



INSIGHTS

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday, September 6, we will begin our Wonderful Wednesday Suppers. Following this first supper, you are invited to share in a Love Feast. The Love Feast has been a part of our Methodist tradition since our beginnings, and to help in our understanding of this service, we wanted to provide some information about its history. This information is taken from our *United Methodist Book of Worship*.

"The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: 'After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have been worthy of Christ.' It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America they made Love Feast an important part of early American Methodism."

The Love Feast, also called Agape Meal is an informal service where fellowship, sharing, community, and prayer are the focus. We come together for a time of personal witness and praise for what God has been doing in our lives. We share in hymns and Scripture. Congregational participation and leadership are very much a part of this service, as it is an opportunity for offering witness and praise, as the Spirit moves.

Most Love Feasts include the sharing of food and it is customary not to use communion bread or grape juice so this occasion will not be confused with the Lord's Supper. Unlike the Holy Eucharist, where an ordained minister must be present to administer the Sacrament, the Love Feast may be conducted by any Christian and is less formal.

The Love Feast is a very meaningful service, and we hope you will make plans to join us on September 6 at 5:30 p.m. for Wonderful Wednesday Supper and at 6:15 for the Love Feast. It is an important time for our community of faith and we want you to be a part of it.

In Christ,
Lisa

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1995

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD

Canned Yellow and Green Vegetables and Tomatoes

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw
9:15 a.m.	Fellowship - Whitford Hall
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ring of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 noon	"INSIGHTS" information due (September 10 - 16) - Program Director's Mailbox
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.	IHN - Kitchen, Whitford Hall, and Sunday School Classrooms
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

ANTHEM: "He Watching Over Israel" - Felix Mendelssohn
(Sanctuary Choir)

USHERS: Wil Drake, Jeff Bailey, Randy Bollinger, Bill Bowles, Bill and Judy Coman, Richard Grogan, Leland Phelps, and Bill Stone

GREETERS:

A. D. and Alda
Turrentine

NURSERY:

Emily & Randy Few
Deborah & Barry Moore
Kim & Cary Robertson
Louise & Steed Rollins

ACOLYTES:

Karen Gereffi
Kelsey Moore

CROSS:

Adult

ALTAR GUILD:

Doris Bridges
Dottie Mac Millan

PLEASE BRING YOUR TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS
TO CHURCH WITH YOU THIS SUNDAY. WE HAVE
EXTRAS IF YOU NEED ONE.

**CHURCH CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1995**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

9:15 - 12:15 p.m. **NO** Parents' Morn. Out - Nurseries
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **NO** Staff Meeting - JOY Class
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Whitford Hall, Kitchen, and Sunday School Classrooms
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. - Community Life Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 - 12:30 p.m. Weekday School Teachers' Childcare - 2 Year Old Classroom
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Katie Johnson Room and Sunday School Classrooms
7:00 p.m. Weekday School Orientation - Kitchen and Whitford Hall
7:30 p.m. Wesley Women - Parlor and 2 Year Old Classroom
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. - Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:15 - 12:15 p.m. **NO** Parents' Morn. Out - Nurseries
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Class
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson Room
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Parlor
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Whitford, Kitchen, and Sunday School Classrooms
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner - Whitford Hall and Kitchen
6:15 p.m. Love Feast - Whitford Hall
7:15 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson Room
7:15 p.m. Finance Campaign Meeting - Library
7:30 p.m. Children's Council - Parlor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:15 a.m. Men's Coffee - Parlor
9:15 - 12:15 p.m. **NO** Parents' Morn. Out - Nurseries
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Katie Johnson Room and Sunday School Classrooms
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sacred Dance - Bradshaw Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. PMO Orientation - Whitford Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Durham M. S. Society - Community Life Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 - 12:15 p.m. **NO** Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Wedding Reception Set-up - Whitford Hall
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Katie Johnson Room and Sunday School Classrooms
6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 a.m. Meet at Church for Confirmation Nature Hike and Picnic at the Eno
3:00 p.m. Wedding and Reception - Sanctuary, Whitford Hall, and Kitchen
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - JOY Class and Sunday School Classrooms

YOUTH

Bulletin Board

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 6-12!
DMYF NEWS**

Mark your calendars for our first DMYF meeting of the fall on Sunday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. An exciting evening is planned for all of you! Watch this space next week for all of the details.

