

## WHAT IS MINISTRY?

By definition, every ordained member of a United Methodist Annual Conference is called a "United Methodist preacher". If that person be appointed to serve a congregation, the title becomes "United Methodist pastor". Some among us insist that the rightful title is "minister". Are we into semantics only or is there a matter of substance here?

The bulletin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Darien, Conn. lists one priest as "rector" and there are three "associate rectors". The next line gives away the whole story: "Ministers: The Entire Congregation". Methodists have made ever larger use of the term "ministry" for what we do in and through churches. It is applied to virtually every activity in which a congregation or denomination engages. One may comment with appreciation that the title ought so to be used for in what can a congregation of Christ rightly participate that is not an application or extension of Christ's ministry?

If the rector of St. Paul's Church is correct in the appellation of the congregation (and I think he is), all who are members of any church ought to take thought of what applies where they are. If all Christians are ministers, ministers to each other and to the world that environs all of us, how do we go about the task? And if all members are ministers, then what function is there for those in the flock who are pastors?

We at Duke Memorial are into a year-long grappling with the term "Discipleship". It is not a gimmick nor is it a quickie for attention getting. Discipleship is defined in our own words (by some members) twice a week in our publications. No one pretends any definition is complete or, indeed, that the sum of them encompasses the whole of the subject. I hope all of us see that seeking to express in words what in our souls we feel and sense is one way of expressing our discipleship. It helps us to know for what we stand and why we take that or those positions. Talking, thinking, writing about the subject is not a means of evading responsibility but rather is a way to help sharpen our own thoughts so that we may be better disciples.

Do you accept for yourself the proposition that everyone in the congregational membership is a minister of Duke Memorial? If you do not, think and pray - and if you do, even more, think and pray - and obey as God leads you. We are all in it together, members of the Body of Christ, joined by faith to Him and to each other. God direct us in our discipleship!

- - Ed Smith

DISCIPLESHIP: If we take time, if we exert self-discipline, and if we practice daily the habit of communion with God, we shall grow more like Him and come to exemplify the true meaning of discipleship. To be at one with Christ gives to us patience, perspective, concern and consecration.

Ruby Haywood

PARABLES BIBLE STUDY: The concluding session of the study of the parables of Jesus, led by Pastor Settle, will be held Sunday afternoon, 9 March, at 4:30 in the Bradshaw Room. This is a project of the Commission on Missions.

THE BISHOP'S SEMINAR ON PREACHING is scheduled in Raleigh, Monday - Wednesday, 10-12 March. Pastors are required to attend. In event of an emergency, the church office can contact Mr. Smith or Mr. Settle for you.

PULPIT GUESTS:

23 March - Dean Thomas A. Langford  
27 April - Rev. Helen S. Smith  
25 May - Dr. Raymond Valenzuela  
Not a guest but a staff member:  
20 April - Rev. Donald T. Settle

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan Fund in loving memory of Annie Morton by the Katie Johnson Class.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion is scheduled for Thursday, 3 April 1980 at 7:30. (Because the first Sunday in April is Easter, there will be only the early 9:00 a. m. service of Communion that day). Good Friday evening in the sanctuary at 7:30, Dr. Alan D. Whanger will make a visual presentation of some of the results of his studies on "The Shroud of Turin". This concerns the possibility that the grave clothes in which the body of Jesus was wrapped after the crucifixion have survived the centuries and exist today. This presentation is exceedingly timely on Good Friday and most interesting, both in terms of scientific inquiry and of faith commitment.

HOMEBUILDERS CLASS 1980 SPRING SCHEDULE

Mar. 9 Christian Wholeness, T. A. Langford  
Mar. 16 Discipleship (Open Class Discussion)  
Mar. 23 Religion and the Rise of Capitalism,  
Waldo Beach  
Mar. 30 Discipleship (Open Discussion)  
Apr. 6) Easter - Jim Charlesworth  
Apr. 13) (Place: Open Door Classroom)  
Apr. 20 Discipleship (Open Discussion)  
Apr. 27 Wendy Mason  
May 4 Wendy Mason

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SUNDAY, 9 March 1980, Third Sunday in Lent

The Gospel: St. Luke 11:14-28  
The Sermon: The Evil of Emptiness  
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Walker  
Junior Church Leaders:  
Tom Adkinson and Don Sellers

WMC International Christian Youth Conference, Truro, England July 22 - 28, 1980

This week I received an invitation to be one of the leaders of the above named event. I shall be one of about 3,000 young Christians of 15-30 years of age, gathered to hear world renowned speakers and enter into seminars upon various issues facing Christians today; e.g. 'War, Peace and Pacifism' or 'Understanding the Bible Today'.

Many of our speakers come from outside the Free West and will bring their own testimonies. The event should be as stimulating as will be the setting, high above picturesque Truro.

If you are interested in an International Experience with fellow young Christians training to be effective witnesses for Christ, why not join me in Truro? I have information concerning two week study tours leaving the U.S.A. for the Conference, incorporating a mini-tour of Britain. You will be following in the steps of John Wesley who often preached in Cornwall.

Why not come? If you're over 30 you may still be eligible to act as a study tour leader.

For more information contact me, Wendy Mason, 286-7407 or via the Church Office. I pray that some members of our church will feel moved to grasp this opportunity.

Yours,  
Wendy Mason

The Task Force on Congregational Visitation will meet Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the library.

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 9 - 15, 1980

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	4:00 p. m.	Confirmation Class
	4:30 p. m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choirs
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
Mon.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Evelyn Petty, 410 Everett Place
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop "Sew-Vols" for Methodist Retirement Home, Eugenia Dixon, leader
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and lunch Charlotte Corbin, speaker
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Education
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CAMPS AND OTHER SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the Conference camping program for Summer 1980 are here! Here's a list of opportunities. For more information or to obtain an application, see Margaret Anne soon.

ELEMENTARY CAMP (one-week) for those completing grades 3, 4, 5, 6.

ONE-WEEK CAMP FOR YOUTH for those completing grades 7 thru 11.

SUNFISH SAILING CAMP (two weeks) for youth completing grades 7 - 11.

JUNIOR HIGH CANOE CAMP (two weeks) for youth completing grades 7 - 9.

HOBIE SAILING CAMP -

Young Adult (ages 19 - 35) - both  
Week Adventure trips and Week-ends.

Older Youth (ages 16 - 18) - both  
Week Trip and Week-ends.

LEADER-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM - for 16 - 18 year olds at Camp Don-Lee

YOUTH CANOE WEEKEND - May 9-11, for those in grades 10-12.

YOUNGER ELEMENTARY CAMP - "Introduction to Camping" (3 days) for those completing grades 1 and 2.

SINGLE PARENT & CHILD WEEKEND - May 2 - 4 at Camp Don-Lee

FAMILY CAMP and FAMILY CAMP WEEKENDS at Camp Don-Lee

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP for those completing Grades 3 - 7

SNOW POLICY: Except in cases of exceptional snowfall that absolutely immobilizes all traffic, Duke Memorial will be open for Sunday morning worship for all who can make it to the church. There will be no radio announcement that services are to be held. If really dire circumstances exist, a notice of cancellation will be given. "Really dire circumstances" would indicate a snowfall of ten inches or thereabout.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of A. Laurance Aydlett because of his death.

IN MEMORIAM

A. Laurance Aydlett, 29 February 1980

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. Ola Anderson Martin because of her death.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ola Anderson Martin, 1 March 1980

"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions"