

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson
Minister

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IT TAKES DISCIPLINE!

AN AMAZING THING happened in the sports world recently. It was almost unbelievable. A seventeen-year-old, Pete Sampras, won one of the premier international tennis tournaments -- the U. S. Open.

To make the situation more amazing, he was the youngest person ever to win the tournament. He won by defeating Andre Agassi, having eliminated two giants of the tennis world, Lendl and McEnroe, in the earlier rounds.

I was able to see some of it on television and marvelled at Sampras' 124 mph serves, deep volleys and graceful ground strokes. A new face had appeared, the new kid on the block -- only seventeen years old.

Of course Pete Sampras is enormously talented, but how did he become U. S. Open champion at seventeen? As I watched the t.v. flashbacks and listened to the interviews, I discovered the secret

-- years of disciplined living. Since childhood he had devoted himself to the achievement of this goal. He lived to play tennis. That's the way it is in the sports world. You

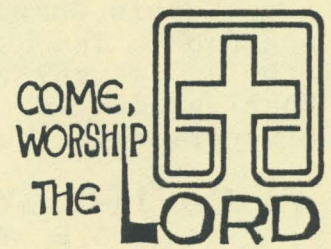
don't buy a tennis racket today and play in the U.S. Open tomorrow. And so it is with all of life, and certainly that's the way it is in our Christian life. It takes discipline -- the discipline of prayer, Bible study, and church attendance as an every Sunday habit. Without this commitment you are in danger of being eliminated in the early rounds.

Stay in shape,

Eric





SET YOUR GOALS HIGH



LAITY SUNDAY is set for **October 21**. You'll want to plan now to join us for this special service: a drama titled, **ENDLESS LINE OF SPLENDOR**, which chronicles the history of Methodism in America, North Carolina, Durham and at Duke Memorial.

In  Appreciation

OUR APPRECIATION to Elizabeth Wilson and Agnes Stephenson, Holly Eggleston, and Ziba and Amy Kellum for hosting our first SUPPER CLUB on Saturday, September 8, and to Ellen Sewell for her help in coordinating this program.

 **BIRTHS!** 

Alexander Nicholas Averell
September 1, 1990
Son of Philip and Carlyne Averell

William Steed Rollins
September 8, 1990
Son of Steed and Louise Rollins
and grandson of Ran and Shirley Few



HOSPITALIZED

Jessie Boyd, Wake Medical Ctr, 3C16
3000 New Bern Ave., Raleigh 27610
Anne Allen, DCGH 7212
Grace Cooke, DCGH 5123

October
USHERS

Connie Chandler, Captain; Tom Adkinson, Tom Chandler, Jim and Debbie Fedyshyn, Nancy Lockamy, Charles Medlin, Polly Nixon, Tim Nifong, Gayle Young.

CAPITALLY SPEAKING ---

HAVE YOU SEEN the schematic drawings for the elevator location? The architect and Steering Committee are getting job estimates for the elevator and office/reception renovations. As pledge funds are available, action will proceed!

Edith Toms, Chairperson
Steering Committee



On September 9, 1990, we welcomed to Duke Memorial our new Music Director/Organist, **John Wesley Semingson**, the son of a United Methodist minister in the Central Illinois Conference. John's most recent position was Minister of Music at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC.

John has been actively involved in nearly every role of church music. He was chorister and featured vocal soloist with the Singing Y'ers Boy Choir of Bloomington, Illinois, from 1972-1977. He attended Westminster Choir College, where he was winner of the Alexander McCurdy Memorial Organ Scholarship awarded by competition in 1981. Also, he was the recipient of the Clark Foundation Scholarship at Westminster in 1982. John's bachelor of music degree is from Southern Illinois University and he holds a master's degree in church music from Scarritt Graduate School.

John holds membership in the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, the American Guild of Organists, the American Choral Directors Association, and in other professional organizations. In addition, he has extensive experience in developing and directing adult, children's and bell choirs.

And, if these were not enough accolades, John is a very warm, friendly, and gentle person, with a wonderful sense of humor.

Anne Clark, Chairperson
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

"I shall sing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also."

I CORINTHIANS 14:15

COME JOIN US IN CHILDREN'S CHOIR!!!

A NOTE TO:
Parents

Dear Parents,

I am excited to be at Duke Memorial Church. Everyone has been extremely gracious and I look forward to getting to know you and your children better. A new choir season is about to begin and with it comes new opportunities to help our children develop one of their most precious gifts--the singing voice. Because I am so new to Duke Memorial, I want to take this opportunity to share some of my thoughts regarding children's choirs in the church.

As parents you have a tremendous influence on your children, also on their decisions and what they tend to see as valuable and important. What you support they are usually willing to pursue, and what you encourage and give priority to, they continue to be a part of--even when the luster at times temporarily wears thin.

I believe the children's choir is a learning experience which constantly nurtures the Christian growth of children who are being taught great theological truths through the texts of hymns and anthems, and who are being encouraged to proclaim these truths in beauty and simple dignity in services of worship. Radiating from this central purpose are many other "means-to-the-end." These are musical

growth, the development of skills to increase the capacity of children to serve, the acceptance of responsibility of leadership in worship, and the encouragement of a

spirit of respect and reverence in the house of God. Our choir program will work to develop each child by group instruction to sing correctly, with beauty and sincerity, so the singing of each choir might be a truly inspirational part of the worship service.

One project the choirs will undertake this choir year is the "Hymn of the Month Club." The children and I will work to memorize at least one new hymn each month. In addition, we will study the texts, composers, music and other interesting stories about the hymns. There will be a hymn festival at the end of the choir year for the children to share their learning with you. As incentive, the children will be awarded a special skating party to reward excellent attendance and successful completion of hymn memorization at the end of the choir year.

JOIN US

Now is the time to get started. Please note the age groupings and rehearsal times of each choir listed below:

WESLEY SINGERS (grades 4 - 7)

SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m. in the choir room: Begins September 23.

CAROL CHOIR (Kdg. - 3rd grade)

MONDAYS 3:45 p.m. in the choir room: Begins September 24.

I'm looking forward to a GREAT choir year! I'll be in touch with all of you personally over the next week. If you have any concerns or questions of any kind, please feel free to call me at the church (683-3467) or home (382-7395). I hope your child(ren) will take part in our choir program this year!

In Christ,

John Seminger
Music Director/Organist



CHILDREN'S
CHOIR PROGRAM

PRAYER CHAIN

UPDATE: Our Prayer Chain, which began its ministry in June, has received over 20 prayer requests this summer. While we don't have a report on everyone for whom we have prayed, we have heard from many persons that our prayers made a significant difference during their time of crisis, illness or grief.

A number of people have expressed interest in being on the Chain and we are happy to update the chain as of October 15. If you are interested in being a part of the Chain, pick up one of the pink brochures, read about the responsibilities and expectations, fill out the covenant form and return it to the church office **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15.**

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, you may call the church office to get the Chain started or fill out a Prayer Request Card (in the office and the narthex).

"....The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

James 5:16



THE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN is being held September 23 at 6:00 p.m. on the Duke campus. Since parking on campus is difficult, you may park your car here at Duke Memorial and ride on our van to the Vigil. Shuttle service will be available between 5:00-5:45 pm.



A JOYFUL NOISE!

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS? Maybe, but the Open Door Sunday School Class wants to remind everyone that we meet each Sunday in Room 228. This year we're planning various lessons led by members of our church and city. There will be special activities, both during the Sunday School hour and other times.

Anyone (you need not be a class member) is invited to mark your calendar for special events:

Sept. 2 You missed the salad supper at the Bollingers? Too bad!

Sept. 30 Welcome Back to the World of Duke Memorial Sunday. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and bagels, and will have made contact with all fifty members of our class, hoping for your return to the scene. Mike Herman is preparing a survey, which class members will receive in the mail within the next month. Please answer and return to us ASAP.

Oct. 12-14 Semi-Annual Run-away Weekend. We'll be making our annual pilgrimage to Ocean Isle Beach. Call Jim or Jo Ann Mentzer (477-8871) by **September 24** if you want to join us.