YOUTH SACRED DANCE

Any youth who are interested in joining Duke Memorial's Youth Sacred Dancers on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:00 p.m. this fall are strongly urged to attend the Sacred Dance Workshop described on the INSIGHTS insert. Please register with Bobbi or the church office now.

YOUTH MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The new beginning youth handbell choir will begin on Sunday, September 10, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the handbell room in the sanctuary building. The youth choir will begin its rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 13, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the choir room. If you haven't registered for these groups and would like to participate, please call Bob or Jan Irvine at the church (683-3467).

SENIOR HIGH JOY CLASS

LOAVES AND FISHES SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 10

Our annual "loaves and fishes" service will be held Sunday, September 10. Meet at 3:00 p.m. at the mill at West Point on the Eno (up North Duke Street, left into park at Seven Oaks Road). In case of rain, meet at 3:00 p.m. in the JOY Classroom at Duke Memorial. All 9th - 12th graders plan to be at this special service!

METHODISM CLASS

Beginning on Sunday, September 10, Mark Wethington will be teaching a Sunday School class entitled "United Methodism" during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:40 a.m.) in Whitford Hall. The class will include United Methodist history, primary beliefs, and structure, as well as Duke Memorial's history and present ministry focus. Lectures, class dialogue, guest speakers, and video will be utilized. This class is open to all persons of all ages and will provide opportunity for any and all questions regarding United Methodism in general or Duke Memorial in particular.

Jr. Adult
MINISTRIES

COMING SOON

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS
THIRD WEDNESDAYS
AT 12:30 P.M.**

**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN INSIGHTS
FIRST PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 20
BRING A FRIEND, A COVERED DISH,
HAVE LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.
STAY FOR THE PROGRAM!**

AN INVITATION TO ALL!

The Altar Guild invites all who wish to serve and who currently serve as ushers, acolytes, and crucifers to a short training session at 12:30 p.m. following the reception for the Rev. Lisa Brown Cole on Sunday, October 1. This session will take place in the sanctuary.

All children, youth, and adults who have any interest in worship leadership may call Para Drake at 490-1363 or leave a message for her in the church office.

All currently serving worship leaders and those who are present October 1 will be dedicated Sunday, October 22. Please note these two dates on your calendar.

Thank you,
Para Drake, Altar Guild

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR ATTIC, BASEMENT, AND CLOSETS!!!

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 23, on the church lawn to benefit the Peru Mission Team. All items in good, useable condition make great donations. Please bring them to the stage in Whitford Hall. Call the church office at 683-3467 and leave a message if you have items which need to be picked up. Funds will be used to defray costs of this mission trip in January, 1996.

ALTAR GUILD RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

The Altar Guild invites all youth and adult members of Duke Memorial to become a part of its ministry. If you are interested in helping with preparations for worship, please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. We will meet in the sanctuary.

VISITATION DAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Thursday, September 14, will be the next Visitation Day at Duke Memorial. Visitors will meet in the church kitchen at 9:45 a.m. to visit and then eat together afterwards. If you plan on eating with them, please call Ann Stallings so she can make reservations.

TUESDAY GROUP

Mark your calendars now for the first meeting of the Tuesday Study Group on Tuesday, September 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the JOY Class. They will be reading and discussing A Sense of Human, a series of essays about life. If you would like to join this small group, please call Becky Carver-McLain right away at 489-8058, and she'll order you a book.

WHAT'S ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?

We hope food is for those who are hungry in Durham. This Sunday is our "First Sunday Food" Drive. Please add cans of yellow and green vegetables and tomatoes to your grocery shopping list. Bring them to the sanctuary and set them at the altar rail as a symbol of your love and caring for others. God has given us so much. Let us share with others.

WESLEY WOMEN

Wesley Women will meet Tuesday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor for a book discussion of Henri Nouwen's Making All Things New. Copies of the book are available in the church library, and all women of the church (and your friends and neighbors!) are welcome to join us! Call Ann Wilson (220-1591) for more information.

IHN WEEK AT DUKE MEMORIAL SEPTEMBER 3-10!

