

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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Have a great '89

The conversation at the dinner table lapsed for a moment and I seized the opportunity to ask, "Does anyone make New Year's resolutions anymore?" The question stimulated a lively conversation and confirmed what I thought....resolution-making has gone out of style. Perhaps it will come back again, but for now it is gone. Resignation is the mood of the day. Most people have tried and failed, and have no heart to try again. The past year is cluttered with the debris of broken resolutions, so why bother? The little jingle has it:

I'll make no resolutions
I find no need for such
I have a set from last year
That hasn't yet been touched.

Self-evaluation is worthwhile if it results in more clearly defined goals. We need to make at least one resolution that will call out the best in us.

Here is my suggestion: that you consider the regular practice of discipline that contributes to faith development - Bible study, prayer, worship, service to others and sacrificial giving.

Christians across the ages have experienced these to be the most reliable ways to nurture a vital spiritual life.

Forget those broken resolutions. "If you have built castles in the air," wrote Thoreau, "your work need not be lost....now put foundations under them."

Set yourself a goal. Give yourself a challenge. Make '89 the best year yet!

Joy and peace,

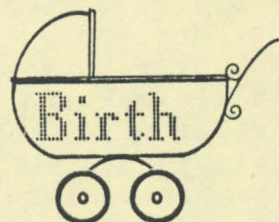
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RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A cup of friendship, add another of thoughtfulness.
Cream together with a pinch of powdered tenderness
Very lightly beaten in a bowl of loyalty,
With a cup of faith, one of hope, and one of charity.
Be sure to add a spoonful of gaiety that sings
And also the ability to laugh at little things.
Moisten with the sudden tears of heartfelt sympathy.
Bake in a good-natured pan and serve repeatedly.

--Mrs. Mary Vickers



Erik Burnside Meredith
Born December 13, 1988,
at Durham County General Hospital
Parents: Kevin and Kimberly



Bill Guyer, Duke N. 9317

Vea Hoyle, Duke N. 4302

Walter Upchurch, DCGH

In and Out since the last

"INSIGHTS":

Byrd Brinkley, Martha DeBerry,

Gladys Lindsay, Mozelle Sutherland

Sympathy

to Carrie Riley, of the Katie Johnson Class, on the recent deaths of her brothers, N.C. and John Porterfield.

"I Believe in the... Life Everlasting"

Mrs. Mildred Ligon Chewning

December 18, 1988

Memorials

In loving memory of Mildred L. Chewning, by Mrs. Norman E.

Metcalf, James W. Trent, Gloria Johnson and Cotton Incorporated;

In loving memory of W. E. Whitford, and in honor of Lola Whitford, by Zack Whitford.

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. K. B. Prince, Betty & K.B. Prince, Jr. and Claudia & Joe Bishop, by Margaret E. Prince;

In loving memory of Mary Vickers, by Joy, Jim & Tracy Long;

In loving memory of Ethel R. Whitley, by Doris Blalock;

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Henry Chewning, Sr., by Thelma C. Jones.

Scholarship Fund In loving memory of Mildred L. Chewning, by Mr. & Mrs. Grady Strom, Frances C. Thomas, the Lillie Duke Sunday School Class, Mr. & Mrs. Edward S. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Wakefield, Doris Blalock and Helen, Pat & Lonney Taylor.

Patron Music Fund

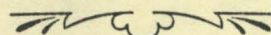
In honor of Mrs. Lottie Lawrence, by Joy, Jim and Tracy Long.

Library Fund

In honor of Tom and Hilda Coble, by Fred, Nancy, Kate & David Damon.



Thank You



-- "Tasty" thanks to Kitty Copelan and Alice Walker (and their helpers!) for providing our Advent luncheons. And for the Advent devotional music we give thanks to Marvin Vick & Tim Turkington, Gretchen Ruffy & Helen Fink, Maureen Oakes & Ruth Phelps, Nancy Stark & Jane Lynch.