Nov. (Date to be announced)
Annual Woodcutting Project. We'll meet at "Virginia ala Orange," the Mixon's Orange County outpost, to cut and deliver wood on two Saturdays. After the cutting, we'll have a pig-pickin'; the pig will be basted with the now-famous Caldwell Sauce -- o.k. Herschel? The profits we make will finance our Christmas project, and partial support of a Laotian family.

Look for our January Lock-In & February's Senior Sweetheart Dance. Join us on Sunday mornings and find out what's happ'nin'!

Polly Mixon



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Guest missions speakers will be making presentations in Sunday School classes that morning.

Wendy Segreti:

Refugee Coordinator, UMCOR

Herbert & Mary Zigbuo:

Ganta Mission School, Liberia

Kris Kramer: Volunteers in Mission Team, Jamaica

Geraldine Ingram:

Hinton Rural Life Center, NC

Sue Womble:

Short-term missionary/Liberia

Annette Bingham: Volunteers in Mission Coordinator

Chuck Talbott:

Heifer Project International

DMUMC YOUTH:

Alaska Mission Team, 1990

Donna Elium:

Volunteers in Mission Teams

These persons represent variety of mission projects and will be sharing their experiences.

After Sunday School, be sure to come to celebrate World Communion Sunday at worship. After the worship service, you'll have an additional opportunity to learn about missions as you visit the Mission-Go-Round displays in Whitford Hall and share in an international sampler luncheon.

You'll also have an opportunity to find out how you can get involved in missions as Duke Memorial undertakes the building of a house for Habitat for Humanity.

Sunday, October 7, will be a day to fellowship, celebrate, and learn about the various mission projects that our church supports.

We have received a letter from Bob and Hazel Terhune with details about their busy summer, Russell's graduation and Debra's wedding. They also share some of their experiences in the mission field in Japan. The letter is posted on the Celebrations bulletin board in the hall of the education bldg. Stop by and catch up on the Terhunes.



MORNINGS OF MEDITATION AND STUDY (M.O.M.S.) is our special Bible study group which meets on Mondays, at 9:15 am in the Aldersgate Room. The group is beginning a study of I John. Eileen Bisgrove is the group leader and is using the Serendipity Bible study materials which include group study and discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend the study. Childcare is provided.

Our **TUESDAY STUDY GROUP** has begun **THE WORKBOOK ON COPING AS CHRISTIANS** by Maxie Dunnam. This group meets for a sack lunch at 12:15 pm on Tuesdays in the Aldersgate Room. After lunch and fellowship, study time begins around 12:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. Childcare is provided.



"but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ."

Ephesians 4:15

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - October 1, 1990

11:00 a.m., Bradshaw Room



Mrs. Mary Zigbuo, a native of North Carolina and Missionary to Liberia, will speak to us. Because of the turmoil which is taking place in Liberia, she, her husband and three children are currently living in Durham. She will incorporate a devotional message along with information on the Liberian Mission field. It will be an opportunity to hear firsthand about the needs and lives of the people in another land. It is what we as United Methodist Women are all about.

Laura Brock, Grace Cooke and Circle #1 will serve the luncheon afterward in Whitford Hall. There will be a nursery for the children.

Ann Marie Langford, President

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CONTACT Teleministry

"REACH OUT AMERICA," AT&T advertises. Make long distance visits with scattered loved ones and friends, they urge. CONTACT DURHAM has a reach out slogan, too. REACH OUT FELLOW CHRISTIANS and touch the troubled, distressed, lonely, forgotten, sometimes frightened individuals of the community in which we live. Via CONTACT (683-1595) a caring supportive voice is heard by all callers, not for an hour, or two, but twenty-four hours daily -- weekends and every holiday included. The homebound, elderly and handicapped are reached daily by telephone. The KIDS' LINE (479-6784) takes calls from latch-key children at home alone, oft times fearful and needing a friendly, caring person with whom they can talk. CONTACT NEEDS YOU: your support, your prayers, your commitment. CONTACT has just moved to improved facilities with easy accessibility. ADMINISTRATION (479-8116) new address: 2706 N. Roxboro Road, Durham 27704.

Lillian Anderson, Volunteer

COMING SOON

To Our Church



Live or die, I must ride!

FRANCIS ASBURY

PLANS ARE CURRENTLY underway for the annual Stewardship campaign, which will begin on **Sunday, October 21.**

Circuit Ride is patterned after the Pony Express, a highly successful plan used in thousands of United Methodist churches across the country.

The Circuit Ride program involves all members of the church as "circuit riders" in the stewardship campaign.

Tom and Nancy Stark are serving as General Superintendents of this year's campaign. Look for further information soon on this important endeavor.

CHURCH LIBRARY

China: Land of Eternity, by Bill Harris. Given in memory of Hoyle Shepherd by the Spence Bible Class.

Have you been to China or are you planning a trip there before long? Either way you will enjoy these spectacular photographs with interesting commentaries featuring China's cities alive with color, snow-bound forests, bright red lacquered shrines, amazing mountains, surging rivers, cultural treasures, etc.

What's your SAT score on the United Methodist Church? Have you read these United Methodist classics in our library? **NEW: Why I Am a United Methodist**, by William H. Willimon. Author is a "cradle Methodist" who examines the many ways his membership has made and continues to make a difference in his life. **Meet the Methodists: An Introduction to the United Methodist Church**, by Charles L. Allen. Explains how our singing church has evolved from the thought and ministry of John Wesley; the hymns of Charles Wesley; the work of Philip Otterbein and others of the United Brethren Church; and the deep social concerns of our founder and countless others who have followed him. **Major United Methodist Beliefs**, by Mack B. Stokes. In this book, first written in 1956 and revised a number of times, Bishop Stokes has written especially for laypersons. Most of his short chapters are titled "We believe..." With each one treating a specific belief. Incisive study designed to make you organize your thoughts.



DAVID: THE STORY OF A KING, by Lillie Patterson. This is a book children can read and enjoy! David's story is retold with suspense, vivid description, and faithfulness to the scripture. Memorable, fast-paced, timeless tale.

SING A SONG OF POPCORN, by Beatrice S. de Regniers et al. Revised version of the classic, Poems Children Will Sit Still For. Kids, read these poems aloud to your parents and all of you will have fun with rhymes. You'll also like the stunning illustrations by nine Caldecott Medal artists.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

GOOD NEWS: Susan Teer (Mrs. Roy) will be our Volunteer Coordinator for Visitation (of Homebound, Nursing Home folks, etc.) from September through January. She has been doing a great deal of visiting and is a real blessing to our church. Her number is 489-8705.

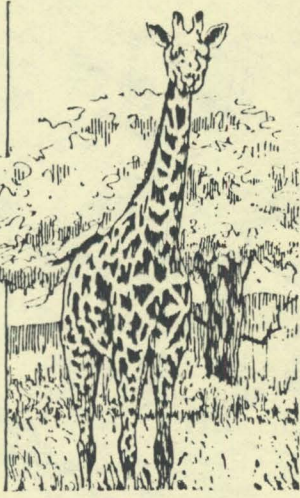
COME VISIT WITH US: Wednesday, September 19, 9:45 a.m., Durham Rest Home. **Note day change to Wednesday.** Meet in DMUMC parking lot. Call Ann if you're coming.



to Mary Head, Oliver Upchurch and Fran Thomas for making so many visits and always writing me a note to let me know they visited. **VISITATION TEAM:** Please let us know who you visit and when. Thanks so much for all your love and caring.

Ann Stallings

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Room to breathe ...in our NEW NURSERIES

Infants up to 1

Teacher: Margaret McCotter, Sitter: Deborah Moore

Room 241

Toddlers 1 - 2 yrs old

Teacher: Jennifer Nifong, Sitter: Veena Rani

Room 242

Two Year Olds

(Sunday School Class and Church Nursery)

Teacher: Jeanne Robbins, Helper: Vicki Deaton,

Sitter: Sue Woodward

Room 244

3 & 4 Year olds

Rooms 048 & 045, Weekday School

(Sunday School Class and Church Nursery)

Teachers: Houston Blair and Cheryl Conrad-Blair

Sitters: Neelam Kwatra and Kumud Desai

PARENTS' MORNING OUT

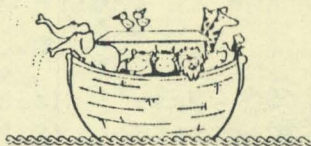
Our PMO has begun a new year with two groups on Wednesdays, one for 3 mo.-14 mo., one for 14 mo.-36 mo., and one on Mondays for 14 mo.-36 mo. Each group has a waiting list, but Duke Memorial members go to the top of the list!

thank you

- to **Melinda Thumm** for organizing and straightening our children's Sunday School supply closet. It looks so good, Melinda!

- to **Donna Elium and Maryellen Stone** for giving rolls of computer paper to our Children's Division.

- to **Betty Craig** for making a new cover for a rocking chair in the infant nursery and to **Margaret McCotter** for supplying the cute Noah's Ark material.



October



Infants

Oct. 7 Lee Ann Gelinne

Oct. 14 Rick & Winnie Kaspar

Oct. 21 Karen Carr

Oct. 28 Mary Lee Bailey

Toddlers

Oct. 7 Dave & Rita MacMillan

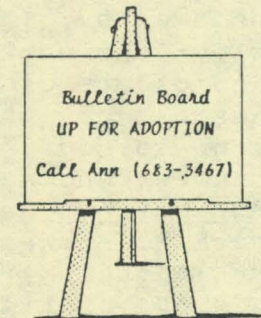
Oct. 14 Ann Stallings

Oct. 21 Susan McFall

Oct. 28 Rick & Winnie Kaspar

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

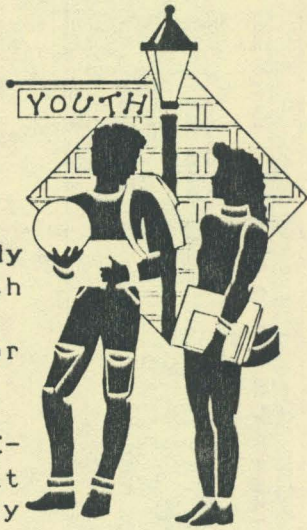
Someone to **PUT TOGETHER OUR SCRAPBOOK FOR THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION.** We have the scrapbook and lots of photographs.



Child and Parent Support Services (CAPSS) is beginning its Parent Aide/Lay Therapist program. Parent Aides work with parents in stress through telephone calls and personal contact providing friendship, counseling, & referral to community resources. If you can help, call 286-7112.

Thank You!

TO: Dan Guth, Kathy Fitzsimmons, Bill & Judy Coman and Kathy Cutting for their help on the 6-7th grade Lock-In, August 31.
AND TO: Sid & Julie Allen and Marge Clark for accompanying the Mission Team to Alaska.



The J.O.Y. Class (grades 8-12) will hold its ANNUAL BEACH RE-TREAT September 21-23 at Ocean Isle. The group will meet at the church on Friday at 5:15 p.m. and plans to return early Sunday afternoon. Accompanying the group will be Bob & Nancy Lockamy, Sid & Julie Allen and Joel & Kathy Glasson. The group will enjoy fun and fellowship as well as plan for the coming year.

We have received a LETTER OF APPRECIATION from Douglas Community United Methodist Church in Douglas, Alaska.



"On behalf of the Trustees and all the members of the Douglas Community Church, we would like to express our gratitude to your work team. All the projects that the team worked on helped us greatly to improve our appearance in the community. We appreciate also the financial gift to help make some of the improvements."

