

# INSIGHTS

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

ISSUE 31

504 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701 (919)683-3467  
Mark W. Wethington, Senior Pastor Lisa Brown Cole, Associate Pastor

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Toward the tailend of the summer, all members of our congregation were sent "Time and Talent Surveys" to complete and return to the church office. One of our church members, Tom McCauley, is presently entering this information into the computer so that we will have a "bank" of the talents and interests of church members; that is, for all those who have completed and returned their form. If you have not done so, we still welcome yours. This is important information for the continued formation of our common ministry.

While we have been addressing this aspect of our Christian stewardship, we have also begun to address the financial needs of this congregation as we consider our ministry for 1996. I am grateful to Laney Funderburk and our financial stewardship cabinet who have been working hard in recent months to develop a plan which will enable us to attain the funds we need to support the upcoming year's budget.

Many of us are convinced that this is an extremely critical year for Duke Memorial. We are experiencing good growth of membership as well as ministry and mission programming, and it is critical that these things be sustained by a budget which will support them. There may be those of you who have felt that a minimum contribution is sufficient to do your share to support our many and varied ministries. A minimum contribution is not enough.

As Christians we hold to a guideline of the tithe (the first tenth of what we have received we are to return to God). This is a biblical principle and one that still guides many Christians in the offering to the church of their time and resources. We pray that it would be the guide for us all. Until that time when one is able to tithe (there may be things which truly prevent us from doing so), we can at least work toward that level of giving. Because there is such a small percentage of our members who support the majority of our budget, I am convinced that there are many who may not be honestly seeking to give more generously and more faithfully. As we reach this very critical time in the support of Christ's ministry in this place, I hope that you will prayerfully consider attaining to a higher level of giving. Please feel free to call and talk with me about this or set up an appointment to come and talk with me. I am truly convinced, as the Holy Scriptures make clear, that there is a strong correlation between our relationship with God and our willingness to give up what we possess (Luke 14:33).

Let us all come together with eagerness and strong commitment to support the budget which represents our ministries for 1996. More information and an opportunity to pledge support will be forthcoming. We must all do our part to the best of our abilities. I am convinced that we can do it, with our strong lay leadership, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The last thing which I want to imagine is to see the Finance Committee of this church gathered around a table in November trying to decide what aspect of our ministry we will have to curtail. Let us not let that happen. Let us be in prayer together and let us all attain to the level of giving to which we are called as disciples of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1995

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 24 - 30) - Program Director's Mailbox

### NO YOUTH HANDBELLS OR DMYF BECAUSE OF CANOE TRIP

8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center
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**SERMON:** Lisa Brown Cole

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:11-12  
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**ANTHEM:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" - Carl Mueller  
(Sanctuary Choir)

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

**GREETERS:**  
Tim and Robin  
Langford

**ACOLYTES:**  
Jansen Averett  
Emily O'Sullivan

**NURSERY:**  
Jane & Patrick Day  
Julie & Randy Ellis  
Angie & Burt Hutto  
Karla & Rick Owen

**CROSS:**  
Adult

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

**REMEMBER THE EARLY MORNING  
EUCHARIST SERVICE  
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A. M.  
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM**

**CHURCH CALENDAR  
SEPTEMBER 18-23, 1995**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Class  
 10:00 a.m. Methodist Retirement Circle -  
 MRC Assembly Room  
 2:00 p.m. Circle 9 - Parlor  
 7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers - Open Door  
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -  
 Community Life Center

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 10:00 Circle 8 - Parlor  
 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - JOY Class  
 7:30 p.m. Administrative Board - Bradshaw  
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -  
 Community Life Center

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 9:30 - 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Disciple Retreat - Avila  
 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  
 12:15 p.m. Senior Adult Program - Whitford Hall  
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Covenant Discipleship - Parlor  
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner -  
 Whitford Hall and Kitchen  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SHARE Registration - Parlor  
 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 - Mark's  
 Office  
 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group -  
 Location TBA  
 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Katie Johnson  
 Room  
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. "Keep the Coffee Coming" - Whitford  
 Hall  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Teacher Training - Bradshaw Room  
 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Sacred Dancers - Whitford  
 Hall  
 7:15 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee -  
 Parlor  
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room  
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cerebral Palsy Foundation - Library

