

Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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MOVE OVER, SANTA

Year after year the celebration of Christ's birth is crowded by the clatter of commercialism. Billions of dollars are spent on gifts for family and friends, thus honoring the American economy rather than the one whose birthday it is. When Santa comes to town, nothing is sacred.

Meanwhile, too many live without food and shelter; too many cannot provide the basic needs for their children; too many are lonely, disappointed and depressed.

Most of us would like things to be different. We would like to honor God's greatest gift by giving a gift to help feed the hungry, care for the sick, and provide for victims of disaster. Listed below is a "gift list" to help you choose.

- For \$.50 -- A packet of Oral Rehydration Therapy (UMCOR #982696-3)
- \$ 1.00 -- A chicken for a village farmer (UMCOR #418375-1)
- \$ 1.00 -- Ten seedlings for reforestation (UMCOR #154725-1)
- \$ 5.00 -- Immunization against diseases for a child (UMCOR #982400-7)
- \$ 5.00 -- Ten bricks for a house overseas (UMCOR #110525-5)
- \$10.00 -- Food for malnourished children (UMCOR #181100-1)
- \$12.00 -- Blankets, food and clothing for U.S. victims of disaster (UMCOR #901670-1)
- \$15.00 -- Tools for retraining a refugee (UMCOR #627965)
- \$25.00 -- Support for hunger projects at home and abroad (UMCOR #982920-4)

One hundred percent of your gift goes to the program of your choice - if you give through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. (UMCOR)

Where are we? Panicking over last minute purchases. Preoccupied with party preparations. Making travel arrangements. Decorating. Let's make this Christmas different. In response to God's greatest gift, and out of concern for the people He came to serve, let's give in Christ's name.

Happy Christmas
Eric

P.S. UMCOR reaches out to 80 countries around the world. Gifts may be sent to the church office or placed on the offering plate. Please include the programs code number.



THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFT

As we celebrate the birth of Christ during this Advent season, we are reminded to make Christ and His mission the focus of the Christmas Season. Your gifts to the Advance for Christ and His Church are one way of celebrating the birth and life of our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ. The General Board of Global Ministries would like to thank the Duke Memorial UMC for their generous gift of \$750 to the Missions in Liberia, Kenya, and Japan.

At the monthly meeting of DCIA, the officers of CROP WALK gave a \$5,000 gift to each of the following agencies: Meals on Wheels, Soup Kitchen, and the Food Pantry; and \$1,100 to the Community Shelter. In 1990, \$72,000 was raised (a \$21,000 increase over 1989). KEEP WALKING! Our next walk is April 7, 1991.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Our church's contribution to DCIA helps pay the salary of Peggy Sanford to administer Durham's EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND, 215 N. Church St., -01. With the cold weather that will be approaching, please consider helping those with no heat.

Twelve fire stations in Durham are accepting canned foods for the CAROLINA FOOD BASKET to be given to clients of six social service agencies. Won't you please help those who are less fortunate.

Does your church group need a project? How about adopting an insurance policy for a patient in the infectious disease ward? Many patients are ineligible for Medicaid and need medicines that cost between \$1,000-3,000 per month. A gift of \$100 a month would procure an insurance policy for this patient. Call 682-5708 for further information.

COME JOIN THE DUKE CANCER PATIENT support program as a volunteer! You will make many new and wonderful friends among patients and their families, and truly touch the lives of others during a time of need.

NEW SUPPORT GROUPS

There are two new support groups in Durham which meet at the office building opposite the Yorktowne Theater -- recently separated or divorced singles which meets on Thursdays at 5:30-7:00 p.m. and individuals who are depressed which meets on Tuesdays at 12:00-1:30 p.m. for a bag lunch.

WELCOME!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our following new members:

Tom and Adele Bland, and their children Katie who will be five this month, and Spencer, 10 months. They reside at 505 Nichols Farm Dr. 03, and phone number is 598-0709. Tom is in real estate and Adele is a homemaker who sings in the Sanctuary Choir. Their Fellowship friends are: Chris and Cheryl Howlett.

Russell and Vickie Deaton, and their children Katy, age 5 and Duke who is 3. They reside at 2610 Elgin St. -04 and phone number is 479-1460. Russell is in graduate school at Duke majoring in electrical engineering, and Vickie is a homemaker and works part-time. She has taught our two-year old Sunday School class for three months. Their Fellowship friends are: Richard and Marcia Grogan.

