

From the Pastor's Desk

The Pastor's Peace by Nathan King

A few months ago I lost part of my mind. For about 5 years I've carried all my important (and some not so important) names, phone numbers and addresses in an electronic organizer. Using the software that came with the organizer (a 3.5' floppy disk), occasionally, I would "back up" the information on my computer. The last time I backed it up was in 2003. Since then (December 2003), I've changed computers. Luckily, the software still worked on the newer computer. I just did not figure on completely losing the equipment. In years past, that weird electronic surge would happen on Fridays about the time I had written the last line on my sermon and was about to save it. But I never considered what happens if I lose the organizer.

Of course, now I discover how futile and feeble are my attempts to "save" anything important, particularly if it has to do with electronics. And yet, my memory just doesn't seem to hold all the information about the many important persons I know – people at Trinity, family, classmates, colleagues. I simply cannot always *re-member* everything that is important to me.

The Israelites crossed the Red Sea and a later constructed an altar. Every year they would remember the Passover. Remembering their experience of God's deliverance was essential to their continued right relationship with God, with themselves and with others – as distinct from their own people, who were yet included in God's deliverance. Maybe no one in their family would ever pass by the altar again – but

they would always tell the story that the *building* of it *represented*. The story was not about an event, it was about a process, a journey together with God. The story would always reconnect them with God and one another. Through it, they would *re-member*.

I miss my old organizer. It contained information about people I've known for many years. Much more dearly, I miss the people it represents. Yesterday, I finally gave up on finding it and bought a new one. Last night as I re-typed the information into the computer (and made sure it was safe at every step) I was sad. I don't see most of those folks nearly as often as I would like. But when I see their names, we are joined again in Spirit as I recall our shared experiences – our common story of life together – and I am thankful for the way their lives have intertwined with, shaped, and enriched my own. Blessed be.

Peace,
Nathan

Mission Opportunities

Habitat Cabarrus

Building on Faith informational meetings:

Thursday, June 16 @ 5:30pm

Thursday, June 23 @ 5:30pm

Thursday, June 30 @ 5:30pm

All meetings are at Habitat Cabarrus

Conference Room (8 Church St, Concord)

Family Promise

Monday, July 11 @ 7:00pm

Monday, August 1 @ 7:00pm

All meetings are at Trinity UCC in the fellowship hall

Circles

The Morning Circle will meet on Monday, June 6 at 10:00am in the church parlor.

The Mildred Suther Circle will meet on Monday, June 6 at 7:00pm at the home of Floryne Misenheimer.

The Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00pm at the Union Street Bistro in Cocord. Confirm reservations with Pam King by June 12 at 704-933-9018. July meeting will be July 12.

Churchmen's Fellowship

The Churchmen's Fellowship met on Sunday, May 3 in the History Room at Trinity. Discussion included summer camp tuition and funding for the music program. Lewis Eddings, president, reminded the men that we would not meet for men's breakfast June, July or August. The breakfast will resume on Sunday, September 4 at 8:00 a.m.

First Sunday Fellowship

First Sunday Fellowship will resume on September 4. During the summer you are invited to lunch out together each Sunday. First time worshipers and newcomers are invited as the pastor's guests. Everyone else is "Dutch treat."

T'ai Chi Class begins June 30

On Saturday, May 7, Gerald Moose introduced 11 folks to T'ai Chi. He invited us to an 8-week class to learn to practice the Yang style short form of T'ai Chi.



T'ai Chi, an ancient Chinese art based on natural laws, teaches revelation, erases tension, and boosts energy. It is a series of quiet soft movements; the quiet to cultivate the spirit; the soft to nurture the body. It is a gentle exercise performed in a calm and peaceful manner. It works for all, regardless of age.

The 8-week class will be on Thursdays at 7pm, beginning June 30. It meets at Trinity in the Fellowship Hall (or outside if weather permits). Cost is \$10/class.

Another free introductory class will be Saturday, June 11 in the Trinity Fellowship Hall at 11am (following the Pancake Breakfast).

