

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson
Minister

Reporters: Church Members

October 16, 1990

Recently there has been a great deal of publicity and discussion about SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores. As we begin to consider Duke Memorial's stewardship campaign, perhaps we should give ourselves a test. The title might be:

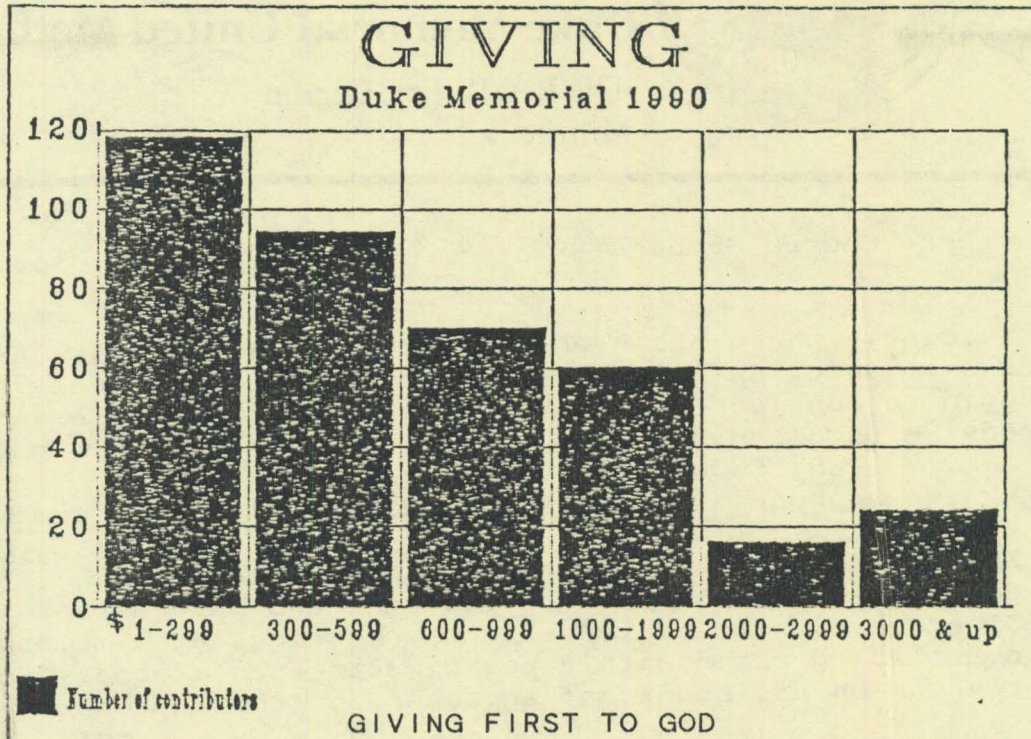
WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO DUKE MEMORIAL?

(Mark the appropriate blocks. A #2 pencil is not required.)

- Meaningful Sunday Morning Worship services
- Sunday School programs for all ages and interests
- Opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings as a member an outstanding choir with a new director, as a Sunday School teacher or assistant, as an usher, or in many other capacities
- The activities from which our children benefit: choirs, Junior Church, Vacation Bible School Music and Drama Camp, lock-ins, workdays and yard sales, mission trips, confirmation classes, two age levels of JOY class activities, family picnics and socials
- Local and international missions opportunities such as CROP walk, clothes/food pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Wesley Class dinners, youth workday at camp, Alaska Mission, and our participation in the basic support of ecumenical agencies through the conference and its commitments
- United Methodist Women and all its enjoyable and worthwhile endeavors
- The challenge of being a part of the laity leadership of the church-its boards, commissions, committees, and task forces
- Evangelism and fellowship opportunities such as new member cultivation, messengers, after-worship coffee hour, homecoming, picnics, supper club, square dance, communication, newsletter, and many others
- The many blessings of "older adults:" Travelers, the congregational support of its members through phone calls, visitation, and Christian love
- The commitment of a qualified and dedicated minister
- Where my treasure is, there will my heart be also
- ALL OF THE ABOVE

Like the SAT, a high score on this test does not guarantee any admissions. It does provide an indicator of interest and commitment.