Richard (Rick)_ Arthur Williams address is P.O. Box 103, Spring Hope, NC 27882 and his phone number is (919) 478-5965. He recently transferred from the First Baptist Church in Spring Hope. He is a computer operator with Boddie-Noell.

Also, we would like to welcome Alexander (Alex) Nicholas Averell -- son of Phil and Carlyne Averell and Corbin (Corbin) James Totten Forrester -- son of Roy and Johnna Forrester who were baptized on December 9, 1990.

God Bless you all!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The H. E. Spence Class will have its Christmas Program on December 23rd, at the regular Sunday School hour, a repeat of the tape recording, "Christmas Down on the Farm". Also, the program of Christmas fantasy, in prose and poetry, by Dr. H. E. Spence, Professor Emeritus of Duke University, with Ed Higgins of WDNC as producer and announcer, and chorus from Duke University Chapel and Duke Memorial Church choirs, led by Mrs. S. J. Angier. This program was taped in 1950 at Radio Station-WDNC and presents a beautiful "old-fashioned Christmas" with beautiful story and music. Refreshments will be served before and after class. The Spence Class invites individuals and/or entire Church School classes who wish to attend to join us for this special Christmas Program.

Al Buehler, President
H. E. Spence Class



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

A great big thank you to all the volunteers especially to those who have come so faithfully to work in our office and those helping with Insights. If it weren't for these dedicated volunteers, the operation of the office would not be as successful as it has become. The staff can't tell you enough how much this means to them. We greatly appreciate your help in working with us. We look forward to seeing you each day and hope you will continue to come. Again, thank you to:

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Beulah Latta
Minnie Mae Franklin
Rubye Haywood
Doris Bridges
Doris Blalock
Polly Farned
Martha Brown
Judy Walling
Gretchen Rufty
Alice Walker
Pat Coman
Helen Fink
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Hilda Coble
Jean Bagley
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INSIGHTS VOLUNTEERS

Oliver & Helen Upchurch
Bob & Mary Page Tidwell
Sue Bryant
Edith Johnson
Pat & Bill Coman
Jean & Bob Weynand
Kitty Copelan
Mary Whanger
A. D. & Alda Turrentine
Hazel Pearce
Lewis Shipp
Myra King
Leila Veasey
Jim Cranford
Margaret Prince
Jean Glasson

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David and Linda McCotter on the birth of their newborn son, Douglas James McCotter. He was born on December 11, 1990. The proud grandparents are Cliff and Margaret McCotter.

DECEMBER 17-31, 1990 AND JANUARY 1-2, 1991
NO CAROL CHOIR OR WESLEY SINGERS UNTIL
JAN. 13, 1991

- Dec. 17, MON.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
- Dec. 18, TUES.** 11:00 a.m. Circle 8, Parlor, Whitford Hall
12:00 p.m. DCIA
12:00-2:00 p.m. Study Group
- Dec. 19, WED.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
10:00 a.m. Service Group
12:15-12:45 p.m. Advent Devotional, Lunch following \$3.00
5:30- 7:30 p.m. Dinner \$2.00-12.00, Caroling, delivery of fruit baskets
- Dec. 20, THURS.** 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- Dec. 23, SUN.** 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner - bring vegetable or dessert
- Dec. 24, MON.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec. 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE STAFF TUES.** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Dec. 26, WED.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
10:00 a.m. Service Group
NO BETHANY BELL REHEARSAL
OFFICE OPEN - Insights Info. Due
- Dec. 28, FRI.** 5:30 p.m. Mary Ruth Mixon Wedding Rehearsal
- Dec. 29, SAT.** 11:00 a.m. Mary Ruth Mixon Wedding & Reception Whitford Hall, Bradshaw, and Parlor
- Dec. 31, MON.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
- Jan. 1, MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL TUES.** **NEW YEAR - OFFICE CLOSED**
- Jan. 2, WED.** 9:15 a.m. Parents' Morning Out
10:00 a.m. Service Group
7:30 p.m. **NO BETHANY BELL REHEARSAL**
OFFICE OPEN



MUSIC MINISTRY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The White Christmas Program was so special! The Wesley Choir and Carol Choir, directed by John Semingson, did a wonderful performance of "A Night for Dancing". The little lambs, cows, and donkeys were so cute coming to see baby Jesus.

The Sunday School classes and teachers are to be thanked for their help with the caroling part of the program and the Bible story of the wise men from Matthew.

The young children (and older children of God), thank you for all the White Christmas presents you brought and presented at the Manger. You gave 86 presents to poor children. The Women in Action group were so thrilled to get so many gifts. They are planning to write a letter to tell us the stories of some of the children who received the gifts.

The refreshments at the reception following were outstanding--two huge long tables of goodies. Thanks to Mary Lee Bailey, coordinator and all the many great cooks.

We also wish to thank Kathy Cutting for making two wise men's costumes and crowns, and Dan Guth for making "The Star".

The decorations in Whitford Hall are beautiful this year. Thanks to Para Drake's inspiration, Pat Coman and Gloria Johnson's decorating of the tree and hall, and Mildred Teer's giving of the lovely tree. The children's tree on the stage was lovingly decked with Chrismons made by the children's Sunday School classes for Kindergarten to Fifth grade.

MORE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Wednesday, December 12th, there was a supper with programs for adults and children. The children's program was about God's special plan for the Savior, doing a skit about Zechariah and Elisabeth, and making Christmas ornaments. The adults were led by Rich Kaspar and Paul Blanchard entitled,

Wednesday, December 19th, we encourage you to bring all the family to church for supper from 5:30-6:30 p.m., caroling 6:30-6:45 p.m., gathering in groups and leaving by 7:00 p.m. to sing carols to our homebound members. You will be so rewarded and glad you came. Remember to make reservations for super at the church office by Tuesday, December 18th.

MISSION RECOGNITION PINS FOR 1990

For longtime service to the Sunday School at Duke Memorial UMC, we have recognized the following persons: Mary Canada, Jeanne Robbins, Margaret McCottor, Grace Guyer, and William Guyer.

For work with United Methodist Women, and other church and community services, the following persons received their mission recognition pins: Nancy Stark, Mary Lee Bailey, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Judy Coman, Amy Kellum, and Ann Wilson.

The Methodist Retirement Home circle chaired by Juanita Stott gave a recognition pin to their former Chaplain, Rev. Deborah Morgan for her support of the UMW circle.

A CHURCH MOUSE?

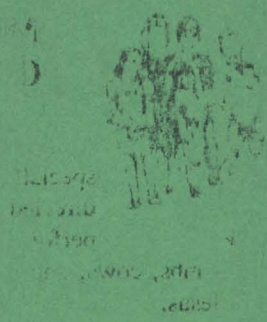
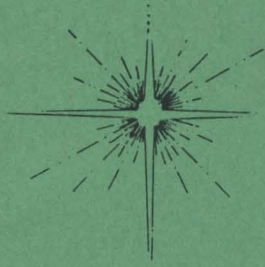
LOUISE ERVIN is a long time member of Duke Memorial UMC. Though she no longer attends Sunday morning worship services, she is with us in spirit. She performs an important task, to a labor of love each Sunday at the Methodist Home. She pushes people in wheel chairs to the Sunday services that are held there. The services alternate between the chapel in Coble and the assembly room in the Main Building. She wheels Coble residents to the assembly room and Main residents to Coble Chapel. There is no cheese at any of the services, but the loving kindness is everywhere.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR RENEWAL STEERING COMMITTEE

The architect's boards showing the office renovation plans are now on display near the office and in the Narthex on Sunday. Please study them and let members of the steering committee hear your questions and suggestions.

There will be a question and answer meeting with the committee and architect, Richard Grogan, on Sunday, January 13th in the Bradshaw Room following the congregational luncheon.

The Steering Committee members are:
Edith Toms, Chair, Bill Self, Ed Hammond, Shirley Few, Elizabeth Bookhout, Dillard Teer, Marshall Spears, Tim Nifong, Fred Clark, Eric Carson and Ben Mixon.



A PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS WISH FROM THE CHURCH STAFF TO ALL OF YOU!

**A Christmas Prayer
-Robert Louis Stevenson**

Help us rightly to remember
the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the
song of the Angels, the
gladness of the Shepherds, and the
worship of the Wise Men

Close the door of hate and open
the door of love all over the world
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
that Christ brings, and teach us
to be merry with clear

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children
and the Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful
thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Merry Christmas!

Church Staff

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