Our Service in June

Children's Message

Pam King

Sound System

Grace Puckett

Acolyte

Cameron Monks

Nursery

6/5 Kris Monks & Zach Monks

6/12 Ray Monks & Grace Puckett

6/19 Pam King & Mike Monks

6/26 Jo Anna Cupp & Amanda Miller

Liturgists

6/5 Gina Pell

6/12 Michael Pell

6/19 Mark Johnson

6/26 Lex Graham

Birthdays & Anniversaries in June

- 1 William Love at Trinity 38 Years
- 2 Phil Rollins
- 6 Harold & Eugenia Holste †
- 9 David & Teresa Puckett
- 10 Gina Pell
- 11 Bobby & Elsie Bonds †
- 12 Louise Moore
- 14 Evan Drake
- 15 Alexander "Sasha" Dolbun*
Michael Keen
Roger Howard*
Glenda Love
- 16 Nancy Brewer*
- 18 Brian Cranford
- 19 Ron Barnhardt
- 20 Addisyn Keen
- 22 Jo Anna Cupp
- 25 Gary Kiser
W.A. Moose
- 26 Leanna Howard*
- 27 Krystal Hoyle
- 30 Dana Etherton
Giles Kindley
Mark & Debbie Johnson †

! 80 (or 80+) !!! 90 (or 90+) † Anniversaries * Non Member

CVAN's Men for Change

Last year 453 men came together to individually and collectively say "domestic violence is wrong". Because violence against women affects us all, CVAN came together as "Men for Change" and raised \$48,000

Will you sign up as a "Man for Change" this year?

By giving \$100 today, you will help provide safety, shelter and support for battered women and their children. Your name will be listed on Father's Day to announce that you and hundreds more say "no" to domestic violence.

Make your tax deductible check payable to CVAN, PO Box 1749, Concord, NC 28026. Your contribution must be received by June 1 to be included in the newspaper ads.

Women's Summer Conference

CATAWBA COLLEGE

SALISBURY, NC

THEME ~ RURAL WOMEN IN THE UCC

JUNE 9 – 11

United Church News

Copies of the June/July United Church News, including the "Southern Spirit" insert for the Southern Conference, are available in the Narthex. The national paper is also available online at www.ucc.org and the *Southern Spirit* is online at www.soc-ucc.org. This month's *Southern Spirit* includes Pastor King's review of *God of Dirt* by Tom Mann. Curly Stumb also reports on the dialogue talks facilitated by Annette Simmons at Elon Community Church for the Southern Conference. Both Pastor King and consistory president, Debbie Johnson attended the dialogue.

July Newsletter Deadline is June 22

Let us know about upcoming events for your group so it can be published. Churchmen's Fellowship, Ladies' Circles, Vacation Bible School, Youth, Music, Newcomers Team, Missions Team, Deacons all need to get information in the newsletter. Leave in office or email info to trinityuccconcord@yahoo.com.

Summer Schedule



Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer

Continental Breakfast

8:30am

Sunday School

8:45am

Worship

9:55am

Summer schedule is June, July and August

Union Street Live!

Union Street Live! returns in 2005 for a summer of music and dancing and fun. Concerts will be held on the third Thursday of each month from May through September from 6pm to 9pm on the lawn of the historic courthouse.

June 16

The Fantastic Shakers

July 21

Déjà vu

August 18

Band of Oz

September 15

Coconut Groove Band

Wear your dancing shoes but please leave your coolers and dogs at home.

In Memorium

Bernie A. Edwards

November 2, 1932 - May 6, 2005

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for your thoughtful acts of kindness shown to me and my family on the sudden death of Bernie.

Your caring will always be remembered.

Love to all of you,

Rose and Family

New Addresses

Brian & Dana Etherton: 10311 Suffield Ct,
Charlotte NC 28268

Tom & Wendy Columbus: 1363 Fitzgerald St.
NW, Concord NC 28027

Sharing our Gifts in Worship

by Pastor King



Wow! When our music director, **Theresa Woody-Rhodes** and **Tyler Columbus** (age 6) started up the offertory last Sunday (May 29th), I was a little anxious. Only the two of them doing a “The Lord Our God” rap (Make a joyful noise arr. Combs). I knew when Theresa started that this was usually done with a group. I held my breath as Tyler began the repeat. Then I exhaled. Truly the Spirit of God was in this place. I felt like Moses on Mt. Horeb. The ground was holy. I didn’t know whether to cry, to shout, to applaud or dance. Reflecting on it, I’ve done all the above! What a blessing! A testimony to Theresa’s leadership, thanks Tyler for sharing your gifts in leading worship.

