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FROM THE PASTOR

Easter Affirmations

It bothers me that sometimes we hear something so much that we really don't hear it anymore. For instance, take John 3: 16. We see it everywhere – it's at ball games, it's at political rallies, it's at Christian concerts – it's everywhere. Such powerful words containing the essence of God's divine initiative scattered everywhere. Or, how about "I'm praying for you." How often, when someone says this to us, do we grant a kindly nod and go on. Someone is taking the time to bow before the Lord of the universe and call out our name to Him and we give it cursory nod and move on. I suppose it's possible that we Christians can get *crusted over*, a bit calloused even, to the most powerful things – we may hear it, but the power of it isn't as strong anymore.

Could it be that this has happened to Easter? Could it be that we've heard the message so much that it just doesn't take our breath away anymore? Yes. The Easter story has been told and re-told so many times that too often we don't hear it anymore because we've heard so many times before. But let me take a few lines and share some **affirmations** with you. These are things that are core to me about or because of Easter.

First, Easter means that I believe that Jesus is God's Son. The God of the universe put on skin and walked among us. He ate with us, drank with us, laughed with us, cried with us, and died for us. God came to live with us and give us a way to live with Him eternally.

Second, Easter means that when the evil forces of this world crucified Jesus, God raised him bodily from the grave. Everything hinges on this – either it happened or it didn't. There is no possible middle ground. The fact of the resurrection and our faith in it must be one and the same. We can't talk about the significance of something which did not, in fact happen.

Third, Easter means that Jesus is very much alive today. He is alive when our Judas' betray us. He is alive when our inner circle abandons us. He is alive when we are unjustly accused and condemned. He is alive when we go to our Gethsemane's and the crosses of our own making. He is alive when the storm clouds gather. He is alive! Finally, Easter means that I'm going to live forever! This life isn't all there is to life – because of Jesus, it only gets better.

I hope to see you this Easter Sunday as we affirm **fresh and new** what Easter means to us. I'm praying and pulling for you.

Pastor Bobby



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The Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, April 1st at Fish Lipz, at 205 Brooks Street. (Under the bridge!) Everyone is welcome!! The next April date is tbd, watch your email for more info! Call Tom Stewart for reservations – 864-4512.

Angelfood Ministry

April Order Deadline: Mail in and check orders, Thursday, April 8th
All other orders due by 12:00 pm. Tuesday, April 13th .
Distribution: Saturday, 24th , beginning at 8:30 am
Volunteers are always welcome on distribution day. Come on out!



YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Saturday, April 17th at 11:30 am
in the Memorial Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome—please bring a pot luck dish to share, and an item for Sharing and Caring!

I would like to thank all of you who have sent beautiful cards, made personal phone calls, offered uplifting prayers, and brought our family meals during my recovery period. It has been such a comforting pleasure to have all of you be a part of the healing process. We appreciate you all so very much!! ~ Faith Ellisor



"Beginning Knitting and Crocheting with Sara Carroll" for those who could not attend the evening classes. Classes will begin Thursday, April 1, at 1:00 in Rm 102-103 and last about an hour, continuing each Thursday.



Bill Cross has been selected to be TUMC's Stewardship Chairman for 2010 and 2011. This year's theme will focus on moving our heart closer to Godly stewardship in five areas of our lives: **Prayer, Attendance, Service, Giving, and Witnessing.**

Bill has requested that anyone interested in working with him on this exciting task please call him at 496-4480. He has tentatively set the first stewardship committee meeting for April 15th at 10 AM and/or April 18th at 4 PM in the choir room. Even if you cannot make these meetings but wish to participate please call Bill to discuss.



WELCOME TO THE TRINITY FAMILY!

Jason Kelly, Jennifer Stacey and Juliana Kelly!

Congratulations to Richard and Rhonda Culbertson on the baptism of their daughter, Allisyn Paige Culbertson, on March 15th, 2010.



Our condolences to:

*Melinda Rogers, on the passing of her mother, Jane Totten, on March 14th, 2010.
Janet Murray, on the passing of her mother, Sara Gale.*

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Workers Needed - Trinity is currently looking for nursery workers for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other events on an as needed basis. All applicants must agree to a background check, as we are a Safe Sanctuary designated church. If you wish to apply, please call Sarah Craig, at 862-4169, for an application or email trinity@trinityfwb.com.

