Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting 6
Opening Prayer 6

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey

(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Acolyte

Call to Worship "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Choir *Hymn of Praise "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 203

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided.)

Let the Children Come!

(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16:21-28 Pages 22-23 (N.T.)
Sermon "Jesus was Born for the Cross" Rev. Donna Stone Eidson

Response to the Word

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of Confession and Intercession

Invitation

Social Creed Insert

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" Choir *Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Thanksgiving and Communion 9-11

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God's Word)

*Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" vs. 1, 2, 4

*Acolyte

*Dismissal With Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace" Choir

*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Donna Stone Eidson Tellers: Becky Derrick; Rusty Poole
Music Director: Jackie McNeill Time Together: Jewel Pearcy; Pauline Wenner
Choir Director: Christopher A. McCroskey
Church Musician Ushers: Youth SS Class

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. Large print hymnals are available from the ushers. An INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

"AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Margie GaySara EfronCarlis EdwardGeorgeann PaceTommy JohnsonStephen KamoroffGillett HippCarol FryeCarolyn SoxLibby StricklandRusty PooleLatson LewisGeorge TaylorArnold HeitingBoots Morgan

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrey; Mary Brewer; Mary Alice Duncan; Bill & Dot Johnson; Shirley Padgett; Miriam

Simpson; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon

Family and Friends: Stephanie Johnson (daughter of Tommy and Marty Johnson); Sonny Hardee (son of Carolyn Hardee); Blake Splittgerber (son of friend of Kathy White); Joshua Pace (grandson of Georgeann Pace); Mike Steele (uncle of Chris Derrick); Mattie Stockman (sister of John Zeigler); Jane Bryant (sister of Patsy Zeigler); Michael McNeill (son of Charles McNeill); Elaine Smith (friend of Carol Frye); Matthew Timmons (nephew of Nell Cooke); Margie Jumper (sister-in-law of Nell Cooke); Linda Coates (wife of Doug Coates); Larry Yon (friend of Francis Hipp); Kelly Tilla (friend of Billy Pearson); Brenda Capps (wife of nephew of Ruth Frady); Denise Paul (cousin of Gale Frady); Sydney Bachman (cousin of friend of Gale Frady); Chloe Majors (grandniece of Jeanette Hornsby); Laurel Posey (friend of Christopher McCroskey); Ray Culbreth's Group House; Amelia Zinski (great-niece of Linda Maloch); Wayne & Lynn Blair (son & daughter-in-law of Dot Johnson); Patty Woodcock (friend of Donna Eidson); Russell Gunter (friend of Donna Eidson); Ashley Webber (friend of Donna Eidson); Barbara Geary (friend of Donna Eidson); Randy Suarez (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); Xavier Crane (grandnephew of John Ballentine); ;Rob Stanfield, III (neighbor of Arnold and Jo Ann Heiting); Vera Von Glahn (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); Garland Pearson (brother of Bill Pearson); Roz Glaze (sister of Shirley Butler); Michael Carter (son of Esther Carter); Adam Lavender (son of Phil Lavender); Linda Boatwright (sister of George & Morris Taylor); Don Crain (friend of Edwa Meek)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 08/27 Sunday School: 22 Morning Worship: 61

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 08/27 \$ 1,811.00

OUR SERVICE...
OUR WITNESS."

Church Calendar

TODAY Lunch Bunch 09/04 Labor Day

Office Closed

09/05 SPRC Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

09/06 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Exercise/Balance Class, 2 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

09/08 Budget Requests Due

Serving in September

Serving On:September 10September 17Ushers:Youth SS ClassYouth SS ClassTellers:Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann HeitingTed Frady; Patsy Boggs

Flowers: Jo Ann Heiting **Needed**Lay Reader: Jeanette Hornsby Rusty Poole

Time Together: Ruth Frady Mary Louise Robinson
AV Assistant: John Ballentine; Marie Stiles John Ballentine; Marie Stiles



Ministers Pastor Resident Bishop District Superintendent The Congregation
Donna Stone Eidson
Jonathan Holston
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Staff Parish will meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. Members are *Bonnie Ramsey*, Chairperson, *Becky Derrick, John Ballentine, George Taylor, Ruth Frady, Jim Stiles, K. C. Warble, Chris Derrick, Matthew Skipper, Francis Hipp and Tom Geddens*.

Budget Requests are due by Friday, September 8. The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. Members are *Mary Kamoroff, Chairperson, Pastor Donna, Sue Ballentine, Dolph Varner, Tom Geddens, Chuck Martin, Ted Frady, Becky Derrick, Erin Derrick, Jeanette Hornsby, Rhett Hook, Francis Hipp and Jackie Eitel.*



United Methodist Women

On Wednesday, September 13, at 11 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Women will meet in the Conference Room. (Our usual meeting date is the second Wednesday of each month.) All interested women are invited to join. It's time to make plans for the exciting new year ahead.

The Columbia District UMW 45th ANNUAL MEETING is Saturday, September 16, 2017, with the theme: "Is God Pleased with Us". Rev. Millie Nelson Smith is the speaker. The meeting is being held at the beautiful Washington Street United Methodist Church (1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 256-2417). Registration will take place from 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.

We'll meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to travel together. We're looking forward to the new books for reading and information about the UMW that's new. Friday, September 8, is the deadline to send in the \$15 checks to attend the luncheon. There are forms to be sent in on the Gathering Area table.

Marilyn Lloyd



Sunday, September 10

The United Methodist Men will resume their breakfast and study on Sunday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. Make plans now to join them.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS Beginning September 6

Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on September 6 and end on September 27. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. We encourage you to be with us for both. The price of the meals is \$5.00 for adults and children 12 and over, \$3.00 for children 6 to 11 and \$1.00 for children ages 2 to 5. There is a limit of \$12.00 per immediate* family, with a maximum of five persons. After five family members, each additional person is \$3.00. (*Two related generations is an immediate family.)

Pastor Donna will lead the Bible Study based on Jesus' stories and the book *Parables from the Back Side*. The meal on September 6 will be prepared by Bonnie Ramsey, Mary Kamoroff and Jo Ann Heiting and Arnold Heiting.

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad Bread & Dessert

Please fill out the reservation form found in the bulletin on the Sunday before each meal, or call the office by noon on Monday so that we can make sure we have enough food prepared.



Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study Starts September 6th

You will need your Bible and be willing to discuss your ideas about the Parables that Jesus told and the stories about Jesus. Here is the schedule of the planned topics. I will give you the scripture to study the Sunday before each session.

9/06 Jesus and the Woman at the Well John 4:5-42

9/13 The Other Son of the Prodigal Father

9/20 The Tax Collector and Pharisee

9/27 The Rich Man's Banquet

We will be looking at these stories and parables from a different perspective than you usually have. I am looking forward to seeing each of you.

OUR SOCIAL CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective, bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people in the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING Sunday, September 10

DON'T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY! Next

week is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day's pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness," II Peter 1:5-6 (NKJV)

The FAN focus for September is on self-discipline for physical activity and healthy eating.

Making changes to improve your health can seem like a big task. No one can force you to eat right and exercise. Self-discipline, which is the ability to regulate your own conduct through principle and sound judgment instead of by impulses or desires, is important in any of life's endeavors. With self-discipline for healthy eating habits and physical activity, you are living God's word.

Making healthy change takes self-control. People who watch what they eat take control of their health. Make a simple change: get to know your food label. Let food labels help you choose foods that are lower in saturated fat, trans fat, and salt. And be sure to eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains because these foods are full of fiber that is naturally good for a healthier you!

Also, make and stick to a plan to build in moderate-intensity physical activity, like brisk walking, into your day. Record your activity to be accountable to yourself.

Regular physical activity is important for overall good health. It not only reduces the risk of breast, colon and rectum, and some other cancers, but it also reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, hypertension, and diabetes.

FAN Committee (Becky Derrick, Donna Eidson, Charlie Hooker, Jeanette Hornsby, Marie Stiles, Jessica Warble, Pam Turner, Jan Weaver, Marilyn Lloyd, Chair)



Mondays and Wednesdays

Our Exercise Class is now meeting every Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. and lasts about 45 minutes. We start with a warm-up followed by various balance movements and some chair exercises, and end with stretches and cooldown. Our purpose is to have fun, to be in a group in order to support one another in being more active, and to our becoming more conscious of what it takes to stay balanced in various situations.

Newcomers, both men and women, are welcome! This would be a good time to invite your friends or neighbors to join the fun and enjoy greater balance and flexibility. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area so that we can get an idea of how many plan to come, but you are welcome to join us whether you have signed up or not.