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All of us are indebted to Henry Van Dyke for the thought of "keeping Christmas" and the challenge therein that "if you can do it one day, then why not the whole year". As we near this blessed and joyful time of the year, all of us who are members of your church staff are thankful to God as we are to you for the privilege of association with you and of working with you. What happens the other 364 days of the year adds great meaning to our feeling of thanksgiving at Christmas time.

We pray that it is so with you. Our fellowship as the family of God here gathered is for many of us something known and loved for a long time. For others, it is a relatively new experience depending on the length of time we have shared in this family life. Keep this whole family in your loving thoughts and prayers as we come to the season of Christmas. May God, Who made Himself known in the coming of Jesus Who is for us the Christ, make Himself known to you, each one, in your hearts during the days of this season, so that out of the warmth of heart and blessing of soul, we shall come to 1979 with new consecration and deepened life in Him Whom to know aright is life eternal.

Lois Fowler
Virginia Massey
Don Settle

Eva Martin
Sidney Gunn
Tom Clark

Melba Bartholomew
Margaret Anne Biddle
Cathy Wells

Nonie McNair
James Harris
Ed Smith

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The congregation is invited to hear and to watch the telling of the Christmas story as recorded in the gospels of Luke and Matthew on Sunday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The story will be told through Scripture, Music, and Tableau. We hope that being able to see the Christmas story re-enacted by costumed characters will be especially meaningful to the children. The Pageant Cast will include:

Music - Sanctuary, Carol, & Junior Choirs
Lector - Jim Charlesworth
Prophet - Lloyd Bailey
Gabriel - Marshall Spears, Jr.
Mary - Mary Ann Mabry
Joseph - Devan Brown
Innkeeper - Charles Medlin
Shepherds - Mike Hammond, Robbie Young,
Houston Bagley
Pronouncing Angel - Ginger Clark
Angels - Beth Curtis, Laura Ritchie,
Caroline Ritchie
Wise men - Owen McConnell, S. L. Mortland,
Arthur Kale
Page - David Younts
Director - Ruth Phelps
Lighting - Ken Howard
Stage Manager - Jimmy McConnell
Costumes - Betty Craig, Betsy Reade,
Edith Toms, Polly Mixon

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express loving sympathy and concern to Zalene Angier, Irving E. Allen and Thomas E. Allen because of the death of their sister, Inez A. Icenogle, in Atlanta, Friday, 8 December, and to the family of Mrs. T. W. Young, Sr. because of her death on 4 December.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nellie Whitaker Young
4 December 1978

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

AN INVITATION: Sally Janet Smith and James Fuller Williams joyfully invite you to share in the celebration of their marriage on Thursday, 28 December 1978, at eleven o'clock in the morning at Duke Memorial Church. A reception in Whitford Hall will follow the ceremony.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Church office will be closed 25 and 26 December and 1 January for the holidays involved. The Messenger will not be mailed for the weeks of 24 and 31 December because of the relatively low level of church activity during those weeks. In the event of need of the pastor, please telephone the parsonage (489-2210), Mrs. Massey (489-5179), Miss Biddle (477-9019) or Mrs. Bartholomew (489-0352).

HOLY COMMUNION: Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be celebrated in our sanctuary on 24 December, 6:00 to 6:45 in the evening. This will be the quiet type of service with time for personal meditation and prayer. Please be here by 6:30. Persons who are homebound and desire Communion in their homes are asked to telephone the Church office (688-1901, 688-2170) not later than 20 December to arrange a time. Thank you.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1979 will be installed at the morning service of worship, Sunday, 7 January 1979. The first meeting of the Board will be Tuesday evening, 9 January, at 7:45 in the Bradshaw Room.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: Sunday School and Morning Worship will be merged into one service of praise and thanksgiving beginning at 10:30, a service of carols and readings. Members of the congregation will share in the leadership of this service. At 6:00 in the evening Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary. At 7:00 in Whitford Hall we will have a "joy evening, "Christmas Eve at Duke Memorial."