--Bill Self

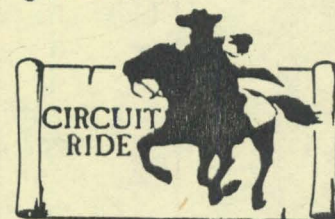


Take a moment to study the bar chart breakdown of giving to Duke Memorial for 1990. The greatest number of pledges are under \$300 per year. This would indicate a \$3000 a year income for a 10% tithe, a \$6000 per year income for a 5% gift, and a \$15,000 income per year for a 2% gift. Are these representative incomes of our congregation?

In order to meet our budget for 1991, we need an average pledge of \$1,000. Currently, over half of our pledges are under \$600. If we all tithe on a poverty level income of \$12,096 for a family of four, we will exceed our budget goal. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and give a higher priority to your gift to the church.

Sincerely,

Tom and Nancy Stark



HOT OFF THE PRESS

The new Church Directory is here. If you chose a picture for the directory, please pick up your copy outside Whitford Hall on your way to the coffee hour following morning worship.

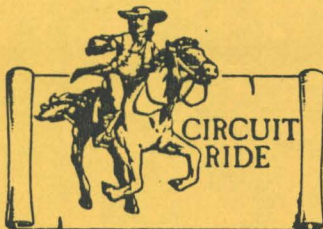
Programming at Duke Memorial means children, youth, and elders working together to build our church's ministry and identity. We truly are what we do. If we serve our community's needs through volunteer work at the clothes closet, food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Durham Congregations in Action, then we are servants. If we send school kits and toilet kits to other, poorer countries, and items that make a nursing home resident more comfortable such as walker pockets and lap rugs, then we send our goodwill and love. If we provide our babies and children a bright, clean, healthy, and loving atmosphere, we spread Jesus' love. By providing for developmental and intellectual needs of our children, we offer good role models for our children and youth to follow as they grow and become parents themselves. Providing adults with programming to meet their spiritual, social, and intellectual needs ministers directly to our church's heart.

I believe Duke Memorial has the heart and soul to minister to many inside and outside our walls. Our children's, youth, and adult membership has steadily increased over the last several years. Our programming needs have increased, and we are meeting the needs of our congregation as we can find them and respond. We have been challenged to become better and to grow in our lives. I feel we are growing with our church's ministry and as individuals. As we come to accept responsibility for our individual growth, we will grow closer in Christ and spirit.

Please respond to our Circuit Ride generously. Our budget is flexible only in our programming. We want to be able to continue to respond to your desires for growth. We want to continue to serve our community. We want to continue to encourage families to bring their children and babies to our church. Our church's heart depends on your response.

Para

-Para Drake
Program Team Chairperson



CIRCUIT RIDERS READY TO GO SUNDAY

OUR MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY TO JOIN THE PROUD TRADITION OF FRANCIS ASBURY AND OTHER FOUNDERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BY BECOMING CIRCUIT RIDERS.

EACH CIRCUIT RIDER WILL CARRY A SADDLEBAG OF ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS TO ANOTHER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILIES AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.

TOM AND NANCY STARK, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE CIRCUIT RIDE ASK THAT MEMBERS REMEMBER THAT THE RIDE WILL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF EACH CIRCUIT RIDER KEEPS THE SADDLEBAG MOVING ON SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULES FOR RELAY OF THE SADDLEBAGS WITHIN THE VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD "CIRCUITS" WERE PREPARED AT AN ENJOYABLE CIRCUIT GATHERING LAST SUNDAY. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 IS THE GOAL FOR COMPLETING THE CIRCUIT RIDE.

AS YOU DESIRE

THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES HAS A NEW PUBLICATION ENTITLED, "CONNECTINGS." THIS MONTH'S ISSUE INCLUDED AN INSERT THAT CAUGHT MY EYE, "CREATIVE IDEAS FOR CHURCHWIDE GIVING." AS I EAGERLY SCANNED THROUGH ITS PAGES, I DISCOVERED A COLLECTION OF IDEAS FROM PEOPLE IN LOCAL CHURCHES-LAY AND CLERGY ALIKE. MOST WERE SUCCESS STORIES AND INCLUDED NOVEL IDEAS FOR RAISING BUDGETS. I DID NOT QUARREL WITH ANY OF THEM BUT I MUST SHARE WITH YOU MY CONVICTION THAT THERE IS A DIRECT RELATION BETWEEN DISCIPLESHIP AND GIVING. THE ECONOMIC EVIDENCE OF OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD IS IN OUR GIVING.