Building Fund - We are now receiving funds for the renovation of our sanctuary. Anyone wishing to contribute may make their check payable to our church and mark it "Building Fund".

Sack Lunch Ministry - We are in need of individual cheese crackers and chips. We do not need other items at this time. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Trinity and in the left hand corner, write "Sack Lunch Ministry" #8043.

UMW Gulf Coast Coupon Books are available in the church office. Books are \$12.00 each and all profits from the sale will go to United Methodist Women's mission projects.

Safe Sanctuaries Training—Saturday, May 15th 9am—12pm at St. Luke UMC in Penscola. Let Sarah Craig know if you would like to attend.

Fan Page on Facebook! Have you checked out our Trinity page on Facebook? We now have 105 fans! Hooray! This is a great tool for getting information back and forth to each other. Posting pictures of events, sharing with our Trinity family. Check us out!

Weekly T-Mail—Are you receiving our weekly T-Mail? We list upcoming events and general information. Email Sarah at sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com to be added to the email list. umcpensacoladistrict.org

Websites to add to your Favorites Lists! www.pensacoladistrict.org and www.afumc.org. These are our United Methodist district and conference websites. Keep up with what is going on in the district and the conference!

College/Military List -

We are in the process of compiling a current Military and College List. If you have a loved one that you wish placed on either list, please call Jacquie Arnott, at 862-3408.



If you already have someone on either list, please call her to confirm that we have a current and correct address.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Trinity UMW will conduct a **"BOOKS AND MORE"** sale on Saturday, April 10, from 8 am until 12 noon. The sale will be in the church parking lot along Racetrack Road. In the event of rain, the sale will be in Dean Fellowship Hall. Many wonderful books, baskets, and new and "white elephant" gift items will be for sale. All funds raised will be used for UMW ministries with women, children and youth. If you have book you wish to donate, please bring them to the church NLT Friday, April 9th.

The Pensacola District **UMW Mission Study, "The Sudan,"** will be presented at Destin UMC on Saturday, April 17th, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Registration is \$8.00 and includes lunch. Transportation by church van is available. This study is open to all women of the church. To make a reservation, please call Edna Sherrow, 244-3687.

In May, the UMW Mission Study, **"Giving Our Hearts Away--Native American Survival,"** will be presented here at Trinity on Saturday, May 8. Our UMW unit will host the district meeting. This meeting is also open to all women. The registration deadline is April 23. There is no charge.

UMW ASSEMBLY 2010: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

St. Louis, Missouri, America's Center

United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission. Tens of thousands of women have been meeting in this fashion since 1942 in a unified effort to stay at the forefront of the work being done both locally and globally, both systematically and in charity, to improve and sustain the lives of women, children and youth.

Assembly 2010 has been themed: "Faith, Hope, Love in Action." Chosen because it encapsulates the 140 year history of United Methodist Women, it says everything about what is happening on the ground today, and is the momentum for decades to come. Faith, Hope, Love in Action is the energy that moves through each woman that has pledged her time for service through United Methodist Women.

Over the years United Methodist women have seen the needs and met the needs. We are an organization with a Purpose--Mission. Mission is our purpose, our reason for being and our work. We are an integral part of the United Methodist Church and we make a difference! We have many opportunities to live the Purpose and be in Mission with women, children and youth. They include collecting health and school kits for UMCOR, making prayer shawls and baby blankets, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, collecting pennies for mission, and more. Which opportunities will you take part in this year? Your life is important and your gifts are needed.

(The above information taken from AWF UMW Alert (Beth Bowdin, President) and from a national release by the Women's Division)

Trinity will be represented at Assembly 2010 in St. Louis by Merle Carter, Nora Doss, Dorothy Peterson and Edna Sherrow. They will take prayer shawls and baby blankets donated by Trinity members for distribution to charitable organizations. A service to bless and dedicate the shawls and baby blankets is planned for Sunday, April 25th.



