going, tell your friends; if you don't please tell me." I am willing to learn.

When we get right down to it, every one of us has assumed a responsibility to God for our own behavior and for our support of Trinity Church. We have promised to support the church with our time and talents and gifts and service. The newest vows will call on us to promise to support the church with our witness. When we examine our lives honestly each one of us has a ministry to which we have been called. Worship is an integral part of that ministry, because it is in worship that we come before God and are renewed and strengthened for our task. Church School is a part of it—in Church School we learn about God, about our faith, and about our calling to live up to what God has given to us. Ministry in the community, ministry with children, ministry that reaches around the world: each of us is called to ministry. The real question that each one of us needs to answer concerns the nature of our commitment and our ministry. How are we being called to be in ministry? My pledge as pastor is to prayerfully offer worship services that help us all come into closer contact with God so that we can be strengthened for our work in the world. My pledge is to prayerfully work to offer opportunities for learning and service, for commitment and growth for all of the Trinity family and for the community.

Let's all work together for the glory of God. See you at worship on Sunday!

Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, September 27, 2009

Scriptures: James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "Using What God Gives Us"

Passionate Spirituality:

One of the most important ways that we grow spiritually is through the practice of a regular quiet time for prayer and Bible Study. Do you have a quiet time? What do you need to do to start?

SUNDAY, September 27

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.
Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF – District Day of Fellowship 3:15 p.m.
SPRC Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Flower Ministry: Jack Benfield Class
Lay Reader: Travis Feagin
Nursery Infants: Robbie Miller & Liz Brown
Toddler Church: Dicksy & Jason Broadwater
Children's Church: Julie & Scott Taylor
Acolyte: Will McSwain

MONDAY 28

Craft Work Day 9:30 a.m.
Islam Study 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 29

Islam Study 10:00 a.m.
Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 30

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – October 1

Junior Troop 3495 6:30-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 4

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.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, William Mitchell, Jim Burch

TRUSTEES/SEPTEMBER: Lee Keller & Nancy Faulkenberry/
Frances Howe

ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER: Melanie Myers & Cynthia Bradford

WELCOME VISITORS/SEPTEMBER: Senior High Clas

VISITOR CARDS/SEPTEMBER: Julie Taylor

PATH FOOD FOR SEPTEMBER: Rice – any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance Sept. 20: 96
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Sept.20: 42
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Sept.20: 123
Contemporary Worship (6:00 pm) Sept.20: 50
Operating Fund received on September 20..... \$4,907.09
Operating Fund received up to September 20..... \$211,065.52
Budget goal up to September 20 (\$6,500 x 38) \$247,500.00

MEMORIALS to the Operating Fund in memory of :

Wilma Mitchell by Bob & Evelyn Johnsey

Roy Wilkerson by Bob & Evelyn Johnsey; Mike & Cindy Summersett; John & Frances Howe; Dick & Jan Sweigart.

HONORARIA to the Operating Fund in honor of Jimmie Pridmore's 80th birthday by Cindy & Mike Summersett.

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Hugh & Julie Gladden, 765 Chambers Road, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Mildred Kalb, Carol France, Libby Brown, Louise Smith, Clark & Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield; also with Karl Munn recovering at home following surgery.

Also, we remember Melba Jones, sister of Ellen Jones; Paula Good, sister of Susan Jones; Henry Wright, brother of Ernie Wright; Jewel Stackley, mother of Johanna Sipe; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Dot Caldwell, sister of Anne Hipp; Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

The parlor has recently been renovated and the Trustees would like for you to drop in to see the remodel. We would like to thank Dawn McGarity, Mary Sue Burns, Jim Barrett and Bud Jones for their help with this project.

We wanted to inform you that Jeff has been released from the surgeon and is scheduled to go back to his job on Monday Sept 21. We hope and pray everything will go well for him. We thank all of you for keeping him on the prayer list these many weeks, your prayers have helped him to get well.

Thank you, Edie, Melissa, & Jeff West



WELCOME TO THE TRINITY FAMILY:
Bill, Susie & Porter Whitesides, and Tara Clark as professing members, and Jack Davis Clark as a preparatory member.

The family of Roy Wilkerson wishes to express many thanks for the kindness received during his illness. The prayers, cards, and visits were so appreciated. It is still a bit overwhelming to think of the outpouring of love and the strong support received from this community. Thank you all from the bottom of our heart!

NESEI Crafters will meet at 9:30 on Monday, September 28th.

We need as many folks as possible who can help. "Measurers, crocheters, and gluers" will find plenty to do. THANKS to everyone in advance.

All baby sweaters for UMCOR need to be turned in to the church by October 1st. We appreciate the work of everyone who has knitted and crocheted. We'll give you a final count when all have been received. THANK you for your willingness to give your time for others.

The Annual Harvest Brunch, sponsored by Trinity's United Methodist Women, will be October 24. Tickets will go on sale October 4. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Teacup Auction can contact Dawn McGarity or Kim Jones. Please mark your calendars for this great time of fellowship!

FALL YARD SALE

Circle # 2 will have a major change in the fall yard sale this year. We are "renting" 1 round table for \$20. The sale will be from 7:00 until 11:00 in Trinity Center on **October 3**. Each person renting a table will be responsible for:

- (Friday) Setting up their table and any space under it.
- (Saturday) Selling their items. Having their change/money on hand. Cleaning up and taking away all leftovers. (Everything must be out by 11:30)

Members of Circle #2 will take care of all advertising and permit. Open the gym from 4 - 7 on Friday afternoon for the tables to be set up. Open the gym at 7:00 on Saturday morning. We will begin cleaning up the gym and putting away the tables at 11:00. We will try to get someone to come pick up the leftovers but at this time we cannot be sure about that. The set-up day is Friday, October 2 with the sale being Saturday, October 3. If you are interested in reserving a table, contact Nancy Faulkenberry at 684-557 or nffpete@hotmail.com before September 25. If there are less than ten (10) people interested, it will be cancelled.

Mark Your Calendars

Fourth Annual Mississippi/Katrina Auction
Thursday October 15, 2009 in The Trinity Center
Hot Dog Supper starts at 5:30
Auction begins at 6:30
Donations are needed for the auction - call Kenny Jones 684-7238 or deliver to the church
Lets work together to make this another huge success!

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ALICE'S CORNER

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