



Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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"Compost Pile Turns Rubbish to Riches as Covenant Discipleship Turns Sinners to Saints"

Ever since Pam and I bought our first house in August 1978, I've tried to start a compost pile! For 15 years I've read about the benefits of composting in the gardening sections of newspapers and Southern Living magazines. I've picked up brochures at agriculture extension offices and garden shows that explained how to build and turn a compost pile. I've asked other gardeners how to compost, and I've shopped garden centers for a variety of compost pile kits. For 15 long years I've known all about composting, but I've utterly failed to do what I knew was good and right (and in my own best interest)!

All that accumulated guilt and shame over my procrastination to do what I knew was right (and for my own good) has been transformed this spring and summer into a rich source of humus for my flower beds and a new vegetable plot that I'm planning for next spring. How has such a miracle occurred? Without a doubt, I could not have built a compost pile without the encouragement, support, and gentle reminders of the 6 members of the Covenant Discipleship group that I joined in January 1993!

We included a clause in our covenant to be good stewards of the environment -- recycling, energy conservation and other related activities -- which I had to face every week when we met "to watch over one another in love." I mentioned my good intention and failure to build a compost pile at one of our first meetings, and every week thereafter I felt compelled to do what I knew that I ought to do. Finally, with the help of SunShares, I set up a simple compost pile of wire mesh where I have faithfully deposited grass clippings, leaves, coffee grinds, egg shells, banana peels and vegetable scraps for the past 6 months. Only God could turn such rubbish into such riches in so short a time.

If you've had similar good intentions for many years to pray and read the Bible daily, to worship regularly, to serve the poor and disadvantaged in some specific way, and to work for justice in an increasingly chaotic world; then come explore covenant discipleship next weekend, November 12 - 14, at Duke Memorial. Others of the 20 persons who have tried covenant discipleship in our 3 pilot groups will have their own stories to tell about their experiences. They will answer your questions about covenant discipleship as honestly as they know how. The Rev. Dr. David Lowes Watson, who is the author of 3 books on covenant discipleship, will provide background, perspective and experiences from around the world about how sinners like me are slowly turning into saints with the help of a small group of friends who become instruments of God's grace. Your brother in Christ, Clint

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1993

Twenty-Third Sunday in Pentecost

Food Pantry: Powdered milk	
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee - Parlor
9:15 a.m.	Bethany Bells - Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Methodism Class - Whitford Hall
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (Nov. 14 - Nov. 20)
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Ring For Joy - Choir Room
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	JOYBells - Handbell Room
6:00 p.m.	CROP - Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Women - Shelter Meals - Kitchen
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Lounge
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 78: 1-7 Matthew 25: 1-13
 Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
ANTHEM: "And I Saw a New Heaven" Edgar Bainton
 Sanctuary Choir
 "Hymn of Promise" Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
 Bethany Bells

USHERS: Tim Langford, Clarence Bailey, Robin Langford, Arthur McDonald, Dick McFall, A.D. Turrentine.
GREETERS: Roy Teer
 Susan Teer
ACOLYTES: Mary Alice Coman
 Caroline Wethington
ALTAR GUILD: Gloria Johnson
 Ann Marie Langford
NURSERY: Jackie Lancaster
 Susan Grubbs
 Patti McLendon
 Donna Fleming

S.S. GREETERS: Asbury Class
CROSS: Kevin Grogan
MESSENGERS: Kevin Baker
 Denise Baker
JR. CHURCH: TBA

CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 13

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
NO Staff Meeting
- 9:00 - 2:30 p.m. Ministerial Staff Retreat
NO DISCIPLE Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers - Open Door
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - Jr. JOY
- 7:15 p.m. C.O.M. - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. PMO Parents' Coffee - Parlor
- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
Staff Meeting
- 10:00 - 11:30 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
- 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - JOY
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Whitford Hall
- 5:30 - 6:10 p.m. Sing and Share - Whitford Hall
- 6:00 - 6:10 p.m. Carol Choir - Aldersgate Room
- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Wesley Singers - Handbell Room
- 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Girl's Youth Share - JOY Class
- 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Mid. JOY
- 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Open Door
- 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. DISCIPLE Bible Study - Bradshaw
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. Men's Coffee, Biscuits, OJ - Parlor
- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nursery
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday Study Group
Prayer Room
- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Monday's) DISCIPLE Bible Study -
Bradshaw
- 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Covenant Discipleship Weekend
November 12 - 14
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Family Night Spaghetti Dinner -
Whitford Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.
Community Life Center

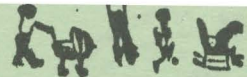
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Gleaning Soc. of St. Andrew (683-3011)
Covenant Discipleship Weekend



Thanks
a Bunch!

The Howard family thanks the people of Duke Memorial for their kindness during Ken's illness.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PARENTS' MORNING OUT NEWS

We are pleased to announce that church member Amy Johnson will be the new teacher in Parents' Morning Out, rotating from Deborah Moore's room to Jana Alexander's room. Amy Johnson has a music degree and is certified to teach kindergarten through grade 12. She is a former teacher in Duke Memorial's Weekday School. Her son Richard will be joining the babies and toddlers in the baby room. Welcome Amy!

We are having coffees for the PMO moms and dads to meet each other, exchange child-rearing tips, etc. The Wednesday PMO coffee will be Wednesday, November 10th from 9:15 - 10:00 in the church parlor. The Monday PMO coffee will be Monday, November 15, same time and place.



Change in Plans: Due to a conflict at King's Daughters Home, we will meet to eat lunch there on Thursday, Nov. 18th, instead of Nov. 4th as previously announced. If you can join us, call Ann at church so we can make reservations.

Answer to last week's question: There are two new members of our church who are each visiting four homebound people in North Durham -- JoLee Fishback and Edith Bollinger. Thanks so much for the cheer you bring, JoLee and Edith!

Answers to past questions: The person who takes roses in season to the six church members at Hillcrest is Minnie Mae Franklin. Mary Head is the one to whom Susie Conklin says, "I love you" when Mary visits her in Friendly Rest Home. Thank you for brightening up people's lives, Minnie Mae and Mary!

Question for this week? Who is another new member who asked if she could visit homebound people?



BLANKET THE WORLD WITH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

November's Mission project is called Blanket the World with Love. For \$5, you can provide a warm blanket to someone in the Mississippi flood zone, in Somalia or Armenia, in Peru or Palestine. Church World Service, under the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), sends these blankets to all areas of the world for refugees, victims of disaster, and homeless adults and children.

You may show your love by giving blankets in honor of someone else (give names of honorees to Leland Phelps). Mark your check for "Blankets" payable to Duke Memorial.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 21
7:30 P.M.
DUKE MEMORIAL U.M.C.

Mark your calendars now for the Service of Thanksgiving which will be held with our neighbor churches. This will be the 12th annual Service of Thanksgiving held together with Temple Baptist and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. This year we have invited our sister church, St. Mark AME Zion, to join with us in this service of celebration on Sunday evening, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Donald Staib, priest at Immaculate Conception, will bring the message. The Revs. Crate Jones, William Loyd Burton, and Mark W. Wethington will serve as liturgists. Music will be offered by the combined members of the choirs of all four churches. A reception will be hosted in Whitford Hall immediately following the service. Bring all your family and friends.



MULTI-CULTURAL
THANKSGIVING DAY BANQUET
NOVEMBER 26
2:00 P.M.
WHITFORD HALL
(Transportation Available)

If you're pondering what to do for Thanksgiving, or if you just want a break from cooking a huge meal and washing the dishes, then come to a Thanksgiving fellowship dinner with our friends from St. Mark AME Zion. Families, singles, seniors, and students from both churches are invited to attend. We're planning a turkey dinner, singing, children's activities, and, yes, even football.

We'll gather at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in Duke Memorial's parlor for singing, visiting, and a prayer. Then, we'll move to Whitford Hall for our Thanksgiving banquet. Afterwards children may go play games, football fans can catch the action on a big-screen TV and everyone else can kick back, listen to music and chat with friends, both new and old.

All you'll need to bring is one covered dish (bread, vegetable, stuffing, potato, salad, or dessert) with enough to serve your family plus two people. Turkey, tea, coffee, and table service will be provided. We will pass a basket to cover the cost of the turkeys. Any food remaining will be delivered to the local Community Shelter for H.O.P.E. This is also a good time to bring canned foods to help fill the food pantry.

Transportation will be arranged for those who would like a ride. If you have questions or would like to help with the planning, call JoLee Fishback at 419-1319. Please sign up by November 14. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

READING LIST TO BE PRESENTED AT
 CHARGE CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 17, 1993

THIRD READING: Paula C. Hix
 Mary E. Whitt
 Ato Waters
 Nana Waters

SECOND READING: William F. Strayhorn, III

FIRST READING Jane Perry-Camp
 Paige M. Kramer

Robert K. Kramer
 David Parker McCotter

Membership as of August 29, 1993 **932**

September 2
 Ruth Mixon Nierling, transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, N.C. -1

September 16
 Thomas Ray Shore, transferred to Cresset Baptist Church, Durham, N.C. -1

September 19
 Richard V. Owen, transferred from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rutherford, N.J. +1

Karla Tiley Owen, transferred from Asbury UMC, Durham, N.C. +1

Sue Clifton, transferred from Glendale Heights UMC, Durham, N.C. +1

Elizabeth Hudgins, transferred from First UMC, Elkin, N.C. +1

September 26
 Cathy Shepherd transferred from Gibson Baptist Church, Gibson, N.C. +1

September 27
 John F. Williams, Jr. died -1

October 3
 Ed and Linda Karolak transferred to the Congregation at Duke Chapel -2

October 10
 Jacqueline Lancaster joined on profession of faith +1

October 22
 William L. Brinkley withdrew -1

Donald and Deborah Baumeister withdrew -2
 Karen Eli withdrew -1

Harry Rodenhizer, III transferred to the Congregation at Duke Chapel -1

October 24
 Kenneth C., Peggy and John David Kernodle transferred from Jamestown, UMC, Jamestown, N.C. +3

October 25
 Ken Howard died -1
 Alfred Williams died -1

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COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

*****FRIDAY, November 12*****

6:30 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner Whitford Hall
J.O.Y. Class fundraiser
(for Christmas charity projects)

7:30 p.m.
Introduction to David Lowes Watson
Covenant Discipleship

Sharing of CD Pilot Group Members
experiences

Question & Answers Audience & Panel

8:30 p.m. DISMISS

*****SATURDAY, November 13*****

8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast Whitford Hall

9:00 a.m.
Background & Rationale David Lowes Watson
of Covenant Discipleship

Role Playing Pilot Group Members
of "typical" CD meeting

11:00 a.m. DISMISS

*****SUNDAY, November 14*****

11:00 a.m.
Sermon & Invitation David Lowes Watson
to join a CD group

12:00 p.m.
Organize new Aldersgate Room
CD groups

1:00 p.m. DISMISS

THIS WEEKEND IS TOO IMPORTANT FOR ANYONE TO MISS!!!

Children: A nursery will be provided for all events of the weekend.

Youth: A youth version of Covenant Discipleship called "Branches" will also be discussed.

Young Adults: A CD group meets just one (1) hour per week to fit your busy schedules.

Middle Adults: A CD group helps you focus on matters of ultimate importance.

Senior Adults: A CD group provides spiritual companions to encourage you.

(Call the church office if you need transportation or an escort to any of the weekend events.)