

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson
Minister



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W A I T I N G

HE is coming...

the word
made
flesh



Advent is the season of preparation and waiting. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *Advenire* (to come to). Advent's message is that God is coming to the world. Advent is like listening to the prelude of a great piece of music; it is like waiting for the curtain to fall in the theatre; it is like riding a roller coaster and waiting for the big moment—that swoosh down from the top.

Simone Weil wrote in her mystic way that "the effort that brings a soul to salvation is like the effort of looking or listening; it is the kind of effort by which a fiancé accepts her lover. It is an act of attention and consent."

As followers of Jesus, we are those who are waiting on Jesus. We keep watch for the moment when he will finally be manifest in His Second Coming. But we wait on Him in other ways. We wait on Him to intervene in our lives every day. We wait on Him as we "do it unto the least of these" as His servants.

I hope that you will practice waiting as a spiritual discipline during these Advent days. And that you will recall again that great promise of Isaiah, "They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength."

HE is coming...

full of
grace and
truth



Joy and peace,

Eric

 PEACE ON EARTH 

IN SYMPATHY

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to Dora Crutchfield and Dot Hilliard, whose son and brother, Charles Shepherd, died recently in North Augusta, South Carolina.

In Remembrance

James A. Phelps

November 18, 1989

Memorials

In loving memory of **Frances K. Boy**, given by John, Patricia and John, Jr., Hemingway.

Elevator Fund

In loving memory of **Frances K. Boy**, given by Bill and Florence Dickerson, Triangle Beverage Company and Mrs. Philip H. Kirkland.

In memory of **Professor & Mrs. Robert North Wilson**, given by Mr. & Mrs. Allyn S. Norton, Sr.

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of **Frances K. Boy**, given by the Lillie Duke Sunday School Class.

In honor of **Rev. George Eli**, given by Minnie P. Gates Bible Class.



Church Library

Thank you to the following people for books they have given to our Library:

Mr. J. L. Moorhead - Methodist Quarterly Review. 1876.

Foster Hiers for keeping us up-to-date with a guide to Compact Discs, and other new books -

The Medical Detective and Inside the FBI.

Elizabeth Bookhout for a wonderful collection of books, including some of her own childhood books by A. A. Milne and Beatrix Potter.

Christmas is...

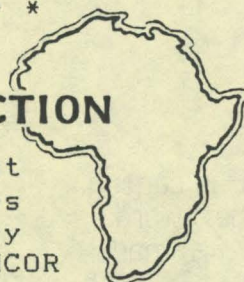
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

- DECEMBER 10.

Please bring your food donations (CANNED YAMS OR APPLESAUCE, if possible) to the altar rail before the service or during the final hymn on December 10. Money donations may be made by writing "Food Pantry" on your offering envelope.

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LOVE IN ACTION



One of the most memorable experiences of my entire ministry was a visit to an UMCOR project in Senegal (West Africa). In an area located in the remote African "bush," UMCOR, through the work of French agriculturist Jean Carbonare, had literally turned a desert into an oasis. In one village an old chief, 99 years of age with dozens of happy, healthy little children around him, said to me "Before you UMCOR and Jean Carbonare came, our children were hungry and most of them died before they reached their fifth birthday, but you came and now nobody here in our village is hungry, and the children live." There they were! Their faces were radiant with joy!

What a privilege to be involved in a ministry such as this. And, my United Methodist sisters and brothers, this is precisely your privilege and mine. Thanks be unto God for calling us to such a mission and for the grace that sustains us as we touch a hurting world with the beauty of Christ's healing love.

C. P. Minnick, Jr.

Resident Bishop, Raleigh Area
President, UMCOR Board Director
(The money you have collected in your FISH BANKS will be donated to UMCOR. Don't forget to return them by December 17. --Editor)



We invite you on three Wednesdays in Advent to spend your lunch hour at the church preparing your mind and heart for the coming of Christ and sharing warm fellowship over a common meal. These Wednesday meditations provide time out from the pre-Christmas rush and allow us to contemplate the profound news of "God with us."

A meditation beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room will be followed by soup and a sandwich in Whitford Hall. We ask for a contribution of \$1.50 for lunch.

Wed., Dec. 6, 12:30 p.m.

Larry Brasher, meditation
Maureen Oakes, soloist
Helen Fink, pianist

Wed., Dec. 13, 12:30 p.m.

Tom Long, meditation
Gretchen Ruffy, soloist
Ruth Phelps, pianist

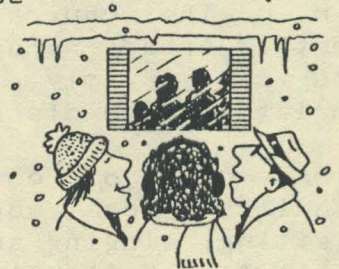
Wed., Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m.

Laurie Coffman, meditation
Nancy Stark, soloist
Ruth Phelps, pianist

DINNER AND CAROLING PARTY


Plan now to join us for our church-wide DINNER AND CAROLING PARTY on Tuesday, December 12. Dinner will be served starting at 5:45 p.m. The menu will include: marinated chicken breast, pasta salad, croissant, cheesecake and beverage. (Hot dogs and chips will be available for children.) Cost is \$5.00 for adults/\$1.50 for children, with a family maximum of \$13.00.

After dinner, we will divide into teams to go caroling. Childcare will be provided during the meal and caroling time for children 3 and under. Older children can join in the caroling.



TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (683-3467) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8.

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THE ORDER FOR  Poinsettias for the Sanctuary will be placed on Monday morning, December 4th. If you desire to give a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please have your payment and information to the Church Office by Monday morning. 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. _____
2. _____

IN MEMORY OF:

1. _____
2. _____

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



COME, SHARE Christmas Fellowship at Duke Memorial on Sunday, December 24. Do you know of someone who needs a ride to church or who is by himself/herself during the holidays? If so, bring them to worship and lunch afterward on December 24th. If you don't know of someone, we have a list of our homebound folks who would like to come. If you would be willing to bring one or two of these people, call Kay Herman (493-0398) after 7 p.m. The church will provide meats, breads and beverages and you can supply your favorite Christmas side dishes.

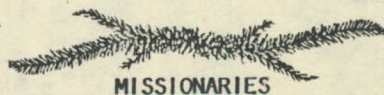
Please come join our Duke Memorial "Family" for worship, lunch, visiting, singing and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus.

If you would like to help in any way, please call Kay Herman.



We hope you'll join us on Sunday, December 24, for all or part of the activities that day.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 noon Christmas Fellowship Lunch
(see related article)
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve communion



Fogleman Address for December:

c/o C. M. Fogleman
1543 Flora Avenue
Burlington, NC 27217
(919) 227-5635

SINGLES GROUP

SAM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

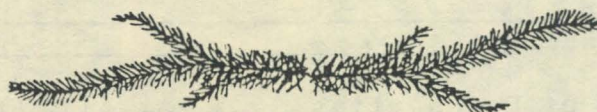
SAM (Single Adult Ministry) will hold its Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 16. The group will meet at the **Angel Tree** in South Square Mall at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. After dinner the group will go to Chapel Hill to attend "Star of Bethlehem," at Morehead Planetarium (admission: \$3.00). Group members will receive additional information in a mailing. If you want more information about this event or singles' opportunities here at Duke Memorial, contact Ronnie Smith (489-8518).



Get in the Christmas spirit! Share yourself with homebound persons. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot on:

Tuesday, December 5-
Visit at Hillcrest and Hillhaven Rehab Center

Tuesday, December 19-
Visit Methodist Retirement Home
We'll go out to eat afterward. Questions: Call Ann Stallings (683-3467).



Celebration



Next rehearsal:

NOTE DATE CHANGE

MONDAY, DEC. 4
7:30pm
Bradshaw Room

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHURCH PLEDGE

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to encourage all members to complete their pledge. As of November 1, we were approximately \$16,000 behind budget.

If you have encountered unexpected problems and will be unable to meet your pledge, please let our Financial Administrative Assistant know so we can plan accordingly. Otherwise, I urge you to bring your pledge up-to-date as soon as possible.

The church gratefully appreciates your support.

Ed Hammand, Chair
Finance Committee

HOUSING NEEDED

Kris Kramer, a cheerful 23-year-old Duke Divinity student, is looking for a furnished room not too far from the Duke campus. He will exchange part-time hours of yardwork or housework for the rent. Good protection to have him in your home. Interested? Call Kris (383-6615) or Ann Stallings (683-3467).

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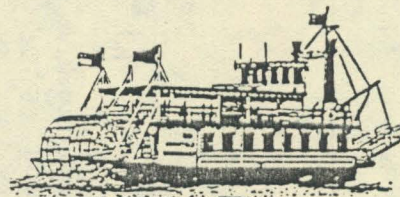
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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

ATTENTION -- DUKE MEMORIAL TRAVELERS:



Join us for a spring color tour of Historic Wilmington April 9-10, 1990, via deluxe tourcoach. A local guide will join us for a tour of Wilmington's Historic District.

We will stroll through the beautiful gardens of Orton Plantation, have a Dinner Cruise aboard the Henrietta II, a riding tour of Greenfield Park and Gardens and a guided tour through the Manor House of Poplar Grove Plantation, where lunch will be served in the Manor House dining room.

We will visit the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial and tour the ship.

As soon as you decide you can go, please call Oliver or Helen Upchurch (682-1675) to reserve a seat for two wonderful days of sightseeing, touring and cruising around North Carolina's Cape Fear!

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DURHAM CONGREGATIONS IN ACTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Women in Action** clearing house is asking for good used toys to distribute by December 21. Please deliver to Urban Ministries building.
- 2) **Meals on Wheels** needs drivers during exam week and the holiday season. Contact Angie Kalas, Volunteer Coordinator (682-7255) for a route and date.
- 3) **Anyone is welcome at the DCIA luncheon** (\$2.00) on December 19, 12:00 noon, at Glendale Heights UMC, 908 Leon Street, near Roxboro Street.




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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:00 Duke Travelers to Asheville	10:00 Costume ting, Childre Play
3 9:15 Junior Choir 9:45 Sunday School 9:55 Worship Service 10:15 Newcomers Luncheon 10:30 UMW 10:00 Staff- Parish Relations 	4 9:15 M.O.M.S. 1:30 Staff Mtg 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 CELEBRATION SINGERS	5 10:00 Visitation Gp 7:30 Admin Bd	6 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 12:30 Advent Devo- tion/Lunch 7:30 Circle 7 Bethany Bells	7 12:30 Little Duke Christmas Luncheon 2:30 Bible Study 7:30 Sanctuary Ch	8 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	11:00 Staff Br 1:00 Wedding
10 9:45 Sunday School 9:55 Worship/Choir Cantata 10:00 Circle 4 10:00 Wesley Women 	11 9:15 M.O.M.S. 10:00 Circle 2 1:30 Staff Mtg 2:00 Circle 9	12  5:45 Dinner/ Caroling 7:30 InterNeighbor- hood Council	13 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 12:30 Advent Devo- tion/Lunch 7:30 Bethany Bells	14 2:30 Bible Study 7:30 Sanctuary Ch	15	10:00 Rehearsal Children's 4:00 SAM