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PALMS AND PRAISES

Since my earliest years, I have associated Palm Sunday and praise to God. During the time of preparation for missionary service in Central Africa, aware that there are a number of kinds of palm trees there, I thought that Palm Sunday there ought to be a great festival.

Time passed and we were appointed to Tunda (If you have never heard of Tunda, please do not feel underprivileged; most folks haven't). The path to the station church was lined on both sides with palm trees. Other palm trees were in abundance all over the area. As the week prior to Palm Sunday passed, I could see no evidence of any intent to use these available resources in any sort of pageantry in worship. I talked with the station pastor, discovering that not only was no emphasis given there to Palm Sunday but also that Holy Week was just like any other in the life of the church.

With some urging on my part, Palm Sunday was so recognized. We had some special services for Holy Week, including even an observance of Holy Communion in the evening of Maundy Thursday. Later I found that even Easter Sunday was not customarily a special religious day though Easter Monday was a legal holiday. Some African church leaders responded to my questions with the assertion that "we celebrate the resurrection every day in the year." Why, then, get stirred up about a special day?

Since those days, I've often pondered the whole nature of this season in the Christian year. Learning is part of every experience. What comes to me out of these reflections on church life in Africa is this: do we here in the states have special celebrations because we do believe in fact that Christ is raised from the dead, or do we have such celebrations in an endeavour to believe? What is it to you?

Whichever the reason, it is well worth the effort. Let us then on Palm Sunday join in praise and thanksgiving to God. Let the days of Holy Week be just that for each one of us. May God's Spirit work in us so that on Easter morning, we shall be convinced in saving strength, that God has raised Christ from the dead and that by faith, we are raised with Him.

-- Ed Smith

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday,	6 April	12:10 p. m.	Lenten devotional and luncheon, Leader: Jim Hewitt
Thursday,	7 April	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday,	8 April	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary, Good Friday Service
Easter,	10 April	10:55 a. m.	Sanctuary, Easter Service (The organ prelude will begin at 10:45 a. m.)

SERVICES FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL is the theme of the preaching emphasis for the week of our Church anniversary beginning with the morning service on 1 May. The visiting preacher will be the Reverend A. Purnell Bailey of Washington, D. C., associate general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church with specific responsibility for the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. Mr. Bailey is well known for his newspaper column, "Daily Bread" and for his frequent appearance as speaker in national and regional meetings. In addition to services Sunday morning and evening, there will be noon-time meetings (plus luncheons) Monday-Wednesday and evening services each day at 7:30 p. m. Please mark your calendars now to reserve these days and hours.

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL 1977 PALM SUNDAY

- The Gospel: St. Mark 11:1-10
- The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
- The Sermon: Ultimate Praise

EASTER MONDAY, 11 April, is a holiday and the Church Office will be closed all day. In the event of an emergency, please call in order: Mr. Smith, 489-2210; Mr. Wallace, 383-4542; Mrs. Massey, 489-5179; Miss Biddle, 477-9019.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet Monday April 4, at eleven in the morning in the Bradshaw Room. Circles 1 and 3 will meet at 10:00 a. m.

The speaker for the general meeting will be Reverend Kyung Jay Lee, of Seoul, Korea. Mr. Lee is a graduate of the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul and is currently a candidate for the Master of Theology degree at Duke.

Following the meeting lunch will be served by Circle 2, Mrs. Carol Lawrence, chairperson.

LIBRARY GUILD OMISSION: We regret that the name of Nellie Garrard was omitted in last week's newsletter as being a member of the library guild. Nellie is one of our most valuable guild workers and we appreciate the time she gives to us in maintaining the Margaret Faw Cannon Library.

ALTAR GUILD WORKERS FOR APRIL:

Laura Cleeves 489-5863
Mary Bitting 489-4890

PALM SUNDAY, April 3

GREETERS: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Few

ACOLYTES: Julia Boy and Laura Franed

JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS:

Carol and Gary Lawrence
Anne Stallings

ATTENTION DUKE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL PLAYERS:

The Methodist Men will honor the Duke Memorial Basketball teams at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 5. All players are requested to turn in their uniforms at this meeting. Also, every player should contact their coach as to possible guests at the supper no later than April 1.

WATCH CURIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE Sunday mornings at 8:30 a. m. and call the station with your comments at 477-2131. Showing will be:

April 3 Roman Catholic Youth Observe Lent
April 10 Women's Prison Celebrates Easter

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION, March 1977 has a delightful article, pp. 18-19 entitled "I'm not 92 years old--I have just lived 92 years.", a tribute to Maude W. Dunn, a member of Duke Memorial Church.

RECIPES used for Spring Fling Luncheon are available from members of the luncheon committee. There have been a number of requests for these.

SINGLE PARENTS RETREAT: The Durham District is sponsoring a second annual "Single Parents Retreat" at camp Chestnut Ridge the weekend of April 15-17. Dr. Paul Mickey and Rev. Jack Ruth will be the leaders. For registration forms or further information contact the church office.

SUNDAY LUNCHEON: On Sunday, April 17, following the Morning Worship Service, the Sr. High UMYF is planning a luncheon to help raise funds for the Van Fund. Tentative menu includes beef stew, rice, salad, and dessert.

THANK YOU from the Junior Highs!

The Junior High UMYF wishes to thank the congregation for their support recently when the Junior Highs sponsored a pancake breakfast. The profits, \$69.00, will be donated to the Van Fund. The group is especially grateful to the family who contributed a matching grant of \$69.00 to the Van Fund in support of the Junior High efforts.

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, 27 March 1977

Church School.....309
Morning Worship.....382

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	1,771.34
Received to date	48,862.47
Needed through last Sunday	49,431.33
Deficit	568.86

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Duke Hospital:	Iva Elder	Drake 6310
	Eva Daniel	Cushing 3106
DCGH:	Marcus Copelan	5325

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3 - 9, 1977

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. and Sr. UMYF
	7:15 p. m.	Youth Choir
Monday	11:00 a. m.	United Methodist Women
Tuesday	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Altar Guild
	12:10 p. m.	Lenten Service and Lunch Leader: Jim Hewitt
	6:00 - 7:30	Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Drama
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Holy Communion Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal follows Holy Communion
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service