



# Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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Minister

REPORTERS: Church Members

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## Programming at Duke Memorial

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT IDEAS ABOUT PROGRAMMING AT DUKE MEMORIAL, OR DO YOU NEED SOME RESOURCES FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

Please feel free to look at the materials in the Program Office. We ask only that you use the materials in the office, and that you leave it as you found it. We are in process of organizing the office so volunteers can easily work without having to look for tools and materials. If you have any suggestions or ideas for this space and/or when you are bitten by the "program/volunteer" bug, please call Para Drake at 490-1363 to offer your support, ideas, needs and your time. The next Program Team meeting will be Sunday, November 18 at 4:30 in the parlor.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: You will find many magazines and books filled with ideas to spark your creativity. Please feel free to use them in the office; it's unlocked.

A SAMPLING OF PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION IN 1991 FROM THE N. C. CONFERENCE:

- Special Days:

- January 20 - Human Relations Day
  - April 14 - Native American Awareness Sunday
  - May 12 - Methodist Retirement Homes Emphasis
  - May 26 - Peace with Justice Sunday
  - October 27 - Access Sunday
  - November 24 - Methodist Home for Children Emphasis
- (There are many others; these are only a few.)

- Priority Projects:

- CROP Walks
  - Discontinuing the use of plastic and styrofoam products
  - Substituting paper and/or china at church functions
  - Emphasizing the needs of children, including the problem of hurrying children out of childhood
  - Developing a program of respite care for families of the developmentally disabled (or mentally or physically handicapped)
  - Forum on improving race relations
  - Stewardship week in January or February, using the theme, "Biblical, Spiritual and Theological Background of Stewardship"
  - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 - 25.
- (This is a small sampling; next newsletter will list more.)



## TO THE MEMBERSHIP

We must convey to you some "not so good" news. Perhaps you are already aware that within the last several days and weeks we have received letters of resignation from Marge Clark, our Program Director; and from Donna Blickhahn, Carol Auer, and Becky Reinhart, the staff members in our administrative offices. Since that time, I can assure you that there have been many tears shed and prayers said.

Their dissatisfaction became apparent during their annual employee performance reviews which began shortly after Labor Day. The concerns included communication gaps and problems with administrative and management policies.

With this information, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee struggled to reconcile the problem. Meetings of the committee and joint meetings with committee and staff members provided only additional indications of frustration and irreconcilable differences. On Wednesday of last week, the Administrative Board met at length to discuss the problem and potential solutions.

We want to assure you that during this time, the activities of the church do go on. Thanks to the efforts of our minister, Omar Fink, and a host of volunteer lay members of our congregation, the offices are open, the phones will be answered, the financial campaign will go on as planned, the Program Team is hard at work on fall and Advent programs, and our sick and bereaved who need spiritual nourishment will find it available.

We solicit your support, your patience and your prayers.

W. Eric Carson  
Senior Minister

Anne L. Clark  
Chair, Staff Parrish

William E Self  
Chair, Administrative Education

The above message was delivered at the morning workshop service, Sunday, October 14, 1990 by Mr. Self.

## REQUESTS

**IRAQ CRISIS TOUCHES DUKE MEMORIAL**  
Jerry Mailey (wife - Sharon, sons - Chris and Jonathan) is stationed in Saudi Arabia. You may send him sour balls, popcorn, packages of gatorade, and prayers to:

LTC Jerry C. Mailey 555-70-5643  
ARCENT SPT CMD (PROV)  
Contracting Office  
APO New York 09616

## GET WELL WISHES

Recently we received a request to help grant a wish for seven year old Craig Shergold. This young man has a brain tumor and wants to receive the largest number of get-well wishes ever recorded by an individual in order to earn a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Would you please send Craig a card and at the same time let other members of organizations, clubs, churches, etc. that you belong to know about this request? Let us help make Craig's wish come true:

Craig Shergold  
c/o Children's Wish Foundation  
Suite 100  
3200 Perimeter Center, East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30346

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,

Don and Marilyn Sellers.

## APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Let's all give our loudest cheer to Omar and Helen Fink for their excellent leadership to the many volunteers who have kept Duke Memorial functioning smoothly during these past few weeks.

## NEW TITLES IN THE LIBRARY GIVEN BY THE U.M.W.:

Tipper Gore. Raising PG Kids in an X-rated Society

Pat Holt. When you feel like screaming: help for frustrated mothers.

AND FOR THE CHILDREN:  
Arnold Lobel. Mouse Soup



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

**Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.**

Joint Thanksgiving Service with Temple Baptist and Immaculate Conception churches held here at Duke Memorial. Combined Choirs from these three churches will lead you in singig songs of praise and thanks to God.

**Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.**

**WHITE CHRISTMAS Children's Choir Program and Carol Sing.**

All children will be asked to bring a toy wrapped in white paper to help less fortunate children in our area to celebrate the love of Christmas. The Wesley Singers and Carol Choir will present a short Christmas musical, "A Night for Dancing." Sunday school favorite carols of the season. Special refreshments will follow. You won't want to miss this special celebration of Christ's birth.

**Sunday, Devember 16, 10:55 a.m.**

**A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROL**

The Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers, and Brass Quintet will lead a musical serivce in the style of King's College, Cambridge. The scripture lessons and correlated carols and anthems take us from the fall of Adam to the promise of Christ's birth. This will be a beautiful service with many opportunities for everyone to sing favorite carols with brass and organ. Come early that day for an extended Christmas prelude by our fine guest instrumentalists.

**WESLEY SINGERS** will lead in worship again on Sunday, Nov. 11. Para Drake and Ann Stallings are helpers scheduled for that day.

**BETHANY BELLS** will provide special music for worship on Sunday, Nov. 4. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 to rehearse that morning.

**CELEBRATION SINGERS** will rehearse on Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room. We will sing in worship on Sunday, Nov. 18.

## RING, TOWER BELLS, RING!!!

We would like to train two youths age 13 or older and two adults to play out beautiful tower bells. Al Beuhler and J. V. Hoyle will share their skill and knowledge with members interested in learning more about the ringing of our tower bells. Some music reading-rhythmic skill would be helpful. However, you need not be a "super-pro!" These two men will teach you everything you need to get started. Please contact John Semingson at 683-3467 for more information.

## CHRISTMAS SINGERS INVITED!

We would love to have some new singers join the Sanctuary Choir for the special Lessons and Carols service with brass on Sunday, December 16. This is a perfect opportunity for those who cannot commit to regular weekly participation to enjoy singing with us for the Christmas season. Special Christmas rehearsals will take place at 7:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, Nov. 8. It's a great group of folks and we would love to have YOU join us.

## BETHANY BELLS NOW VESTED

When the bell choir plays for worship on Nov. 4, the congregation will see our bright blue vests for the first time. Maureen Oakes contributed the patterns and many thanks go to Hilda Coble, Alice Walker, Sarah McCracken, Anne Marie Langford, Minnie Mae Franklin, Betty Craig and Helen Fink for their construction.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Special Thanks: to Para Drake for buying the new rocking chair (with arms) for the infant nursery, to Tom Adkinson for finishing it for us, and to Kathy Glasson for purchasing pretty chair cushions for Mary Canada's 5th grade classroom.

Children's Worship Bulletins: There are now two kinds of bulletins for children in the narthex each Sunday - one for children ages 3 to 6, one for children ages 7 and up. So, be sure to get one for your child.



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Duke Memorial Church has a Scholarship Fund which enables the church to provide to Duke Memorial members grants-in-aid and/or loans to continue their education. Students who are of college age, or pre-ministerial or pre-missionary are required to apply for a loan or a grant and preference is given to those who are preparing for full time Christian vocations.

Applications for grants or loans are reviewed and approved by the Scholarship Committee which is composed of the Pastor, Administrative Board Chair and Vice-Chair persons, Membership Secretary and the President of United Methodist Women.

