

The Trinity Tidings

Pastor Ernie Perry

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Sunday Worship Time 9:30 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Sunday Eve Worship 7:00 PM
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 PM
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I was going through my dresser drawers one day trying to filter out some of the t-shirts I don't wear anymore. It's hard to get rid of things especially if they have some special meaning. There are just some things you don't want to get rid of no matter how raggedy or how much you have out grown them. Yet, it is necessary for reclaiming space.

While clearing out the old shirts I came upon one I had received shortly after Jonathan was born and was proud to wear. It was one of those shirts intended to be humorous and yet get a point across. I had always thought the message was for the boys to remember something about their dad. But now I think it might have been a reminder for me. Either way I think it has something to say to us as Christians especially here at Scalp Level Trinity United Methodist Church as we seek to reach people for Jesus Christ and help to nurture believers in their faith.

By now you are probably wondering what the saying was that was on the shirt. (I meant for it to be a surprise, build it up a little.) Well what the shirt said was simply this, "***Never underestimate the power of a DAD!***" Isn't that profound? Children should always be reminded of the power of a dad. They can fix anything. They can do anything. They are tremendous individuals, a good resource to have around. And if nothing else they might be someone to be concerned about if one is planning something unacceptable.

Well the point I am wanting to make really has nothing to do with the power a father might have except as it pertains to our Father in heaven. I think we should be reminded that we cannot underestimate the power of our God. Just as important, however we should not underestimate the power of prayer. God has given us the wonderful gift of communication with Him whereby we can accomplish great feats. We can pray for people to be healed. We can pray for our earthly needs. We can pray for all kinds of miracles. But most of all we can pray for the salvation of the lost.

Our church is experiencing new opportunities to serve God in this community. As we continue to move forward and try to understand His will, not just for us but for others as well, I believe it to be essential for us to depend upon prayer. Prayer is the catalyst of God's power. It has been said that God does nothing except in response to prayer. We cannot take this gift too lightly. I would like to encourage you, if you have not already thought about it, to think very seriously about making a commitment to join myself and others on Sunday and Wednesday nights in a time of serious consideration of God's Word to us and a serious time in prayer for His will for ourselves and others.

I truly believe that the best God has to offer is yet to come. But I also believe it will not come except in answer to prayer, corporate, fervent prayer. James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." And Jesus said, "You have not because you ask not." He also said that without Him we could do nothing. Let us not underestimate the power of prayer. Let us not underestimate the need for consistent constant prayer. I for one want to see God move but I know he won't unless we pray.

I am looking forward to seeing you and praying with you soon on a Sunday or Wednesday night as we join together to touch the throne of God. "***Never Underestimate the Power of God!***"

Grace & Peace, Pastor Ernie

Scalp Level Trinity UMC at a Glance For February 2008



Acolyte

Adam D'Ambrosia

Ushers

Lewis Ellingsworth
Sharon Kaufman
Wayne Kaufman
John Smindak

Greeters

3rd Evelyn Brumbaugh & Shirley Wright
10th Brett, Sally, Jenelle & Adam Feather
17th Bob & Dorie Weaver
24th Mike & Yvonne Horwitz and Missy

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open during the week Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Mona D'Ambrosia is the interim church secretary.

Tidings Deadline

The deadline for article submission for the March 2008 edition of the Tidings will be **Sunday, February 17th**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. You can place your article in Tammy Fiffick's church mailbox, mail it to the church office and mark it "Tidings" or email it directly to tidings@scalpleveltrinity.org.



Congratulations To... Matthew & Amber Hale on the birth of their son, Glaiden Don Hale. He was born on Sunday, February 13th. Amber is the daughter of Dave & Bonnie Camblin and the

granddaughter of Reverend & Mrs. Don & Shirley Sease. Please keep them in your prayers!

Flower Sponsors & Acolytes Needed There is a need for altar flower sponsors for the month of February, as well as acolytes for the year. A sign-up sheet for the flowers is located in the narthex the sheet for the acolytes is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office. Thank-You!

United Churches

We have resumed our meetings for 2008. We will be keeping some of the same projects as other years in our spiritual, educational, and social concerns in our community. This year, Sunday, February 3rd, the annual Hymn Sing will reach the milestone of 25 years. It will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – in the Rummel section of town – formerly Grace Lutheran Church. There will be a fellowship following the service. Everyone is welcome to join. Come and sing your favorite hymns. We are hoping for a larger attendance than in the past years.

This year's Christmas Stocking Project filled 200 stockings with assorted small items from 15 area churches, as well as the "Red Hat Ladies", that are from the Church of the Brethren Home. The director, Alice Single, divided the stockings among the schools that have students in the IU8 Program, this included Windber School District. Our church personally filled 16 stockings. I would like to thank the Friendly, Pioneer & Challenger Sunday School Classes for your financial support to buy items for the stockings.

Eleanor Mock

*And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind).
I asked Him to send treasures of
a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you at the
start of each new day; to grant you
health and blessings and friends to
share your way! I asked for
happiness for you in all things
great and small.
But it was for His loving care
I prayed for most of all!*

~ Submitted by Dave Masters

JOHNSTOWN CHIEFS HOCKEY NIGHT

On Wednesday, February 13th at 7:05. The Johnstown Chiefs are sponsoring United Methodist Night for the Johnstown District. Tickets are \$10.00/each with \$2.00 being donated back to the United Methodist District "Nothing But



December 2007 Church Attendance



December 2 nd	-103
December 9 th	-178
December 16 th	-115
December 23 rd	-203
December 30 th	-186

*Christmas Eve Attendance-320 (combined worships)

December Average Weekly Attendance - 157

FaithSERVE

FaithSERVE is an Americorps program coordinated by Slippery Rock University. This program offers a way to reward volunteer leaders. A grant of \$1250, which can be used to repay student loans, or for recognizable educational expenses (college, seminary, Elderhostel, etc.). Do you have VIM Leaders who are setting up trips to LA or MS that will be completed by the end of August? Do you have volunteers to set up food banks or feeding programs? Do you want to set up outreach programs that will involve considerable volunteer hours? This award can be something already inexistence or something brand new.

FaithSERVE member requirements:

- US citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- High school diploma or GED
- Member of congregation
- Must attend quarterly training
- Must submit weekly time sheets

For more information call the FaithSERVE administrator, Marsha Snavelly, at 724/738-4386.

Upcoming Classes



New Membership Class - Any adult, active in worship, and interested in becoming a member of Scalp Level Trinity, is invited to attend a required, informational, meeting with

Pastor Ernie, on Saturday, February 16th, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please telephone the church office at 814/467-9051.

New Beginnings Sunday School Class – Will begin following Worship on Sunday, February 3rd in the front of the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests...



- The Napora Family
- Scottie Crear
- Lois Alexander
- Cliff Hildebrand
- Shirley Sease
- Tim Sease
- Bob Feather
- Beryl Holsopple
- Rose Ann Kleiman
- June Hinson

- COPA will be meeting Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- The Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

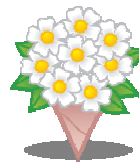


"Forgiveness"

Psalms 51 speaks about God's forgiveness. Verse 2 says, "Wash all my evil, and make me clean from my sin!" What does forgiveness mean to you? When Jesus came into this world, He came for a purpose. He came to be our Savior. He took upon Himself to suffer, die and to be resurrected. He forgives us only if we ask Him. Another verse, similar to the one above, is Psalm 51:7, it says, "Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." Forgiveness starts with the cross. By accepting that for ourselves can we share it with others.

Linda Singer

Thank You's...



To our church family for once again donating to the "Gifts of Love from Gabby & Friends" toy drive, to benefit the NIH Children's Inn. We were able to collect and send 300+ toys and \$75.00 in cash donations this year. Thank you for the joy that you brought to the children and their families.

Love,

Gabby & Annie Fiffick

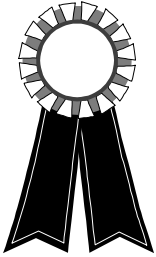
I want to thank my church family for the Christmas gift and for allowing me to service the Lord through the church secretary position.

May your year of 2008 be healthful, peaceful and full of good & wonderful surprises!

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Kevin & Keith Kaufman, for receiving United Methodist Scholarships.

Kevin won the 2007 award and graduated from Penn State University, with a degree in Architectural Engineering.



Keith won the 2007-2008 award and will graduate in May from Shippensburg University, where he is majoring in Geo-Environmental Studies. Your annual support of the *United Methodist Student Day* makes

these awards possible for men and women of our district. Look for your "Student Day" donation envelope coming in November to contribute.

Campbell's Soup Labels... I want to thank all of you who have given labels in 2007. We gave 464 labels & our sister church, Salix Bethel, gave 246 for a total of 710. Labels are sent to our Mission School, McCurdy, in Espanola, NM. Keep saving in 2008! *Eleanor Mock*



2008 Vacation Bible School



At the December COPA meeting a date for the 2008 Vacation Bible School was scheduled. It will be held July 28th through August 1st from

6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Please schedule your vacations accordingly so that your children are able to attend. They will receive a rewarding week of crafts, bible lessons, learning new songs and having fun while learning the word of God.

Johnstown District UM Women

Our Spring Project – ingathering Ash Wednesday Services February 6th, 9:00 a.m. Project: Items for God's Older Children at Arbutus Park Manor – where the service will be held. Items needed: search-a-word puzzle books, tissues, socks (for both men & women), bar soap, lotion, deodorants (no talc). Please bring by Sunday, February 3rd. Thank you!

Eleanor Mock

2008 Easter Flower Order Form

If you would like to order Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment no later than Sunday, March 2nd, 2008, to either Christine Koshute or Tammy Fiffick. (Please make sure you circle your color of choice.)

Quantity	Type	Color(s)	Price	Total
_____	5 Bloom Lilies	White	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	8" Potted Mums	Yellow, White, Purple or Pink	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	6 Bloom Tulips	Yellow, White, Red, Orange or Pink	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	3 Bloom Hyacinths	Blue, Pink or White	\$ 7.00	_____
_____	6" Potted Azaleas	Pink, Red or White	\$ 8.00	_____
_____	7" Hydrangeas	Blue or Pink	\$10.00	_____
			Total Payment	\$ _____

Name: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

WINDBER COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Worship Leader
February 6, 2008	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 514 Shady Lane (Former Grace Lutheran near Valley Dairy in Windber)	David McGee
February 13, 2008	Scalp Level Church of the Brethren 270 Hoffman Avenue, Windber	Miles Zdinak
February 20, 2008	First Presbyterian Church 1101 Somerset Avenue, Windber	Ron St. Clair
February 27, 2008	Rummel Church of the Brethren 3432 Graham Avenue, Windber	Chuck Statler
March 5, 2008	Windber Church of God 2400 Jackson Avenue, Windber	Ruby Mader
March 12, 2008	First Assembly of God Somerset Avenue, Windber	Don Eller

*Note: *All Worship services begin at 7:00 p.m. Throughout Lent, our Wednesday evening prayer service will be postponed. Prayer services at SLTUMC will resume on Wednesday, March 26th.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

"BLITZ-BUILD"

June 8-15, 2008 at WPA Annual Conference

YOU have the opportunity to contribute to a Habitat for Humanity "Blitz-Build" home during the week of annual conference at Grove City, PA.

This “Blitz-Build” project will involve teams of persons coming from our local churches throughout the week to lend their expertise and willing hands in completing this project while the annual conference is in session.

Each church is asked to consider giving of their time and talents, as well as a minimum of \$100.00 to assist in the fulfillment of this project.

What do **YOU** have to offer? (*Please detach & place in the offering plate*).

Name: _____

- Monetary Donation (Made Payable to: *WPA Annual Conference*)
- Time/Energy to the “Blitz Build” in the following manner:
 - Unskilled Volunteer Floor Tile/Carpet Plumbing
 - Carpentry Meal Preparation Electrical
 - Meal Preparation Finishing Skills Roofing
 - Concrete Prayer Support Dry Wall
 - Painting Nursing/Health Care Assistance

Monday Youth Meetings

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

- Feb. 11th
- Feb. 25th



- March 10th

**Mark Your Calendars*

**SLTUMC
Youth
News...**

Earth Shakers '08

On February 2nd 6-9 PM at Trinity UMC @ 111 Willow Street in Johnstown (Same block as YMCA). There will be Food, Music, Performances by Gospel Hip-Hop Artists; C.O.H.A.D. from Pittsburgh & Mike Taylor from Johnstown, Speaker Timothens Pope & MC Ross Pryor! Let Jim or Tammy know if you need a ride ASAP!

We will be holding an election of Youth Officers & Leaders at our Feb. 11th meeting. **PLEASE** make your best effort to attend and have your voice be heard. Any questions please call Jim or Tammy Fiffick (814/539-5231). Thanks!

Johnstown Chiefs
Hockey Game

**War Memorial
Wednesday, February 13th
7:00 p.m.**

***Need to sign up for tickets no
later than Sunday, February 3rd!**



Youth Gob Sale

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

I would like to order: _____ (Payment can be made when you pick up your gobs)

_____/Individual Gobs @ .75/each **OR** _____/ 1/2 dozen Gobs @ \$4.50 (6/each)
(Please enter amount) (Please enter amount)

Deadline to order 02/24/2008