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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is one of the more blessed events in which Christians everywhere join. For Janet and me, it is inevitably coloured with experiences in lands and cultures other than that which we know here in the United States. It is therefore a day of remembrance, both of our Lord's sacrifice and suffering for us and as well, of the host of people with whom we have shared and now share this celebration. One of the frustrations of life, common to every pastor I know, is the inability that we all seem to share to communicate to the congregations we serve the sense of what the Communion is all about.

1 October is the day for 1978. We are invited not only to remember but also to dedicate - ourselves! When John Paul I was installed as Pope of the Roman Church, the continuing reference in the service was to the "offering" - not placed in an offering plate (let no one despise that) but the offering of the mass. In the Catholic view, at the altar is recreated the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. In their view, this is the greatest offering ever made. Protestants generally agree that as Jesus offered Himself, His sacrifice was so to be measured.

What kind of offering can we make? One of the sentences we will pray together says: "And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto Thee; Humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy...". Unworthy we are; yet God grants to us the privilege of offering ourselves unto Him, in remembrance and response to what He has given to us in Jesus Christ.

As part of our service, we make an offering in money and the causes merit our support; yet the offering we make of ourselves is far greater. We are invited with God's people everywhere to make this offering on 1 October. Let us rejoice to be guests at His table!

- - Ed Smith

COMMUNION OFFERING AND ORDER: Our offering placed on the communion rail goes this Sunday to the fund for Chaplains, for Crusade Scholars (from overseas) and for Minority Scholarships (citizens of the U. S.). In July, we followed the old Methodist custom of "open" tables and will do so again. This is simply an effort to move us a little more rapidly through the forming and dismissing of tables while allowing each person to follow his own most convenient pace. All of us will be helped if we observe a few principles of movement. The front pews are cleared so that "overflow" from one table can wait for the next. Walk always to the right side of aisles, both in going forward and in returning to your seat. There is no embarrassment in waiting for the next table. Reaction to the "try out" of the free table system in July was generally favourable. Let us know how you react to it.

ALTAR GUILD WORKERS for the month of October are Virginia Ballagh and Evelyn Friebel.

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Grace McLean, 7308
Duke: Olivia Henderson, Hanes 2221
Durham Rehab Center: Margaret Daniel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whitford
Junior Church Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Rob Teer

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT: Every Member Commitment involves far more than simply underwriting a budget though that is an important part of it. The goal of it is to become part of all that is going on in terms of your time, your talents and of course your money. They are all God's gifts to you. How thankful are you? How responsive are you?

LAITY DAY is Sunday, 8 October. The speaker is M. Laney Funderburk of Charlotte. He and Lois, with Lisa and Trip, are former members of Duke Memorial and often visit with us. Lay Leader Tom Coble will preside and lead in the day's activities.

CAROL AND JUNIOR CHOIRS

All children, kindergarten through sixth grade, are invited to attend the first rehearsal on the second floor of the Education Building, Sunday, October 8, 5:00 - 5:45 p. m. A year of special activities has been planned.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 24 September

Church School.....275
Morning Worship.....310

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Due each week	\$ 3,997.40
Received last Sunday	2,382.00
Received to date	142,700.43
Needed through last Sun.	155,898.60
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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIRECTORIES! -- CAN YOU HELP?

The committee on Archives and History is working on completion of a montage of photographs of all former pastors of Duke Memorial. This will become a permanent display in our church. Wyatt Dixon is chairman of the committee and Tom Coble is handling the photographic details. Pictures (portraits if possible) are needed of the following former pastors: N. M. Journey, 1887; R. F. Bumpass, 1888; F. A. Bishop, 1890; W. B. Doub, 1894; G. A. Oglesby, 1896; A. P. Tyer, 1899; W. L. Cunningham, 1900. The dates give the time at which these men began their pastorates here. All photographs received will be copied and the original returned to the donor. If a portrait picture is not possible but some other situation can be found, please let us have a chance with that.

In addition to photographs, the Committee is seeking copies of all directories of every sort that have been published during the life of our congregation. Some of these publications contain details of our life that are nowhere else to be found. Long-time members of Duke Memorial who have lived for long periods in one house are most likely to have this sort of material. Gifts of such items to the Church will be gratefully received and placed in the church vault for safekeeping.

Inquiries may be directed to the pastor, 688-1901; Mr. Dixon, 477-2392, or to Tom Coble, 286-2697. Your help will be a blessing to us all. Thank you.

MARATHON RACE AND PARKING: Sunday, 1 October, the Durham First Marathon Race takes place, from early Sunday morning to about Noon. The traditional distance will be covered with the route passing in front of Duke Memorial. Persons coming from the southern area of town are asked to park behind Home Security and can cross Chapel Hill Street on foot with no problem. Those coming from the north are asked to park behind the church in our new lots or in the Gregson Street lot. It is suggested that you leave for church a few minutes earlier than usual, especially those of you who are coming from the north side since there may be some delays in crossing West Main Street. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Monday, October 2, at 11:00 a. m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Jean Wilbur, Director of the International House at Duke University.

Circles 1, 2, and 3 will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served by Circle 3, Mrs. Edith Toms, Chairman.

The Duke Memorial Congregation is invited to a luncheon honoring our church school teachers and workers immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, October 8th. This is a time for saying how grateful we are for the extraordinary contribution these persons make in our Education program.

All tickets will be \$2.00. Please purchase tickets or make reservations in the church office before Friday, October 6th.

LIBRARY NOTES

Durham - a pictorial history by Joel A. Kostyn and Frank A. Kostyn has been placed in the Library. This publication has more than 300 dynamic pictures characterizing our changing community. Our own Wyatt T. Dixon provided many of the photographs and pictures. The book presents a comprehensive portrait of the rich heritage of Durham and pays a loving tribute to our city.

Attention: Junior Church Leaders and Sunday School Teachers. A special collection of worship and teaching aides have been placed in the workroom of the Library. There are also copies of all audiovisual media. Please browse through this collection. We feel it will be worth your while to do so. Mrs. Mattox requested this collection.

Help! We need paperbacks for our "Swap-basket".

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 - 7

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	Jr. & S. UMYF
Mon.	11:00 a. m.	United Methodist Women
	7:30 p. m.	Finance Committee
Tues.	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop featuring Christmas Brooms
	7:30 p. m.	Katie Johnson Class in Fellowship Hall, Elizabeth Jones & Julia Johnson, co- hostesses
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal