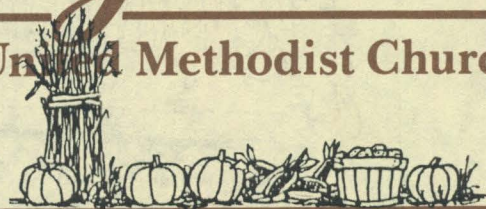


Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson
Minister



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A WORD FROM THE INNKEEPER'S WIFE by Stephen Vincent Benet (from A CHILD IS BORN)

"God pity us indeed, for we are human
And do not always see
The vision when it comes, the shining change
Or, if we see it do not follow it
Because it is too hard, too strange, too new
Too unbelievable, too difficult
Warring too much with common easy ways.
Life is not lost by dying! Life is lost
Minute by minute, day by dragging day,
In a thousand small, uncaring ways,
The smooth, appeasing compromises of time,
Which are King Herod and King Herod's men.

Always and always life can be
Lost without vision but not lost by death,
Lost by not caring, willing, going on
Beyond the ragged edge of fortitude
To something more - something no man has seen.
You who love money, you who love yourself,
You who love bitterness,
And all the people in this town
Rise up! The loves we had were not enough
Something is loosed to change this shaken world
And with it we must change."

A bus stopped at the crowded Seattle intersection where I stood and a drunken man stepped off. He could barely walk, so he eased his way along by leaning on the side of the bus. But as the bus pulled away, he lost his source of stability and was suddenly deposited in the middle of the intersection. It was clear to me that he did not have enough coordination to move from the spot. Horns started blowing as the man sat in the traffic waving his arms.

That was when the message finally got through to me. The inner voice said, "MOVE!" and I walked into the street and gave the man my hand. Oddly enough, my action seemed to prompt other folks on the street because they came to the man's aid about the time I extended my hand to him. We managed to get him up and out of the street.

I had been participating in a month-long program called TEN BRAVE CHRISTIANS. One of the responsibilities of the program was to plan and perform some unexpected kindness for someone each day. In mid-month I made a trip to Seattle where I didn't know anyone for whom I could plan an unexpected kindness. In prayer, I asked God to provide me with the opportunities so that I could fulfill my commitment to this program.

As so often is the case, God provided the opportunities for me to fulfill my commitment, as well as giving me a new insight into the opportunities that are always available, always presenting themselves. It seems to me that Christ shows up in the most peculiar places--in a lump of humanity stranded on a busy street or at the door of the Inn--and I, like the innkeeper's wife, too often miss the opportunity to receive or serve Christ.

Advent begins on December 3. As we approach this season, let us not only prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also renew our awareness of the Christ as He appears to us in the ordinary, daily people and events in our world, and provides for us countless occasions to demonstrate our Christ-Life: loving, caring, receiving, giving, serving.

"Rise up! The loves we had were not enough
Something is loosed to change this shaken world
And with it we must change."

Mary



LUKE VEASEY has been chosen NC/SC Golf Pro of the Year. He and Leila, along with his foursome, will be guests at LaQuinta, California for four days. Luke retired in January 1989 as golf pro at Hillandale Golf Course.

DR. RANDY BOLLINGER was recently presented the Distinguished Teacher Award, given by the Medical Alumni of Duke University Medical School.

Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center honored OMAR FINK this week in appreciation and recognition of his devoted support and committed service to their Patient Support Program. POLLY FARNED & CAROLINE SASSER also received recognition at the annual dinner for their first year of service in the program.

In Memory Of

In loving memory of Alma Randle Smith, given by Circle 1 of United Methodist Women.

In loving memory of Nellie C. Garrard, given by Alice S. Phillips.

Elevator Fund

In loving memory of Frances Warren McDonald and Ethel Ross Strain Whitley, given by the Lillie Duke Past Presidents.

Youth Fund

In memory of Herschel A. Caldwell, R. Bailey Reade, and Orvil L. Herman (Mike Herman's father), given by Devan & Doris Brown.

In Memoriam

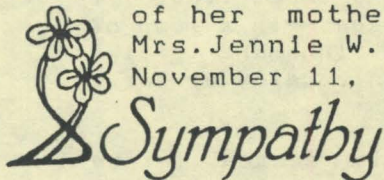
Edna Earle Smith Bissette
November 8, 1989

Frances Kerns Boy
November 13, 1989

Let Us Pray For

In the Hospital James Phelps, Duke N. 2310
Tom Walker, Duke N. 9320

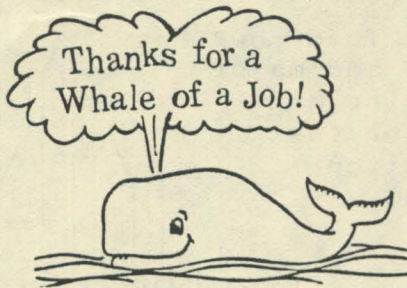
We express our sympathy to Ann Evans and her family on the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jennie W. Evans, on November 11, 1989.



Do you have an hour a week to deliver a church sermon tape to someone living near you? Or can you type labels or help with duplicating? There will soon be a need for substitutes or regulars and if you are willing to help with this service, please call the Church Office (683-3467) or Sarah McCracken (489-2421). It is easy and rewarding!

"Each of us is put here to be the answer, in part, to another's need."

--Bishop Martin



Everyone enjoys performing before a "full house." And Duke Memorial provided such a setting for last week's "Come, Share the Spirit" programs. The inspirational preaching of Rev. Maurice Boyd was highlighted by the almost capacity attendance and the outstanding supporting cast of Duke Memorial volunteers.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our congregation who gave unstinting time, effort and labor for the behind-the-scenes preparations! Namely, Jane Lynch and the Sanctuary Choir; Maureen Oakes and Bethany Bells; Chimemaster J. V. Hoyle; Ann Stallings with the Children's Program Coordinators, Curtis and Debbie Campbell; George Eli and the "Come, Share the Spirit" Singers; Melissa Carson/Tom Coble and the Pew Captains; Tom Hargitt and the Greeters and Ushers; Altar Guild; Kitchen and Custodial staffs; Transportation Chauffeurs; and to collective and singular persons who did their thing!

Duke Memorial will long remember and cherish this spiritual re-awakening experience, and is indebted to the direction and inspiration of Rev. Eric Carson, Rev. Larry Brasher, Marge Clark, Ann Stallings and Donna Blickhahn.

Thanks to all!

Al Buehler, Chairman
Committee on Evangelism

(And let's not forget -- Al's contribution to the event!

--Editor's Note)



We have video tapes of our special services, "Come, Share the Spirit" with Dr. Boyd, available in the Church Library. If you missed one night, you can still see it. Thanks to Carole Mathison, Ben Mixon and Alan Whanger for this wonderful opportunity.



LISTEN UP!



WE NOW HAVE a wireless hearing aid system available for use in the Sanctuary. From what we've heard, these receivers are far superior to the ones attached to the backs of the pews and you can order your own personal receiver for just \$90.

Stop by the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to try one of these receivers before ordering. A member of our Sound Guild will be happy to assist you.

DECEMBER

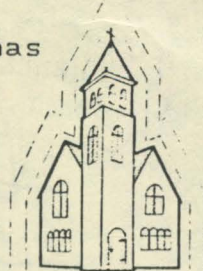


USHERS

Tom Hargitt, Captain;
Lawrence Allen,
Herschel Caldwell, Jr.,
Stan Coffman, George
Davis, Holly Eggleston,
Joel Glasson, Ed Ham-
mond, Chris Howlett,
Mack McCary, Bill
Sewell, Tom Stark, Bob
Weynand, Tom Worsley

"SPIRIT FOR TOMORROW"

The conference-wide program entitled "Spirit for Tomorrow" has received a total of more than \$1,400,000 in cash and major gifts to support new Church Development and Camping Ministries. The dollars are now hard at work growing in the harvest fields of our conference... Resurrection UMC, Durham, Topsail Island UMC and Soapstone UMC, three of our new congregations started in 1986, now have a new church site and are planning in 1990 to begin their first permanent Church units.



Church Growth

Improvements began at each of our support enabled upgrading at Chestnut Ridge. At Camp next year. Visit any or "Spirit for Tomorrow" this exciting ministry.



camps last spring. Your early Camps Rockfish, Don Lee and Kerr Lake work begins all of these and see dollars at work in

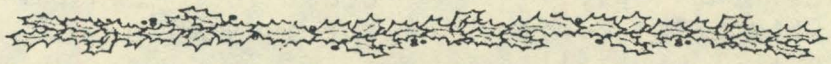
Needs

-- Corinne Langley, Oaks Nursing Home, 3714 Cole Mill Road, needs someone to shorten some dresses for her. Call Ann Stallings (683-3467) if you can help.

-- A volunteer in Community Life Center, located in Duke Memorial's lower level, any weekday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please call Judith Moore (682-0215).



On December 4 at 10:00 a.m. a representative from Duke Power will give a program on Christmas crafts in the Community Life Center. The program will show how to make the crafts in their 1990 calendar. Community Life Center invites you to attend.



RED POINSETTIAS will be used in our Sanctuary as part of the Christmas decorations. If you desire to give a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send your payment and information to the Church Office by December 1. Checks should be made payable to Duke Memorial Church in the amount of \$11.00. Flowers may be picked up following the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

No. of Poinsettias _____ at \$11.00 each

IN HONOR OF:

1. _____
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IN MEMORY OF:

1. _____
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Poinsettias

Check enclosed for \$ _____ for _____ poinsettias. (Please make checks payable to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church.)



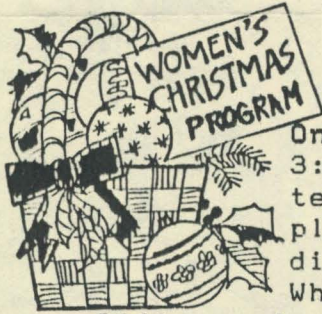
**THANKSGIVING
EVE SERVICE**

Our Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church. Make plans to join our neighbor churches as we celebrate this service. Eric Carson will preach at the service.



United Methodist Student Day

We hope to see many of our visiting college students at our **UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY** Breakfast on Sunday, November 26, at 9:45 a.m. in Whitford Hall. The JOY Class will be hosting the event. If you know a student who might be in town, invite them to attend.



On December 3, 1989, UMW will meet in Whitford Hall at 3:00 p.m. for our Christmas program. Martha Thumm will tell a Christmas story and Lottie Lawrence (age 100) will play Christmas carols. Circle 6 will serve refreshments directly after the installation of Officers by Mary Whanger.

Officers for 1990-1991:

President
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Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Ann Marie Langford
Helen Fink
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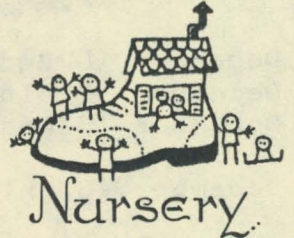
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Projects
Community Life Center

Mary Hix
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Alice Walker, Eugenia Dixon
Betty Craig
Nancy Stark, Hilda Coble
Metta Metcalf

The final Council on Ministries meeting for 1989 will be held on Tuesday, November 28, in the Parlor. Council members are urged to attend.

DECEMBER



Infants

3rd
10th Ron & Joan Gray
17th Rich & Winnie Kaspar
24th Tim & Julie Jacobs
Maurice & Karen Ochola
31st Stan & Laurie Coffman

Toddlers

3rd Susan McFall
10th Polly Mixon
17th Tim & Julie Jacobs
24th Tim & Jennifer Nifong
31st Elizabeth Bookhout

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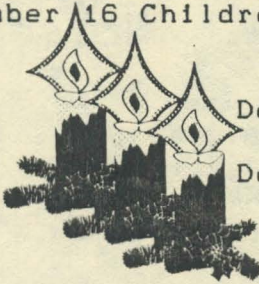
ADVENT

The Season is fast approaching. Below is a calendar of events that are currently in the planning stages:



- December 2 Costume Day for Children's Play
- December 3 1st Sunday in Advent, Junior Choir sings UMW General Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- December 6 Wednesday Meditation and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Larry Brasher, speaker
- December 7 Lillie Duke Class Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
- December 9 Staff Christmas Brunch

- December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent, Adult Choir Cantata
- December 12 Dinner and Caroling Party
- December 13 Wednesday Meditation and Luncheon, 2:30 p.m., Tom Long, speaker
- December 16 Children's Play Rehearsal 10:00-12:00 noon



- December 17 3rd Sunday in Advent, Lessons & Carols Children's Christmas Play 4:00 p.m.
- December 20 Wednesday Meditation and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Laurie Coffman, speaker

- December 24 4th Sunday in Advent Church-wide Luncheon after worship Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5:30 p.m.



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ADVENT 1989

Again this year

A Sock Tree

Grades 1 & 2 invite

you to share in

decorating a tree with

warm socks. December 3

through December 21.

Boxes in halls outside classrooms.

Tree second floor classroom.

In Appreciation

Thanks so much to the following people who helped with the Children's Hour for "Come, Share the Spirit":

2 & 3 yr old teachers

Janet Travis, Kim Robertson, Susan McFall, Karen Ochola, Nikki Kaspar, Jeanne Robbins, Cheryl Howlett, Jennifer Nifong, Robin Dean

4 & 5 yr old teachers

Mary Ellen Stone, Jay Peters, Kathy Cutting, Beth Smith, Leila Veasey

1st-3rd grade teachers

Joan Gray, Kay Peters, Lee Ann Gelinne, Julia Johnson, Anne Clark, Carolyn Browning

4th-6th grade teachers

Janeane Kiger, Dick McFall, Martha Thumm, Mary Canada, Caroline Sasser, Susan Grubbs

Thanks to Blake Teer for help in the Nursery and Sherry Knight and Mary Canada for helping blow up balloons.

