

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Methodist stay away from services of Holy Communion in large numbers! The sight of the table prepared for a service of worship induces headaches, weakness of the body and numerous other symptoms of illness. I have puzzled for years as to why we behave in this way. As a pastor, I accept responsibility for some of the drop of 25% in attendance on Communion Sundays. But being puzzled, I seek ways to deal with the fact.

In line with this search, the last two Sunday morning services of Communion were planned to "open up" the service, utilizing the old tradition of "free tables" in lieu of formalized procedures. It is now time to register your opinion as to the worth or the undesirability of this procedure. Responses coming to me have varied from flat dislike to almost ecstatic expressions of appreciation.

The lower part of the back page of this issue of the Messenger contains a form through which you can register your opinion. It seems reasonable that only the 296 persons present on 2 July and the 241 present on 1 October express themselves, since they participated in this experiment. If the response is divided, this will give an indication of how to proceed; should it turn out to be very heavily one-sided, this will also direct us.

Please do not sign your expression, unless you wish to do so. Place the form in the offering plate or bring or send it to the office and it will be gratefully received. The tally will be considered completed at the close of morning worship, Sunday, 26 November. Thank you for your help in charting our way.

-- Ed Smith

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, the five guest musicians, L'Ensemble Musicale, will enrich the morning worship service with the full resonant sound that is characteristic of a woodwind quintet. The players are Anna Wilson, flute; Alice Smith, oboe; Carolee Lane, clarinet; Chris Myers, bassoon; Jerry Hulka, french horn. Each individual is a superb musician and together they strive for a perfect ensemble. The scheduled numbers include:

Prelude: Variations on a Theme, Sweelink  
Instrumental Special: Adagio from Quintet, op 71, Beethoven (Featuring French Horn)  
Offertory: Quintet in E Flat Major, Anton Reicha

The hymns of the day will be played also and the sound will be pleasing in its rich and mellow quality. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear L'Ensemble Musicale.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE, NOVEMBER 12

Preacher: Reverend James H. Miller, Jr.,  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Director, Conference Council on Ministries

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mamie Ruth Andrews Barnhardt

1 November 1978

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

OUTSTANDING PEOPLE: Emily Boyd Lowe, daughter of Jessie Boyd of Duke Memorial, and Emily's husband, Donald S. Lowe, have recently been honoured in Michigan where they live. Emily grew up in Duke Memorial and was most recently here for presentation of a concert by the madrigal singers group of which she is director. Her husband was part of our church family during World War II. Notices of their awards are on the bulletin board in the Middle Building.

THE CONGREGATION AND PASTORS express their love and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Barnhardt who died Wednesday, 1 November 1978.

THANKSGIVING DAY worship service is set for 10 o'clock in our sanctuary.

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE will meet Tuesday, 28 November, at 7:45 p. m. in the Bradshaw Room. It is open to all interested persons and affords an opportunity to review the year now in progress and to consider plans for 1979.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE: A free cancer screening clinic is held weekly in Durham by appointment only. The clinic Thursday mornings is at Durham County General Hospital. For appointments telephone the Cancer Detection Center, 688-6980 or 682-8176.

BOOKS FOR FALL BAZAAR: Persons wishing to contribute books (Hard back or Paperback) to the Fall Bazaar may leave these books at any time on the Work Table in the Library. We will need these no later than November 13.

A GIFT has been received from Mrs. Katherine H. Shugart, Winston-Salem, in honor of Mrs. Maude W. Dunn.

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1978 FALL FESTIVAL

Wednesday, November 15 11:00 A. M. - 7:00 P. M.

Aprons	Country Store	Snack Bar
Baby Things	Crafts	- Sandwiches
Bake Sale	Holiday Centerpieces	- Home made soup
Book Nook	Jellies and Preserves	Stationery
Children's Room	Muppets and Puppets	Supper
Christmas Room	Plants	Trash 'n Treasures

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

FALL FESTIVAL BAKE SALE: Martha Brown, Chairman of baked goods, will be at the church on Tuesday, November 14, from 2:30 until 4:30 to receive baked goods for sale on the 15th. For further information call Martha at 682-1060.

IT'S TOE TAPPING TIME: Plan to attend a family covered dish supper and square dance in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, November 19. Dinner will be at 6:00 p. m. and square dancing will follow at 7:00. We have invited Mr. Max Arnold and his group for a return engagement, and look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship. Watch for more details in next week's Messenger.

HELP NEEDED: If you know of someone who would like to teach English to an Iranian woman for volunteer or pay, please call Ann Stallings at 383-6482.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

Library Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Andrews Barnhardt by:

The Durham High School Class of 1916  
W. E. Horner, Jr., Sanford, N. C.  
Sanford Daily Herald, Sanford, N. C.

In loving memory of Grace Plyler McLean by Mr. and Mrs. Zack W. Lyon

CAROL AND JUNIOR CHOIR SCHEDULE

5:00 p. m. Nov. 12 Rehearsal in Church  
11:00 a. m. Nov. 19 SING IN CHURCH  
5:00 p. m. Nov. 19 PARTY  
Nov. 26 No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Week-end)  
4:45 p. m. Dec. 3 Rehearsal  
5:00 p. m. Dec. 10 Rehearsal in Church  
Dec. 17 Pageant with choirs (late afternoon)

ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGHS! We will have special guests this week at UMY. Youth from Immaculata Catholic Church will be with us for both supper and UMY. Be sure to come by 6:00 p. m. so that you can help welcome our guests. Will be finished by the usual time of 7:30 p. m. Should be a special evening of fun and sharing.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Claudia Prince Bishop

4 November 1978

"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions"

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. Joe T. (Claudia) Bishop.

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH: Joe White 7310  
Rehab Center: Margaret Daniel 7117

COMMISSION ON MISSIONS will meet on Sunday, November 12, at 4:00 p. m. in the Library.

CIRCLE 10 will meet on Monday, November 13, at 10:00 a. m. with Mrs. T. S. White, 804 Hermitage Court.

MINNIE P. GATES BIBLE CLASS DINNER will be on Thursday, November 16, at 6:00 p. m. in Fellowship Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 5 November 1978

Church School.....282  
Morning Worship.....327  
Evening Communion..... 43

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due each week	\$	3,997.40
Received last Sunday		4,886.58
Received to date		165,171.85
Needed through last Sunday		179,883.00
Deficit		14,711.15
EMC Pledges to date for 1979		171,000.00

Check to indicate your attendance:

I was present at Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_ 2 July; \_\_\_\_\_ 1 October

My preference in procedure is: (Circle one option on each line)

Formal procedure:	Like very much	Like	Dislike	Strong dislike
Open Table:	Like very much	Like	Dislike	Strong dislike