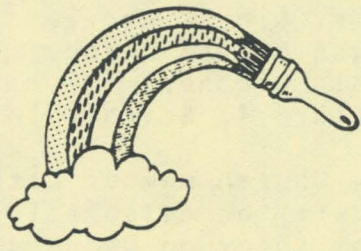


# Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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## R O O M S S P E A K !

I frequently make the rounds of the buildings to distribute materials to classrooms and I am often intrigued by the message I get by simply stepping into the room.

For instance, the First and Second Grade classroom has a tent in one corner of the room, areas for painting clay creations and various items from Old Testament times. This room told me of children exploring the past in creative ways.



I got another message in the 4 Years Old/Kindergarten classroom. There were materials on the tables for cutting and coloring and a request for a new record player needle because music was such an important part of this class.



The Supply Room called out to me that it had finally been restocked and organized so that it was more useful to our teachers.

The Third and Fourth Grade classroom showed off its refinished tables and new tablecloths with some flair. The children and teachers in that class called me in one day to say "Thanks" for these things.

As I walked into the Fifth and Sixth classroom, I was struck by the number of scripture passages posted on the walls and written on the blackboards. The message I got was of a teacher who thought that the Bible should be visible.



The Two/Three Year Old class showed an abundance of activity. It is somehow reassuring to find toys out of place in that room. The message is that there is a place for young children in the DMUMC family.

A new crib and a new walker in the Infant Nursery sent a message that we have more babies in our church and those babies need space and loving caregivers.

The children's program at our church is not just alive and well, it is also growing numerically, and witnessing in a positive way as a vital and creative ministry of Christian Education. I am grateful to the many committed adults who make it so.

*Margy*

# CONCERNS & JOYS

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK at this writing are:

Nellie Garrard, Duke S. 3805  
Bailey Reade, DCGH 4108

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY  
to Mr. & Mrs. George  
Bright on the death  
of his brother,  
Clifford A. Bright, in California.



Church member **Lottie Lawrence**  
will be celebrating her 100th  
birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 14.  
Best wishes, Lottie!



**Birthday**



**Eric and Melissa Carson** extend a warm invitation to all Duke Memorial members and friends to their Open House on Sunday, December 11, from 4-7 p.m. at 2000 Cedar Street.

## In Appreciation

At the November 27th worship service **Jim and Barbara Holsinger** and their four daughters presented the painting, "Offer Them Christ," by **Kenneth Wyatt** to Duke Memorial Church in memory of **Bill and Eunice Mattox**, who were **Anna Holsinger's** godparents. **Hoyle Mattox Eggleston** and her children accompanied them to the altar. The painting was accepted for the church by **Edith Toms**, Administrative Board Chairperson.

In the "Did You Know?" column, of our last issue of "INSIGHTS," concerning the Duke Memorial Weekday School, a very important contribution was omitted. **Roy Teer** supplied the sand for the sandbox, delivered it and placed it in the box ready for play! Many thanks, Roy, for your contribution to this popular area of play.



Monday, Dec. 5, 10:00a.m.  
Circle 1, Katie Johnson room  
Monday, Dec. 5, 10:00a.m.  
Circle 3, Parlor  
Monday, Dec. 12, 12:00noon  
Circle 9, Covered Dish Luncheon  
with Mrs. Tom Cranford,  
1023 Southwood Drive

OFFER  
IN  
GOAL



To date, 11/28, 94% of our goal for 1989 pledges has been reached.

At this time there are 66 pledging units who pledged in 1988 and have not yet responded for 1989.

With \$20,470 remaining to meet our goal for the 1989 operating budget, we urge those who have not made a commitment to do so.



## Visitation

In early November some members of the Visitation Committee, **Minnie Mae Franklin**, **Elizabeth Bookhout**, **Sarah McCracken** and **Ann Stallings** went to Raleigh to an introductory workshop on the "**STEPHEN MINISTRIES**." This is a wonderful program which trains people on how to minister to members of their church. We will be hearing more about Stephen Ministries in the future.

## MISSION NEWS

**Tumani Nyajeka** has sent greetings for a peaceful holiday season to Duke Memorial people. She and **Ben** have a new baby. The photograph of **Xhanda** and **Sister Runyano** (age nine) is on the bulletin board outside the church office. **Tumani** plans next to pursue a PhD degree in African Church History.

