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**Crossroads**

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## **World – Wide Communion**

**Interim Pastor**

**Harold Holste**

On October 7, 2007 @ 10:55 a.m. Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ will worship God. On this particular Sunday, we will join Christians around the world to worship God in Word and Sacrament. Normally most protestant churches worship God in Word, but this Sunday Trinity will join others to also worship in Sacrament. It's the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All believers should come to receive the bread and cup of Jesus Christ. We should all do it as often as possible. Doing this signals faithfulness by all who come to Christ.

So come on October 7. Its a day we join Christians around the Communion Table to eat the bread and drink the wine of Jesus Christ. Christ is our Head.

Also on this day, the special mission offering called “Neighbors in Need” will be received. These neighbors live in this country. This year we will reach the Native American population.

### Funeral Pall

What is it? A funeral pall is like a covering to be placed over a casket with a loved one inside who has died. This covering or blanket known as a pall would have a significant Christian symbol on it. This states to all who see the casket that the deceased was a devout Christian. This pall would only be used inside the church building or perhaps a funeral home.

At the time of death, the pastor or someone of the church notifies the deceased's family of the availability of the pall. Funeral homes know how to handle the pall for cleanliness and security.

Trinity Church greatly appreciates this gift from the family of Bernie Edwards. Monetary gifts from Bernie's family and friends are fully responsible for this wonderful gift. Truly it is a gift to enhance any funeral. Thank you Rose and Bernie, Jr.

Notes from:  
**THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
 MINISTER**

Pastor Marion Rhyne

**DID YOU KNOW!!!**

**That Trinity has a computer lab on the third floor??**

We first used computers in the Bible School. It was fun to find pictures of spirals on the internet, walk a labyrinth on line and see and hear the story of Feeding the 5,000 and make an art project with Kid Pix. All this in the parlor on the bottom floor. Nathan graciously ran a wire for internet capabilities down the stairs so these activities could be accomplished. As the old saying goes, “Where there’s a will there’s a way” .

Computers are relatively new in Christian Education curricula. They have been found to enhance the student’s understanding of the Biblical story. And we all know how young people have taken to using computers in every day life. With this in mind I am working toward a functioning computer room where both young people and adults may study.

After VBS the computers moved to the room on the third floor and this room is now equipped with computers, a video player, and a DVD player. Two times the young people have heard the story in Children’s Worship using a different media. The story of the Good Samaritan was seen via video, a computer program and then dramatized. The most recent was the story of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. These stories are the same stories that are in the lectionary and that are heard in worship. As more programs are purchased, other ways of learning the scriptures will be presented.

It takes time to find the equipment and build a library of programs for use. Right now we have two computers and the use of a lap top. If you are computer savvy and are interested in being part of this newest educational tool and helping it grow here at Trinity please let the Christian Education Team know. It is exciting! Especially for the young people.



**Remember to set the security system before you leave the building. Thanks.**



**Website Manager Needed**

With Dana Etherton’s leaving, Trinity is in need of someone to manage our website. Each week, the site must be updated to include information for visitors to the site. Please let Pastor King know ASAP if you can do this well. Thanks to Dana for doing this beautifully, and well, the past 3 years.

**MORNING CIRCLE** meets the first Monday at 10am in the Parlor (Lower Level). For October, the meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Calling All Readers!!!

Everyone reads.

Right? That means EVERYONE has books they would like to share with others. Right?

Look no further!

Trinity's book exchange is in full swing. Just stop by the box in the Fellowship hall... it's labeled **"BOOK EXCHANGE."** Take a book, leave a book. The books are *exchanged*. That is, the books are given away to each other without charge and without return.



