

Insights

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Third Sunday of Advent

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As most everyone knows, on this past Saturday evening, December 4th, a young woman was abducted from our church parking lot after leaving a community religious event which we were hosting and was taken to a nearby location and sexually assaulted. I was distressed to learn of this crime which came to our attention Monday morning by way of the news! That same morning our church staff gathered and prayed for the woman who had been assaulted and spent over four hours discussing the concerns and the ways in which we need to respond. I know of very few people who are not saddened by the increasing crime and violence in our community and we are disturbed all the more the closer it comes to home.

On Monday I called Chief McNeil and at my request he sent Captain Sarvis to my office on Tuesday morning to discuss my concerns. I expressed to him how irritated I was that they had not contacted us about this crime which had taken place on our property. While part of his response was a promise to send over a Crime Prevention Team to help us determine anything more we could be doing to offer security, I was not satisfied with the response and plan to pursue it further.

You should also know that on Tuesday morning the woman who was assaulted contacted me and on Tuesday evening I spent several hours with her. I sat amazed as I listened to her apologetic voice, as she expressed concern for our church and that it was connected to this occurrence. "No, we're the ones who are sorry," I said. And I expressed gratitude that she had contacted me so that we could share in her pain and so that she might know our grief. I was thankful that she welcomed me to come visit her so that somehow we might minister to her. Please pray for this young woman and for all of us who struggle with the challenges of ministry in this place. In the midst of it all, I pray that our hearts might be quieted and that we might all know the peace which God promises in the Grace of this holy season.

Mark

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee - Parlor
8:30 a.m.	Confirmation - Whitford
9:15 a.m.	Celebration Singers - Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Methodism Class-Whitford
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir-Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringing of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service-Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (Dec. 19 - Dec. 25)
2:45 p.m.	Ring For Joy - Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	White Christmas Program and Reception - Sanctuary/Whitford Hall
8:00 p.m.	NO JOY Bells/DMYF (Jan. 9) 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.

SERMON:

Mark W. Wethington

SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 126

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

ANTHEM:

Celebration Singers:

'African Noel'

Aden Lewis

'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing' MENDELSSOHN

Sanctuary Choir:

'E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come' Paul Manz

USHERS: Tom Hargitt (Captain), Stan Coffman, Herschel Caldwell, Jr., Bob Cox, George Davis, Holly Eggleston, Joel Glasson, Neal Grubbs, Ed Hammond, Chris Howlett, Bill Sewell, Bob Weynand, Tom Worsley

GREETERS:

Bill Martin

S.S. GREETERS:

Logos Class

Jessie Martin

ACOLYTES:

Becky Ballard

CROSS:

Weston Drake

Kelli Stucky

ALTAR GUILD:

Minnie Mae Franklin

MESSENGERS:

Kevin Baker

Joyce Musselwhite

Denise Baker

Dot Hilliard

Becky Carver-McLain

NURSERY:

Amy Johnson

JR. CHURCH:

TBA

Jane Day

Faye Fisher

Karen Bradsher

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
NO Staff Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Circle #2 - Mrs. Byron Hawkins,
2618 Princeton Dr.
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Christmas Covered Dish -
Whitford Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Circle # 9 - Mrs. Tom Cranford,
1023 Southwood Drive
- 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. DISCIPLE Bible Study - Bradshaw
- 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. New U.M.W. Circle - Parlor
NO Finance Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - Jr. JOY
- 12:00 p.m. DCIA Luncheon - Whitford Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
- 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Devotions - Bradshaw
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fold 'Insights' - Whitford Hall
- 5:30 - 6:10 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Whitford Hall
- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir - Aldersgate Room
- 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers -Ice Cream Party
Whitford Hall
- 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 Belis - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Men's Coffee, Biscuits, OJ - Parlor
- 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parent's Morning Out - Nurseries
- 9:45 a.m. Visitation - Deliver Fruit Baskets
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday Study Group
Prayer Room
- 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.
Community Life Center

CANNED GOODS NEEDED BY MISSION SOCIETY

Please be generous this Sunday. Cereals and meats needed as well as men's coats and women's large jackets. Volunteers needed Friday afternoons and on December 15th and 16th with various hours. Make checks payable to Duke Memorial marked "Mission Society".