# ADVENT MEDITATIONS

Our 12:15 p.m.  
Advent Meditation/  
Luncheon programs  
continue, with the  
following guest speakers:

- Dec. 7 Rev. Robert L. Wallace,  
Aldersgate UMC  
Dec. 14 Rev. Robert S. Shields,  
Pleasant Green UMC  
Dec. 21 Rev. Charles E. Owens,  
Calvary UMC

Special music will be featured.



## FESTIVAL OF SAINT NICHOLAS



Christmas is a time of giving. On the first Christmas, God gave His son to the world; and, we are told, wise men brought to the infant gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. About three centuries later, in a part of the world we now call Turkey, a boy marveled at men who could give such fine gifts and not leave their names.

When that boy, Nicholas, grew older, he became a bishop of the Christian church, and he, too, gave gifts without telling who had given them.

After Nicholas died, he was made a saint. Other people followed his example by giving gifts without telling, and legends grew up around the deeds that he was said to have done. Some of these legends became the basis for the Santa Claus we know today.

We will gather on Tuesday, December 8, to celebrate the Festival of Saint Nicholas. Deli dinner begins at 6 p.m. (\$3.50 for adults; \$1.50 for children under 12; \$10.00 family maximum). The program includes musical offerings by the Carol and Junior Choirs, a puppet show about Saint Nicholas and an opportunity for those attending to give an offering of canned food for the Food Pantry.



## THE WESLEY CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held  
Friday, Dec. 9, at

7:30 p.m. at the Colony Hill Clubhouse. Class members are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks to share. RSVP: Para Drake, 490-1363.



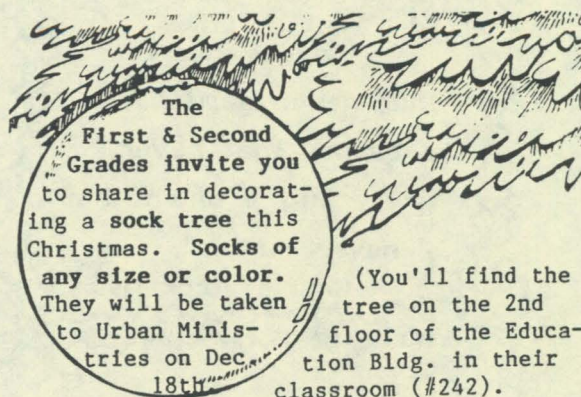
## Holiday Schedule

Since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will observe the following revised schedule:

NO Sunday School for children and youth, Adult classes have option to meet.

10:55 a.m. Worship will be geared toward a family celebration; Children 2 years and older can participate in the service; Nursery will be provided at 10:30 a.m. for children under 2 years.

We will observe our regular schedule on January 1.



The First & Second Grades invite you to share in decorating a sock tree this Christmas. Socks of any size or color. They will be taken to Urban Ministries on Dec. 18th.

(You'll find the tree on the 2nd floor of the Education Bldg. in their classroom (#242).

## FROM THE WORK AREA ON CHURCH & SOCIETY

FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, THE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET HAVE HELPED OVER 3,600 persons in need of assistance.

The Durham Mission Society appreciates the contributions from our church.

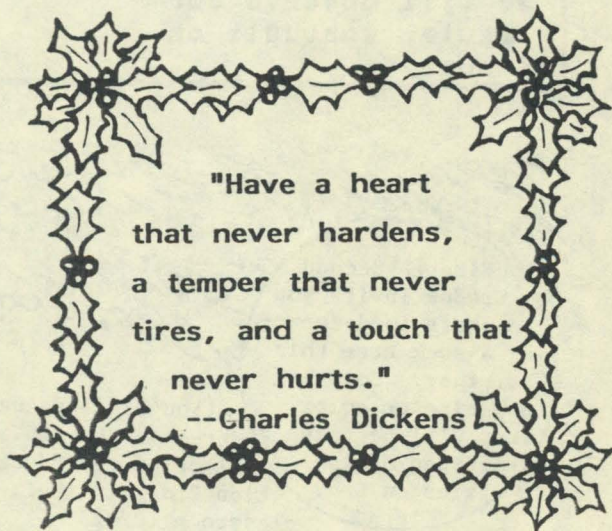
This month Food Pantry Sunday is

December 11. The Pantry requests that we contribute CANNED YAMS AND CANNED APPLE SAUCE. Please bring your food donations to the altar rail before the service or during the final hymn on December 11. Money donations may be made by writing "Food Pantry" on your offering envelope. Canned goods also may be left in the closet next to the entrance to Whitford Hall anytime during the month.