Dearest Daddy and Mommy Bill:
How are you? May God's unfailing love be upon you and keep you.
Thanks for being our partners

Let the Little Children Come to Jesus:

Last Tuesday, (March 23), we were invited to speak in a "chapel hour" in one Christian School. More than one hundred students from Nursery up to Grade VI attended. I (Gerry) spoke about the topic "gratitude." Parents were teary-eyed when their children expressed their appreciation and gratitude.

We were surprised when the principal of the school handed to us a small white envelope filled with coins, amounting to Php761/\$18. She said that this is their seed money for our mission work. We were so touched even in their young ages, they want to take part in the Lord's work. We talked to the Principal if we can use the money to buy school supplies for the under privilege children in Bicol (Northern part of the Philippines) to be distributed to 12 students on April 4, 2010.

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:

Last Sunday (March 21, 2010), I spoke in one church on their first "Mission Sunday." The church is already 9 years and according to the Pastor this is the first time that his church was exposed in cross-cultural mission. He said, "He will be an accomplished Pastor if one of his members will heed the call for cross cultural mission. We challenge the leader to undergo "World Mission Course and Tent making Seminar."

We just finished the 3-day tent making seminar (March 23-26) to 4 tentmakers who will be going to 4 countries (Russia, Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand). As a result of this training a couple who are praying for more than 6 years to go to mission will join our new team in Thailand on November. The husband is an electrical engineer and his wife worked in Christian radio for more than 16 years.

What keeps us Busy?

We are still involved in mobilizing churches in cross-cultural mission. Every Wednesday & Thursday I (Gerry) am in the office (IT) and helping the mobilization ministry. I am still studying "Early Childhood Care and Development" every Saturday. My first module will finish on May 22. Jane's class is Monday-Wednesday and Friday, her 9 units Certificate for Teaching Program class will end on May 5. Both of us are still involve in mentoring, discipleship and counseling ministry. Every Wednesday at 11:00 P.M. - 3:00 A.M we accompany my sister in her dialysis treatment at National Kidney Institute.

What Can You Pray?

1. Pray for one couple who will be joining our new team in Thailand on November. Pray for their preparation emotionally, financially, spiritually and physically.
2. Pray for my sister's healing. We are still waiting for the donation of government agencies so that we can schedule the kidney transplant, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes (PCSO) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). My sister and the donor had their first interview. We are scheduled for family interview.
3. Pray for churches and people who will partner with us in prayers and in finances.

Your Partners,

Gerry and Jane Aguilar



Guest Youth Choir in June!

RELATION Youth Choir will be performing *A Godspell* for our community on Sunday, June 20. Some of you may remember that this same group came and shared the same musical 10 years ago for us! This 39 voice group comes from St. Stephen UMC in Mesquite, Texas. Please put this on your schedule. We need housing for these youth and their chaperones on June 19 & 20, with departure being early morning on June 21. If you can help house them, please let Kevin Shular know at the church (phone 862-4169 or email: kevin.shular@trinityfwb.com).

Hymn of the Month IN THE GARDEN (I Come to the Garden Alone)

This tender text and tune by C. Austin Miles, written in 1913, has been shown consistently by surveys to be among the top ten favorite hymns of United Methodists, despite the fact that it was not in our previous official Methodist or Evangelical United Brethren hymnals. The text, based on Jn. 20:1-18, tells of Mary Magdalene's recognition of the risen Christ on Easter morning. In worship, the singer is allowed to enter into the personal joy of Mary as she enters the garden tomb and is the first to know of Jesus' resurrection—a joy “none other has ever known.”

Music Ministry Night at Solomon's Porch

Chancel Choir will be providing the delicious meal at Solomon's Porch on Wednesday, April 21, 5-6 p.m. There is no charge for the meal this night, but donations are gladly accepted. All donations will go directly back into the music ministry at Trinity and will help us with areas that the normal budget cannot sustain.



FROM THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

The program presentation on outreach to Islam with Jack Zimmerman was well received. The Church and the United Methodist Men shared his travel costs 50:50 and the two love offerings totaled \$500.00. The Men in conjunction with our ministers and the church board will develop the next step of establishing a dialog with our Muslim Community.

