

# INSIGHTS

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

ISSUE 30

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In recent months our congregation has had more than its share over which to grieve. For a church that is witnessing some growth among its young adult members, it is particularly hard to face the tragic death of two of our younger members in so short a period of time. We were stunned over the death of Libby Averett just over two months ago, and while still in a time of recovery from the shock and pain of her death we have been faced with yet another very unexpected death with Rick Kaspar. In both cases a spouse and young children are left behind to have to pick up, to work through their sorrow and loss, and somehow figure out how to carry on.

The ministerial staff of this congregation has tried to be attentive to the grief and the needs of these families. It is never easy. But what we have done is often just the tip of the iceberg to what so many of you have done to bring comfort and support to these families. And this is not to mention the many things which are continuing to be done. I can't say enough about how amazing a congregation that you have been in the ways in which you have reached out to embrace both the Averetts and the Kaspars in so many ways; many more ways of which I am not even aware. So many of you have been a source of God's healing grace for them . . . a grace which will continue to sustain and strengthen them for the time to come.

We have also felt sorrow in recent days by a murder in which one of our youth has been somehow involved. We are deeply concerned for Melanie and for all her family. She waits in the detention center here in Durham uncertain about what the future holds. I know that there are those of you who have offered support in a number of ways.

Certainly something which we can all do is to continue to keep these families, and many others whom I have not named, in our prayers constantly. There are always a variety of pressing needs and concerns to which we as a congregation must give special attention. We rejoice in a community such as ours where mutual love and compassion can be offered and received.

I thank you and urge you to continue to speak or write a word of comfort and hope to these friends. Through our expressions of affection God's love and presence is made even more manifest. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1995

### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO

#### THIRD GRADERS

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
9:45 - 10:40 a.m.	Methodism Class - Whitford Hall
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 17 - 23) - Program Director's Mailbox
12:00 noon	Financial Campaign Workers' Luncheon - Whitford Hall
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower - Parlor
3:00 p.m.	JOY Class meet for "Loaves and Fishes" at West Point on the Eno
4:30 p.m.	New Youth Handbell Choir - Handbell Room
5:30 p.m.	DMYF - Whitford Hall
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

**SERMON:** Mark W. Wethington

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**ANTHEM:** "Amazing Grace" - John Rodgers  
(Sanctuary Choir)

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

**GREETERS:**  
Louis and Caroline  
Sasser

**NURSERY:**  
Janet and Jeff Byers  
Sue Clifton

Marty and Dan O'Sullivan  
Cathy and Steve Shepherd

**ACOLYTES:**  
Brad and Matthew Bailey  
Neil Grogan

**CROSS:**  
Kevin Grogan

**ALTAR GUILD:**  
Doris Bridges  
Dottie Mac Millan



**CHURCH CALENDAR  
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1995**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **NO** Staff Meeting - JOY Class  
7:00 p.m. Finance - Bradshaw Room  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
12:30 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - JOY Class  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Weekday School Board - Parlor  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall  
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall  
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Weekday School Music - Bradshaw  
Room  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson  
Room  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner -  
Whitford Hall and Kitchen  
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir (K-1) - Handbell Room  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers (2-5) - Open Door  
Room  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Youth Choir (6-12) - Choir Room  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Parlor  
6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group -  
Bradshaw Room  
6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson  
Room  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. "Keep the Coffee Coming" - Whitford  
Hall  
7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Sacred Dancers - Whitford  
Hall  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

7:15 a.m. Men's Coffee - Parlor  
9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Weekday School Music - Bradshaw  
Room  
9:45 a.m. Meet to Leave for Visitation -  
Kitchen  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sacred Dance - Whitford Hall  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

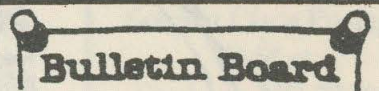
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

10:30 a.m. Circle 4 - Katie Johnson Room  
11:00 - 1:30 p.m. UMW General Meeting - Whitford  
Hall, Kitchen, and Bradshaw Room

**YOUTH**



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

**DMYF NEWS**

**DMYF CRANK UP FOR THE FALL!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 5:30 P.M.**

A new season is approaching and we are planning lots of exciting things for DMYF for the fall. We want you to be a part of it all. On September 10 at 5:30 p.m. all middle school and high school students are invited to help us begin a new season together, and we have a special guest joining us to help crank us up for the fall! Rev. Randy Innes of Swepsonville UMC will lead us in a program of singing and sharing that will be something you do not want to miss. We will be welcoming new folks to DMYF and seeing our old friends you've missed over the summer.

We also will be looking at our calendar for the fall, so you will want to be here to get all the new info! All the JOY Class members who are going on the "Loaves and Fishes" outing earlier in the afternoon are invited to come back from that and join in supper and fellowship together here at the church.

We want to see all of you here!

**YOUTH CHOIR, BELLS, & SACRED DANCE**

It is finally time for all of those rehearsals to begin. Our new handbell choir will start this Sunday, September 10, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the handbell room. Youth Choir and Sacred Dance will start with all of the other Wonderful Wednesday activities this Wednesday, September 13. For further information contact Jan or Bob at the church (683-3467) or Bobbi (471-9525).

**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!

**CANOE TRIP REGISTRATION**

The deadline for registration for the canoe trip is Sunday, September 10. Call Lisa Cole (683-3467) or Shelley Smith (683-2640) for more information or to register. **Do not miss this deadline. We don't want you to be disappointed.**

**THANK YOU**

The family of Rick Kaspar would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people of DMUMC for all their support to our family during this tragic time. My special thanks go out to the Wesley Women.

Winnie Kaspar and Family

**CIRCLE 8 NEWS**

Circle 8 will meet Tuesday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.



## **BUDDING ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, & USHERS**

Remember to attend the short "walk-through" Sunday, October 1, at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary following the welcome reception for Rev. Lisa Brown Cole. We will finish by 1:00 p.m. All interested persons are asked to call Para Drake at 490-1363 or leave a message in the church office (683-3467) whether or not you are able to attend. Members of the Altar Guild, acolytes, crucifers, and ushers will be dedicated and receive pins during the 10:55 a.m. worship service on October 22.

## **A GREAT REASON TO CLEAN**

Need some extra motivation to clean house? Remember that 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.

## **"MAKE" SOMEONE'S DAY**

Why not consider visiting with Duke Memorial's Visitation Team on Thursday, September 14. Visitors will meet in the church kitchen at 9:45 a.m. to visit some of our folks who can't get out and then eat together afterwards. If you plan on eating with them, please call Ann Stallings so she can make reservations.

## **TUESDAY STUDYGROUP NEWS**

The Tuesday Study Group will hold its first fall meeting 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.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you can work at the Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 19, from 1:30-4:00 p.m., please call Wil Drake at 683-8441. Your gift of only 2½ hours can provide help to so many!

## **BANNER DESIGNS DISPLAYED**

Fourteen banner designs for the seasons and days of the Christian Year by Para Drake are on display at Duke University Divinity Library. The library hours are 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Lectionary texts of the Liturgical Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter and the Days of Epiphany, Pentecost, and Christ the King are interpreted in the designs. The project is the result of an independent study with Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright, Robert E. Cushman Professor of Theology.

## **WORSHIP EDUCATION CORNER**

Sunday, September 10, marks the beginning of Duke Memorial's second year of Worship Education classes for first graders. During worship services (except on Communion Sundays and a few other special Sundays) these children will leave after the "Children's Response" and begin studying all aspects of our worship service, the sanctuary, Christian seasons and symbols, Communion, and Baptism. They will not only learn about worship, but will learn to worship. We are grateful to Kathy Vokaty and Julie Allen who will lead this study.

Watch this corner each week and the bulletin board as you enter the sanctuary building from the breezeway to share in their learning.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The **Wesley Class** is now meeting in the first room on the left as you enter the sanctuary building. New and old members are invited to attend. The class is planning their fall program.

### **Searching for a challenging Sunday School Class?**

On Sunday, September 10, the **Steve Long Sunday School Class** will begin a five-week study titled "Words That Hurt, Words That Heal." This study of inclusive language encourages each of us to examine the language of our daily speech and to discover how what we say may impact the lives of all ages, genders, and abilities. Please join us for an investigative and reflective discussion of the meaning of inclusive language and the role it plays in our daily and spiritual lives. Many thanks to COSROW for providing the study materials. For more information, please call Shelley Smith, 683-2640.

The **Logos Class** invites you to their new study "Tawk'n Bout Heav'n" which began on Sunday, September 3. This class meets in the Bradshaw Room at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning.

From September 10 through November 5, Mark Wethington will be leading a Sunday School class on **United Methodism**. This class will meet in Whitford Hall each Sunday and 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. All interested persons of all ages are invited to this class.

## **DAYTIME DISCIPLE**

The daytime Disciple Bible Study group which normally meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. will have a retreat at Avila on Wednesday, September 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please let Ann Stallings know if you will be riding with us from the church at 9:00 a.m.

## **BREAD FOR VISITATION**

Our Evangelism Committee needs your help. Anyone who is able to bake bread is asked to bake some in the next few weeks and bring it to the church so we can stock the freezer for visiting in the next months. Thank you.



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## OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

The first "Third Wednesday Program" for older adults will be held on Wednesday, September 20. Dr. George Maddox of the Duke Center for Living and a Duke Memorial member will present a program entitled "The Medical Directive." Check out the following "Triple-header" schedule of activities:

10:00 a.m. Join the INSIGHTS crew or Sewvols  
11:45 a.m. "Covered Dish" Luncheon  
12:15 p.m. Program - The Medical Directive

Come for any one or all, and bring a neighbor. If transportation is needed, please call the church office at 683-3467.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We need an assistant teacher in the second grade class to help Karen Bradsher and Janet Leone each Sunday. Please contact Ann Stallings if you can help.

Thanks to Cindy Legge for helping with the 4 year olds and to Doris Forman for volunteering to straighten out the basement supply cabinet.

Please note that the second grade class is now in room 245, that the third grade class is now in room 243, and that the fourth grade class is now in room 239.

Please remember that our third graders will receive their Bibles in the 10:55 a.m. worship service this Sunday, September 10.

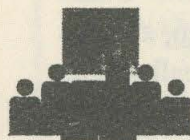
## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

Your Wonderful Wednesday Task Force has met, evaluated, and planned a great new year of Wonderful Wednesdays for you. Check out the box across this page and notice that there is something for everyone. You will want to join us for fellowship, food, and fun at the 5:30 p.m. supper. The menu for this Wednesday, September 13, is Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, and Pound Cake. To join the new Regulars List, fill out the insert in this Sunday's bulletin or call the church office (683-3467) before noon on Monday. If you plan to be here for Wonderful Wednesday Meal and do not wish to be on the Regulars List, once again please call the church office before noon on Monday. If you are on the Regulars List and not able to attend, please call to cancel. Following supper, there is much to choose from. If you need transportation, please contact the church office (683-3467).

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## Wonderful Wednesdays

*Come share in a meal and activities for all ages!*



Full programming begins Sept. 13:



<b>Supper</b>	5:30-6:15
<b>Liturgical Arts:</b>	
Carol Choir (K - Grade 1)	6:15-7:00
Wesley Singers (Grades 2-5)	6:15-7:15
Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)	6:15-7:15
Youth Sacred Dancers	7:15-8:00
Bethany Bells	7:30-9:00
<b>Small Groups:</b>	
Covenant Discipleship	4:30-5:30
Covenant Discipleship	6:15-7:15
Spiritual Formation Group	6:15-7:45
Disciple Bible Study	6:15-8:15
<b>Larger Programs for All:</b>	6:30-7:30
Teacher Training - Sept. 20	
Study of Ephesians with Dr. Thomas Langford - Oct. 4-25	
Church & Society First Wednesday Forums®	
"Keep the Coffee Coming" (Informal fellowship time)	
plus much, much more!	

Child care available 5:30-8:30





# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



## DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### NEWSLETTER

#### President's Message:

While preparing the form for Pledge to UMW for 1996 (see other side), I was reminded that, while I am contributing to numbers 1-5 through my Circle pledge for 1995, I have not so far done anything about numbers 6 and 7, and have not been regular about number 8 - and I signed the pledge that I would do this. I have an idea that I might not be the only one who is remiss! The good news is that there's still time to do something about it! I easily thought of someone I could honor through a Gift to Mission, and someone I could memorialize through a Gift in Memory. So I've given the money to Jennifer for those Gifts, and I've gathered some pennies. How about you?

*Mary*  
Mary Whanger  
UMW President

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#### We have received letters from:

Heavin Bortz to let us know about her work with the migrant school program this summer and to thank us again for our gift of \$300. which enabled her to do this. She teaches math, writing, and science, and oversees the P.E./ recess time. "I feel a great urgency to use every moment for enriching the children's education." Heavin wants to meet with us and tell us about her experiences.

Para Drake thanking us again for supporting her summer Clinical Pastoral Education training and work.

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Have you seen the New World Outlook in the magazine rack in our library?

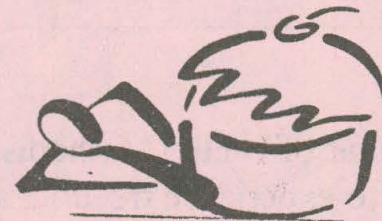
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CHURCH  
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#### General Meeting

Sept. 16, 1995  
11:00 A.M. Bradshaw Room

Following the business meeting and election of new officers, the program will be provided by Celia Brooks regarding her experiences in the Middle East in May. Lunch will be served in Whitford Hall following the meeting. Reservations for lunch can be made through your Circle caller ---chicken salad, \$4.50 each, catered by Celia Cates. Circle 3&1 is responsible for set-up. Beulah Latta will be presiding at this meeting in the absence of Mary Whanger, President.

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UMW Festival Day - September 23, 1995, Whitford Hall, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Did you receive the UMW Festival Day insert in your Insights? The leaders of each category are listed and if you haven't signed up for contributions or soup preparations through your Circle or Sunday School classes, please call and volunteer now. We need everyone's help to make this Festival a successful event.

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UMW Annual Meeting at Methodist College on October 13 and 14, 1995.

Let's have a good representation from Duke Memorial for this annual event. Our UMW unit is entitled to 3 voting delegates and expenses will be paid by our UMW. In addition, our Duke Memorial Sacred Dancers will be attending to help in leading the worship.

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**Pledge to United Methodist Women for 1996:**

In support of United Methodist Women's "Seven Star" giving to Mission, I pledge for 1996 \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \_\_\_\_\_ per year. This amount will be directed as below. Those items with \* make up the "Seven Star" giving program.

- \*1. Pledge to Mission ----- 90%
- \*2. Special Mission Recognition ----- 3%
- \*3. World Thank Offering ----- 2.5%
- \*4. Candle Burning ----- 2.5%
- 5. Administration, books, etc. ----- 2%

Because Special Mission Recognition gifts are \$30 each and Candle Burning amounts change each year, any leftover amounts from these two items will be added to World Thank Offering.

In addition, I will contribute through Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory as appropriate, and will participate in A Penny and A Prayer.

- \*6. Gift to Mission (\$5 or more) cards to recognize special occasions or to honor someone: Congratulations, In the Service of Christ (missionary), A Baby, Thank You, A Special Day, Thinking of You.
- \*7. Gift in Memory (\$5 or more) cards
- \*8. A Penny and A Prayer. Each day, put a penny in a special container and as you do pray for UMW mission work.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

(Please keep this portion for your record.)

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**Please give this portion to your circle treasurer by September 15.**

My pledge to United Methodist Women for 1996 (January through December) is \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \_\_\_\_\_ per year.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_