

# TRINITY IN TOUCH

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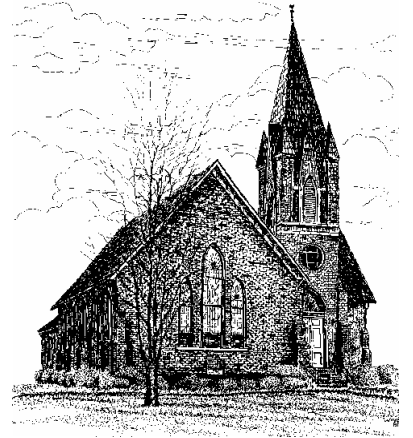
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September 1, 2009

## From the Pastor

As you know, we are approaching the Labor Day weekend. It's more or less customary for me to reflect on our work and the value of what we do on a day to day basis and to point out how important it is for each one of us to be good and faithful witnesses in all of the things that we do from day to day. One year I asked church members to bring something that they could lay on the altar that would signify what they did from day to day. One lady told me that her vacuum was too heavy to carry into the Sanctuary! One member, who was a State Representative at the time, put his cell phone on the altar. There were a number of interesting items blessed that day!

One of the other United Methodist churches in the Rock Hill District is asking folks to come dressed in their weekday "uniforms." "Wear what you normally wear when you are doing what you do most of the time," their newsletter reads. I wonder how many people will be able to look at some of their fellow worshipers (the ones they don't know) and guess what they do for a living!

So, let me ask you to think a moment about the ways you spend your time during most of the week. If you were to choose one symbol for the way you spend your time, what would it be? There are some folks in the Trinity family who could justify a crochet hook or glue gun as the symbols of the ways that they spent the last few weeks before Summerfest. I imagine that some folks might see the cell phone or the "landline" as the symbol for their days. Others might claim a computer keyboard or monitor. A few folks might think that their automobile is the symbol.

**Now, what would you see as the symbol that Jesus might choose to represent his daily life during the time that he dwelt among us?** In his early days it might have been a hammer or a carpenter's square or chisel. In his later days it would have been something more spiritual—but what? And, what would you see as the symbol for what Jesus does now on a daily basis? I think that the answer to both of these questions is the same—and I'll give you my guess near the end of the newsletter.

Before we get to that, let's think about our "uniforms." Now some folks really do wear uniforms as a part of their daily work—many of these folks are at risk in places of danger. Some of us wear "street clothes" in the conduct of our daily business. To look at many folks you couldn't guess what they do by the "cut of their clothes." I can remember a time when I wouldn't be seen outside the house without a tie on, and usually without a sports coat to go with it. I have a good friend in Columbia who is known for doing everything in shorts—even visiting in the hospital. I respect him more than many other people, not because of his clothes, but because he will always be smiling, and nine times out of ten you will hear him whistling before you see him. He, like many of us, goes about his daily business in ways that point directly to the importance of what he is doing, because he points beyond himself to the One for whom he is working. If you are expecting me to ask what Jesus would have worn as he went about his daily business, you can rest assured that I will not. The clothes he wore probably were similar to what everybody else wore. Like my friend in Columbia, and many of the people whose ministries touch many hearts, I suspect that the most important thing Jesus wore was a smile and a look of compassion. I suspect that the people who work the hardest are the ones who worry less about what they've got on their bodies, and more about how they pay attention to the ways that God works and calls them through the lives of those they meet.

Now, back to the question I left hanging: what would Jesus have chosen to symbolize his daily work? I suspect that you think I am going to say that he would have chosen a Cross, and this might be true. But if we look beyond the Cross to the empty tomb and to the gift that Jesus gave on the cross, we might want to change our answer. After all, he went to the cross for...the people whom God loves so much that he sent his only Son to reveal! He was raised from the dead for the people who are called to believe in him and follow him. He spent his days in the company of people—good people and bad people, the "in" group and the marginalized. He spent his time opening the channels of God's love and drawing more people closer to God.

So, here's a radical thought: it doesn't matter so much how we spend our days, or what symbols we might use for our daily occupation as it does how we share the love of God as Jesus shows it through whatever we do day to day. Happy Labor Day, and remember that we are all laborers for Christ. AMEN  
Gene Feagin, Pastor

**Sunday, September 6, 2009**

**Scriptures:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Mark 7:24-37

**Sermon:** "The Maker of All"

**SUNDAY, September 6**

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.

Lay Reader:

Nursery Infants: Meg & Jason Munn  
Toddler Church: Linda Goss & Teresa Anderson  
Children's Church: Robin Johnston & Cindy Summersett  
Acolyte: Rush Johnston

**MONDAY 7 – Labor Day**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY 8**

Morning Circle @ Jo Plemmons ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Girl Scout Recruitment in Trinity Center ..... 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY 9**

Trinity Travelers ..... 12:00 noon  
Chancel Choir ..... 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY 12**

Adults-Spirit Singers @ Newberry Opera House .....  
.....Meet at the church 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, September 13**

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.  
CROP Recruitment Day ..... 2-4:00 p.m.  
Novice Dulcimer Class ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Beginner Dulcimer Class ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Jr.Hi.UMYF ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sr.Hi.UMYF ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Church Health Team ..... 6:00 p.m.

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

**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Bible Study Class

**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 August 30: 112  
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) August 30: 48  
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) August 30: 132  
Operating Fund received on August 30 ..... \$5,673.15  
Operating Fund received up to August 30 ..... \$196,274.83  
Budget goal up to August 30 (\$6,500 x 35) ..... \$227,500.00

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our prayers** are with Jeff West, Carol France, Libby Brown, Martha Bostic, Louise Smith, Clark & Geneva Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield; also with Mildred Kalb convalescing at Westminster Rehab Center: and Alice Smith recovering following surgery at Piedmont Medical Center.

**Also, we remember** Mary Shuler, mother of Donnie Shuler; 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; Karen Duncan, Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

**Our sympathy** is with Denise Mitchell and her family following the death of her father, Roy Wilkerson.

*The youth from Trinity who attended Salkehatchie this year, wish to thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers and donations. It was a hard week for all of us, but it was very worth it for all involved. Thank you again.  
Michelle, Joseph, Emily, Ben, Luke, Rebecca*



The UMW will be hosting the First Wednesday Supper on September 3 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Trinity Center. The menu is baked potatoes with all the fixings, brownies and ice cream, and tea.

**Craft Days Resume**

Mark your calendars for the next NESEI Craft Day which will be Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 A.M. We'll need our "measurers, cutters, and crocheters" for sure. Watch for announcements to see if we need our "gluers" on that day.

**Looking for a little exercise and FUN?** The Adult Basketball pickup games will start back up on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30pm. Anyone who would like to get a workout and some laughs is welcome to attend.

The children of Jimmie Pridmore would like to invite the congregation to join them in celebrating his 80th birthday at a drop in from 2-4 on Sunday, September 13th in the church parlor. No gifts please.

**MANY THANKS** to Chris Jones, Bud Jones, Johnny Wine, Patsy Freeman, Jim Barrett and Alicia Breakfield for their donations of scrap lumber used to make the nativities. This allowed us to keep our cost to a minimum. We appreciate your sharing with us and indirectly with the NESEI School. So far our workers have assembled 208 sets and we have a few left to sell at \$5 each. **THANK YOU!!!** The NESEI Crafters.

**The United Methodist Men** will be hosting their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, September 13. They will have Dr. Vernon Prosser, our NEW School Superintendent, as a guest speaker. Everyone is invited to this special meeting but you are asked to RSVP. Breakfast will be served at 7:30am with the meeting to begin around 8:00am. Please contact Mike or Spike if you plan to attend.

**Are you a KnitWit?** Would you like to be one? If you like to crochet, knit, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilt, or do any other type of stitchery, join us for the first meeting of the Trinity KnitWits on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. in the conference room. The plan is for this to be fun time to get together and "stitch" and swap ideas and patterns. This is not designed as a teaching class. We hope to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**There will be an organizational meeting** on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm in the conference room for anyone interested in going to D'Iberville, Mississippi. The trip dates are Saturday November 7 through Saturday November 14, 2009.

**Habitat for Humanity Update:** On Saturday, September 26, we will send a team of workers to Rock Hill to help build a home for a very deserving family. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please sign up in the hallway at the Habitat info wall or contact Spike Myers. We would also like to THANK everyone who has saved aluminum cans. Last week, we delivered 135 pounds of cans to be recycled. Keep up the good work.

**The UMW Rock Hill Annual Meeting** will be held September 26, 2009 at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:45 am and meeting starts at 10:00 am. Lunch for \$5.00 will be served after the meeting. Sue Owens will be the guest speaker. I need to send in reservations by September 15, so let Ellen Jones know at 927-7271 if you would like to attend. A "Pantry Pounding" will be held at this meeting for The Wallace Family Life Center.

There will be the UMW National Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri on April 30 - May 2, 2010, if anyone is interested in going.



There will be no newsletter next week as Jill will be on vacation.

**TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM:** Ketchup will clean and shine copper and remove discoloration.

## ALICE'S CORNER

**As I write this, I am hurting like someone used my stomach for a boxing bag. But when you read this, hopefully, I will be on the road to recovery. Who needs a gall bladder anyway?**

**All the trips this month hopefully will go on as planned – Newberry Opera House, Spirit Singers, Flat Rock Playhouse, and Lazy 5.**

**Look at the details for each below and join us.**

- **The Trinity Travelers** will have their September luncheon meeting on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the conference room. We miss you when you don't come. Come join us for great food and fellowship.
- **Sr.Hi.UMYF** will kick off on Sunday night, September 13 at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Center. This group is for grades 9-12. Come and see how you can make a difference.
- **Our family trip to Lazy 5** has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 20. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Sign up with Alice. We will leave following Sunday School and take a picnic lunch.
- **Alice has tickets for "Around the World in 80 Days"** at the Flat Rock Playhouse on Wednesday, September 16. Ticket cost is \$27.00.  
**Also**, tickets are available for the United Methodist Spirit Singers concert at the Newberry Opera house, Saturday night, September 12. **Tickets are free.** We will eat supper on the way. A limited number of tickets are available. See Alice if you want to go. (Chris Suggs and Hunter Ligon are members of this fantastic group of youth singers.)
- **The Adult Christmas trip** to Myrtle Beach has been set for December 7, 8, & 9. We will see the Christmas show at Carolina Opry and Alabama Theatre. Alice is taking names for the bus now! Don't delay in signing up.