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

7:15 a.m. Men's Coffee - Parlor  
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry - Parlor  
 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Weekday School Music - Bradshaw  
 Room  
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sacred Dance - Whitford Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Lay Training Committee - Parlor  
 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

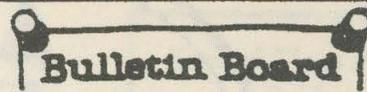
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival Preparation - Kitchen  
 and Whitford Hall  
 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 23**

7:00 - 1:00 p.m. Peru Mission Team Yard Sale - Lawn  
 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival - Kitchen and Whitford  
 Hall

**YOUTH**



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

This Saturday and Sunday "DMYFers" who have made reservations will be floating along on their annual canoe camping trip. Have a great time gang! **Because of this, there will be NO DMYF or Youth Bells this Sunday, September 17.** DMYF will return to the church on Sunday evening, September 24, with Movie Night at 5:30 p.m.

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

All three of these activities have started rehearsals, but there is still room for others to join us. For further information contact Jan or Bob at the church (683-3467) or Bobbi (471-9525).

**NOW IS THE TIME**

Now is the time to make reservations for the Spiritual Gifts Workshop to be held at Duke Memorial on Friday evening, October 13, and Saturday, October 14. Sponsored by Stephen Ministry, this workshop is free to Duke Memorial members except for the Saturday luncheon. We hope many people in our congregation will attend this workshop to discover what their spiritual gifts are. Please call the church office (683-3467) to register. Helpers are also needed to register folks and set up for the lunch. If you can help, please contact Ann Stallings or Sue Clifton.

People will be driving in from all over the state for this workshop. Why not take advantage of it while it is right here at Duke Memorial?

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to work several hours - days, nights, and/or weekends to provide emotional support to Duke Cancer Patients and Families. For further information and to make an appointment, please call 684-4497.

Imagine having a child who has (or may have) a serious illness. Then, imagine traveling to a strange town, to a large unfamiliar medical center to see a doctor you have never met. Or...if you can, imagine being that child. The patients at Duke Pediatric Specialty Services face this challenge every day. Our patients need you. You can help by playing with children in the clinic, talking with family members, and escorting families around the medical center. Volunteering requires that you be in the clinic for one four hour daytime shift twice a month. We ask that you make a one year minimum commitment to our families. Please call Shelley Beason at 684-2612 for more information.

**URBAN MINISTRIES**

The Urban Ministry Center needs your help to continue caring for the poor and needy in Durham County. This year the only money the Urban Ministries Center will receive from United Way will come from those who designate Urban Ministries Center as a recipient of their United Way gift. Won't you help them help others?

## IF YOU SERVE, YOU QUALIFY!

Dr. Bernie Siegel tells us, "People who give an hour or more per week to a good cause have fewer illnesses and live longer than people who do not. Being involved in an altruistic way with other people, learning to give, becomes a pattern that makes you healthier." For volunteering and **SHARE-ing** your gifts with the community two hours per month, you can purchase a package of food worth \$25-\$30, for only \$13.78. To register for SHARE, you may sign up in the parlor on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. or on Sunday, September 24, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. For further information, contact the church office, 683-3467.

## CIRCLE 9 NEWS

Circle 9 will meet on Monday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor with Thelma Ray as hostess. Bob Irvine will be our speaker.

## MISSING HANDTRUCK

A very nice handtruck owned by the church has suddenly disappeared. We are hoping that someone has just "borrowed it" and is planning on returning it soon. If you happen to have it, please return it to the church as soon as possible. No questions will be asked.

## "THANKS" FROM IHN!

For all of the generous support extended to the Interfaith Hospitality Network by this congregation, thank you! Last week's emergency hosting rotation went smoothly due to your willingness to respond on such short notice. All of us affiliated with this ministry and especially the guests served by it are grateful for your contributions.

With appreciation,  
Ann Wilson

## AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

It has been over 3 months since Libby passed away and it still does not seem real or possible. We are trying to survive this one day at a time and with God's help we will survive. To those of you in our extended church family, we cannot thank you enough for your tremendous outpouring of genuine love and concern. To all of you who sent flowers, who made donations, who wrote letters, who brought food to the house (and continue to bring delicious meals), we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. A special thank you to Libby's first grade class for the books donated to the church library. A special thank you to Mark for delivering such a wonderful sermon and for being such a continuing source of comfort. A special thank you to Ann Wilson for lining up so many people to bring us meals on so many nights. Libby loved and respected life and people. Much of that love and respect was returned to her the day of the funeral when every seat in Duke Memorial was filled. Libby is safe now and God is taking care of her. Thank you for your prayers and for helping to take care of us in her absence.

Love,  
Vernon, Jansen, and Lindsay Averett

## WORSHIP EDUCATION CORNER

Worship, in many ways, is like a family meal. Individuals in a family can eat separately. However, there is deeper enjoyment in a meal when we share it with other family members. Likewise, we worship independently at times, and it is important to worship spontaneously at any place. But if we never worship as a church family, we miss the depth of love between the members that can grow in corporate worship.

The first graders in our congregation have begun a study on worship. We have already learned that worship is when we feel close to God. We can worship in happy celebration with our church family and also at quiet times when we are alone with God.

## CHILDREN TO SERVE AS GREETERS

At a recent meeting of the Worship Committee it was decided that children in first through sixth grade will be trained as greeters. These children will greet and welcome folks to our 10:55 a.m. worship service as they enter the sanctuary building from the breezeway each Sunday morning. Families will be phoned on a rotating basis and the children will be trained briefly at 10:40 a.m. on the Sunday that they serve. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Jan Irvine at the church, 683-3467.

## YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS & CAMP

A Fall Enrichment Camp for students in year-round schools will be held at Camp Don Lee for those students in grades 3-7. For the week of September 25-29, Camp Don Lee will be offering a session that will offer many of the same activities that their summer program offers, as well as having new programs in which those students can participate. Sailing, Swimming, Canoeing, Nature Awareness, Building Communities, Outdoor Living Skills, and Coastal Awareness are some of the activities that will be available. For further information call 1-800-535-5475.

## UMW FESTIVAL DAY

Please remember that the UMW Festival Day will be Saturday, September 23, and help is needed to make soup on Friday, September 22. There is also a need for contributions for the Bake Sale and cookies for the luncheon. Please contact Cathy Shepherd (493-4501) or Betty Craig (489-0666). It will be a great day so "Y'all come!"

## THIS IS THE WEEK!

The first "Third Wednesday Program" for older adults will be held this 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.

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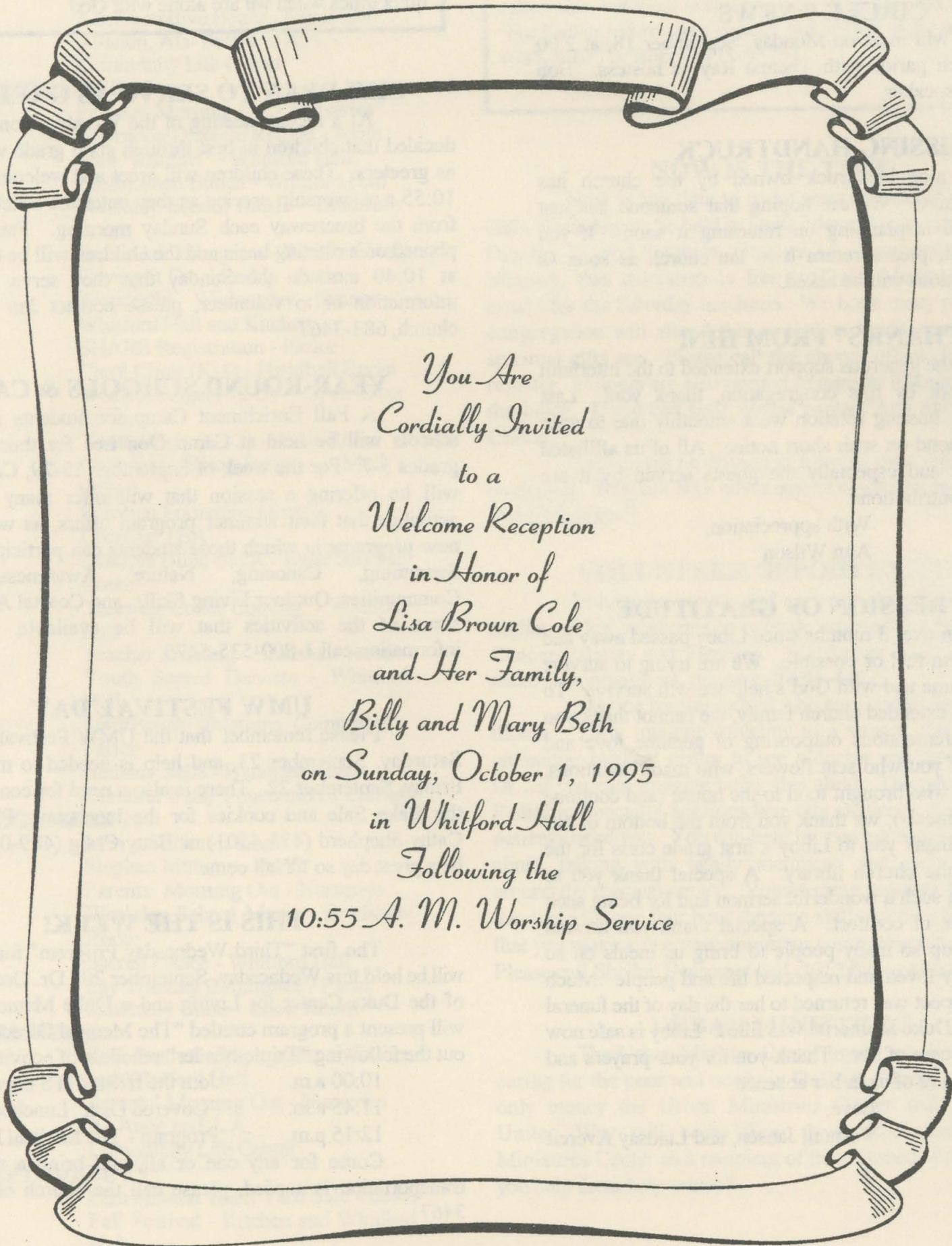
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*You Are  
Cordially Invited  
to a  
Welcome Reception  
in Honor of  
Lisa Brown Cole  
and Her Family,  
Billy and Mary Beth  
on Sunday, October 1, 1995  
in Whitford Hall  
Following the  
10:55 A. M. Worship Service*

# DURHAM

R E S I D E N T S

*SHARE is an amazing opportunity for anyone who might already be volunteering in the community!*

For volunteering, and *SHARE-ing* your gifts with the community, two hours per month, you can purchase a package of food worth \$25-\$30, for only \$13.78\*. The "amazing" part is that SHARE is for everyone...people of all incomes are welcomed to participate!

A host site may add up to an additional \$1.00 to the cost of a package-- to help defray the cost of transportation.

**Each \$13.78\* + 2 hrs. Volunteer Service =**

A package of wholesome, nutritious groceries. Containing 15-18 items; fresh frozen meat, fresh fruits and vegetables, and staples such as rice, pasta or beans.



## SHARE PACKAGE--FEB.

- CHICKEN THIGHS
  - SMOKED TURKEY DELI MEAT
  - BACON
  - SMOKED POLISH SAUSAGE
  - GROUND TURKEY
  - ONIONS
  - POTATOES
  - CABBAGE
  - FROZEN YELLOW CORN
  - APPLES
  - FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT
  - ORANGES
  - RICE
  - RADISHES
  - BLUEBERRY MUFFIN MIX
  - LASAGNA SKILLET DINNER
  - CARROTS
- SHARE NEWSPAPER

SHARE Contacts:

**NEW!  
HOST SITES**

*Tracey Whitehouse - 683-3467 Duke Memorial UMC*

*Joanna Miller - 683-1361 Southerners for Economic Justice*

*Sarah Fields-Davis - 493-7382 West End Community Center, Inc.*

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## WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A PART OF WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS?

Wonderful Wednesdays have something special for everyone! Here is a weekly opportunity to gather as a community and spend time around the table sharing in fantastic food and fellowship. It is a time to assemble ourselves as the Body of Christ to share in each other's joys and celebrations, as well as to support each other in times of sorrow. It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our ties with each other, and each one of us is an important part of this family. This is why you need to be a part of Wonderful Wednesdays.

Along with the terrific meal that is prepared for you, there are many opportunities after the meal to share, grow, and learn, for all ages. Some of the upcoming events are listed below. As you can see, there is a place for everyone. Please don't miss out on the many opportunities Wonderful Wednesdays have to offer our community of faith.