-- The Altar Guild is grateful to all who helped with the decorating to make our Church and Sanctuary so lovely for the Christmas season.

Mary Byerly furnished all the boxwood for the wreaths and helped with the cutting. Thanks to all who assisted in the "Hanging of the Greens" on Dec. 3. And a special thanks, too, to everyone who helped with the cutting of the greens and/or wreath-making: Edith Johnson, Sarah McCracken, Minnie Mae Franklin, Vea Hoyle, Evelyn Friebe, Ann Marie Langford, Dot Hilliard, Gloria Johnson, and Anne Clark.

-- Thanks from our First & Second Grade Sunday School Class to those who helped decorate their sock tree. Thirty-eight pairs of socks were taken to Urban Ministry to be distributed to the needy.

-- The Missions Work Area would like to thank everyone who contributed to the FISHBANKS Project to help alleviate Hunger and Poverty (\$510.67 was collected on Sunday, Dec. 18). Also, thank you to those who celebrated the ADVANCE's Forty Years of Mission by honoring someone with the purchase of a balloon (\$233 was collected for the School at Ganta Mission, Liberia, West Africa). Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

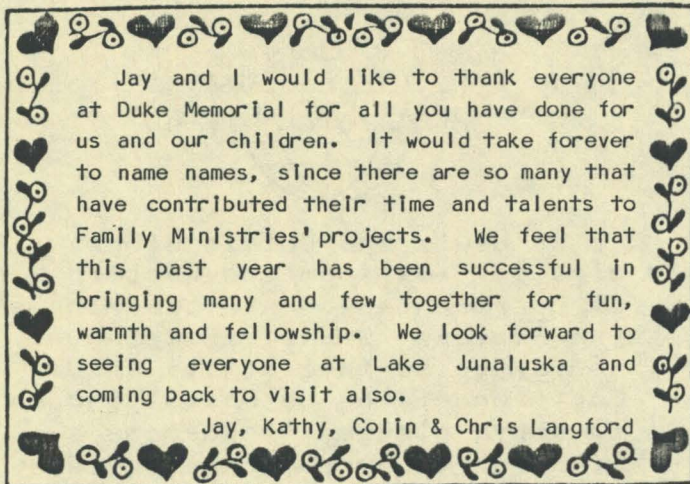


Bethany Bells started the new year's practices on Wednesday, January 4. We are very excited about the spring. The music that we will be learning this spring has a dual purpose. First of all, it is music that we will be performing during worship. Second, five of our pieces will be used at the North Carolina Conference Handbell Festival in Fayetteville on March 3-4. The choir will be travelling to Fayetteville to participate in the festival. There is still time to get in on the excitement. We still need people to fill out the choir. If you are willing to give 1 hour per week of your time (on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 p.m.), perform on selected Sundays during the morning worship hour, can count, know your left hand from your right, and are 12 years old or older, we need you now!

Handbells add so richly to our worship experience but cannot exist unless people are willing to participate. Come and join us in an activity that is fun and rewarding. If you have questions that you would like to ask about handbell choir, please call Maureen Oakes (383-9239, evenings) or see her any Sunday after church.

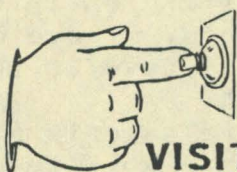


Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to be a part of LIGHTSHINE, a Christian musical based on the Beatitudes. Rehearsals begin January 15, and take place each Sunday from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Whitford Hall. The musical will be presented this spring. Call Polly Mixon, 683-3467, for additional information.



Jay and I would like to thank everyone at Duke Memorial for all you have done for us and our children. It would take forever to name names, since there are so many that have contributed their time and talents to Family Ministries' projects. We feel that this past year has been successful in bringing many and few together for fun, warmth and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone at Lake Junaluska and coming back to visit also.

Jay, Kathy, Colin & Chris Langford



VISITATION CORNER

These members of our church would appreciate prayer, and a call, note or visit.

Edna Cooke (shingles)

2209 Wilson St. -05 286-1564

Margaret Best (stroke)

For the next month, write:

c/o Tom Best

508 Bremerton Drive

Greenville, NC 27858

Dorothy Wentz (at home taking care of two elderly parents - call or note)

4301 David St. -04 477-4522

Buster Poythress

Heritage Care Nursing Home

3420 Wake Forest Hwy. 596-1222

(would love ride to church)

Randy Smith

Heritage Care Nursing Home

3420 Wake Forest Hwy. 596-1222

Dora Crutchfield

1711 Kent St. -07 489-4259

Edna Carpenter (lives with daughter Pat Lampley)

P. O. Box 364 (Wilkins Road)

Bahama, NC 27503 471-1472

Ella Kimrey

807 W. Club Blvd.-01 688-0511

Thanks for all your love and visits for these sweet folks.

Ann Stallings



SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 5. All Scouts (Boys, Girls, Cubs and Brownies) are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the worship service.

SERENDIPITY

SERENDIPITY is the name of a new program in our church. It is first a new adult Sunday School class which meets in Whitford Hall at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. It is second a setting where several adults have agreed to be in training as small group leaders. It is third a place of community-building and informal Bible study. If you are interested, join the group this Sunday.

ATTENTION:

DUKE TRAVELERS



Join us for six days and five nights via luxury tourcoach to Holland, Michigan, for the annual Tulip Festival, May 15-20, 1989. After two nights in Holland, we will travel to Dearborn to visit the Henry Ford Museum in the afternoon and then overnight in Plymouth, Michigan, where we will be treated to a re-creation of the First Thanksgiving by the Mayflower Hotel. Then to the bluegrass horse country of Kentucky, where we will overnight in Lexington. If you would enjoy a fabulous week of sightseeing in Michigan, call Oliver or Helen Upchurch, 682-1675, for more details and reservations.

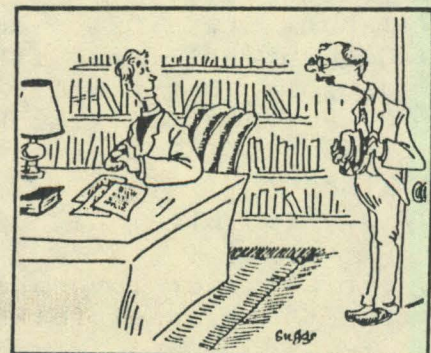


Lewis and Dottie Gibbs, missionaries from the Western N. C. Conference who are teaching at the Pastors' School in Meru, Kenya, write that at its Annual Conference, the Methodist Church of Kenya pledged "to become a missionary church, raising three million shillings (\$165,000) in the coming year to support the new Methodist Church in Uganda and in Tanzania. Those attending the conference gave 30,000 shillings..."

They are eagerly anticipating having a work team from the WNC Conference there this month to begin building the new dormitory.

"We thank you for all the support--funds, prayers, letters, care packages, and thoughts--that you continue to give us. You, too, have been part of this mission, and will continue to be as long as this Institute trains its ministers here, through your giving at a crucial time in its foundation. May God continue to bless you in your service to Him. Salama kabisa (Complete peace)"

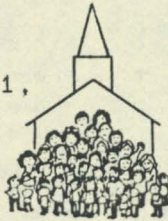
Copies of their letter will be distributed to Sunday School classes and Circles.



"Excuse me, I'd like to volunteer for committee work involving sensitivity and sacrifice in challenging a secularized, value-impooverished society with the radical claims of the gospel. I have Thursday afternoons free."

MEMBERSHIP

UPDATE



In the November 1, 1988, "INSIGHTS", we listed 265 names that would be read at the Charge Conference of November 15, 1988, and from the pulpit, for the third time. This has been done. The Charge Conference ruled that the names could be removed from the roll as soon as they were read from the pulpit. The last section of names was read on December 18, 1988, and has now been removed from the roll.

