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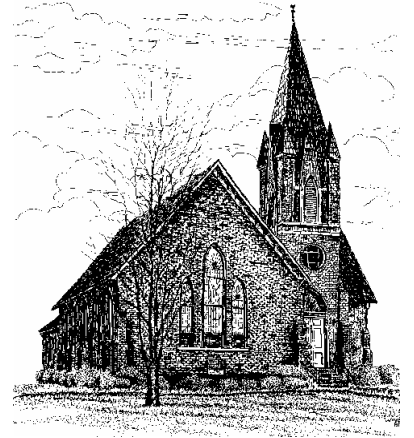
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

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

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



September 29, 2009

From the Pastor

Have you ever wished you had a way to make people do exactly what you want them to do? After all, you'd only be working for what is best for them! Several people who are a part of the Trinity family have expressed concerns to me. If we could only get the folks who are a part of the church to be more faithful about coming to worship and church school, wouldn't it be great! If we could only get parents to make a special effort to get their children here in time for Sunday School, think how much better we could do. If we had a way to get the attendance at Men's Club to be better, how many men could we have? What if we had a way to get people to increase their giving, to tithe and then dig a little deeper?

Of course, we could go a little deeper with this. I wonder if there's a way to make people treat each other better and to speak more carefully to each other. I wonder if there's a way to make people help each other when they are down. I wonder if there's a way that we could avoid all of this health care argument and dissension by simply making people take better care of themselves.

I saw a solution in an Associated Press story not long ago. It seems that Italy's anti-Mafia police seized a crocodile that an alleged Naples mob boss used to intimidate local businessmen from whom he was demanding protection money. The 88 pound, 5 ½ foot long crocodile was fed a diet calculated to make him ferocious and was kept on a terrace of the man's home. The suspected mob boss would invite extortion victims to his home and threaten to set the animal on them if they didn't pay or grant him favors. I suspect that it would have been hard for some of the victims to choose other than to give in to the mob boss's demands.

I wonder if we've got money in the budget for a crocodile. Forget handling snakes; let's get a room full of crocodiles and then begin an "every member canvas," where we encourage folks to attend worship, to be more faithful in church school attendance, to plan all of their out of town trips so that they're back in time to attend worship and church school on Sundays, and to tithe and dig a little bit deeper for the extra mission giving and special projects that Trinity has going on.

Of course, you know that I am joking. God has given us the gift of free choice. He could have made humanity into little robots, walking and talking and doing exactly the way he wants us to; but he didn't make us that way! He doesn't coerce us into doing what he wants, giving what we should or acting in the ways that he'd like us to act. OK, there are times when he gives us some strong hints that he wants us to make some changes, but he always leaves us with choices. Adam and Eve chose to eat the forbidden fruit; Judas chose to betray Jesus, Ananias and Sapphira chose to lie about giving all of the proceeds from the sale of property to the disciples—God gives us choices and then lets us live with the consequences of our actions. There is a big difference between blind obedience and loving giving. What God wants out of us is that we will choose to show our love by our faithfulness and our generosity. He doesn't want us to simply go through the motions, he wants us to love with heart and soul and mind and strength and to give back to him with joy because of our love for him and our gratitude for his love for us.

Now, he could make us do what is good for us, but he chooses not to. He could compel us to act or live in certain ways, but he really wants us to use the brains and heart that he has given us and live out our love for him. We will make mistakes, but he will love us and offer us second choices. Our responsibility is to choose wisely and serve him with all that we are. What an awesome responsibility this is—to be trusted by God to do the right thing out of love.

Meanwhile, I wonder if E-Bay sells crocodiles.

Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, October 14, 2009

Guest Lay Speaker

Bob France

Passionate Spirituality

A measurement of our spirituality comes in our decision making. Rate yourself from 1-5 with 1 being never and 5 being always in response to this thought

"When making choices I seek God's guidance first"

How do you make decisions? How do we seek God's guidance?