### Wonderful Wednesdays

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



Full programming begins Sept. 13:



#### Supper

5:30-6:15

#### Liturgical Arts:

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

#### Small Groups:

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

#### Larger Programs for All:

6:30-7:30

Teacher Training - Sept. 20

Study of Ephesians with Dr. Thomas Langford - Oct. 4-25

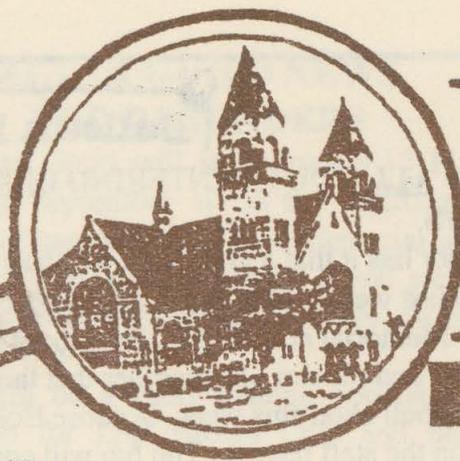
Church & Society First Wednesday Forums®

"Keep the Coffee Coming" (Informal fellowship time)

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It was about five years ago now that I was visiting a ministry outpost of a local Methodist church in a shanty of Lima, Peru. I had walked within similar shanty areas on previous visits to Peru, but I was hit harder on this day than I had ever been before. I had witnessed the poverty, but now even more so up close. We came across a mother in tears, sitting outside a makeshift home, a simple hut of cardboard and a few pieces of wood. She was holding her toddler in arms, feeding this child what appeared to be a kind of "porridge". We stopped to speak with her, somehow trying to wipe away the embarrassment we felt for even being there. We discovered that the "porridge" was shredded newspaper mixed with water. We were horrified... but we came to learn that this was a widespread practice to lessen a child's hunger and to allow the child to die with less discomfort. In the face of one such child we could not help but see the face of Christ and to be convicted once again of our own failure to prevent such needless dying. They die because we live so affluently.

Over the past six years I have given leadership to the formation of a "covenant" relationship between the North Carolina Annual Conference and the Methodist Church of Peru. I have felt over these years that this is an important relationship for many reasons, among them because of the spiritual benefits to us. Our affluent North American church needs to be in relationship with Christians in places of abject poverty. This "covenant" relationship has indeed brought spiritual growth to my own life. Reading the Bible, praying and worshiping with my Christian friends in Peru has allowed me to hear God's words in ways other than through the lenses of my North American culture. As a result, I have experienced spiritual conversion in ways which I would never have experienced it within the confines of my own familiar environment. Among Christians in Peru and other Third World areas there is a faith which is grounded in a trust which is far less material than our own. This is often the case because we tend to be people who trust in many material things: insurance, money, possessions, etc. For those who lack those things there is a freedom to trust in the grace of God! We have learned much from our brothers and sisters in Peru.

From January 3-10 I will be leading another group of United Methodists from North Carolina to Peru with certain missional objectives. Already there are about four persons from this congregation who have expressed interest in going. The team will be no larger than 10-12 and I am willing to give priority to Duke Memorial members. If you would be interested in being a part of this mission trip, please be in contact with me as soon as possible. We must get on with making more specific plans.

Regardless of whether one goes or not, there is much that one can do to support this covenant relationship with our brothers and sisters of the Methodist Church of Peru. Do you want to know more about how you can be involved? Come talk with me or with Donna Elum, chair of our Missions Committee. She and other church members have served on previous teams. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

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### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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- 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. Ringing of the Tower Bells
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon "INSIGHTS" information due (October 1-7) - Program Director's Mailbox
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. SHARE Registration - Parlor
- 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Luncheon - Pizza Palace

### NO YOUTH HANDBELLS BECAUSE OF STAFF

#### RETREAT

- 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 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-3

**ANTHEM:** "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love" - Eugene Butler (Sanctuary Choir)  
"Blessed Are They" - Natalie Sleeth (Celebration Singers)

**USHERS:** JOY Class

#### GREETERS:

- JOY Class
- NURSERY:**
- Midge Bowers
- Susan & Neal Grubbs
- Laurie & Tom Joyce
- Cindy & John Legge

#### ACOLYTES:

- Elisabeth Nifong
- Rebecca Nifong

#### CROSS:

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#### ALTAR GUILD:

- Doris Bridges
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