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER, the Reverend Helen Steiner Smith, pastor of Dorsey Emmanuel UMC, Baltimore, Maryland will be our preacher.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: The regular meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held in the Bradshaw Room at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, January 8, instead of the first.

Luncheon will be served by Circle 5, Mrs. Louis M. (Doris) Blalock, chairman.

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

Life membership pins have been presented to Mrs. C. G. (Elizabeth) Bookhout, Mrs. H. M. (Byrd) Brinkley, Mrs. Fred L. (Gladys) King, Mrs. Maurice (Dottie) Ritchie, and Mrs. L.V. (Kathleen) Smith.

The Executive Committee of UMW will meet on Friday, January 5, 1979, at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. W. P. (Evelyn) Petty, 410 Everett Place.

Circle 7 will have a tea on Sunday, January 14 at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. J. (Louise) Ervin, 1207 N. Gregson St.

This will be an organizational meeting under the leadership of Miss Doris Bridgers and Mrs. R. M. (Dianne) Haynes for ladies who wish to belong to an evening circle. They cordially invite all who are interested in such a circle to come and help make plans.

JUNIOR HIGHS! Following the special Christmas program and supper on December 17 we will go Christmas carolling at the Methodist Home. We will then go to Cathy's apartment for refreshments. Your parents may pick you up at the church at 9:00 p. m. or at Cathy's apartment on the corner of Main St. and Buchanan Blvd., (106 N. Buchanan Blvd.), Apt. #3). See you there!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Last Sunday, (10 December) Dr. Ed Hammond joined our pastor in making an appeal for support of a special offering for two black churches in our district, Zora Chapel and Hargrove Chapel, known as the Vance-Granville Charge. Last year we gave about eleven hundred dollars to help with the construction of the parsonage for these two churches. The parsonage is built and was consecrated last Sunday afternoon. Now we are challenged to aid them in helping in renovation of the two churches. Plans, specifications and cost estimates have been prepared for these projects. We should give at least an additional five hundred dollars to aid them. All churches in the Durham district cooperate in this work. A bulletin insert in the Order of Service for 10 December gave a few details of what is possible with our help. Mark any check or envelope "Christmas offering" and your gift intent will be clear. Thank you.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Mrs. Ruth W. Swain, who died in 1975, has been made by her sisters, Mrs. Maude W. Dunn and Mrs. Minnie W. Delamar.

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER, some special things will happen at Duke Memorial. At the morning service, the Chrismon tree will be lighted. The third candle in the Advent wreath, Joy, will be lighted. The Advent wreath this year is the gift of Mrs. Maude W. Dunn, our oldest member. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary in honour or memory of loved ones. At 4:30 a pageant in music, Scripture and tableaux will be presented in the sanctuary. This will be followed by a light supper in Whitford Hall for all who are present.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: A long listing of gifts in memory of Robert C. Cox, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Andrews Barnhardt, Mrs. T. W. Young, Sr., L. Worth Boone, and Mrs. J. H. Verell will be in the next issue of the Messenger.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT-TO-LENT devotions, 20 December, 12:10 in the Bradshaw Room will be led by Louise B. Hibberd. There will be no meeting on 28 December. The regular sessions will resume on 3 January 1979.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY 1 - 7, 1979

January 1	Genesis 1 - 3
2	Genesis 4 - 6
3	Genesis 7 - 9
4	Genesis 10 - 12
5	Genesis 13 - 15
6	Genesis 16 - 18
7	Genesis 19 - 21

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, 10 December

Church School.....272
Morning Worship.....431

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed Each Week	\$ 3,997.40
Received Last Sunday	3,008.23
Received To Date	182,050.98
Needed Through Last Sunday	199,870.00
Deficit	17,819.02

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DEC. 17 - 23, 1978

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	4:30 p. m.	Pageant
Tues.	9:45 a. m.	Circle 6 in Aldersgate Room
	11:00 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. John Glasson, 615 Swift Ave. Covered Dish Luncheon
Wed.	12:10 p. m.	Advent Service in Bradshaw Room, followed by lunch Leader: Louise Hibberd