Office Assistant Hiring

Clearly no one realized all that Sallie Staley did for Trinity in the position of Office Assistant. It is impossible to replace such a skillful and resourceful person.

An ad has run in the Independent Tribune and we have received about 30 responses. The Katherine Barrier, chair of the pastoral relations/personnel committee is reviewing the resumes. The deacons recommended and consistory approved hiring someone for up to 15 hours per week at a lower pay rate with fewer responsibilities.

Please be patient as we learn the process. Currently, Mark Johnson is preparing the bulletin and communicating with the accountant on paying the bills. The new deadline for bulletin information is Wednesday at 4pm. Gina Pell is planning to assemble the July newsletter. Dalphine Brown will be in the office to answer the phone on Mondays between 9am – Noon.

Given that our church is now smaller in number, consideration should be given to having these tasks done temporarily as volunteer ministries.

In order to continue the office responsibilities as a paid position, our tithes and offerings must increase by about \$8 per person, per week, for the next 7 months.

Trinity Reformed UCC – *Mission Statement*

Who we are...

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ is an open, loving, growing church committed to welcoming persons of all ages, races, life status, and beliefs, engaging all in worshipping God, and in serving others while seeking to know God’s will.

Our mission is...

To honor God and celebrate the intrinsic worth of each person as created in God’s image.

We seek to accomplish this by...

Engaging members and newcomers in a regular practice of developing spirituality, including private prayer, Sunday worship, service to others, fellowship in a group and financial stewardship

Providing opportunities for lay leadership development in the areas of church school leader, worship leadership, consistory service, youth & children’s ministries, pastoral visitation, evangelism and spirituality

Proclaiming the Word of God by offering worship experiences engaging worshipers in visual arts, contemporary music, creative movement, drama, mime and clowning, while continuing a strong ministry through a variety of music and preaching of the Word

Developing a welcoming attitude toward persons who are different and learning to honor these differences as a path to Christian spiritual growth

Being intentional in inviting others to engage with Trinity Reformed UCC in membership and ministry and publicizing our church’s ministry opportunities

Exploring and discovering our individual gifts for ministry

Engaging individuals and our faith community in helping others outside our own faith community, careful planning for generous missions support, and making connections with school children and their families that meet their needs

From the 125th Anniversary Committee

Harold Holste, reporting

This is the tentative schedule. A lot of details will be filled in as we go along. WOW!

The theme for the anniversary celebration is John 17:21 ... "that they may all be one."

1. **June/July 2005** – Presentation of **commemorative woven blankets** with colorful images of Trinity's history. Information will be given by Rose Edwards and James Cress. Information will also be in the bulletin to make your orders. Order forms will be available June 12. Deadline for ordering is **July 31, 2005**.
2. **September 2005** – Orders will be received for a special **Christmas tree ornament** of the 125th anniversary. Phyllis Baucom is working on this.
3. January 1, 2006 – Proclamation of the Celebration. This could include information of planned events for Trinity's celebration.
4. February 26, 2006 – First special service. Missions of Trinity Church from its beginnings to the present day.
5. March 2006 – Pictorial Directory pictures made.
6. May 6, 2006 – Honoring former pastor. Knowing all living pastors would not be able to attend on the same day, we have chosen four Sundays, hoping that one or more can be present on one of these Sundays. This is the first Sunday.
7. May 14, 2006 – Second special service. Women involved in missions in Trinity Church including the Women's Missionary Society.
8. June 4, 2006 – Honoring former pastors.
9. June 2006 – Vacation Bible School with efforts to invite New Gilead Church and First UCC of Concord. New Gilead and Trinity had two periods in which they shared a pastor. First Church is the new member of the present day United Church of Christ in which we find our relationship connected.
10. July 2, 2006 – Honoring former pastors.
11. August 6, 2006 – Honoring former pastors. This might be a memory lane time or they may or may not preach.
12. September 24, 2006 – Third special service. This will be a service of music from the beginning of Trinity to the present. This is Homecoming. Our choir director/organist has proposed writing an anthem or hymn for our celebration. We will have a hymn sing with musical instruments, making a joyful noise to the Lord.
13. Sometime in November – Last special event: A time capsule will be buried.

