

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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Minister

May

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NOT GUILTY!

I want to share a story with you that I heard Maxie Dunnam tell some years ago. It is about the sins a preacher may commit.

First, he may LIE to the congregation. Whether he was saying that lying is admissable for a preacher, I'm not sure.

Secondly, a preacher may bore his or her congregation. At this point I plead guilty. Of that there is no doubt. Yet I do try to evade this sin.

Thirdly, the preacher may underestimate the congregation - and that's a sin! Perhaps it's the most common sin of the clergy. I plead NOT GUILTY.

I can't think of anything this congregation could not do, if we set our minds and hearts to do it. That's the reason why I believe we will make the Capital Campaign for Renewal a roaring success.

Already this year we have received into our fellowship twenty-nine new members. Established programs are meeting needs and new ones are being considered. The spiritual renewal emphasis of this campaign will carry over into our preparations for our mission to Durham on November 5-8.

There is no end to what we can do. We have the resources - all that is necessary is the will.

I plead NOT GUILTY to the charge of underestimating this congregation.



Innocently yours,

Eric



BIBLE STUDY

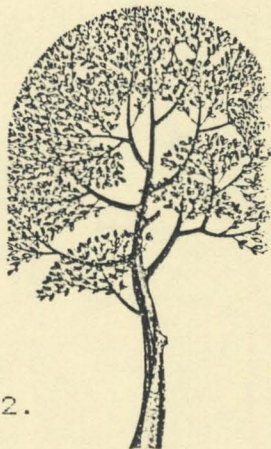
GOOD NEWS! A new Bible Study group will begin Wednesday, May 17, from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich and drink and join us in the Parlor for fellowship, study and prayer.

If you are interested in a study but the lunch hour doesn't suit you, leave your name at the Church Office and we will work with you on a feasible time. We are excited about this and hope to see you on the 17th of May!

Conference Methodist Men's

Spiritual Recharge '89

May 19, 20, 21, 1989
NC Wesleyan College
Rocky Mount, NC



Registration:
Please respond
prior to May 12.

For further information:
Bulletin Board and Church Office.

Cost: \$55.00 is the total cost of this two-day event. It includes all meals, dormitory room for two nights, fees and materials.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT CHRISTIAN VALUES AND HAVE FUN TOO? Sign them up for two interesting programs this summer:

July 24-28, 8:30-12:00

MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP

(for rising 2nd-7th graders)

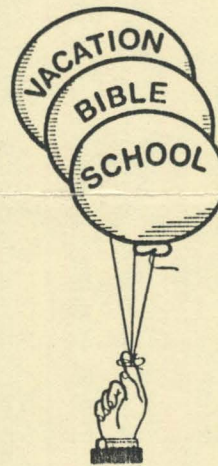
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(for 2 yrs.-rising 1st graders)

August 14-18, 9:00-4:00

DAY CAMP

(for rising 3rd-6th graders)



Plans are now underway for Vacation Bible School which will take place July 24-28, 1989, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Classes will be available for children 2 years through rising first graders. (Older children are eligible for Music and Drama Camp which takes place at the same time.) Registration forms will be available in

Sunday School classes by May 7 and can be picked up in the Church Office thereafter.

The Vacation Bible School Planning Task Force will meet Sunday, May 21, at 12:15 p.m. in the Library. Members can bring a sack lunch and stay after church.

LIBRARY NEWS

CHILD STAR

by Shirley Temple Black
(Given by Jean Weyand)

DEATH ON THE END

by Amanda McKay

MAY 1 11:00 a.m. Bradshaw Room

Speaker: Crystal Oakley, Community Life Center

Lunch: Circle 9

DO COME!

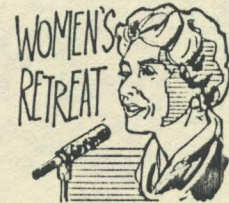
REMEMBER: 1989 Christian Personhood Retreat

Louisburg College, May 19-20

Theme: Committing our Lives

Leader: Wanda J. Black,
North Alabama Conference

Cost: \$26.50 per person



Register for this event. UMW (Duke Memorial) has allocated funds for members wishing to attend. See Hilda Coble for registration blanks.

A LETTER FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA UMW PRESIDENT, JANE JOHNSON.....

FAITHFUL DISCIPLES—JOYFUL SERVANTS: COMMITTING OUR LIVES

Our theme for this quadrennium—**FAITHFUL DISCIPLES—JOYFUL SERVANTS** and the particular themes for the next four years are in keeping with who we are as United Methodist Women.

