

# Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In his account of our Lord's birth, Luke writes, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And suddenly, "a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ...'"

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I give to you, not as the world knows it do I give it to you." In the gift of God's redemptive love comes the knowledge of a peace which Christ alone can give. But in a world where guns are more popular than Bibles, and where violence is preferred over reconciliation, we struggle as Christians to experience Christ's peace. Many around us are unfamiliar with Christ's peace.

Where is Christ's peace for the Elliot and Seagroves families in a community divided by race and violence? May God grant us to know that peace this holy season. Somehow, somewhere, I pray, may Christ's peace crowd out the warring which surrounds us. Are we part of the problem or are we willing to be made instruments of Christ's peace? I pray that God will keep us attune to the real work of Christmas as expressed by Howard Thurman:

When the song of angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost,
- To heal the broken,
- To feed the hungry,
- To release the prisoner,
- To rebuild the nations,
- To bring peace among all,
- To make music in the heart.

Let us pray for that day when Christ will come again, and the lamb will lie down with the lion.

Grace & peace to you all.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1993

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee - Parlor
9:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - 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.	Bethany Bells - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells
10:45 a.m.	Special music for Gathering
11:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Luncheon and Caroling - Whitford
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (Dec. 26 - Jan. 8)
	NO Ring For Joy
	NO JOY Bells
	NO DMYP
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. Community Life Center

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

**GREETERS:** Wilson Coffin  
**S.S. GREETERS:** Open Door Class

**ACOLYTES:** Viola Coffin  
**CROSS:** Kevin Gray

**ALTAR GUILD:** Nathan Spence  
Bradley Bailey  
**MESSENGERS:** Kevin Baker  
Minnie Mae Franklin  
Joyce Musselwhite  
Denise Baker  
Dot Hilliard

Becky-Carver McLain

**NURSERY:** Cathy Shepherd  
Ricka Long  
Jennifer Nifong  
Beth Robbins  
**JR. CHURCH:** TBA





**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Class  
 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. DISCIPLE Bible Study - Bradshaw  
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.  
 Community Life Center

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - JOY  
 NO Administrative Board  
 8:00 p.m. Central Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.  
 Community Life Center

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall  
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - JOY  
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall  
 NO Wednesday Meal  
 NO Carol Choir, Wesley Singers  
 NO Girl's Youth Share  
 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  
 NO Bethany Bells

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Men's Coffee, Biscuits, OJ - Parlor  
 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Thursday Study Group  
 Prayer Room  
 NO Sanctuary Choir

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:30 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary  
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A.  
 Community Life Center

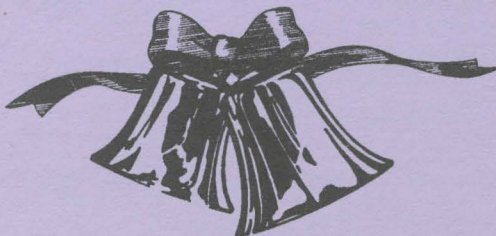
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS



**VISITATION**

If you're feeling let-down after Christmas, cheer yourself and someone else by visiting one of our homebound or nursing home members. Call Ann Stallings at church, 683-3467, if you need the name of someone to visit.



**WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

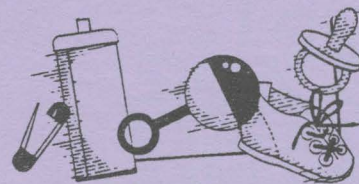
Thanks to all who participated in the play, music, giving of White Christmas gifts, or reception on December 12th. It is always a blessing to see the story of Christ's birth, to sing the beloved Christmas carols, and to see our members giving gifts in Christ's name to those who otherwise might not have a nice Christmas.

The following were members of the cast: Readers - David Kernodle, Kevin Grogan, Sherry Knight, Matthew Spence, Pastor - Mark Wethington, Magi - Laurie Coffman, Shepherd - Clint Spence, Angel - Ann Stallings, Mary - Marlene Allen, Joseph - Chris Allen, Baby Jesus - Jennifer Allen, Starbearer - Neil Grogan.

Director and Costumes - Libby Younts, Costume Assistant - Delaina Buehler, Halos - Ashley Kernodle, Crowns - Marcia Grogan, Shepherds' Headdresses - Marty O'Sullivan, Ushers - Kevin Gray - Brad Bailey, Justin Rigsbee, Assistants with children - Lynn Medlin, Hilary Coman, Mary Coman, Melinda Thumm.

Music Directors: Carol Choir - Bobbi Wethington, Wesley Singers - Jan Irvine, Ring for Joy - Jan Irvine, Accompanist - Bob Irvine. Flute - Allen Browning, Violin - Lee Ballard.

Refreshment Coordinators: Doris Forman, Kay Maunder. Also thanks to Tom Worsley, who is taking all the White Christmas gifts to the Women in Action office.



**Infant Nursery**

Remember the Infant Nursery in Room 241 for December 19th. We have had so many new babies born this year that we wanted to provide this service.





**ALTAR GUILD  
MONTHLY WORKERS FOR 1994**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

In addition to the contributions which many of you have made during this Advent season for the Heifer Project, there will be two additional special offerings. On Christmas Eve a special offering will be taken during our Communion and Candlelight worship service for the Good Samaritan Fund of Duke Memorial. As you know, these monies are used at the pastor's discretion for the support of special needs which come to his attention, such as rental assistance, food, health and utility needs. We hope that you will support this ministry generously.

On Sunday morning, December 26th, envelopes will be provided in the morning bulletin to take a special offering for Good Shepherd United Methodist Church here in Durham. Good Shepherd was established several years ago as a new congregation and is located in a shopping center on Wake Forest Highway. It is a multi-cultural congregation with special ministries to the mentally and physically handicapped, and to international persons. Your offering to this congregation will help support its continued growth and its plans to locate in a permanent facility.

Thank you for giving your generous support to both of these special offerings.

January	Holly Eggleston Maryellen Stone Patsy Whitehurst
February	Lucille Mortland Edith Johnson Hazel Pittman
March	Lucille Cranford Madge Wannamaker
April	* _____ _____
May	Betty Brunson Carolyn Browning Delaina Buehler
June	* _____ _____
July	* _____ _____
August	Beulah Latta Polly Farned
September	Doris Bridges Holly Eggleston
October	Mary Lee Bailey Marcia Grogan
November	Ann Marie Langford Gloria Johnson
December	Joyce Musselwhite Dot Hilliard Minnie Mae Franklin



We need Altar Guild workers for the months marked with an "\*". Please contact Maryellen Stone at 479-2122 if you are interested.



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## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19  
12:00 P.M.  
WHITFORD HALL**

**TURKEY, HAM AND DRINKS PROVIDED  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISHES**

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCH  
GROUPS GO OUT TO SHARE THE  
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT  
AND TAKE FRUIT BASKETS AND POINSETTIAS  
TO OUR SHUT-INS**

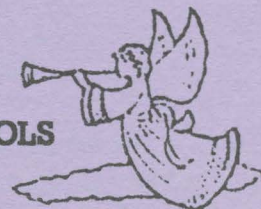
**CHILDREN ESPECIALLY INVITED  
OLDER FOLKS LOVE TO SEE CHILDREN**

**BABYSITTER PROVIDED FOR  
BABIES AND TODDLERS**

**COME, IN CHRIST'S NAME, TO CHEER UP  
THESE FOLKS!  
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**



**LESSONS AND CAROLS  
DECEMBER 19  
11:00 A.M.**



Traditional Service from King's College.



**CANDLELIGHT  
HOLY COMMUNION  
5:30 P.M.**

Music begins at 5:00 p.m.

