

INFORMATION AND IGNORANCE!

At one time in our history, the business side of the Methodist Church was pretty much a closed affair. This was true from the "closed cabinet" of the bishop by which no one knew a firm word of appointments until the closing hour of the annual session of the Conference to the local church where a like curtain seemed to be designed as a test of faith of the membership. Few people seriously suspected skull-duggery; there were very few who did not now and then wish to know how decisions really were made.

The pendulum has made its swing and I, for one, rejoice in it. Even some of the meetings of the Council of Bishops are open to observers. I don't intend to go; it is nice to know that if one wishes, one can! All across the Church as in the political spectrum, the "right to know" syndrome makes itself felt. We are now placing a premium and a great effort that all in our connection may be well informed as to the decisions made, how they are made, and what they mean to us. Ignorance is being banished by information - yet, there is a possible break in the chain of the "right to know".

The old adage, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink; you can send a child to school but you can't make him think" applies in church life. Great effort and considerable expense go into an effort to inform the people. Our own failures in perusal of what comes to us, of ignoring the publications of the church, of non-attendance at meetings of great importance, can frustrate efforts to banish ignorance with information. Directly to the point is our Pensions Crusade which now is being organized and near to its intensive phase. Honest and therefore accurate statements of what is being done and undertaken will be placed by mail service in each local home in our congregation. The worship services and the whole range of meetings during the next three months will be a forum for this activity. Those who will read and/or hear will know. I have a deep conviction that in this Pension Crusade information will lead to joyful participation and with that conviction, the concern that many of us will fail to know simply because we don't put our minds to what is before our eyes and at the portal of our ears.

Can it be that many of us will prefer ignorance to information? I pray not. I will do in this connection, as every other, all that is in my power that ignorance be overcome. Join with your committee, church staff and fellow members that we may first of all, know, and that knowing, we shall then know how God will have us respond!

-- Ed Smith

HOLY COMMUNION on Sunday, 4 February, is scheduled from 4:00 to 4:45 in the sanctuary. The Reverend J. D. Young will be the celebrant. Please arrive not later than 4:30 in order that you may unhurriedly join in this sacramental celebration.

ASSISTANCE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE during the next few weeks is still needed. A telephone call to Virginia Massey will enable you to know the schedule of needs and to fit it into your own plans and schedule. 688-1901, 688-2170 - and thank you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN STAMP SAVERS:

In cutting stamps leave 1/4 inch border - NO MORE, because of weight in mailing.

UMW NOTICE: On February 5, UMW will observe the World Day of Prayer at their meeting in the Bradshaw Room at 11:00 am. Mrs. Zelle Borland will be in charge of the program. Circle 3, Mrs. Louise Hibberd, Chairman, will serve lunch.

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

PENSION CRUSADE COMMITTEE: Administrative Board Chairman R. R. Few has made the following appointments for Duke Memorial's participation in the Pension Crusade. These persons make up the Steering Committee for this major effort:

Honorary General Chairman: Nicholas B. Fagan
Co-General Chairman: Dan K. Edwards and Mary Whanger

Visitation: Jack B. Cliff
Promotion: Thomas B. Coble
Clerical: Lois L. Fowler
Fellowship: Lucille Mortland
Spiritual Emphasis: Mary Whanger
Special Gifts: W. T. Coman

This committee has already met several times and will continue to meet to give guidance to our work in this Crusade. Every member of the Church will be contacted in order that we have the widest possible participation. We are grateful to all of the above named persons for their dedication of self, time and abilities for the benefit of all of us.

OPENINGS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in our sanctuary on February 18 or March 4 please call the Church Office. Thank you.

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USED CLOTHING AND BLANKETS NEEDED:

Church World Service needs good used clothing. An outstanding need is clothes for babies and children; also, clothes for adults, towels, sheets, and blankets are needed. Electric blankets that no longer heat may be sent, or \$4.00 to buy a new blanket.

These articles should be brought to Duke Memorial Church Office no later than February 14. Please sort them out and bring a list of the contents of your package. They will be packed in durable boxes of 40 pounds, or less, and securely tied for shipping. These boxes will be delivered to Carr United Methodist Church before February 18, the date that CWS will pick them up.

We will need to pay 15¢ per pound for shipping these packages; therefore, contributions for this purpose will be needed and appreciated.

Please help!

BAPTISM: With thanksgiving to God, James William Scott, III, son of James W. and Betsy Reade Scott, was baptized Sunday, 28 January during our morning worship service. He was born December 13, 1978 at Durham County General Hospital.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

Duke Medical Center:
Daniel Hooley Howland 1213
Durham County General:
Judelle Northcutt 6328

NEW ARRIVAL: Mr. and Mrs. William T. Coman, Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Hilary Anne, on 25 January 1979. Mrs. Coman is the former Judy Hilliard.

SYMPATHY and loving concern are expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cliff because of the death of Pearle's brother, Ernest E. Turrentine, Friday, 26 January 1979, and to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Graham because of the recent death of Mr. Graham's sister.

SUNDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 1979

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Epistle: I Corinthians 3:3-23
The Sermon: Whose Is It?
Acolytes: Tommy Tilley and Ryan Evans
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teer
Junior Church Leaders: Holly Eggleston
Carol Christmas, assistant

Altar Guild Workers for February:
Betsy Reade 489-8505
Carol Chewning 489-8747

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, 28 January 1979

Church School.....203
Morning Worship.....398

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Needed each week | \$ 3,931.85 |
| Received last two Sundays | 6,415.97 |
| Received to date | 21,545.13 |
| Needed through last Sunday | 15,727.40 |
| Past pledges received this year | 1,719.00 |

JUNIOR HIGH UMYF: Dr. Alan Whanger will show his slides on Africa Sunday, February 4. Supper at 6:00 p. m. - Program will end by 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 4 - 10, 1979

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| Sunday | 9:45 a. m. | Church School |
| | 10:55 a. m. | Morning Worship |
| | 4:00 p. m. | Holy Communion |
| | 5:00 p. m. | Children's Choirs |
| | 6:00 p. m. | Junior and Senior UMYF |
| | 8:00 p. m. | American Guild of Organist Meeting |
| Monday | 11:00 a. m. | United Methodist Women |
| | 6:00 p. m. | Methodist Men |
| | 7:45 p. m. | Administrative Board |
| Wednesday | 12:10 p. m. | Devotions led by Alberta Lane, Lunch follows devotions |
| Thursday | 7:30 p. m. | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 6 - 12, 1979

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| February | 6 | Leviticus 14 - 15 |
| | 7 | Leviticus 16 - 18 |
| | 8 | Leviticus 19 - 21 |
| | 9 | Leviticus 22 - 23 |
| | 10 | Leviticus 24 - 25 |
| | 11 | Leviticus 26 - 27 |
| | 12 | Numbers 1 - 2 |