The specific theme for 1989 is **COMMITTING OUR LIVES AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES—JOYFUL SERVANTS**. What does **COMMITTING OUR LIVES** mean? Commitment is related to trust and responsibility. Certain commitments are appropriate for almost everything that we find ourselves involved in. When we are asked by the nominating committee to take an office in United Methodist Women, we made a commitment during our installation service to support and uphold the **PURPOSE** of UMW and the duties and responsibilities that go along with the office. The word Commitment comes from the Latin word meaning "to bring together." As we say yes and commit ourselves to people, causes and tasks, we literally try to "get it together" in our lives to enable us to respond to our commitment.

If I might inject a personal observation, my life is described by my commitments: mother, wife, grandmother, Sunday school teacher, homemaker, golfer, a United Methodist, a United Methodist Woman, a Christian, a daughter, a choir member, and the list goes on. If you want to know who I am, you must ask to whom and to what I am committed. My commitments give shape, order, and stability to my life. Each age and stage of my adult life has had its commitments and with accepting commitments made to me by others. It is all related to trust and responsibility. I delight in giving myself to others, sticking with a job until it is finished, remaining true to my promises, while constantly renewing and initiating commitments.

As a United Methodist, what commitments do we make? When we choose to join the United Methodist Church, we are baptized, confirmed, and received into the church, and we make a commitment to ourselves and the church to:

1. truly and earnestly repent of our sins and to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior;
2. express our belief in God the Father Almighty;
3. promise to be obedient in keeping God's Holy Word and Commandments and walk in the same all the days of our lives;
4. To be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

To be a United Methodist Woman, what kind of commitments do we make? Women who belong to a local unit of United Methodist Women become a community with a common understanding of themselves as disciples—faithful disciples. Any woman may become a member of United Methodist Women if she chooses to join and to commit herself to the **PURPOSE** of the organization. Membership is for those who wish to work for mission by participating in the organization through prayer, giving, study, action, and service. There are other forms of commitment that we make as United Methodist Women:

1. We make a commitment on the pledge card each year to assume a part in the support of missions through the global ministries of the church.
2. We make a commitment to pray each day. By using the Prayer Calendar, we can look at the names of all the people who have committed their lives to be in mission.
3. As United Methodist Women, we are committed to God's work as **FAITHFUL DISCIPLES—JOYFUL SERVANTS**.

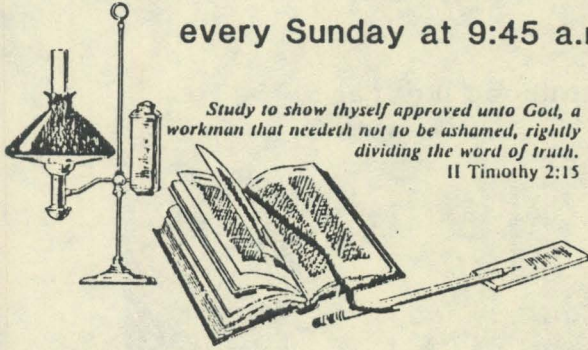
COMMITTING OUR LIVES requires the courage and the determination to be who we are called to be, to become all that we are meant to be, to exercise our full and responsible humanity. In this way is true freedom and fulfillment.

How has God created us to be a committed people? Christians are called to be known as people who make and keep commitments to God and one another. I pray that as you plan and implement programs around this theme this year that you will enjoy committing yourselves to be **FAITHFUL DISCIPLES—JOYFUL SERVANTS!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

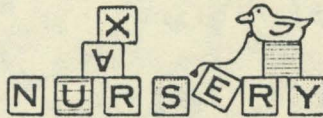
The place to be

every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.



FOOD
PANTRY
SUNDAY
15 MAY 14.

Please bring your food donations (DRIED BEANS AND CANNED MEAT, if possible) to the altar rail before the service or during the final hymn on May 14. Money donations may be made by writing "Food Pantry" on your offering envelope. Contributions also may be left in the marked closet by the entrance of the Education Bldg. anytime during the month.



Infants

- May 7 Mack and Ann McCary
- May 14 Anita Shore
- May 21 Kathy Schmidt
- May 28 Judith Bailey

Toddlers

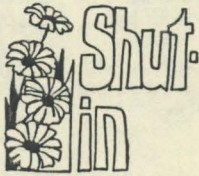
- May 7 Tom and Nancy Stark
- May 14 Todd and Dana Pope
- May 21 Andy and Becky Tingen & Tom and Carol Long
- May 28 Stan and Laurie Coffman



Our members fill many, many volunteer jobs in Durham. At the April 16 church service, the following members received certificates from the Durham County Mission Society for their help distributing food and clothing to the needy at the Urban Ministries Building:

- Charlotte Corbin
- Edith Johnson
- Ann Marie Langford
- Carolyn Shipp
- Tim Turkington

The DCMS is the responsibility of all the Methodist churches in this area. Duke Memorial has been assigned the hours 1-4 p.m. every third Tuesday. If you can help our volunteers, please call Carolyn Shipp, 286-0193.

