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SUPPOSE IT HAD BEEN YOU?

A few Duke Memorial members work as volunteers in the CONTACT telephone listening ministry. Calls are made to CONTACT but CONTACT does not call others. Therefore, if you have never had occasion to need this service, you may know nothing of it. We support it with some money for the operating expenses.

Statistics do not always tell the story. The monthly summary furnished to each supporting church simply gives a table listing the categories of calls received and the number of calls in each area. The poem here given was in a letter, unsigned, to CONTACT, Oklahoma City. The letter was dated 12 July 1979.

DECISION

I must go now;
For these trials I cannot bear.
My burdens are many and
There is no one with whom to share.

Shall I cast a blade upon my wrists,
Or shall I use pills in such a case as this.
A bullet or a rope would end my woe.
But could it be me who is my worst foe.

I must stop and think about my life
Before putting my hand upon that knife.
There is a part of me that wants to stay.
Shall I listen to what it has to say?

It seems to be saying "Pick up the phone,
Dial CONTACT, you are not alone."
But there are others like me somewhere
Is there someone with whom to share.

I dialed the number, I heard a voice
"Hello", it said. "You have a choice."
I never thought there was any other way.
But thanks to the part that wanted to stay
I am here, alive and well today.

Suppose it had been you making the call? Or suppose you had been the worker receiving it? Should you be that worker? A call to the CONTACT administrative office, 286-4175, can open that service possibility to you. Give it prayerful thought. Some one is there every hour of every day. Where are you?

-- Ed Smith

RESCHEDULED MEETINGS: Because of the Labor Day holiday, some of our meetings have been rescheduled. United Methodist Women meet Monday, 10 September, at eleven o'clock. United Methodist Men meet Tuesday, 11 September, at 6:00 in Whitford Hall. The Administrative Board meets at 7:45 the same evening in the Bradshaw Room.

SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1979

Third Sunday in Kingdome

The Epistle: I Timothy 1:5-17

The Sermon: One Clear Purpose

Acolytes: Wyatt Dixon III and Larry Tise

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pearce, Jr.

Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

"HOLOCAUST" will be televised again on NBC at varying hours in the evenings, 10 - 13 September inclusive. This film was first telecast in 1978 when the viewing audience was calculated to be 107,000,000 persons. The program has a dreadful impact because it is about a series of events and a period of history that all of us wish had never happened and which many like to pretend did not take place.

A GIFT has been given to Duke Memorial Church in loving memory of Mrs. Lonie W. Long by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, Jr.

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NEW CLASS OFFICERS: Officers have recently been elected in the H. E. Spence Bible Class for men. They are:

President: Tom Coble
Vice-President: Ken Howard
Secretary: Buster Poythress
Treasurer: Hoyle Shepherd
Assistant Secretary: Phillip Umstead
Assistant Treasurer: Bob Lyon

Dr. Athur Kale is the teacher of the Spence Class, and Dan Edwards and Barney Jones are assistant teachers. This fall the men of this class are studying the International Lesson Series unit entitled "Kinds of Writing in the Bible." New members are welcome any Sunday!

BIBLE READINGS: September 13 - 19, 1979

September 13	Ezek.	43 - 45
14	Ezek.	46 - 48
15	Daniel	1 - 3
16	Daniel	4 - 6
17	Daniel	7 - 9
18	Daniel	10 - 12
19	Hosea	1 - 6

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in our sanctuary please call the Church Office, 688-1901 or 688-2170.

CHURCH CALENDAR: September 9 - 15, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	12:15 p. m.	Luncheon for Youth and Parents
Mon.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 in Parlor
	11:00 a. m.	UMW, Bradshaw Room
	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men in Whitford Hall
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board in Bradshaw Room
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

BIBLES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THIRD GRADERS DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th.

LUNCHEON FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS - Sunday, September 9th at 12:15 p. m. in Whitford Hall
Cost is \$1.00

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN OUR FALL YOUTH PROGRAM! HEAR SOME PLANS; HELP MAKE OTHERS!

ANNOUNCING: CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SCHOOL 1979

The Durham District Christian Workers' School will be September 23-24 at Duke Memorial. This is an opportunity for personal enrichment and the development of leadership skills. Choose one of these six courses:

"The Prophet Isaiah and His Legacy" - taught by Dr. Lloyd Bailey - a look at thought and influence of this towering figure in biblical literature.

"United Methodist Roots and Beliefs" - taught by The Rev. Martha M. Smith - what sets us apart as United Methodist people?

"Teaching Adults Using Discussion and Other Participatory Methods" - taught by John M. Meares - to help leaders of adult groups.

"Finding Your Way Through the Bible" - taught by Mrs. Jane Mickey - to help elementary teachers find an approach to teaching the Bible

"Music and Pre-School Children" - taught by Mrs. Anna Workman - introduction to resources and techniques for music with pre-school boys and girls.

"Developing a Creative Youth Ministry" - taught by The Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr. - dealing with a variety of issues for today's youth ministry.

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP PICNIC AT CHESTNUT RIDGE - ALL AGES!!

Sunday, September 16, 3:00 - 8:00, with supper beginning at 5:30 p. m. Seimming, Canoeing, Softball, and all the usual fun events! Come for all or part of the time!