

LAITY DAY

Most of the pastors I know rejoice at the coming of Laity Day but not for the reasons many people accept. The rejoicing is not in negative terms but in positives. It is not a case of, "Thank goodness, I don't have to preach today". Those of us who sense God's call to preach never really want to relinquish the pulpit to which we are appointed, no matter to whom we relinquish it. The rejoicing is in terms of a completeness of faith and life. It is an affirmation that all of us alike are called to God's service. It is a rejoicing at the opportunity for others to affirm their faith as they speak to God's people gathered for worship.

The second Sunday in October has been Laity Day in Methodist Churches for a long time. I hope it will continue as part of our church life so long as Methodists exist. Leaders and officers of our own church family will lead in worship that day as they have on Laity Day in the past. Tom Coble, our Lay Leader, has invited Ed Hammond, Mary Whanger, Bill and Pat Coman and David McConnell to share in the leadership that day. As you read the names, you will recognize the chairman and vice-chairman of the Council on Ministries, chairman of the Administrative Board, president of United Methodist Men, president of United Methodist Women and president of United Methodist Youth.

I have never regarded Laity Day as a day off for the pastor. When I am absent on such a day, it is by reason of an appointment elsewhere that could not be rescheduled. I pray that we shall be present, in goodly numbers and strength of spirit, Sunday, 9 October, to share in fellowship, in praise and worship, and to rejoice at the sharing of faith and witness.

--- Ed Smith

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:Margaret Faw Cannon Library

In loving memory of Mrs. A. Laurance Aydlett by:

Mrs. Alice B. Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Miller  
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Mr. and Mrs. Norwood A. Thomas  
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Mrs. Anne S. Hill  
Mr. and Mrs. Gedale Man  
Mrs. Banks Arendell

Altar Guild

In loving memory of Mrs. Helen Grant Stephenson by Lillie Duke Church School Class

In loving memory of Mrs. W. R. Edwards by Lillie Duke Church School Class

United Methodist Women

In loving memory of Mrs. Irene Cave Alley by:

Lillie Duke Church School Class  
Gladys E. Sanford  
Dr. H. E. Myers

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday, 30 October, at 4:00. The group will meet in the Aldersgate classroom directly behind the Sanctuary. Parents of children who will be in the class are asked to contact the Church Office prior to the beginning of the class.

BAPTISM: With thanksgiving to God and great joy for the congregation, Stephen McAllister Whilden, Jr., was baptized last Sunday morning. He is the son of Steve and Pam Teer Whilden who live at 3119 Oxford Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Teer are maternal grandparents.

A N N O U N C I N G . . . .

The Commission on Education has been at it again! We've put our heads together and thought and planned - and the result is SPECIAL STUDIES II. Again, we think we have arranged for a varied and exciting choice of mini-courses that will interest many of you.

Here they are:

1. "Preparing to Meet the Crises of Adult Life" - Wes Aiken, Leader
2. "Preparing to Meet the Crises of Young Adult Life" (For Senior Highs)  
- Ed Clever, Leader
3. "How Did We Get Our Bible?"  
- Lloyd Bailey, Leader
4. "Fun in the Kitchen Again" (Crepes, Cooking for Company, and Easy, Healthy Snacks) - Monika Bollinger, Co-ordinator

You will be receiving a brochure with full details this week. Now, the most immediate thing for you to do is to go to your calendar and reserve 5:00 - 7:30 on these Sundays: Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6.

DID YOU KNOW?.....

David McConnell, president of our Senior High youth group, reports that the name of their group has changed. Throughout the entire United Methodist Church, the youth are now known as "UNITED METHODIST YOUTH" or UMY. (That leaves off "F" for Fellowship.)

DID YOU KNOW #2?.....

Our Senior High Youth are involved in two study sessions a week. They are calling them "Sunday School" and "Wednesday School." Some exciting things have been happening under Jim Hewitt's leadership. "Sunday School" is 9:45-10:45 on Sunday morning, and "Wednesday School" is from 6:00 - 8:00 on Wednesday evenings (supper included). All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are invited to participate.

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AUCTION SPECIALS  
at Fall Festival Dinner  
Friday, October 7, 6:30 p. m.  
Oak Fern Stand Made By Lewis Shipp  
Genuine Country Ham Homecooked  
Original Watercolor By Ruth Mixon  
And Many Other Handmade Items

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 2 October 1977

Church School.....266  
Morning Worship.....324

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	5,105.39
Received to date	144,088.44
Needed through last Sunday	152,096.40
Deficit	8,007.96

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH: Wayne Leftwich	6325
Bill Fleming	7231
Nancy Marshall	7312
Elbert Pittman	4116

TELEVISION "SOAP": Nearly every religious journal has expressed reactions from downgrading to downright revulsion at the TV weekly program, "SOAP". The Church Council Bulletin of the N. C. Council of Churches notes that it has been informed that WRAL-TV in Raleigh has decided not to telecast this program. If you think this is a worthy decision, letters of commendation ought to be addressed to Fred Barber, General Manager, WRAL-TV, 2619 Western Boulevard, Raleigh, N. C. 27605. Responses from viewers and potential viewers do have an effect on TV programming!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - October 23

The Senior High UMY are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning, Oct. 23. The menu will include: pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. Adult tickets will be \$1.75 and children's tickets will be \$1.00. Proceeds will go toward several youth projects. Tickets may be obtained from any Senior High or reservations may be made by calling the church office.

TELEPHONE LINKS: Persons living alone are well advised to establish a daily telephone contact with at least one other person. It need not be lengthy but it ought to be firmly set up so that in the event the call does not come, in effect a call for help has been given. Properly set up, this would include giving a key to one's dwelling to at least one trusted person so that entry could be effected legally. Working on this would be a good service project for any Duke Memorial group. It takes little time but has been known literally to save lives.

VISITING PREACHERS: On 30 October, Reformation Sunday, our preacher will be the Reverend Helen Steiner Smith, pastor of Dorsey Emmanuel UMC, Baltimore, Maryland. On 6 November, our own Dr. Arthur Kale will be the preacher.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 9 - 15, 1977

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship and Junior Church
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choirs: Carol Choir - Merry Mushroom Junior Choir - Sixth Grade Room Leaders: Ann Stallings, Polly Mixon, Barbara Penick and Selma Gore
Monday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Mrs. Irving Allen, 1208 Arnette Avenue
	7:30 p. m.	Circle 4 with Mrs. Nell Nabers, 2208 Englewood Avenue
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Craft Workshop
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Every Member Canvass in Bradshaw Room
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal