DUKE MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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GOOD SAMARITAN FUND INFORMATION

One of the little known ministries of Duke Memorial, as our congregation engages with the community of Durham, is the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is underwritten by individual contributions, memorial gifts, communion rail offerings, and donations by Circles, Classes, and other groups. It is not part of the church budget.

This is a discretionary fund disbursed by the ministers as needs become known to them. Requests come from individuals, other churches, and the helping agencies in Durham, and these are usually of a crisis nature which can be overcome by an emergency financial boost. This fund is not normally used for sustaining-type support. Typical requests are for persons with marginal incomes who have experienced an illness, job loss, burglary, or some event which has depleted already limited funds. The kinds of expenses which are paid for from this fund are varied, but the 1976 disbursements have been categorized for review as follows:

Misc.	Loans	Rent	Food	Energy	Transportation	Total
$712.67	132.00	276.25	359.13	392.15	225.83	$2,098.03
(34%)	(6%)	(13%)	(17%)	(19%)	(11%)	(100%)

Two categories above may need explanation: "Miscellaneous" includes water bills, clothes, school supplies, furniture, and medical expenses; "Loans" is an interesting item; we sometimes loan money through social workers to clients, and we were repaid 60% of the amount "loaned."

Most of this money was disbursed in small portions -- the average amount of all checks was only $13.20. And usually we paid a portion of a larger bill that other churches shared, so you can see that there is a fairly generous Christian community in and around Durham; there are also significant human needs that are not otherwise being met!

We started January 1, 1974 with $1331.26 in this fund; we disbursed $1069.38 in 1974; $2284.06 in 1975; the amounts listed above in 1976; and we now have a balance of $1695.40 in the Good Samaritan Fund.

R.L.W.

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VISITING PREACHER: Next Sunday, 27 February, our preacher for the morning worship service will be Dr. Raymond Valenzuela, formerly a bishop of the Methodist Church in Chile. Dr. and Mrs. Valenzuela are in part supported by Duke Memorial. They are making their home in Durham during their furlough period. He will speak to us from the perspective of a life spent largely in Chile and will give us something of the feeling of what is happening in the life of the Church there.

ELECTIONS: Because of the impending move to Charlotte of Mr. and Mrs. Laney Funderburk and their children, Laney has found it necessary to resign the chairmanship of the Committee on Finance and his membership on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. On motion of the Committee on Nominations, the Administrative Board in the meeting of 8 February elected Dr. Fred Clark to be chairman of the Committee on Finance and Dr. W. E. Hammond to be a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation of Duke Memorial Church express Christian sympathy to Mr. W. E. Whitford and family because of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Whitford, on Wednesday, February 9 in Vanceboro, N. C.

ORGAN AND FLUTE CONCERT: A program of organ and flute will be presented in the Sanctuary on February 20, at 4:00 p. m. by Michael E. Arrowood, organ, and Dr. Michael Hamilton, flute.

SHALL WE ACQUIRE A CHURCH VAN? We have authority from the Administrative Board to acquire a Church utility van capable of carrying some fifteen persons. We now ask our members to seriously consider the need factor, in terms of making financial contribution to an enabling fund. Such a van would serve all established needs of our Church, use to be determined by a responsible committee. Your interest is requested, bearing in mind that a special van purchase fund has been started, with a little more than $500 accumulated to date. Donations may be made in the sanctuary, or at the Church Office, and should be marked "Van Fund".

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIBE REPORTS: The first grade class, under the patient and talented leadership of Barbara and David Bruce, has been working on a scale model of the city of Nazareth. Those in the class are: Chris Chambers, Michelle Charlesworth, Ashley Chewning, Walter Curtis, IV, Matt Eggleston, Kelly Harris, Jennifer Herman, Tara Penick, Melissa Sellars, Kristen Stallings, Wende Walker and Paul Vick. They have worked enthusiastically using clay, pipe cleaners, et cetera to make people, furniture, and accessories for the synagogue, Jesus' home and carpenter shop, potter's shop, market, a stable and an inn. I had an entertaining visit and you will too!

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in our Sanctuary please call the Church Office, 688-1901

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Fall Festival money 1976 has been spent as follows:

Duke Memorial 10% ($563.00)			
1. Silver table centerpiece		$	60.00
2. Punch cups			30.00
3. Permanent Christmas Tree (Fellowship Hall)			100.00
4. Tablecloths			50.00
5. Boys' Choir (entertainment)			50.00
6. Duke Memorial Activity Van			250.00
			540.00
	Not spent		23.00
		$	563.00
Local Missions ($2,534.30)			
1. Social Services Loan Fund		$	225.00
2. Meals-on-Wheels			225.00
3. Y. W. C. A.			334.30
4. Edgemont Community Center			250.00
5. Methodist Retirement Home (sewing materials)			100.00
6. Robeson County Community Center			100.00
7. Methodist Retirement Home (worker from Duke Divinity School)			1,300.00
		$	2,534.30
Foreign Missions ($2,534.29)			
1. Garrisons (salary support)		$	250.00
2. Garrisons (work funds)			250.00
3. Valenzuelas (salary or work)			250.00
4. Duke Memorial Work Team			750.00
5. Rhodesian Student Support			414.29
6. Scholarship (Oriental Student - Duke Divinity School)			500.00
7. Valenzuelas (salary - District)			65.00
		$	2,534.29
	TOTAL		$ 5,631.59

CRAFT WORK SHOP will meet each Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich if you can stay for lunch.

LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - February 13, 1977

Attendance:	Church School	268
	Morning Worship	377
Financial Report:		
Due each week		$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday		2,613.04
Received to date		31,841.23
Needed through last Sunday		26,616.87

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK:

DCGH:	Roy Edwards	7230
	Betty King	5322

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES February 20 - 26

Sun.	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Organ & Flute Concert
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. and Sr. UMYF
Mon.	10:30 a.m.	Circle 7 with Mrs. A. H. Borland, 22D Valley Terrace Apts.
	3:00 p.m.	Circle 9 with Mrs. M. L. Husted, 16 Breton Place
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Craft Work Shop
	12:10 p.m.	Lenton Luncheon Study
	6:00 p.m.	Visitation Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Council on Ministries Supper
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	12:00 Noon	Archives & History Luncheon

T.V. PREVIEW: CHILDHOOD--A PBS-TV program
Wednesdays, Feb. 16 - March 16, 9:00 p.m.

CHILDHOOD is a series of high quality dramatizations adapted from brief works by Rudyard Kipling, H. E. Bates, George Ewart Evans, Frank O'Conner, and Barbara Waring. Originally aired in Britain by Granada TV, CHILDHOOD will run consecutively for five weeks. It depicts the various confrontations young people have with such problems and moral issues as death, self-esteem, obedience, honesty, patriotism, guilt, and love. Each of the shows accurately reflects the importance of adult role playing and emphasizes sensitivity to the peculiar frustrations of children growing up. As a whole, the series is educationally informative and aesthetically pleasing. Ingrid Bergman serves as hostess.

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Film Information Review

SUNDAY: February 20, 1977

Acolytes: Dottie Reade & Christie Bollinger
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Cooke
Junior Church Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Gary Jeffrey
Mrs. W. L. Shipp

ZIP CODE CHANGES: Duke Memorial members who have had their zip code changed are asked to call the Church Office so that we may get our mailing list up-to-date. Thank you.