The second list consisting of 72 names has been presented to the Charge Conference of November 15, 1988, for the second time and will be read from the pulpit before Charge Conference of 1989. After being presented to Charge Conference of 1989 and being read from the pulpit for the third time, these names may be removed from the roll.

A third list of 8 names presented to the Charge Conference of November 15, 1988, will be read from the pulpit before Charge Conference of 1989. This procedure will be followed at Charge Conference of 1990.

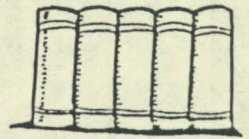
Marie Allen,
Stephen Hogue,
Julie Haines Hogue,
Willie Mangum,
Robert D. Trull,
Margaret Teresa Trull,
Hubert Turner,
Mrs. Gene Nicholson Hecht.

We reported to the Charge Conference November 15, 1988, our membership as of September 30, 1988, to be 1523.

As of October 31, 1988: 1522;
As of November 30, 1988: 1522;
As of December 31, 1988: 1250.

Oliver Upchurch, for
Committee to Update Church Roll

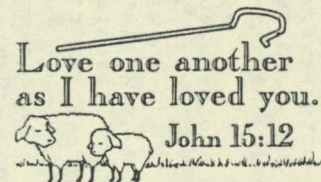
LIBRARY NEWS



New acquisitions in our Church Library include:

Twelve Keys to An Effective Church, Kennon Callahan

1988 Book of Discipline



A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 has been sent to The Rev. Jan Fogleman, who lost his wife, two daughters and a son in an accident caused by a drunken driver. Our gift will help him defray tremendous expenses.

Special Needs

BLANKETS ARE BEING COLLECTED for Church World Service. Electric blankets that no longer work are acceptable. Soap is also needed (preferably Oatagon). Boxes are available on stage in Whitford Hall for collection. Thank you.
Reid Burton

IT'S TIME TO FURNISH GENESIS HOME! Many large furniture items have been acquired, but your help is needed to fill in the gaps -- kitchen items, beds and linens, children's supplies, cleaning supplies, landscaping and outdoor items. There is a list of specific needs on the bulletin board near the Office. If you are cleaning out storage areas or basements, consider a contribution for the emergency shelter for women and children. Questions can be directed to Arabella Meadows-Rogers at First Presbyterian Church, 682-5511.



CALENDAR, JANUARY 16-28, 1989		
JANUARY 16	3:00 p.m.	Circle 9, with Ellen Dozier
JANUARY 17	10:00 a.m.	Circle 8, Parlor
	12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
		with M/M Philip Gardner
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, Library
	6:30 p.m.	DCIA Annual Dinner, Epworth UMC
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	10:00-8:00	Gardner Interviews with congregation
JANUARY 18	9:15 a.m.	Parents' Morning Out
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Workshop for Bazaar Altar Guild, Library
	12:30 p.m.	Executive Bd, UMW, Library
	7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
JANUARY 19	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
JANUARY 21	Lay Speaker	Seminar, St. Paul's
JANUARY 22	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Group, Bradshaw Room
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:55 a.m.	Worship Service/New Members
	12:15 p.m.	Newcomers' Luncheon
JANUARY 23	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church & Society Work Area
JANUARY 24	7:30 p.m.	Council on Ministries
JANUARY 25	8:30 a.m.	Deadline: "INSIGHTS" copy
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	Parents' Morning Out
	10:00 a.m.	Workshop for Bazaar
	7:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations
		Bethany Bells
		School Merger Task Force
JANUARY 26	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
		RESULTS, Bradshaw Room
JANUARY 27	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
JANUARY 28	1:30 p.m.	Wedding

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In the fall of 1989 the new United Methodist Hymnal will be available for our use.

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.

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