The following members of our church volunteer their time at the Durham Mission Society: Tim Turkington, Wil Drake, Carolyn Shipp, Ann Marie Langford and Helen Brodie.

The Mission Society sponsors a clothes closet for the needy at the Urban Ministries Center. As the cold weather increases there is an urgent need for coats and sweaters for all ages and a special current need for children's shoes. Items for this program can be placed in the closet in the foyer of the Education Building.



## MEMBERSHIP ROLL

The Charge Conference of November 15, 1988, was presented three lists of "Lost Members" by the Committee to Update the Church Roll.

The first list of "Lost Members" containing 265 names was presented to the Charge Conference of Nov. 15, 1988, after being presented to the conferences of Oct. 5, 1987, and Nov. 25, 1986. As soon as these names are read from the pulpit, they may be removed from the roll by action of the Charge Conference.

The second list of "Lost Members" containing 72 names was presented to the Charge Conference after having been presented to the Charge Conference of Oct. 5, 1987. These names will be read from the pulpit before Charge Conference 1989 and then they will be presented for the third time at that conference.

The third list of 10 names was presented to the Charge Conference for the first time. They will be read from the pulpit and read again at the Charge Conferences of 1989 and 1990.

Committee to Update  
the Church Rolls



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Members of the church family are invited to come to an Open House/Potluck on January 1 from 1:30-7:00 p.m. at Colony Hill Clubhouse (off Pickett Road).

The event will be hosted by Wil and Para Drake.

Bring a covered dish and drinks to share. A television will be available for watching ball games.



# Poinsettias

DECEMBER 4 - 15, 1988

**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR OUR SANCTUARY** has been extended to December 7. Please call the Church Office soon to avoid disappointment.

			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>8:30a Prayer Group 9:15a Junior Choir 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship 3:30p UMW Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00a Circles 1 &amp; 3 2:00p Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30p Lillie Duke Christmas Luncheon 6:00p Festival of St. Nicholas 7:45p Admin. Board</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15a Parents' M Out 10:00a Bazaar Wkshop 12:15p Advent Meditation 7:30p Handbell Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00p Girl Scouts 7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30p Wesley Class Christmas Party</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Poinsettia Delivery</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>CHOIR CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<div data-bbox="1326 1019 1554 1105" data-label="Text"> <p>OPERATION SANTA CLAUS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1595 956 2040 1270" data-label="Image"> </div>		
<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS</p>			<p><b>OPERATION SANTA CLAUS</b> provides gifts for persons with persistent mental illness. You may leave presents in the "Drop Box" near the Church Library. <b>Gift suggestions (NEW items) are: clothing, accessories, cosmetics, notions and table games.</b></p>			



In the fall of 1989 the new United Methodist Hymnal will be available for our use. If we get our order in early the price for each book will be \$10.50; after January 15 that price goes up to \$11.25.

The new hymnal represents a significant improvement over our current hymnal which was published twenty-five years ago. The new hymnal does include "Onward Christian Soldiers" and also a sixth verse to "Amazing Grace," along with "In the Garden," "Precious Lord" and many, many new hymns that will especially appeal to the young people in our church.

Ease of use has been considered and improvements in type, page numbering and order of services is a primary factor in its favor. It will be an extremely useful new tool for worship with its many prayers and responsive readings.

Fill in the order form today to honor a special friend or family member or remember one who is no longer present. It is a good way to be thoughtful of our church and our loved ones at this Christmas time.

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IN MEMORY OF:  
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Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ books.  
(Please make checks payable to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church - Hymnal Fund.)

**LEADER DAY**

Sunday, January 8, will be Leader Day at our church. The day will be open to all persons who hold a leadership position in our church: administrative leaders, Council on Ministries leaders, organizational and class leaders.

The day begins with lunch in Whitford Hall immediately following worship. The program will include:

- (1) What is Your Leadership Style?  
(a short inventory to assess your style of leadership and how it helps/ hinders your work with others)
- (2) What is Your Job Description?  
(an exploration of various jobs and how they relate to each other and to the work of the church)
- (3) How to Conduct Successful Meetings  
(schedules, agendas, devotionals, minutes)
- (4) Effective Committee Functioning  
(handling conflict, creative decision-making, avoiding burnout)
- (5) How to Plan for Success  
(processes, politics, protocol in planning)
- (6) Inviting Others to Become Involved  
(generating interest, targeting and recruiting potential helpers)

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