VISITATION

On Thursday, December 16, 9:45 a.m., we will deliver fruit baskets and poinsettias to homebound people. We will eat at Papagayo's at 12:30 p.m.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WHITE CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 12

Would you like to be a shepherd, a wise one, or an angel? COME TO WHITE CHRISTMAS, on Sunday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your gifts for the underprivileged children to the sanctuary and present them at the manger.

Rehearsal for White Christmas Play is Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

BRING CHRIST TO OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon will be Sunday, December 19, 12:00 Noon, followed by Christmas Caroling to shut-ins. There will be sitters for infants and toddlers. Children are especially invited to sing with us.

INFANT NURSERY

There will be an infant nursery available December 12 and 19 during Sunday School and Worship Service hours in Room 241. Mariene Allen will be the childcare worker.

Bring Those New Babies!



Thank you to Billie Cannada and Edna Green who made beautiful receiving blankets for our nursery. Also, to Libby Dickerson and another PMO mother who washed windows, cleaned the refrigerator, and repaired books for the nursery and two-year old room.

BIBLE STUDY AT METHODIST RETIREMENT HOME

Is there anyone willing to minister to patients with memory loss, in the Health Care Facility, by leading a very simple (almost childlike) Bible Study for them. It could be once a week (any day except Thursdays) and could include pictures and a simple five or ten minute Bible story. Please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467 if you have questions or are interested.

BURGLAR ALARM NEWS
Louis Robinson
Operations Manager

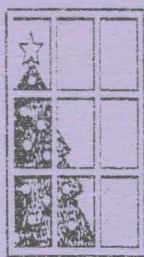
It is with sadness that Duke Memorial decided a couple of months ago to install a rather sophisticated burglar alarm system in order to protect both persons and property. As you have probably already heard, we have had four break-ins in the past six months which have cost over \$10,000 in damage and lost property.

While this alarm system, now installed, will cut down on our losses and provide greater safety, it will also cause some inconvenience for our church members. It means that members having outside door keys can no longer just unlock the door and walk in outside of regular church hours without a code to disarm the security system.

Just 3 days after installation, we had a break-in to which the police responded. It was obvious that the intruders had immediately run away at the sound of the alarm. We are encouraged that this system will put an end to frequent violations of our property.

In order to prevent false alarms, we are changing all outside door keys. Members needing outside keys will be asked to come to the church and see me in order to get a new key. At this point you will be instructed as to the operation of the alarm system. All keys other than the outside doors will remain the same. You can still use your present key during regular church and office hours for another two weeks. At that time we will have exterior key pads on three of our outside doors. Instead of keys to these doors, you will be given a code number for entry.

We will try to make this as painless a transition as possible. We hope you understand and will be patient.



**THANKS TO
YOU THERE'S
A HOME
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for the support you have given Habitat for Humanity this year. Because of YOU, more families are "Home for the Holidays." May the Peace of Christ be in your home this season. If you would like to honor someone with a gift to Habitat, you may make your check payable to DUMUMC marked "Habitat".

**HEIFER PROJECT OFFERS
ALTERNATIVE GIFT IDEAS**

Want to buy a pig for Aunt Clara? Or a hive of bees for the boss? Our Missions Committee will make available alternative gifts again this Advent through Heifer Project International. All gifts, large and small, will be acknowledged for your loved ones. Proceeds go 100% to help low-income people provide a livelihood for themselves. To purchase your pigs or bees or bunnies, see Leland Phelps in the office lobby on Sundays until Christmas.

**THE UPPER ROOM 1994
DISCIPLINES**

Wherever we are on our spiritual journey, this edition of The Upper Room Disciplines is meant to provide a map.... Disciplines is a collection of daily meditations by writers from a broad range of backgrounds. The combination of challenging scripture readings and fresh perspectives on those readings invites us into uncharted territory in our spiritual lives.