SUNDAY, October 4

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Jr.Hi. & Sr.Hi. UMYF 6:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry: Bible Study Class
Lay Reader:
Nursery Infants: Marie & Ed Ventry
Toddler Church: Marsha & Kevin Smiley
Children's Church: Sandy Pursley & Dawn McGarity
Acolyte: Rush Johnston

MONDAY 5

Morning Circle @ Trinity UMC..... 10:00 a.m.
Circle #2 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY 6

Adult Basketball 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7

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

SATURDAY 10

York/Clover Cluster Senior Citizen's Dinner @ Trinity UMC
..... 4-6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 11

UMMen 8:00 a.m.
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/Bowling Meet at the church 4:00 p.m.
Lay Leadership Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR OCTOBER: *Louis Ridinger, Ernie Wright, Sam Feemster, David Lancaster, Trip McGarity, David Breakfield.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: Jack Benfield Class

TRUSTEES/OCTOBER: Nancy Faulkenberry & Frances Howe

ALTAR GUILD/OCTOBER: Glenda Helton & Kim Alexander

WELCOME VISITORS/OCTOBER: FRIENDS Class

VISITOR CARDS/OCTOBER:

PATH FOOD FOR OCTOBER: Soup – any kind, any size

Sunday School Attendance Sept. 27: 121
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) Sept.27: 33
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) Sept.27: 137

Sunday's financial figures were unavailable at the time the newsletter was printed.

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, Karl Munn; also with Madison Green and Chip Rampey recovering at home following surgery.

Also, we remember Mary Emma Dickson, aunt of Carrie Hodges; Harold Wilson, father of Alicia Breakfield; Melba Jones, sister of Ellen 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.

Congratulations to Mark and Crystal Nichols on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Irene Nichols. She was born on Saturday, September 26.

I would like to THANK everyone that helped at OUR Habitat for Humanity Build Day. We got more done than was expected, as usual for Trinity. The finish date for this house is Thanksgiving, so they are a lot closer to making this deadline, thanks to you. Hopefully we will continue to help with this house in October or November. If you would like to join us on the next Build Day, please sign up at the H4H info desk in the hall. Thanks Again for your support, Spike

Our Sager Brown Mission Team will be leaving Saturday morning for Baldwin, LA, for the week. Please keep them in your prayers during the week. You can follow their progress by checking the website for the blog. The address is www.trinityofyork.com. There might not be updates every day, but several times during the week we will be checking in.

Due to lack of interest in renting tables, there will not be a yard sale this October. The next scheduled sale will be in March, 2010 and Circle #2 will conduct it in the same manner as we have in the past.

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the Wednesday Night Supper on October 7 at 5:30pm. The menu will be The Famous UMM Italian Grilled Chicken, Brown Rice, Seasoned Green Beans and a roll. Dessert will be Chocolate and Banana Puddings. Proceed will go to UMM projects.

Cherub Choir Members – There will be no Cherub Choir Practice this week.

NESEI Crafters – Take a break next week from your work!!! While the Trinity UMCOR Team is in Louisiana, the group will not meet. Our next work day will be October 14th (Wednesday) at 9:30 A.M. We will need our measurers, cutters, and crocheters. See you then.

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!

The Annual Harvest Brunch, sponsored by Trinity's United Methodist Women, will be October 24. Tickets are \$5. and will go on sale October 4. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Teacup Auction can contact Dawn McGarity or Kim Jones. The speaker will be Sharon Rawls. Sharon is a teacher at Clover High School who spent six weeks in Uganda working with the Invisible Children. Please mark your calendars for this great time of fellowship!

Needed: Adults who can read music and are interested in playing handbells. Practice time **will be in the mornings**. Contact Alice or Meg Munn if you are interested.

Follow Anita in Sudan

Anita Henderlight has just arrived in Yei for a stay of 3 months. During this visit, she will be traveling to other communities and meeting with NGOs (Non Government Organizations) and telling them about the NESEI sewing project. You can follow her blog and make comments at www.neseiblog.blogspot.com. Trinity is directly responsible for the sewing project through your donations of sewing supplies and money for helping to buy their first sewing machine. Check it out to see how your gifts have helped make a difference for the girls and now others in Sudan.

ALICE'S CORNER

- The Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. youth will meet this Sunday night in the Trinity Center at 6:00 pm. Please join us for fellowship, study and light refreshments.
- The York/Clover Cluster Senior Citizen's Dinner will be held at Trinity on Saturday, October 10 from 4-6 pm. Plan now to join us for great fellowship, good entertainment, and a wonderful meal. There is no charge! We are the "host" church so we need to support this event.
- The Western York County "CROP Walk" to help hunger will be held Sunday, October 18. Registration begins at 2 pm and the walk begins at 3 pm. You are part of the solution. Join forces with people around the world to stop Hunger. This event is for all ages. T-shirts are available for \$3.00. Contact Alice if you want one!