

# Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson  
Minister



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## A CHANCE FOR RENEWAL

The aged John Wesley wryly confessed his anxiety about the Methodist movement in whose birth he had played a major role. He was anxious "not that Methodists would cease to exist, but that they should only exist as a dead sect having the form of religion without the power; and that this would undoubtedly be the case, unless they held fast the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out."

Duke Memorial is being put to the test not just of "holding fast" to the doctrine, spirit, and discipline, but whether we are going to emerge from our paralysis of lifelessness and be the church God is calling us to be.

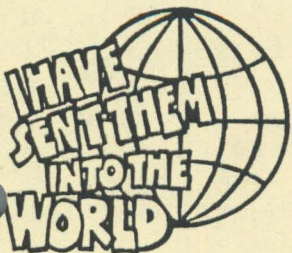
Our theme for the services on November 5-8, at which Dr. Maurice Boyd will be the preacher, is "COME, SHARE THE SPIRIT" and I encourage you to make a genuine effort to invite your neighbors and friends to come each evening. Extra brochures are available at the Church Office.

Bishop Woody White said, "What we need to tell the world is that we know a Savior who can pick you up when you are down, comfort you when you are sorrowful, embrace you when you are lonely, forgive you when you can't forgive yourself, clean you up even when you think you can't be cleaned up."

Remain constant in prayer. Fill your pew. Expect something powerful to happen. Hold fast the faith.

Yours in anticipation,

*Eric*







## HOSPITALIZED

Edna Bisette, DCGH 5121  
James Phelps, Duke North 2205

### Home from the HOSPITAL

Ruth Long and Tom Walker



Deborah Lee Simpson  
and

Lloyd Staton Noel, III,  
were married in the Church Parlor  
on October 28, 1989,  
by Mr. Carson.

### In Memoriam

Beulah Evans Peel  
October 13, 1989

"I Believe in the....  
LIFE EVERLASTING"



### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Mike Herman and his family on the death of his father, Orvil Leo Herman, in Edmond, Oklahoma, on Oct. 14, 1989.

### In Memory Of...

In loving memory of Beulah E. Peel, given Miss Edith Dunnagan.

#### Good Samaritan Fund

In memory of Alma Randle Smith, given by Dr. & Mrs. Leland Phelps.

#### Elevator Fund

In loving memory of Nellie C. Garrard and Herschel A. Caldwell, given by Mrs. Robert C. Cox.

THE PAIR OF ANTIQUE BRONZE URNS, of bas-relief design, placed on the mantle in the Church Prayer Room, are given in memory of Albert R. Johnson by his wife, Edith.

## Our Staff

We welcomed Rebecca Reinhart to our office staff on November 1, 1989, as our part-time Office Support Person. Becky will be working Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She moved to Durham from Cincinnati two and one-half months ago with her husband, Larry, and two children, Joy (13) and Paul (11). Stop in and get acquainted!

## TRAINING EVENT

Our Program Director, Marge Clark, will be part of a North Carolina Conference team attending the National Training Event: STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP, in Nashville, Tennessee, Nov. 3-5.



We are planning a BREAKFAST for college students on Sunday, November 26, UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY. The breakfast will take place during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) in Whitford Hall. If you know of local students who will be in town that weekend, please give their name to Holly Eggleston (493-1611). (We are happy to include students who are home for the holiday or who are in town because they didn't go home for the holiday.)



In  
Appreciation

Thanks, thanks and more thanks to everyone who helped with the Mini Bazaar and Lunch October 21. Thanks to those who served, cooked, cleaned, sold, counted money, decorated, publicized, quilted, knitted, crocheted, did needlepoint -- and thanks, too, to those who bought our wares!

This year we've made about \$3,350. We've already spent \$1,200 for worthy causes. We'll spend the remainder wisely! Thanks for everything.

Hilda Coble  
UMW President

Talk about success! We hit it big with our spaghetti supper fund raiser. Our parents served more than 450 people and we cleared \$1,467. Quite a feat!

To the many church members and choir group who attended our supper, we extend our thanks. Several of the parents commented on how impressive it was to see so many church members supporting the Weekday School. You are very special folks!

Caroline Sasser

*"Thanks  
a lot"*

- to Kitty Copelan, Ralph Bedient, and Polly Farned for their help on the Vespers dinners, October 18 and 25.

- to Lois Funderburk, Ed Hammond, Anne Clark, Mack McCary, Tom Coble, Tim Langford, Kathy Cutting, Ann Stallings, Elizabeth Bookhout, Sadie Taylor, Jim Mentzer, Wil Drake, Stanley McQuade, Bill Self, and Caroline Sasser, along with the Sanctuary Choir and Jane Lynch, ushers and greeters for their work on the Laity Day service. Thanks to Alan Whanger who video-taped it. (If you'd like to borrow the tape, contact Marge Clark or Lois Funderburk.)

The Durham Methodist Mission Society is grateful for all the contributions of money, food & clothing sent from our church. In June 1989, over 1850 items were dispensed to 490 persons. Of these there were over 300 boxes and cans of meat, cereal and milk; 240 jars of peanut butter; 270 loaves of bread; over 360 cans of green beans; 300 cans of other vegetables, fruit, beans and boxes of macaroni and cheese. These items add up to over \$1000.

What does all this mean to us as Christians? It means our United Methodist Church is in mission. Mission isn't what someone else does. Mission is what every Christian is called to do in one way or another.

The items you bring to the communion rail and the collection closet on the second Sunday of the month help Durham residents in need of warm clothes, shoes, baby items, and food. Thanks for your continued warmth of heart!

Wil Drake and Carolyn Shipp

Celebration



Singers

Next rehearsal:

MONDAY, NOV. 13

7:30pm

Bradshaw Room

CELEBRATION SINGERS is a group which sings contemporary Christian music both in worship and informally. New members are welcome. Childcare will be provided on request.



# From the Lay Leader

Each year the Annual Conference honors a lay person of the year from nominations selected by the districts. The districts announce a lay person of the year selected from nominations of individual churches at each district's lay rally. DMUMC is to select a lay person of the year before the end of 1989. I'm asking you to nominate someone you want to honor as lay person of the year. This nomination should be in the form of a letter to me listing the reasons your nominee should be selected. Include church and community witnesses to the Christian life. It does not need to be formal or detailed but, given the great number of our members who could be so honored, it should be as complete as you know. Why not start it today? And get it to me by November 15 - at home or leave it in the Church Office.

Lois Funderburk

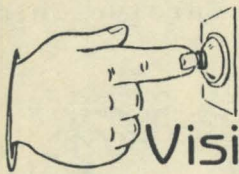
# STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - 1989

Several weeks ago, we indicated that the focus of this year's Stewardship Campaign would not be on the budget numbers. Instead, we wanted to emphasize the concept of stewardship and financial responsibility to the church. Our campaign is now in the "home stretch" and I'm proud to report that all of you have responded beautifully to the challenge. To date, we have received 261 pledges totaling \$246,000. And, the numbers are still growing!

If you have already made your pledge for the 1990 church year, please accept our sincere "thank you"! If you plan to make a pledge this fall, but have not yet done so, take a moment to mail your pledge card today. Our actual budget for next year will be dictated by the total amount of money pledged. Have you misplaced your pledge card? Then call the Church Office (683-3467) and we will mail you a new card.

Now is the time to make your commitment to Duke Memorial known!

Jim Mentzer

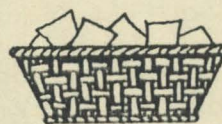


## Visitation

Come visit with us! Some friendly visitors (Anne Clark, Ellen Dozier, Elizabeth Wilson, Indye Cunningham, etc.) go visiting at various rest homes on Tuesdays and then go out to eat lunch. Come join us:

- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21-  
Methodist Retirement Home
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5-  
Hillcrest & Hillhaven  
Rehabilitation Center
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19-  
Methodist Retirement Home

Ann Stallings



## RECEIPTS THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 1989

Budgeted	\$272,553
Received	<u>256,288</u>
	\$(16,265)

Hurricane Hugo Relief \$2,654

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*"If you go through life living as if there is a God, and come to find out there is not one, you have gained much. But, if you go through life living as if there is no God, and come to find out there is one, you have lost everything."*

--Pascal



# sam

single adult ministry

SAM will go to the movies again on **Tuesday, November 14**, with the following schedule:

**6 p.m.** - Meet for dinner at Picadilly Cafeteria (South Square Mall)

**7 p.m.** - Attend movie at South Square Cinema

**After - Dessert** at Sue Gilliam's apartment, 2836 Chapel Hill Road (Valley Terrace Apts.), Apt. 17-1, (490-4985).

All singles are cordially invited to join the group for any or all of the activities.



**FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW** how the murder mystery turned out on October 27-- "Hal" Coppone was murdered by "Silky" M. Adam (as portrayed by Marge Clark).



## Bible Reading

Thirty-three persons are participating in the three Bible Study groups of our church who are studying ROMANS. In the three groups are: long-time church members, new church members, prospective church members, and members of other churches (persons related to our Weekday School).

You can still be a part of one of these groups:

**SERENDIPITY Sunday School Class**

9:45 a.m. Sundays

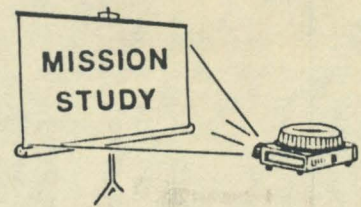
**(M.O.M.S.) Morning Of Meditation and Study**

9:15 a.m. Mondays

**Afternoon Bible Study**

2:30 p.m. Thursdays

All groups meet in the Aldersgate Room in the Sanctuary building.



## FACES OF POVERTY IN OUR MIDST

One anthropologist tells of explaining to a group of so-called "primitive" natives about the problem of the poor in America. "There was stark disbelief: 'How can he have no food? Does he have no friends? How can he have no house? Does he have no neighbors?'" (from AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE FOR AMERICA by Robert Theobald)

Poverty in Durham, in North Carolina, and in the United States is a major social issue for concerned Christians.

Join Us on **Sunday, Nov. 19**, for the mission study, **FACES OF POVERTY IN OUR MIDST**. A snack supper will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by inter-generational activities exploring this issue. Childcare will be provided for children 4 years and younger. Other children will be involved in the planned activities.

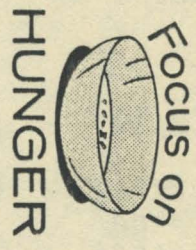
Come and explore this issue and find out ways that you can be involved.

## PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR YOUR GROUP OR CLASS?

The Methodist Home for Children has informed us of their staff's availability for speaking engagements during April, May and June of 1990. They also have a new video about the various care provided through the home. If you are interested in this program possibility for your class or group, contact Marge Clark (683-3467) for details.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY  
 IS NOVEMBER 12!



Please bring your food donations (CANNED YAMS OR APPLESAUCE, IF POSSIBLE) to the altar rail before the service or during the final hymn on November 12.

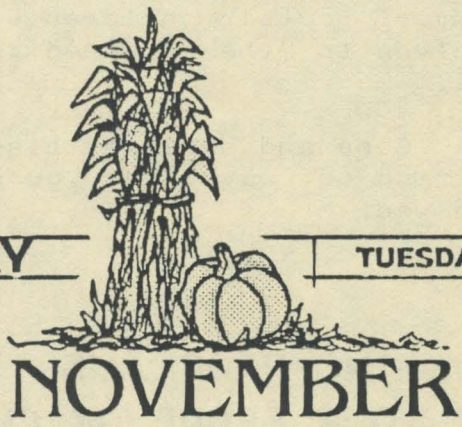
Money donations may be made by writing "Food Pantry" on your offering envelope.

Contributions also may be left in the marked closet by the entrance of the Education Building anytime during the month.

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Wife's idea of retirement  
 "Half as much income and twice  
 as much husband!"



SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3		
<p>"The only political party that knows how to run the country is always the one that's out of office."</p>						
5 Junior Choir 5 Sunday School 5 Worship Service Circle 3, Kitchen 0 Dr. Maurice Boyd Children's Hour 0 Fellowship Hour, Whitford Hall	5 9:15 M.O.M.S. 10:00 Ministers w/Dr. Boyd Circles 1 & 3 11:00 UMW Mtg 7:30 Dr. Boyd Children's Hr 8:30 Fellowship	6 7:30 Dr. Boyd Children's Hr 8:30 Fellowship	7 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 7:30 Dr. Boyd Children's Hr 8:30 Fellowship	8 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 7:30 Dr. Boyd Children's Hr 8:30 Fellowship	9 2:30 Bible Study 7:30 Charge Conf. 6:00 Wedding Reh.	10 9:00 Girl Scout VETERAN'S DAY 4:00 Wedding Reception
5 Junior Choir Children's Teachers Mtg 5 Sunday School 5 Morning Worship	12 9:15 M.O.M.S. 10:00 Circle 2 * 1:30 Staff Mtg 7:30 Celebration Singers	13 6:00 SAM	14 9:15 PMO 10:00 Altar Guild Lunch Bunch 7:30 Bethany Bells Circle 6 **	15 12:00 Minnie Gates Luncheon*** 2:30 Bible Study 7:30 Sanctuary Ch	16 * Circle 2 with ** Circle 6 with *** Luncheon at the	Mrs. Marcus Monika Bollinger Brownstone Inn
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