On that journey, daily contact with the Word means daily assurance that what God has, God gives us. Assurance of God's generosity and abundant love frees us from requesting quick fixes and encourages us to consider our deep needs as well as the deep needs of the world in which we live. May Disciplines give you that daily assurance. (from the Preface)

Order the perfect Christmas Gift for yourself or someone you love! This useful devotional guide expands the type of devotion that you've enjoyed for years in the Upper Room, but it follows the Scripture reading for each Sunday. Rather than searching for a new Upper Room every month throughout the year, purchase one book for all 365 days in one volume. Cost \$7.00 each. A few copies are currently available in the office for purchase or inspection. Call the church office at 683-3467 to place an order.

**MULTI-CULTURAL
THANKSGIVING DAY BANQUET**

The Thanksgiving Day Banquet at Duke Memorial attracted about 30 people from ages 1 to 70. The festivities with our friends from St. Mark AME Zion was a warm celebration full of fellowship and a hearty meal. Special thanks to Maxine Blair and Tim Turkington for volunteering to wash all those dishes, and to JoLee Fishback who organizes this special event.

**REGISTRATION FOR DUKE MEMORIAL
WEEKDAY SCHOOL**

Re-enrollment and siblings - January 20,21,24,25,26.

Church members and PMO - Jan. 27,28,31, Feb. 1,2.

General public - February 3 at 9:30 a.m.
for remaining spaces.

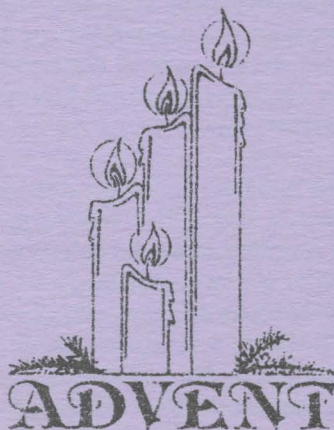
Applications can be obtained from school office. Call 688-5130 for more information. Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. The non-refundable registration fee is due with the application. Registration fees are \$60.00 for non-church members and \$50.00 for church members.

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ADVENT
ADVENT DEVOTION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
12:15 P.M.
BRADSHAW ROOM

REV. CLINTON W. SPENCE

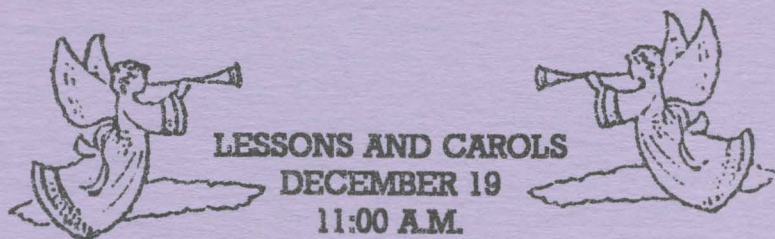
Luncheon available following service.
\$2.50 - reservations necessary by
Monday noon of each week.



O come let us adore Him.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 12
3:30 P.M.
SANCTUARY

Carol Choir
Wesley Singers
Ring for Joy



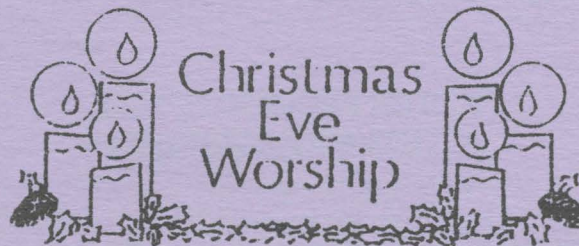
Traditional Service from King's College



CAROLING
CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON
12:15 P.M.
WHITFORD HALL

Covered Dish
Meat & Drinks provided

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
following luncheon



CANDLELIGHT
HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 P.M.
Music begins 5:00 p.m.