CLUTCHING A SMALL BIRD TIGHTLY IN HAND, A CYNIC APPROACHED THE RABBI WITH THIS QUESTION, "RABBI, DOES THIS BIRD LIVE OR NOT?" THE WISE TEACHER RECOGNIZED THE DILEMMA OF PREDICTING AN OUTCOME CONTROLLED BY THE UNBELIEVER. IT WAS A CLASSIC "NO WIN SITUATION. IF HE ANSWERED "ALIVE," A SLY HAND COULD SECRETLY SQUEEZE LIFE FROM THE BIRD TO PROVE THE RABBI WRONG. IF HE ANSWERED, "DEAD," THE HAND WOULD RELEASE THE FLYING BIRD. ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT STORY, THIS RABBI WISELY RESPONDED, "IT IS NOT AS OTHERS PREDICT, BUT AS YOU DESIRE."

SO IT IS WITH OUR GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK. TOM AND NANCY STARK, AIDED BY MANY WILLING HELPERS, ARE DOING A SUPERB JOB PREPARING FOR OUR CAMPAIGN WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21. WILL WE HAVE CAUSE TO CELEBRATE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28? WILL WE MEET OR SURPASS OUR GOAL? IT IS MY OBSERVATION THAT BAD BREAKS SUCH AS A DOWN TURN IN THE ECONOMY, ILLNESS, OR LACK OF EDUCATION NEVER STOP THOSE WHO HAVE THE WILL TO SUCCEED. REMEMBER, IT IS NOT AS OTHERS PREDICT, BUT AS YOU DESIRE! PEACE AND JOY,
ERIC

Serendipity News

The Serendipity Sunday School Class invites all single adults (in the young to middle-ish age range) to visit our class. It meets at 9:45 in the Aldersgate Room (just behind the sanctuary.) On October 28 we will begin a new study, entitled "Singles." In addition we are planning to soon begin a weekly Bible Study. If you are interested, contact Mary Helen Ferrell (544-9239) or Maureen Oakes (383-9239.) You also can just show up at Sunday School-we welcome your participation!

Thanks,
Donna Elium

"Come before Him with joyful singing."

PSALM 100:2

MUSIC MINISTRY

DON'T FORGET, PARENTS!!! The Wesley Singers (gd.3-7) will sing in worship on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28. We will have our regular rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. and then robe for worship at 10:30. Susan McFall and Judy Coman are the scheduled helpers for that morning. I hope ALL of our singers will be present. Thanks for your help! The children are working dilligently and singing beautifully!

John Semingson, Director of Music

MEMBERSHIP

IN OUR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE UPDATING THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL, THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE PRESENTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE MEMBERS, PLEASE CALL OLIVER UPCHURCH AT 682-1675. OUR MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 12, 1990 IS 979.

--OLIVER UPCHURCH

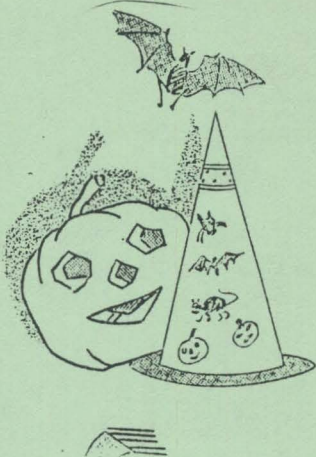
THIRD LIST MEMBERSHIP STATUS
 Read at Charge Conference, 15 Nov 88,
 9 Nov 89
 1st Reading from Pulpit 3 Sept 89
 2nd Reading from Pulpit 31 Dec 89
 Bobbitt, Marie Allen
 Hogue, Stephen
 Trull, Robert D.
 Trull, Margaret Teresa
 Hecht, Mrs. Gene Nicholson

FOURTH LIST MEMBERSHIP STATUS
 Read at Charge Conference, 9 Nov 89
 1st Reading from Pulpit 31 Dec 89
 Edwards, Steven, Jr.
 Fox, Kathryn L.
 Fox, Thomas S.
 Frady, Blanche
 Herring, Mary C. Smiley
 Johannessen, Larry N.
 Johnson, Matthew W.
 Johnson, Mrs. Matthew W.
 Stuart, Marye Cunningham
 Tillett, Boone D.

FIFTH LIST MEMBERSHIP STATUS
 To be presented to the Charge Conference
 of Nov. 11, 1990 for the first time and
 again in 1991 and 1992 and then may be
 removed from the church roll.

Araneda, Stella
 Brown, Robert J.
 Gaunt, Cheryl (Daley)
 Duncan, Carolyn H.
 Holden, Paula S.
 McGregor, Stewart
 Smily, Mary M. (Herring)
 Tilley, Frances
 Tilley, Thomas
 Trull, Robert Charles

HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Middle School Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Halloween/Costume party for children ages 3 - 9 here at Duke Memorial.

Games, prizes, goodies, face painting, and lots of other fun activities will be offered. Put on your funniest costume and come join us!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
2-4 PM
IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS!
Admission is \$1.00

SPAGHETTI SUPPER IV

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER TO BENEFIT THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN WHITFORD HALL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 FROM 5:30 TO 7:00 PM. ADULT TICKETS ARE \$4.50 AND CHILDREN'S TICKETS FOR THOSE UNDER 12 ARE \$1.50. CALL THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL BY 9:00 AM MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

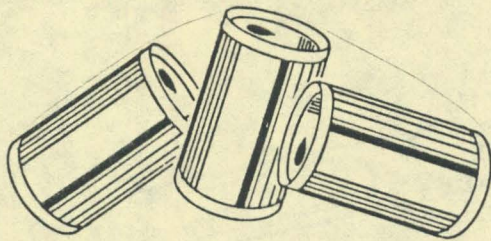
MR. BONGIORNI FROM PENNSYLVANIA IS MAKING OUR SPAGHETTI SAUCE HERE AT THE CHURCH USING HIS FAMILY RECIPE AND IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL! THE MENU WILL INCLUDE TOSSED SALAD, FRENCH BREAD, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE TOLL-HOUSE COOKIES, AND ICED TEA.

WE DO APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR CONGREGATION AND THE CHOIR. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP!

--CAROLINE SASSER

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOHN WESLEY SEMINGSON WILL BE THE SPEAKER AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. HE WILL DISCUSS HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS PLANS FOR DUKE MEMORIAL. HE WILL SHARE HIS IDEAS FOR WAYS IN WHICH UMW MEMBERS CAN HELP HIM TO REALIZE HIS VISION FOR THE CHURCH. UMW MEETS AT 11:00 AM IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM.



RECYCLE

RECYCLING AWARENESS

ELIZABETH BOOKHOUT AND TOM COBLE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS COMMITTED TO OUR CHURCH'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE RECYCLING EFFORT. MIXED AND WHITE PAPER IS BEING RECYCLED IN THE OFFICE. THEY HOPE TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THEM.

HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

CHAPLAIN DANNY GREEN (490-8480) MEETS WITH THIS GROUP ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS (NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 1) AT THE TRIANGLE HOSPICE OFFICE, 1804 SOUTHERN PARKWAY, SUITE 112. (THE BUILDING IS LOCATED BEHIND K-MART ON UNIVERSITY DRIVE.)

GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

FOR THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE EMILY CARSON BY LINDA AND TOM ADKINSON.

IN MEMORY OF HOYLE SHEPHERD FROM W. HOLT AND PATRICIA WHITING.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

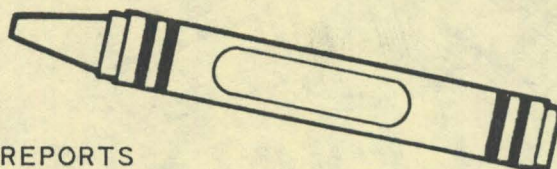
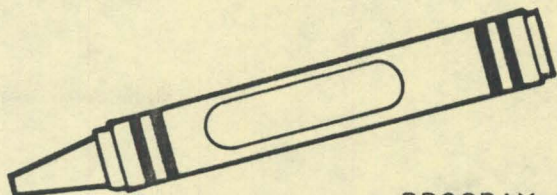
OCTOBER 21: SUSAN MCFALL AND KAREN CARR

OCTOBER 28: RICK AND WINNIE KASPAR AND MARY LEE BAILEY

In Sympathy



To Sherry and Melissa Knight and their parents for the death of their grandfather Arthur Knight on October 12, 1990.

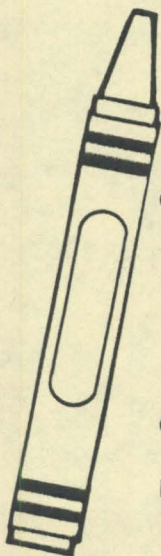


PROGRAM TEAM REPORTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- URBAN MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET
1-4 PM THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
- PRAYER CHAIN CHAIR. WE NEED SOMEONE TO SHEPHERD THIS
POWERFUL PROGRAM IN OUR CHURCH. -SUPPER CLUBS.
SOMEONE IS NEEDED TO ORGANIZE FUTURE DINNERS.

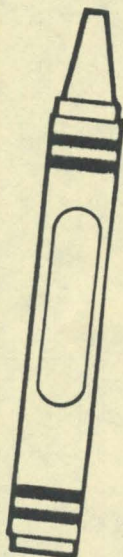
IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERING THESE OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CALL PARA DRAKE AT 490-1363.



UPCOMING EVENTS: CALENDAR THEM NOW!



- OCTOBER 27: HALLOWEEN PARTY HOSTED BY THE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
- NOVEMBER 10: SQUARE 'EM UP AT THE SQUARE DANCE AND ENJOY A TACO DINNER PREPARED BY THE JOY CLASS. CALL ANN STALLINGS IF YOU CAN HELP HER WITH PUBLICITY.
- NOVEMBER 16-17: MARTHA THUMM WILL LEAD THE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS A CHRISTIAN FAITH AND HUMAN SEXUALITY WEEKEND.
- NOVEMBER 21: THANKSGIVING SERVICE WITH TEMPLE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCHES AT DUKE MEMORIAL. WE WILL HOST REFRESHMENTS, TOO.
- NOVEMBER 25: BREAKFAST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS UNDER 30 BY HOLLY EGGLESTON AND COMPANY.
- DECEMBER 2: UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY
- DECEMBER 5: DINNER AND EVENING PROGRAM (5:45-7:30)
- DECEMBER 9: AFTERNOON WHITE CHRISTMAS AND MUSIC PROGRAM
- DECEMBER 12: DINNER AND EVENING PROGRAM (5:45-7:30)
- DECEMBER 16: LESSONS AND CAROLS AT WORSHIP
- DECEMBER 19: DINNER, CAROLLING, AND SHUT-IN BASKET DELIVERY
- DECEMBER 23: CHRISTMAS DINNER AFTER WORSHIP





CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 16: 12:00 DCIA at Grace Lutheran Church
12:15 Tuesday Study Group
- 17: 9:15 Parents Morning Out
MOMS Study Group
10:00 Craft Group
7:30 Wesley Women at Susan McFall's
Bethany Bells
- 18: 7:30 Sanctuary Choir
- 21: 9:00 Wesley Singers
9:20 Praise Music
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Worship Service/Laity Day
Circuit Ride Begins
12:00 Coffee Hour
4:00 Carol Choir
- 22: 9:15 Parents Morning Out
MOMS Study Group
- 23: 12:15 Tuesday Study Group
10:00 Craft Group
7:30 Bethany Bells
- 25: INSIGHTS Copy Due
5:30-7:30 Spaghetti Supper in Whitford Hall
7:30 Sanctuary Choir
- 26: 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal
- 27: 9:30-4:00 Durham Bell Fest at Mt. Sylvan
Bethany Bells will be there!
2:00-4:00 Children's Halloween Party
4:00 Wedding
- 28: 9:00 Wesley Singers
9:20 Praise Music
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Worship Service
12:00 Coffee Hour
12:30 Messengers Luncheon at the Brownstone
4:00 Carol Choir
4:30 Program Team Meeting in the Parlor
- 29: 9:15 Parents Morning Out
MOMS Study Group
9:00-3:00 Advisory Comm. to the Bishop
- 30: 7:30 Administrative Board
- 31: 9:15 Parents Morning Out
10:00 Craft Group
7:30 Bethany Bells

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Live or die, I must ride! --FRANCIS ASBURY

Like the early day church with its dedicated team of Circuit Riders, the success of our church's mission depends on the commitment and teamwork of every member. Each of our members should consider the special needs of our church and ask God for guidance in deciding what their giving should be for His work.

--Eric Carson