The Scholarship Fund is sustained through memorials, gifts, and by organizations of the church which designate funds from special projects to the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Committee solicits your support for additional funds to aid out student members who may need the financial resources that such a fund supplies. Only the interest on the fund is allocated, thus any gift is one that continues to grow and benefit recipients. Members of the church should also be aware of students who might need these funds and remind them that they must take the initiative and apply for the funds. The committee will meet again in December or early January to consider further applications for grants-in-aid or loans.

## SQUARE DANCE

Come One, Come All!  
Saturday, November 10, 6-9 p.m.  
Caller: Max Arnold

Supper served 6 - 6:45 p.m.  
Western menu: tacos, sloppy joes, refried beans, salad, dessert and drinks.

\$3.50 adults, \$2.00 children 10 & under,  
Maximum: \$10.00 per family

Tickets sold Oct. 28th and Nov. 4 in Joy Class Room, Coffee Hour after church, or in church office during week.

Sitters for children five and under, free.

## ADVENT CALENDAR

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19: 12:15 - 12:45  
Advent Luncheon and Devotionals. Sitters will be available for young children. Please mark your calendars now.

**MORNINGS OF MEDITATION AND STUDY** meets from 9:15 - 10:15 Mondays in the Serendipity classroom. Eileen Bisgrove leads the study on 1 John.

**TUESDAY GROUP** led by Nancy Stark and Amy Kellum just began Maxie Dunham's "More than Conquerers," a study on selections from the Epistles. Bring a bag lunch at 12:15 - 1:45. Childcare is provided.

## RESERVATIONS WANTED

When you are planning to attend the church dinners, please make your reservations as soon as possible. If you can, we would like you to send a check with your reservations. Please be aware that if you make a reservation by telephone or in writing and decide not to attend, you will be billed for the reservation unless you cancel the reservation within 24 hours or someone else takes your reservation. We have had some problems (about \$300 worth) with preparing food for people that was neither eaten nor paid for (it comes out of the programming budget). We want to be good stewards of your money and we want to continue to be flexible about taking reservations. We believe that we can as long as the congregation takes responsibility for their reservations.



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1	Thurs	7:30	Sanctuary Choir
2	Fri		<u>World Community Day</u>
4	Sun	9:00	Wesley Singers
		9:20	Praise Choir
		9:30	Bethany Bells -Sanctuary
		9:45	Sunday School -all ages
		10:55	Worship Service
		12:00	Coffee Hour
		4:00	Carol Choir
5	Mon	9:15	Parents' Morning Out
		9:15	M. O. M.s
		10:00	Circle 1 -Katie Johnson room
		10:00	Circle 3 -Parlor
		11:00	United Methodist Women (Program: John Semingson, Circle 3 Serving)
7	Wed	9:15	Parents' Morning Out
		10:00	Craft Groups
		7:00	Girls Scouts -Parlor
		7:30	Bethany Bells
8	Thur	7:30	Sanctuary Choir
9	Fri	10:00	Church Women United
		6:00	Wedding Rehearsal
			"Insights" copy due
10	Sat	6-9	Square Dance -Fellowship Hall
11	Sun	9:00	Wesley Singers
		9:20	Praise Choir
		9:45	Sunday School -all ages
		10:30	Wesley Singers robe
		10:55	Worship Service
		12:00	Coffee Hour
		3:00	Circle 4 Whitford Hall
		4:00	Carol Choir
		7:00	Charge Conference (Bradshaw Room)
12	Mon	9:15	Parents' Morning Out
		9:15	M. O. M.s
		10:00	Circle 2 with Mrs. T. E. Allen, 3507 Cambridge Rd
		2:00	Circle 9 with Nina Carroll, 925 W. Markham Ave
		7:30	Celebration Singers (Bradshaw Room)
13	Tues	7:30	Inter-Religious Council, Open Door Room
14	Wed	9:15	Parents' Morning Out
		10:00	Craft Groups
		7:30	Bethany Bells
16-17	Fri-Sat		Middle Schoolers with Martha Thumm on Human Sexuality
21	Wed	6:30	Joint Choir Rehearsal
		7:30	Thanksgiving Worship Service (with Temple Baptist and Immaculate Conception Churches)



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