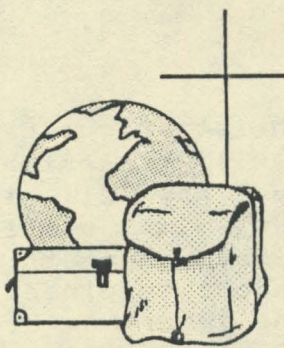


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NOTE
THIS
NEW
ADDRESS:

Edna Carpenter
Durham Rest Home, Rm. 24
5600 N. Roxboro Rd. -12
Phone: 471-6306



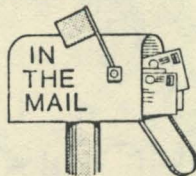
A man once went to see his doctor for advice about being cured of snoring. The doctor asked, "Does your snoring disturb your wife?" The patient replied, "Does it disturb my wife? Why it disturbs the entire congregation."



Mission Trip

Donna Elium is preparing to fly off to Costa Rica with a **Volunteers in Missions** workteam. She and eight other young adults from across the NC Conference will be gone **May 8-22**. In typical VIM experience, they are not sure where they will be (somewhere on the Pacific coast), what they will be doing (roofing and building walls have been mentioned), or where they will sleep (air mattresses are on the packing list). But they are expecting to have a meaningful and enjoyable experience. Your prayers for this workteam will be greatly appreciated!

MISSIONS



"We deeply appreciate your help and assistance, through the Advance Special channel, in the extension of much needed medical services to rural poor people.

"We hope that your church will continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

"On behalf of those of us working in medical care in Bolivia, we all send our very deep and heartfelt thanks."

Andean Rural Health Care

"Your support, leadership and hard work has done it again! The people called United Methodist gave \$100 million during the quadrennium to the Advance, ensuring that we continue to be a channel for saving and changing lives around the world. Thank you!

"133,622 gifts represented 133,622 stories of the warmth of God's love expressed through the work of God's people, both givers and receivers. Thank you for helping to get these stories told."

Advance for Christ and His Church

Volunteers are urgently needed in programs sponsored by D.C.I.A. The Duke students, who volunteer in all the activities, are almost finished with the school year. Please help, now.

1. **Meals on Wheels** -- packers needed, Tues. & Wed.: 8:15-10:00. Drivers needed each weekday from 10:30-noon. Call the office, 682-7255, 8:30-2:00.

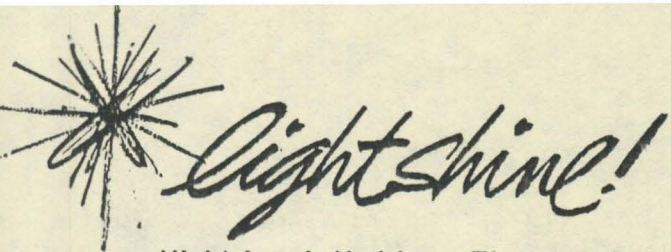
2. **Community Kitchen** -- from May 1 - Sept., 2-hour shifts, 8:00-noon. Call Betsy Rollins, 688-7378.

3. **Host Homes** -- Desk work at Duke Hospital: Tues. 9:30-noon; Fri. 9:30-noon & 1:00-4:30. Closed June, July & August. Call Christine Stock, 684-5351.

4. **Elder Advocacy** -- Serve as friendly visitors to isolated elderly. Call Glenda Clauson, 493-2074.

5. **Community Shelter** -- Nights, 7:30-10:00. Call Anne Williams, 682-2409.





is the name of the Christian musical that the J.O.Y. Class will present at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, in

Whitford Hall. The musical is the story of a mime who is looking for the secret of happiness. On his way he meets a variety of interesting characters who teach him about happiness. The youth are dedicating this program to the memory of Mr. Bailey Reade, a long-time friend and supporter of youth ministry at Duke Memorial.

Following the musical, enjoy SUNDAY SUNDAY. Build your own ice cream sundae with all the fixin's, talk to cast members, and visit with friends. Join us for a joyous evening!



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THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL

(These excerpts from the yet unpublished guide to the new United Methodist Hymnal courtesy of Thomas H. Langford, III.)

