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HOPE DOES SPRING -- FOR SOME FOLKS!

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast:
Man never is, but always to be blest."
Alexander Pope, An Essay on Man

When things go well and the world seems beautiful, hope is no problem. The enjoyment of the present seems to preclude any reason for hope as to the future. The reverse side of the proposition is that when things go poorly and all seems dark indeed, hope is needed - but where is it then to be found? Only in the dark do men need a candle; and especially in times that are difficult, hope has healing, strengthening power - if we have hope!

For a Christian, God is the object of faith and in Him, His will, His providence, is our reason for hope, for the present and for the future. As we enter into Holy Week, we come not only to the most sacred of seasons in our Christian calendar. We come also to the focus of the whole matter of hope and what ground a Christian has for hope. