



Insights

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1994

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lessons and Carols

One week from this Sunday we all have a special opportunity which occasionally rolls around; namely, the opportunity to celebrate in worship on the day of our Lord's birth! Some people have asked me: What you do when Christmas day falls on a Sunday? Do you cancel Sunday School? Do you cancel worship service? Quite the contrary, I say. What a great day for the first day of Christmas to fall on! For Sunday is a day when we customarily gather to worship and on Sunday, December 25th, we have reason to come together in wonderful celebration of Christ's birth.

Yes, Sunday School will be held from 9:45 - 10:45 AM (the only exception being that our children's classes will all meet together in Whitford Hall for a special time of sharing). Worship will begin at 10:45 AM with special music. Sunday morning worship on December 25th will be a little different, however. Many families will be sharing in leadership and we will focus our attention on the symbols of Christmas. Bobbi will offer a sacred dance interpretation of "What Child is this". And even I have been asked to sing "Silent Night" auf Deutsch, its original language! Cheryl and Kathryn Howlett, mother and daughter, will sing a duet. And many others will be participating through readings.

For those of you who have young children, like we do, and who surely will be up by 5 AM or so Christmas morning, you will certainly have no problem getting to Sunday School and church on time! And while I acknowledge that many may be out of town, I do hope that those of us who are here will take advantage of this special opportunity to gather and worship on Christmas morn. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

9:15 a.m.	NO Early Worship
9:15 a.m.	Fellowship - Whitford Hall
	Celebration Singers -
	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Following Christ in a
	Consumer Society -
	Katie Johnson Room
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir -
	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ring of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service -
	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	'INSIGHTS' information
	due (Dec. 25 - Jan. 7,
	2 weeks covered.)
	NO JOYBells
5:30 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Lounge
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	'Parenting For Life' -
	Bradshaw Room
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.
	Community Life Center
9:00 p.m.	Covenant Discipleship

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington

SCRIPTURE:

Micah 5: 2-5a

Luke 1: 47-55

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

USHERS: Tom Hargitt (Captain), Bob Cox, George Davis, Herschel Caldwell, Jr., Holly Eggleston, Neal Grubbs, Ed Hammond, Chris Howlett, Bill Sewell, Tom Worsley, Vernon Averett, Arthur Whitehurst, Patsy Whitehurst, Bob Weynand.

GREETERS:

"Bunny" Wheeler

S.S. GREETERS:

Open Door Class

Louise Goodyear

ACOLYTES:

CROSS:

TBA

TBA

NURSERY:

Julie Ellis

ALTAR GUILD:

Susan McFall

Linda Wilson

Marty O'Sullivan

Para Drake

Hospital

Margaret Prince - DRH-ER

Elizabeth Bookhout - Duke N

Sympathy

To Chick and Betty Craig upon the death of his brother, George Craig in New Canton, Ill.

Birthdays: December 18 - December 24

19 Thomas Worsley

21 Rubye Haywood	Donald Browning
Sallie Dennis	Carlton Rollins

22 Nancy Stark

23 William (Bill) Hoover, III

24 Eric McFall

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

There will be at least three new classes on Wednesday night beginning on January 11th, 1995. Johannes Kuntz will be leading a Bible Study on Creation. Actually being more specific it will be on the theology of Creation.

The second new class will be taught by Meghan Froehlich. If you attend Meghan's class you will be discussing how to carry your Sunday School Spirituality into your Monday morning work week. This Class is titled "Working in Faith."

The third new class will be led by Alicia Beam. This class titled "Educators Anonymous" is for current and/or future Sunday School teachers. It will be a place where you can share ideas, vent frustrations, and get a refresher on what it means to teach.

If you would like to be part of one of these classes, call the church office at 683-3467. The classes will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday night.

If you want to be part of a different class with specific topic in mind call the church office. We're always looking for new classes and people.

1994 CONTRIBUTIONS

January 8, 1995 will be the last day we can accept contributions for 1994. Any funds received after that date will be applied to your 1995 contribution record.

It is important that children of all ages attend worship and participate in the worship experience. Children learn to participate as they sit with their families and are encouraged to do so by their parents. They naturally learn by rote, a little at a time, parts of the service used regularly such as the words to the Doxology, Gloria Patri, and Lord's Prayer.

As our first grade Worship Education Class joins us for the entire worship service on the next three Sundays, let's welcome them with warm smiles and do all that we can to encourage their participation.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Duke Memorial was very pleased to have over 200 adults and children at the White Christmas Program. Thanks to the following members of the cast: Steve Long, Brooke Gray, Craig Juer, David Kernodle, Sherry Knight, Weston Drake, Brian Murray, Daria Drake, Erin Stucky, Bill Hoover, Crystal Hoover, Ashley Kernodle, Katherine Fleming Rebecca Nifong, Wesley Wethington, Elisabeth Nifong, Daniel Gelinne, Lindsey Long, Moses Ochola, Andrew Legge, Emilie Guerrant, Erin Carr, and all the children of Duke Memorial.