In Memoriam

In memory of Ivey F. Rogers, by The Lillie Duke Sunday School Class.
Capital Fund

In memory of Hoyle A. Shepherd, by Mr. & Mrs. Luther R. Veasey, Patsy & Bennie Covington, Bob & Jean Weynand, Mrs. Richard F. Boddie, James W. Trent, Col. & Mrs. William H. Breeze, Mr. & Mrs. James C. Bradley, Jr., The Minnie P. Gates Bible Class, Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Norman, C. Knox Massey, Margaret E. Prince, Mr. & Mrs. James J. Lyon, T. M. & Kathryn Latta, Dorothy C. Grunke, James W. Waller & Mildred B. Waller, Doris C. & Dock E. Parrish, Thomas & Remona Shepherd, Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Tharrington, and Durham Academy.

Children's Ministry

In memory of Florence Emily Carson, by the Church Staff and Jim, Joy and Tracy Long.

Elevator Fund

In memory of Florence Emily Carson, by Agnes W. Stephenson and Elizabeth Wilson.

In memory of Benjamin D. Cooke, by Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Pleasants.

In memory of Thomas S. White, Jr., by Caroline & Wyatt Dixon.

Good Samaritan Fund

In memory of Hoyle A. Shepherd and Thomas S. White, Jr., by Mr. & Mrs. Zack Lyon.

In memory of Mrs. Albert Long, by her grandchildren, Judy Cranford Signorile and Thomas B. Cranford, Jr.

In memory of Hoyle A. Shepherd, by Mr. & Mrs. Dillard Teer.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Thomas S. White, Jr., by Mr. & Mrs. Julius W. Phoenix, Jr., Eleanor Carr Boyd, West Durham Lumber Co., Isabelle B. Robertson, Hazel A. Pearce, Eugene L. Webb, Jr., and The L.W.W. Horton Family.

H. E. Spence Bible Class

In memory of Hoyle A. Shepherd, given by Marshall Spears, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Dillard Teer.

In memory of Richard F. Boddie, given by John Barringer, and Mrs. Paul Barringer, Jr. and Family.



NORTH CAROLINA NURSES FOR LIFE

This group is being organized to educate the general public about the sanctity of life from conception through birth to physical death within a medical framework. WRTP's October 5th Take a Stand radio program will focus on it. In addition, nurses will speak to any group free of charge. For further information, call 477-7987.

Renee Y. Hill
North Carolina Nurses for Life

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| SEPT. 19 | 9:15 am | Parents' Morning Out |
| Wed. | 10:00 am | Lunch Bunch |
| | 7:30 pm | Bethany Bells |
| | | Wesley Women, with Nancy Stark |
| | | Cerebral Palsy Board |
| SEPT. 20 | 12:30 pm | Minnie P. Gates Luncheon |
| | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| SEPT. 21 | | JOY Class Beach Trip |
| SEPT. 22 | | Cokesbury UMC Youth Sleepover |
| SEPT. 23 | 9:00 am | Wesley Singers |
| Sun. | 9:20 am | Praise Music |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:55 am | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 noon | Coffee Hour |
| | 3:00 pm | Christian Workers School, Mt. Sylvan |
| | 4:00 pm | Acolyte Training, Sanctuary |
| | 6:00 pm | Children's Candlelight Vigil |
| SEPT. 24 | 9:00 am | Girl Scout Leaders |
| | 9:15 am | Parents' Morning Out |
| | | M.O.M.S. |
| | 1:30 pm | Staff Meeting |
| | 3:45 pm | Carol Choir |
| SEPT. 25 | 8:30 am | "INSIGHTS" Copy Due |
| | 12:15 pm | Study Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Sunday School Team, Room 227 |
| | | Girl Scout Leaders |
| SEPT. 26 | 1:15 pm | UMW Executive Board, Bradshaw Rm. |
| Wed. | 7:30 pm | Bethany Bells |
| SEPT. 27 | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| SEPT. 28 | 5:30 pm | Wedding Rehearsal |
| SEPT. 29 | 5:00 pm | Wedding |
| SEPT. 30 | 9:00 am | Wesley Singers |
| Sun. | 9:20 am | Praise Music |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:55 am | Worship Service |
| | 12:00 noon | Coffee Hour |
| | 12:15 pm | Stewardship Comm., Bradshaw Rm. |
| | 4:00 pm | Program Team |
| | | Acolyte Training/Pizza |
| | 5:00 pm | Wesley Women, Kitchen |

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