Ann Stallings

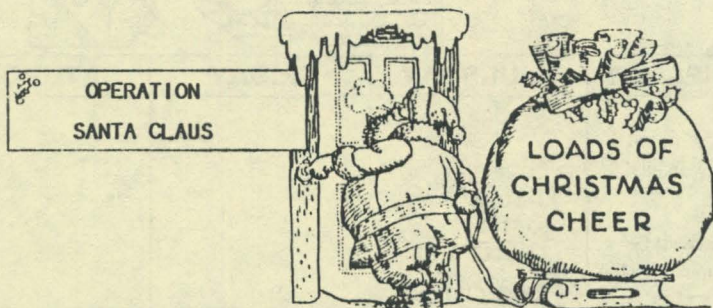
PARENT HELP PROGRAM

The Duke Day Hospital for Youth at Teer House and the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of Duke Medical Center are presenting (at no charge to the public) "Adolescence: A Challenge For Parents" during the 1989-90 school year.

This eight-part series of presentations, devoted to the issues which parents of teens face, will take place **one Tuesday per month** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Teer House, 4019 Roxboro Road, Durham. For further information, call Teer House (479-0237).

PIPE PLUS

The Durham County Schools through its Programs for Exceptional Children offer early intervention services for 3 & 4 year old children who have behavior, speech or language problems. These programs known as PIPE Plus (Parents Involved in Preschool Education) are provided free to residents of Durham county and city. For more information, call Jim Spencer (560-3998).

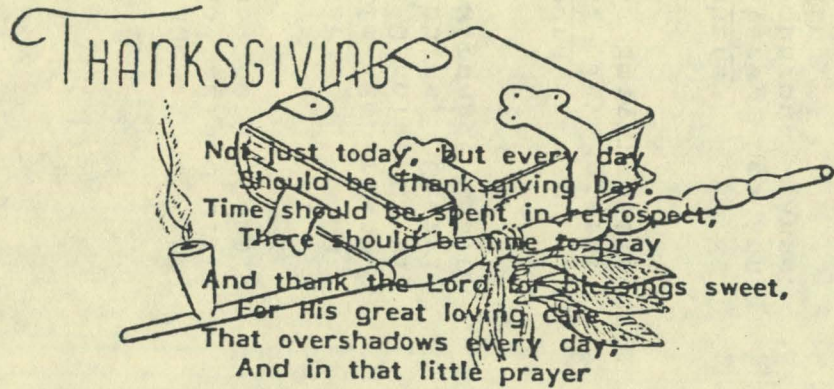


OPERATION SANTA CLAUS provides gifts for persons with persistent mental illness who are at John Umstead Hospital or in the Durham community. You may leave NEW items for unadopted patients, new arrivals and unit gifts in the "drop box" near the Church Library. Gifts suggestions are: clothing, table games, & notions.



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"HIS PREVIOUS OWNER WAS A YOUTH PASTOR!"



Not just today, but every day
 Should be Thanksgiving Day.
 Time should be spent in retrospect,
 There should be time to pray
 And thank the Lord for blessings sweet,
 For His great loving care
 That overshadows every day,
 And in that little prayer

You should include your thankfulness
 For kin and friends so true,
 For this great land in which we dwell,
 For skies so clear and blue,
 For little birds bursting with song,
 For babies sweet and small;
 For blessings such as these we should
 Be thankful for them all.

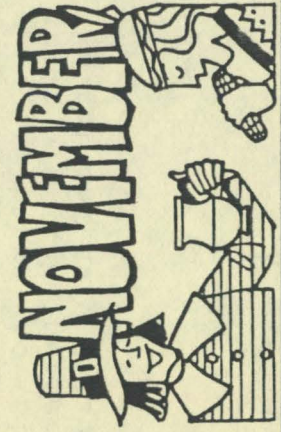
Thanksgiving Day comes once a year,
 And this is why I say —
 Not just today, but every day
 Should be Thanksgiving Day!

--Grace Episcopal Church
 Traverse City, MI

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 15 Junior Choir 30 Student Breakfast 45 Sunday School 55 Worship Service	27 9:15 M.O.M.S. 11:00 Staff Retreat	28 7:30 Council on Ministries	29 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 7:30 Community Thanksgiving Service	30 Give Thanks to the LORD THANKSGIVING 2:30 Bible Study 7:30 Sanctuary Ch.	24 DEC. 1 8:00 Duke Travelers to Asheville	
3 15 Junior Choir 45 Sunday School 55 Worship Service 65 Newcomers Luncheon 80 United Methodist Women 90 Staff-Parish Rel. Comm. 100 Wesley Women, Kitchen						