Due to a scheduling conflict for another congregation, Duke Memorial will host the Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of September 3-10. If you are a "regular" volunteer with this vital outreach program or someone who would like to get involved, **we need your help!** If you weren't able to sign up for a task after church this past Sunday but would like to be involved, please telephone Ann Wilson (home:220-1591 or work: 684-5330) as soon as possible. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROMOTION SUNDAY

Many thanks to Lisa Brown Cole for her guitar music, to Susan Grubbs, the Seekers Class, and others who brought refreshments, to Linda Wilson and Louise Rollins for decorations, and to Calvin the Clown for entertainment. We all enjoyed watching the children and youth being recognized for their advancement. We wish to thank all the teachers of children and youth in our church for their outstanding ministry.

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

There will be a workshop for children's teachers on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. following Wonderful Wednesday supper. (Please make reservations for supper if you are coming.) Libby Younts, a former Director of Christian Education for our church, will teach us how to make the Bible come alive through using drama with children. Teachers, please sit together at supper for fun and fellowship!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Todd Pope and his family upon the sudden death of his brother, Randy, in Alabama on August 23.

Sympathy is extended to Louise Fowler and her family upon the death of her husband, Horace, on Sunday, August 27.

Sympathy is extended to Winnie, Danielle, Matthew, Jeanna, Richie, Stephanie, Winnie, Zach, Ace, and Jagger Kaspar upon the death of their husband and father, Rick Kaspar, on August 28.

Congratulations to Hugh and Lori Langford on the birth of their son, Sydney Turner Langford, on August 9 in Marshall, Virginia. Sydney's proud grandparents are Tom and Ann Marie Langford.

REMEMBER THE LOGOS CLASS INVITES YOU TO THEIR NEW STUDY "TAWK'N BOUT HEAV'N" BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A. M. IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM.

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CONGREGATION, MINISTERS, LAY WORSHIP LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Here are some questions for you to consider: When we gather for worship Sunday mornings, how are we involved in worship? What role does the minister play in the gathering? Are ministers and lay worship leaders, such as readers, acolytes, and choir, in any way separated from those in the pews by their participation in worship? Although they have special tasks, those who lead us in worship are also part of the worshiping community. The ministers also worship with the congregation. Th acolytes, choir, ushers, and any other lay person "up at the front" participate fully in the worship service along with those in the balcony.

Worship is a faith community's expression of its faith. During the service, the liturgy or work of the people is done for God. When we sing to God with our hearts and minds, declare our belief in the Triune God with the Apostles' Creed, and listen carefully to the sermon, we participate fully in worship. God requires us to witness our faith to God, to ourselves, to each other, and to the world.

Each of us gathered worships with others as sisters and brothers in Christ. Our remembrance of God's mighty acts of salvation, culminating in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is how we become the whole people of God, bound together by our stories from the Bible. We are connected across time and space with Christians both near and far every time we claim our inheritance of salvation.

How do you worship? With whom do you worship? During worship this Sunday, as you center yourself during the opening voluntary, you may remember in prayer those faithful in worship who have died, those with whom you sit at Duke Memorial, and those everywhere who have gathered to praise and thank God. Think of the wideness of our worshiping community and give God praise for the opportunity to witness your faith.

Para Drake, Altar Guild

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS BEGIN THIS WEEK!

Our Wonderful Wednesday Fall Program gets off to a start this Wednesday evening, September 6. The menu for the 5:30 p.m. supper consists of spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, and brownies. To make reservations for this week, please fill out the insert in Sunday's bulletin or call the church office (683-3467) before 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and is \$2.00 for children ages 3-12. The maximum cost is \$10.00 per family. The following is the schedule for this Wednesday only:

5:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday Supper
6:15 p.m.	Love Feast (see Minister's Message)

Following Love Feast

- Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson Room
- Children's Council - Parlor
- Financial Campaign Meeting - Library

A Wonderful Wednesday task force has met twice to evaluate and plan this year's events. There is excitement in the air as we begin our regular schedule of events on September 13 with children's and youth choirs, Covenant Discipleship groups, new activities like "keep the coffee coming" and Spiritual Formation, and new menus. If you would like to join us on Wednesdays and need a ride, call the church office at 683-3467 and we will try to help. Watch next week's INSIGHTS for a detailed schedule.