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COMPLETING OUR COMMITMENT

These days are the time when, aware of it or not, we set the course of our life and witness for 1978. It is just about impossible to overstate the importance of the commitments we are making which, in one view, underwrite our budget for 1978 but in a larger sense, determine the lines of our Christian witness and work for the coming year.

It often seems strange to us that money plays so large a part in the work of the church. It is less strange when we reflect on how large a part it plays in the workaday world in which all of us are immersed all the time. God has always been able to use the commonplace for His purposes. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He used simple bread and wine, the every day sustenance of the people of His world. When 5,000 persons were fed at one time, it was done with five biscuits and two small fish, again the every day stuff of His world. To give sight to a blind man, He made a paste of dust and saliva and put it on the man's eyes.

Not in these mundane substances as such, but in God working through them as they were given to Him, our Lord worked His mighty works. Ever since those far off days, those who have faithfully sought to serve God through Christ have understood the importance of giving, not simply in token or symbolic ways, but giving in terms of real involvement and to the point of sacrifice. It is to this type of giving that God still calls us.

Any one who feels uninvolved in the work of a church might well try the experiment of making really significant gifts to that church. My experience has been that this is one of the quickest and most effective ways to get into the life of the church. Our Lord said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"; the two clauses can be reversed without distortion of meaning, "Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also". They go together.

Let no one of us fail to get them together to His glory for all to which He calls us as His people in witness, service and love. Our commitment cards are far more than simply paper; they bespeak our love and our lives. My prayer is that we all be guided in God's will so that we surely shall fulfill His will for us.

-- Ed Smith

INTRODUCTION: Our preacher for the morning service on Reformation Day will be the Reverend Helen Steiner Smith, pastor of Dorsey Emmanuel UMC, Dorsey, Maryland. Mrs. Smith grew up in Hyattsville, Maryland and was a member of First UMC there. Following public school there, she graduated from N. C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. Then came the years of study in Duke Divinity School from which she graduated in 1975. She is in her third year as pastor of the church in Dorsey. Her husband, David A. Smith, is a wildlife biologist with the U. S. Commission on Fisheries and Wildlife, based in Annapolis. They have one son, Christopher David, who is five months old.

LOVING SYMPATHY of the congregation and pastors is expressed to:

The family of Mrs. J. H. Rutledge who died Tuesday, 18 October 1977. She lived at 110 Watts Street.

David G. Hogue and family, 2913 Welcome Drive, because of the death of his mother, Helen Fay Hogue, on October 16, in Oklahoma City.

The family of J. L. Atkins, Jr. who died October 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kale because of the death of Mrs. Kale's sister, Mrs. Mary Rogers Campbell, who died in Bethel, Ohio on October 20.

THE SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING our Commission on Missions, Elizabeth Bookhout chairman, will invite the congregation to lunch after the morning service. This is not a money-making activity but a consciousness-raising plan. Details will appear in later editions of our newsletter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m. Saturday evening, when you retire, please set clocks and watches "back" one hour, i.e., from 10:00 p. m. to 9:00. This gives you back the extra hour of sleep you gave up in April and will enable all of us to be on time, bright, fresh and refreshed!

ADVENT WREATH makers are advised that purple candles can now be had in local stores. If past seasons are any indication, they will all be sold by about Thanksgiving. Wise are they who buy one year's needs - NOW!!

FALL FESTIVAL is less than three weeks away. We need finished items if the Bazaar is to be a success this year. Please bring them to fellowship hall on Wednesday with an estimate of what it costs to make. For questions call Kay Herman, (544-2676) or Carol Lawrence, (471-1061).

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nina Sligh Rutledge, October 18, 1977

I am the Resurrection and the Life.

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HERE THEY ARE - OUR TEACHERS AND WORKERS!!

Did you find them in your puzzle last week? Just in case you still can't locate them all, an answer copy will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION: Polly Mixon and Kay Herman, Co-ordinators

Secretaries: Anna Brown, Linda Adkinson, Doris Brown

Crib and Toddler Nursery: Mary Vickers, Debbie Driver, Margaret McCotter

Church Nursery: Helen Reade, Bessie Ware

Nursery 2 years: Chris Wallace, Susan Teer, Bill and Grace Guyer

Nursery 3 years: Polly Farned, Charles and Carol Chewning

Kindergarten 4 and 5 years: Iris Byerly, Jim and Joy Long

Elementary I: Deanie Jackson, Vickie Walker, Mamie Jo Harrell

Elementary II: Jean Charlesworth, Carolyn Settle, Priscilla Windham, Caroline Dixon

Elementary III: Ann Tyor, Alice Tise

Elementary IV: Glen and Nell Brindley, Beth Veasey

Elementary V and VI: Mary Canada, Judy Coble

YOUTH DIVISION:

Junior High: Anne Walker

Senior High: Jim Hewitt

ADULT DIVISION:

Minnie P. Gates Class: Ruth Holsinger

Lillie Duke Class: Zelle Borland

Anchor Class: Janet Smith

Open Door Class: Bob Wallace

Katie Johnson Class: Doris Bridges

Mrs. R. N. Wilson Class: Mildred Darkis

Roaring Twenties: Barry Holler

Dorothy Wilson

Spence Class: Arthur Kale

RESOURCE CO-ORDINATOR: Dorothy Wentz

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

Altar Guild

In loving memory of Mrs. Irene C. Alley
by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips, Jr.

Library Fund

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

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John and Mildred Harper, Raleigh

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Last Sunday, Danny D. Goodwin became a member of Duke Memorial by transfer from The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Durham. He and Mrs. Goodwin (Lynn Lyon) live at 3090-C Colony Road. Christopher is the third member of their household. Their telephone is 489-1674. Please telephone or visit them to welcome Danny as a member of our congregation.

ACOLYTE TRAINING SESSION for anyone interested between the ages of 9 and 13 will take place in the sanctuary at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday, October 30. Please come!

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 23 October 1977

Church School.....233

Morning Worship.....336

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due each week \$ 3,802.41

Received last Sunday 3,675.25

Received to date 158,951.92

Needed through last Sunday 163,503.63

Deficit 4,551.71

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE under the leadership of our District Superintendent, H. Langill Watson, will be held Tuesday, 15 November, at 7:45 p.m. in the Lillie Duke classroom. The change of location from the Bradshaw Room is occasioned by preparations for the Fall Festival Bazaar on 16 November. At the Charge Conference, we present our reports for the year in progress and now drawing to a close, accept goals and apportionments for 1978, and through our District Superintendent, exercise the linkage of local congregation to the whole United Methodist church that is typical of a "connectional" church. The Charge Conference is an open meeting and all members of the church are invited.

OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held Monday, 28 November, at 7:30 in Concord, UMC, seven miles west of Roxboro, on NC 57 (the highway to Milton and Semora). Concord is the home church of Lucile S. Coburn and Mary Shore, members of our congregation. An important item of business is the vote on granting to candidates for our ministry "candidacy for ordained ministry". Duke Memorial will be represented in this by Don Settle who, with his wife, Carolyn, is active in our congregation. Don is in his second year of studies in Divinity School. Last year, William Green of our congregation was granted candidacy for ordained ministry. He now is associate pastor of First UMC, Hamlet.

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH - Nancy Marshall 7312
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