This year, in place of the yard sale, the Men's group is completing a drop off-receiving location out side of the church building. That location is in the back of the church behind the dumpster. This is for ALL Clean metals to be temporarily stored. The Men will separate the metals and sell them. The drop off facility will be ready this Saturday, March 27, 2010.

We are also looking at a schedule for receiving clothing other than those for small children (Age five and under) as there is still a need in the community. We will put out an official word in early April.

The collection will be done so as not to interfere with the school. We are considering six hours on one or two Saturdays per month and perhaps for those bringing in small amounts of clothing on their way to church Sundays. Of course we do not want to impinge on the service time.

Please give us your feedback as we need to know how needed or workable this is for the church at large. Thank you—Bob Matthews



TRINITY CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE

SPRING 2010 CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE

The Spring Charity Bowling League began on Sunday evening, February 28, 2010, at White Sands Bowling Center. Trinity has 12 teams bowling--however, one needs two people to complete the team. And we do need substitutes! This is a fun group that meets at 5:45 pm on Sunday evenings. A set of three games is bowled and you can be at home by 8:30 pm. The league bowls only 12 weeks, and this league will end on May 23, before Memorial Day weekend. There are now eight weeks remaining. The cost is \$10 per week and it comes back to Trinity. If you can help us out, please call Edna Sherrow, 244-3687. One important stat to share early in the league -- Pastor Nancy Watson bowled a 226 scratch game to place her at the top of the women's list! Nice going, Nancy.

The Trinity Charity Bowling League would like to share the accomplishments of youth, Will Curtis:

In February 2009, Will placed 2nd in Division D Singles in the Okaloosa County Tournament. Will and Daniel Toler also placed 1st in Division D Doubles in the Okaloosa County Tournament. Will also took 1st place in Division D All Events for Okaloosa County.

He was also the Most Improved Bowler "36" pins for the White Sands Junior/Senior League at White Sands Bowling Center.

In June he traveled to Port St. Lucie for state competition, where he and his partner Daniel Toler placed 5th place in Doubles in their division. In August, Will won 1st Place in the first annual White Sands Youth Scratch Tournament in his division. This tournament also awarded scholarship money.

In the fall of 2009, Will and his mom placed 1st in the Youth /Adult Tournament in Division C.

February 13th and 14th, Will traveled to Mobile, AL to play in his first SSJBA Tournament. (Southern Scratch Junior Bowling Association) where he placed 1st in the Minors Division. This was also a scholarship tournament. This next weekend is the 2010 County Tournament and at the end of February he traveled to the Marvin Overby Memorial Tournament at the FSU Campus in Tallahassee. Will also will be playing in the Pepsi Qualifier in Daytona Beach in April. He hopes to be able to participate in more tournaments with the SSJBA tour in the coming months and then end with the State Tournament in Spring Hill, FL in June. GOOD LUCK WILL!



Hello to everyone:

As we come to an end of our first quarter, I would like to invite you to give me a call if you would like a first quarter Statement of Giving. Instead of printing all 500 or so and folks not taking them, I will print those that request them. By the way, I can do this at any time during the year if you need. Many thanks to those who give to our Lord so faithfully. Have a wonderful Easter, and rejoice in the Lord, for He Is Risen.

Blessings to you, Jackie Jeffers

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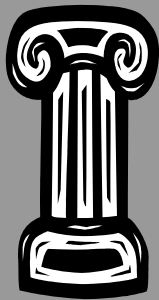
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As a loving people of God, we will come together to glorify God and win persons to Christ by:

- **Reaching Up** through praise and worship,
- **Reaching In** through growth in faith and stewardship,
- **Reaching Out** through service and fellowship.

Return Service Requested

Important Dates to Remember

April 11th Confirmation Sunday—11:00 service

Please let me know again if you would like the newsletter by mail. Call Sarah Craig 862-4169, or email sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com

Also—if you would be interested in coming in to make the copies of the newsletter for display, please let us know! Volunteers are always welcome!

Church Meetings/Closings to Remember:

Monday, April 5th—**OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, April 6th—UMW Board Meeting, 102/103

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Please note that the next Trumpeter publishing date is **April 28th.**

The deadline to submit articles will be noon, Friday **April 23rd.**