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Celebrating 85 years of Trinity UMC

Rev. Steve Holler
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Rev. Heather Humphries



YMCA Sunday School Basketball has arrived again this year. The season starts 7 December 2009. Registration is open and is running till 16 November. Teams are being arranged for ages 10-18, boys and girls. We are in need of coaches, additional volunteers, and players. For basketball to be a success, parents of active children need to step up and coach, etc. Please contact me here at the church if you are interested in filling one of these roles. Rick Miller has championed this cause for many years, but his son is now in college. It is time for the next generation of parents and children to make this program a success. I hope this year will be a great success!

Best, Chuck

Take a Step in Faith – Join the Cross Walk

The Evangelism Team has been working for many months on a new project called the Cross Walk. This walk is about combining our spiritual lives with our active lives. Do you ever enjoy taking a walk through Converse Heights? Do you look for ways to bring God's Word into your every step in life? Here is a way to combine these efforts!

Join us for the launch of the Cross Walk on Sunday November 8th at 3pm. We will begin in front of the sanctuary. Wear your walking shoes and help us commemorate the first Cross Walk at Trinity. Each time you go on the Cross Walk, you can pick up a brochure that will outline the path you will take. At each stop, some verses of Scripture will be in the brochure for you to read. It is our hope that these verses rest in your heart and guide your mind as you continue on the Cross Walk path. This is a meditative walk allowing God's beautiful words time to sink into your life as you are walking. Look for the Cross Walk emblem at each stop, but no need to visit that house, just pause on the sidewalk to read the Bible verses provided. The whole journey will loop back to the church.

Thank you to the Evangelism Team for having the vision for this unique ministry outreach. Thank you to Nelson Breeden and Laura Edwards for working so hard on making the signs for each house. Thank you to Dot Lyles for carefully selecting the verses of Scripture to accompany all the walkers on their journey. Thank you to Katie Thomason for providing the refreshments for the day of the launch.

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THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP
Sunday, November 8, 2009
Twenty Third Sunday of Kingdomtide
Steve Holler preaching

In Memoriam
Frank McCormick
July 3, 1925–November 1, 2009



The Bethlehem Featherston Event Committee thanks Trinity members for a huge success: your attendance and generous donations, Helen Wells, Nedra Turner, Bev Gibson, and Dolly Mahaffey

for addressing the mailed invitations, Roy Shelton for preparation of the Christian Life Center, Chuck Conner and the youth of Trinity for set up and clean up, Grantham Wood, Lillian and Frank Mahon for decorations, Sammy Ridgeway for food and serving supplies, Doris Wright for coordinating food, Juanita Dillard, Mildred Finch, and Edith Stanley for helping with food and in the kitchen, Claire Hopkins for her painting of the Evening Primrose, Justin Addington for writing the anthem, and the choir and Peter Moore for performing, Lori Lee for coordinating Bethlehem Center children activities, and Rev. Steve Holler and the staff of Trinity for their tremendous support and patience. Event Committee: Donna Fritz, chairman of Bethlehem Center Board, Rev. Heather Humphries, Liz Patterson of Central UMC, Doris Wright, and Elsie Wright.

Flower Arranging With Grantham

Grantham Wood will be offering a flower arranging workshop on Friday, November 13 at 4:00 PM. Even if you have not previously signed up for this class you are invited to join us. Location will be announced soon.

UMW Box

The Circle of Love will meet on Monday, November 9 at 10:15 AM in the Mooneyham Room.

The Shingler Burgess Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 AM. The program will be on Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

The Dot Lyles Circle will meet at the home of Dot Lyles on Tuesday, November 17 for dinner and a program. Please let Patti Hall know if you plan to attend, so that we can have an accurate count.

All Circles: Please remember to bring your World Thank offering and items for elder baskets to your meetings this month.

Check out the GYM!

The Christian Life Center has really gotten a good face lift in the last few weeks. First, the Trustees authorized a new coat of paint in the gym and the hallway leading to the fellowship hall and church office. Second, the Trustees planned for the floors of the gym to be refinished and to replace some of the light bulbs in the lighting fixtures used in the gym. Come and look at the Gym now! It is a new place and many thanks need to be given for the work that made all of this possible. The gym floor was refinished using money from Wilson Casey's *Weakest Link* prize winnings. Thank you Wilson Casey! As you can imagine, it is no small feat to change the lights in the gym. We want to thank Roy Shelton and Wednesday night basketball group for putting in the effort to improve the lighting in the gym. Thank you!

Trinity Family,

I was flipping through my Conference Calendar and noticed that the week of 22-29 November 2009 is National Bible Week. As children of the Most High, we should be reading our Bibles as frequently as we breath the very air He so generously provides. I charge each and everyone one of us to set ourselves away from the couch that week and read the Word, as we have been taught to do. Once you are done, pray for yourselves and for your families. I then ask that you pray for someone else, whether you know they are in need or not. It is my sincere hope this will light a fire in us all.

His Grace and Peace,
Chuck

Newberry Opera House - Grits

Leisure Ministries has three tickets left for the trip to the Newberry Opera House on 11 November 2009 for "Grits - The Musical" at 8pm. The tickets are \$28.50 each. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:30 PM following Wednesday night supper.

Grits is an original musical based on the popular Grits book, "Friends are Forevah" by best selling author Debora Ford. Grits is an exciting story about four generations of women singing four different styles of songs with four varying personalities... Girls Raised in the South!!! If you are interested in this possibility, please call Chuck and reserve your space.

Best, Chuck

TUMS

TUMS will meet on Monday, November 16 and Monday, December 14 due to holiday conflicts. We will have more information coming up soon.

WISE INVESTMENTS

The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.—Obadiah 1:15

When an itinerant preacher was asked to fill the pulpit in a little, country church, he took his son along for company. As they entered the church, they noticed an offering box by the door. The father and son each put a quarter into the offering. That day, only one worshiper showed up, an older gentleman who evidently had little of this world's material wealth. After the sermon, this gentleman went to the foyer, emptied the offering box of its contents, and gave it to the visiting preacher. Fifty cents in all. When the preacher's son saw what happened, he said to his dad, "If we would have put more into it, we would have gotten more out of it!"

You've heard it said in many ways. "You get what you give." "What goes around comes around." Would you be surprised to learn that such an idea is also found in our Bible? Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again." Jesus said it this way: "Consider carefully what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more" (Mark 4:24). Paul is the author of the words on this subject that are most familiar to us: "Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man [person] reaps what he [or she] sows" (Galatians 6:7).

This principle is passionately proclaimed by one of the most unusual of the Old Testament prophets, Obadiah. The name Obadiah means worshiper or servant of Yahweh. It is a common name in the Old Testament, appearing some twenty times. We do not know very much about this prophet except that he belonged to Judah, the Southern Kingdom. A central

theme in Obadiah's prophecy is what we might call "poetic justice." Think of it as living life as an echo. Actions will have consequences. What you do and say will echo back to you. Bread cast upon the waters will return to you. "As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head." Obadiah was telling the nation of Edom that her hateful treatment of Judah would come back to her. It is a lesson we would all be wise to heed.

A woman who moved to a small town was disturbed by the poor service at the local drug store. She complained to her neighbor, hoping that she would repeat her complaint to the owner. The next time she went to the drug store, the druggist greeted her with a big smile. He told her how glad he was to see her. And he said that he wanted her to know that he would do anything he could to help her and her husband get settled. He then filled her order promptly and efficiently. Later, the woman reported the miraculous change to her friend. She said, "I suppose you passed on my complaint to him about how poor I thought the service was?" "No," responded her neighbor. "In fact, I told him you were amazed at the way he had built up this small town drug store and that you thought it was one of the best run drug stores you had ever seen!"

Stephen Covey in *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* wrote about treating people as if they are your most precious bank accounts. Invest in them. Care for them. Feed them and nurture them. They will be there for you when you need to make a withdrawal. Or, as the preacher's son said, "If we had put more into it, we would have gotten more out of it!"

Trinity, life is not a gamble. Life is an investment.

All UMYF,

A special thanks to the Stoddard family for dinner last evening and to the church family for the wonderful 85th Anniversary cake the youth devoured entirely. Thanks to everyone who came out last night and learned about the church that gives them so much. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all the youth in attendance. Ms. Doris Wright presented a timely and thoughtful presentation on the history of Trinity to the future of Trinity, the UMYF. I was actually surprised by many of the facts that she presented, especially by the importance of our stain glass windows, with the little deposits of gold found in the red glass.

The Revelation Bible Study begins 10 November 2009 at 5pm in the library. Spread the word and come prepared to be enriched by the Word. Bring a notebook with something to write with.

Socratic Club will meet at 5pm on Wednesday. Ben Stephens did an excellent job last week and I greatly look forward to this week's discussion. I will see you around this week, either here at church or at school. Have a good one and take care.

Best, Chuck

I will uphold the church by my...

Prayers: **In Our Trinity Family**

Praise: for the foresight of those people who planted Trinity Church 85 years ago.

Praise: for the Reverends Tom Brittain, Red Williams, and Mickey Fisher who blessed this church in the past and who still bless her today.

Praise: for those who have died since last All Saint's Day, now in Glory, who taught us the courage of faith.

Praise: for the generosity of those in our community who gave lovingly to the work and ministry of the Bethlehem Center.

Praise for the dedicated service of Elsie Wright for all that she does, known and unknown, for Trinity and the community.

*Prayer requests are not
published publicly on our website.*

Presence:

Worship 11/1/09

Sunday School 11/1/09

267

122

Gifts:

Financial Report

2008

2009

Offering Given this Week \$13,974.45 \$14,237.00

Offering Year to Date \$455,764.79 \$453,350.84

Needed for remainder of year \$227,333.16

Service:

Serving on Sunday

Acolyte

Anna Grace Ritchie

Door Opener

Buddy Pittillo

Usher Captain

Buddy Pittillo

Offering Stewards

Rick Miller & Brian Carey

Opportunities for Service This Week

Sunday, November 8

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM GAP

3:00 PM Cross Walk Launch

6:00 PM UMYF

Monday, November 9

10:00 AM Program Staff Meeting

10:15 AM Circle of Love

4:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Disciple III

6:00 PM Cub Scouts

6:30 PM P/S-PRC

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 AM Prayer Team

6:30 PM Finance Team

6:30 PM Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

11:00 AM Shingler/Burgess Circle

4:30 PM Angel Ringers

5:00-6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir

5:00 PM Socratic Club

5:15 PM Grace Notes

6:00 PM **Fun, Fellowship & Faith**

6:30 PM **GRITS trip**

6:30 PM A Theological Montage

6:30 PM Trinity Bronze

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 12

6:00 PM Disciple I

Friday, November 13

4:00 PM Flower Arranging with Grantham

Sunday, November 15

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

5:30 PM Trustees

6:00 PM Children's Council

6:00 PM UMYF

7:30 PM Church Council