## Mountain Retreat

*Calling all women! Do you need an inspirational Renewal?? Come to our beautiful U.C.C. Blowing Rock Conference Center during the fall season, and attend the Southern Regional Women's Meeting October 26-28<sup>th</sup>. There will be worship, music, seven inspirational workshop choices, bible study, fun, food and fellowship. Come spend all week-end, or enjoy a Saturday in the mountains. See Eugenia Holste today for registration forms.*

## CALLING ALL ARTISANS & CRAFTERS

To offset the expenses for our Regional Meeting, as well as to display our talents to women from Texas to Florida, and the entire southern region, we are asking for donations of arts & crafts to sell. Please indicate the selling price, and if you wish printed business cards can be displayed with the item for advertisement. Call Eugenia Holste: (704-454-1572) to make your donations! Thanks so much!

## Camp Weekend

October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> is the annual John's River Valley Camp Weekend. Start planning now so you don't miss out on any fun. There will be hiking, football, large open fires and rocking chairs, and of course you cannot forget about the marshmallow roast with smores. The mountains will be gorgeous during this time so make your plans and see Jo Anna Cupp for more information. Her e-mail Address is: [jacupp@ctc.net](mailto:jacupp@ctc.net).

## Take Note

Please take note that Mark Johnson is teaching a special adult Sunday School Class for the next several Sundays. Using the book, "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty" by Bill Ehlig and Ruby K. Payne, PH.D. He will explore concepts of poverty presented in the book. It's not to late, so please consider joining this class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

### DID YOU KNOW

Pastor Marion

A call has gone out for those interested in playing hand bells, for those young people interested in singing in a choir, for those who will use their gifts in the music area of worship, for those who would like to sing in a Threshold Choir, singing for those crossing from this life to the next, and for those who would like to sing in the Chancel Choir. A sign-up sheet was placed in the bulletin on September the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you missed that please speak to me personally. We welcome all. If you're thinking, "I'd like to do something but I can't read music," well just put that fear aside. In my former life I was a music educator as well as choral director so my job is to enable you to be productive in what ever area you would like to try as well as enjoy working together with others in these small groups for the sake of the church. Please give it some thought.

## September & October Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 9/5 George Smith
- 9/8 Theresa Woody-Rhodes
- 9/13 Louis Morris Jr.
- 9/22 Ray Monks
- 9/25 Travis Hoyle  
David Ray
- 9/29 David Morris
  
- 10/2 Durant Misenheimer  
Wyatt Moose
- 10/3 Patrick Bowles
- 10/11 Debbie Purcell
- 10/15 Carol Williams
- 10/20 David Puckett
- 10/21 Michael Crawford
- 10/23 Debbie Johnson
- 10/25 Michael Hansen  
Kathy Rummage
- 10/29 David Bowles  
John Roberts

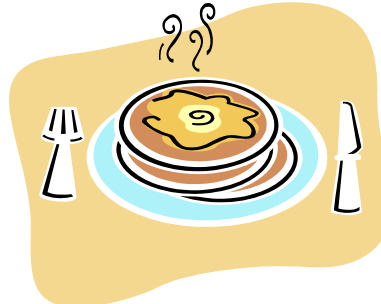
### Anniversaries

- 9/3 Dale Ray & Ellen Cathcart
- 9/22 Jim & Anna Cress  
Ray & Kris Monks
- 9/29 Dan & Katherine Barrier
  
- 10/5 Roger & Leanna Howard
- 10/10 Lewis & Sharon Eddings
- 10/13 Ron & Judy Barnhardt
- 10/17 Bobby & Coleen Eagle

The  
**Sisters in Christ Circle**  
 will be meeting the **Second**  
**Tuesday** of each month.  
 October's meeting is on the  
 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m..

### Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfasts are back. The first was Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The next one will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Come for free Pancakes! They will be on the Second Saturday of each month from 7:30am-10:30am.



Wish list for Church Office

Victoria Kingsley

I am coming to you for some help. After sorting and cleaning the office, I have made a list of items we need. Much thanks to JoAnna Cupp for shelving that was needed. The shelving is already up and is just about full. There are other needs as well and here are some of them:

- Cross cut shredder      4 book ends
- A long arm stapler      Electric Stapler
- File labels              Rubber bands
- Office chair (that has arms, is adjustable up & down and must have good back support)

Thank you in advance for any help and contributions toward the running of the church office.

**YOGA**

*Trinity UCC is proud to offer Hatha Yoga classes. They are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am and on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. There is a per class fee. Contact instructors Robert & Priscilla Ritchie at (704) 782-2936 for more information.*

**T'ai Chi Class**

*Trinity's T'ai Chi continues on Thursday evenings. Two classes are offered on Thursdays, one at 7pm and one at 8pm. Teacher Gerald Moose is available for review from 6:30pm-7pm on Thursdays. Free introductory classes are available the first Saturday of each month at 9am in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Contact Teacher Gerald Moose at (704)-463-1535.*

**Dream Process Group**

Ever had a dream and woke up wondering what it meant? Come to the Dream Process Group and we'll explore the possibilities. Our process is based on Jungian archetypes and the collective unconscious. We all share some of the same hopes, dreams and desires, therefore we can learn from each other's dreams.

We meet on Mondays from 7:35pm -9pm. While Pastor King is on sabbatical, we will meet at the home of Dee Oglesby. For directions to the Oglesby house, contact Dee at [doglesby@carolina.rr.com](mailto:doglesby@carolina.rr.com)

**Accountant's Financial Report  
for  
August, 2007**

Balance on Hand, July 31, 2007:	\$ 13,578.36
Receipts for August:	<u>\$ 8,739.79</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 22,318.15
Total Expenses for August:	<u>\$(12,859.49)</u>
Balance on Hand, August 31, 2007	\$ 9,458.66

Note: \$15,000.00 was added to our receipts in the month of June from interest gained at the United Church Foundation. You may learn more about this investment in the 2007 church Directory.



### Consistory Notes

Approved minutes of August 19, 2007. These minutes were approved on September 16, 2007. The following is merely an overview of the minutes.

Members present were: Mark Johnson, Eugenia Holste, Don Whitfield, Vickey Cline, Jo Anna Cupp, Judy Barnhardt, Juanita Hathcock, and Rev. Harold Holste.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson. Judy Barnhardt led devotions who read, "The Board With a Troublesome Church". This noted that it is a serious thing to divide the body of Christ, and that the church elders are charged with preserving the good name of a church. Consistory took time sharing stories going on in their lives.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved. The Financial report was approved and read. The pastors reported on their work in the church. Eugenia noted in Reverend Rhyne's absence that she was interested in starting a Youth Program and Hand Bell Choir. Children's Worship is going well. Eugenia noted that adequate nursery volunteers continues to be a problem.

Missions Committee- Jo Anna Cupp noted that Johns River Camp has been reserved for October. No report from the Worship Committee or Welcoming Team.

Property- Don Whitfield reported that All American Plumbing repaired the leaking commode. He also stated that G & S should be here Thursday to replace thermostats on timers. Reverend Holste said he would place ant poison in the side door mail shoot area.

Jo Anna Cupp reported on Committee Restructuring. The Committee is to meet again after Labor Day. New Committees should be in place by January.

Several questions were dealt with concerning the financial report. It was reported that Nancy Rummage has accepted helping with record keeping of all contributions from donors and some other financial bookkeeping matters. A motion was made by Eugenia to have weekly financial statements stated in the Sunday bulletins and omit yearly to date amounts. All totals are to be

listed in the newsletter. This motion passed. Organist Search- Mr. Mark Frye, who is engaged to search for Trinity, is on vacation. Homecoming- Mark suggested that the worship Committee along with Reverend Rhyne and Jo Anna Cupp assist with planning for Homecoming Day. Judy Barnhardt stated she was disappointed with the cooperation of Bear Rock Cafe. She will be checking again to see if things can be worked out with Trinity. Motion was made and approved for the purchase of a funeral pall in memory of Bernie Edwards. The suggestion of appointing an AD Hoc Nominating Committee was tabled. Mark Johnson shared a note from our office assistant of several office needs. It was decided to publicize the list seeking contributions. Meeting was adjourned by closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Vickey Cline, Secretary.

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(Rev. King is on sabbatical July 9 – October 8)

## **October 2007**

“Never place a period where God  
has placed a comma” —Gracie Allen

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