AMENS

The new United Methodist Hymnal will contain two choral "Amens" - one by John Rutter and one by Alan Lutkin. The traditional two and three-fold amens are also included. **Amens** in general have not been included at the end of each hymn as in the previous hymnal. Exceptions were made in three places: for hymns whose final stanza is a Trinitarian doxology, for hymns which are a prayer, and for hymns whose music was composed with an **amen** essential to the tune.

Amens were not traditionally sung after hymns until the late 19th century. The practice began when medieval Latin office hymns, which always ended with a doxology to the Trinity followed by the **amen**, were translated into English. As amens were prevalent in these medieval

hymns, leaders chose to include amens on all hymns published at that time. Subsequently, Anglican and non-Anglican hymnals conformed with the practice until about 1920 when the Anglicans realized the error and no longer included amens at the end of hymns. Other denominational hymnals are now following suit.

CONCLUSION

Above all, sing! Congregational singing, when human voices and musical instruments join together to praise God, is our tradition. It is our responsibility, yours and mine, to continue this tradition. May you use The United Methodist Hymnal to strengthen congregational singing and through it offer God's grace to all creation.

Celebration



Singers

CELEBRATION SINGERS will be meeting on Monday, May 8, for their second rehearsal. The group meets in the Open Door Classroom at 7:30 p.m. Persons interested in singing contemporary Christian music are invited to join the group which will be sharing in worship some time in May.

Teacher Appreciation



SUNDAY, MAY 21 IS APPRECIATION DAY at Duke Memorial. Sunday School classes will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. that day to gather in Whitford hall to express appreciation to our Sunday School teachers and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment. Come and be a part of the festivities.

Memorial Gifts

In loving memory of Henry Clement Satterfield, Jr., given by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas S. White, Jr.;

In loving memory of Col. James M. Rowe, given by Agnes W. Stephenson and Elizabeth Wilson; Good Samaritan Fund

In honor of Maurice and Dottie Ritchie, given by Harriet A. Lyon.

Welcome!

We are happy to have Becky Angell, a new member of Duke Memorial Church, serving as Office Receptionist for the next three weeks. Stop in and meet her.

Home from the HOSPITAL

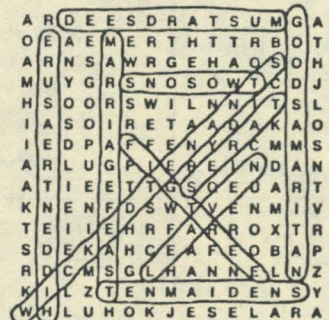
Lillian Bright

ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE:



WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES, but we need your help. Please call the Church Office, 683-3467, if you have a family member graduating from high school or college. Thank you!

Answer:



HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, MAY 7, is a special day in the life of our church: **HOMECOMING**. Join us for Sunday School and worship that day. Rev. Phillip Gardner will be the guest speaker. Bring a covered dish and plan to stay for lunch on the lawn immediately after morning worship. Plans are being coordinated by the Open Door Sunday School class. Join us for this day of inspiration and fellowship.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you." —Ezekiel 36:26</p>	10:00 Circle 1 Circle 3 11:00 UMW 1:30 Staff Mtg.	6:00 Dinner for Stewardship Vis. 7:20 Training	9:15 Parents' Morning Out 10:00 Workshop for Bazaar 7:30 Bethany Bells Circle 7	7:30 RESULTS	6:00 Rehearsal	PRAYER VIGIL 4:00 Wedding
HOMECOMING 3:30 Prayer Group 4:15 Jr. Choir, Confirmation 4:45 Sunday School 5:55 Worship Service LIGHTSHINE! Reh. Stewardship Visitor Training	1:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30 Celebration Singers 8:00 Executive Comm., CCR	7:30 InterNeighborhood Council	8:30 "INSIGHTS" copy due 9:15 Parents' Morning Out 10:00 Workshop for Bazaar 7:30 Bethany Bells	12:30 Minnie P. Gates Luncheon 7:30 Sanctuary Ch.	6:00 Rehearsal	7:00 Wedding
WENTCOST CONFIRMATION MOTHER'S DAY 3:30 Prayer Group 4:15 Confirmation Class 4:45 Sunday School 5:55 Worship Service	7:00 Travelers to Michigan 1:30 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Circle 9	10:00 Circle 8 12:00 DCIA 7:30 Evangelism Work Area 8:00 Visitation Team Coffee		A mother who holds tightly to God's hand and tightly to her child's hand at the same time is the channel through which the love of God is first transmitted to the child.		