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

Mark Twain

A little boy was having difficulty lifting a heavy stone. His father came along just then. Noting the boy's failure, he asked, "Are you using all your strength?" "Yes, I am," the little boy said impatiently. "No, you are not," the father answered. "I am right here just waiting, and you haven't asked me to help you."

Author Unknown

Happy Father's Day!

May Consistory Notes

- Deacons met at 5pm and discussed our finances. Pastor King asked for guidance on hiring an office assistant and how that may affect our financial stability. Current giving is about \$362 short per week at our current budget. Deacons recommended and consistory approved hiring an office assistant at a lower pay rate and lower number of hours. Several folks have volunteered their services until a new assistant can be hired.
- Mark Johnson has agreed to prepare the weekly bulletin and to prepare information for the accountant in order to pay bills. Floryne Misenheimer has agreed to fold and stuff the weekly bulletins. Gina Pell is considering preparation of the monthly newsletter. Teresa Puckett has also agreed to help in some of these areas.
- Given the above reductions for the office assistant, our current financial shortfall amounts to \$8 per member per week. Consistory invites and challenges you to this commitment for the remainder of the year.
- The introductory T'ai Chi class taught by Gerald Moose attracted 11 persons who donated \$85 for the use of our fellowship hall space. There are about a dozen folks interested in an 8-week class at Trinity. This will most likely happen during the summer on Thursday evenings.
- Family Promise ministry is moving on with preparations to begin serving guests. They are waiting for funding from grants to fund the position of executive director. On June 24, a patriotic concert given by the Piedmont Choral Society will donate 100% of the proceeds to Family Promise of Cabarrus.
- 125th Anniversary Committee update. Orders will be taken June – August for commemorative blankets. Estimated purchase price will be \$35.00. A \$10 deposit will be required. Minimum order is 50 blankets. Orders for commemorative Christmas tree ornaments will be taken in September. Purchase price is approximately \$10 each.
- Newcomers Team. Consistory advised that we need “greeters” ready to make nametags for any first-time worshipers.
- Property and Maintenance. Dan Barrier is working on getting K.W. Arthur to inspect our sanctuary roof. The roof has a leak that needs to be repaired and some damaged paint. Likely the paint is under warranty.
- Reminder that leadership will be introducing our Fifth Sunday feedback on May 29. For the final 15 minutes of worship each fifth Sunday consistory will be providing information and requesting feedback from worshipers to inform and communicate our ministry vision.
- Use of regular coffee mugs instead of styrofoam cups, during First Sunday Fellowships, breakfasts, etc. would reduce expense and make us more faithful as stewards of God's Creation. Consistory encourages the use of coffee mugs rather than styrofoam.
- Christian Education – Kris Monks will alert this team to the need for organizing guidelines for the nursery.
- Church Clean-up Day is June 18 beginning at 8am.
- New Summer Hours are 8:30am – Continental Breakfast, 8:45 – Sunday School, 9:55 – worship. Judy Barnhardt is coordinating the menu and hosts for the breakfasts.
- Amy Mercado has transferred her church membership to Cornerstone Baptist Church, Four Oaks, NC.
- Copies of resolutions for Southern Conference Annual Meeting (June 3-5) are available in the Narthex and in on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

After approval by consistory, copies of the monthly consistory minutes are available upon request from the church office. Two copies are also placed in the Narthex. Consistory meetings are open to the membership. Debbie Johnson is president. David Puckett is vice-president. Michael Pell is secretary and Dan Barrier is Treasurer. Phyllis Baucom is treasurer for the Memorial and Improvement funds.

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T'AI CHI CLASSES

THURSDAYS BEGINNING JUNE 30

7PM TO 8PM

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

(in Lower Parking Lot, weather permitting!)

Taught by Gerald Moose

\$10 per person per class

**Second Saturday
Pancake Breakfast**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

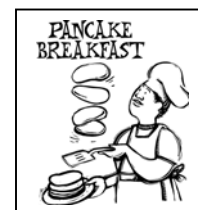
7:30AM UNTIL 10:30AM

\$5 ADULTS

\$4 SENIORS

\$3 CHILDREN AGES 4-11

FREE FOR CHILDREN 3 & UNDER



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!