Adult leaders were Libby Averett, Bob Irvine, Bobbi Wethington, Brian Murray, and Jan Irvine. Props were made by Julie Parmalee-Brown, Ingrid Avera, Laura Lombardo, Julie Chandler, Cathy Shepherd, Amy Johnson, and Patti McLendon. Doris Forman and Kay Maunder were in charge of the reception. We would like to thank all those who contributed refreshments and who brought White Christmas presents -- there were 115 given to Women in Action for underprivileged children.

Not part of the script but very special - Ashley Bowers told her little brother Christian, "Be quiet! Baby Jesus is sleeping!"

P.S. Thank you, Santa, for coming to give candy canes to all the boys and girls!

YOUTH NOTES

Attention DMYF and all youth. This Sunday is full of excitement. Immediately following church we will be staying for the potluck lunch and then will go Christmas caroling at the Retirement home. Bring your Santa hats and best voices so we can bring some Christmas cheer to these people. Then at 5:30 p.m. we will meet at the church for our Christmas party. The van will leave AT 5:30 P.M. and return at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange. All youth are welcome.

Then looking ahead we will meet January 1 for a fun adventure planned by YOU! Meet at the church at 6 p.m. to begin. We will return by 10 p.m. A fun time will be had by all, so please join us.

Merry Christmas to all of you!
Your Youth Counselors

COMMUNITY SHELTER FOR H.O.P.E. FEED THE PEOPLE

You may know that Wesley Women has been feeding the people at the Community Shelter for H.O.P.E. the second Sunday night of the odd numbered months for several years. We are now feeling the need for a break from this, thus these Sundays are open for 1995.

If your group would like to take on one or more Sundays, please contact Amy Kellum at 544-4094. The most immediate need is for January 8th. - Thanks.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Mission Committee will, as in the past years, offer the congregation a selection of alternatives for those seeking more meaningful gifts this Christmas Season. Leland Phelps will be in the central entrance near the offices before and after church each Sunday until Christmas with information and materials for the Heifer Project, Blanket Project, Mark's Peru Project and Habitat for Humanity.

ADVENT DEVOTION
WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 21
12:15 P.M.
BRADSHAW ROOM

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP COME JOIN US!

TUESDAYS FROM 12:30 TO 1:30 OR 1:45.
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Call one of us to ask questions:
Angie Hutto (408-0307), Marty O'Sullivan (382-0352), Patsy Whitehurst (490-9740), Cathy Shepherd (493-4501), Caroline Sasser (489-4203), Ann Stallings (683-3467), Susan Teer (489-8705).

December 13 - finish discussing
The Road Less Traveled

Vacation days - Dec. 20 and 27, Jan. 3

Jan. 10 - Program on "Setting goals for your life" by Ann Stallings

Jan 17 - "Christmas in January"
Lunch - covered dish lunch at Ann Stallings' home - bring ideas and we'll choose a new study book.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"What Kind of Training Will
The Stephen Ministers Be Trained in?"

They will be getting training in Christian helping skills. This training will include a wide variety of topics that aid persons to care for the needs of people who are experiencing different crises and problems in living their lives. Some of the topics are: The Art of Listening, How to Minister to Depressed Persons, to the Dying, to the Hospitalized, Feelings, Assertive Training, Confidentiality, and many, many more. If you'd like to talk to someone about this, call 683-3467. As one Stephen Minister said about the training -- "It brought me closer to a very personal God."

NO EUCHARIST SERVICES

There will be no early Eucharist service this Sunday, December 18, nor December 25 and January 1. They will resume on Sunday, January 8, 1995.

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CHURCH CALENDAR
DECEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 24

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. NO Parents' Morning Out
8:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Class
Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. NO Tuesday Study Group
Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 - 1:00 p.m. NO Parents' Morning Out
12:15 - 12:45 p.m. NO Parent Support Group
Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
Advent Devotion
(Elbert Wethington) -
Bradshaw Room
12:45 p.m. Advent Lunch - Whitford Hall
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall
4:15 - 5:15 p.m. C.D. Group - Parlor
No Wonderful Wednesday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. NO Men's Coffee
Crafts of Hope -
Whitford Hall
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. NO Parents' Morning Out
Disciple I - Parlor
NO Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. OFFICE CLOSED
NO Parent's Morning Out
Al-Anon and A.A.
Community Life Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir -
Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Service of Candlelight and
Holy Communion - Sanctuary

DURHAM DISTRICT CHRISTMAS OFFERING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

This year our Christmas Offering will be used to help underwrite the cost of the Mission Saturation Event (April 28 - 30). Please give generously.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

One of the most beloved traditions of Advent and Christmas from England is a form of worship known as the 'festival of lessons and carols.' The service begins with God's Word proclaimed and contemplated through a special sequence of readings, prayers, and both choral and congregational song. The form of this service we will follow is from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. It was written in 1918 by the Dean of the Chapel. We will hear the words of the prophets, sing the traditional carols of the season, and finally celebrate the Gospel account of the coming of the kingdom. The Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers, bells and special organ music will add to this festival service. Please join us Sunday, December 18, at 10:55 a.m. for this meaningful worship experience.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
AND
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 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 OR POINSETTIAS TO OUR SHUT-INS.

CHILDREN ESPECIALLY INVITED, OLDER FOLKS LOVE TO SEE CHILDREN.

BABYSITTERS PROVIDED FOR
BABIES AND TODDLERS

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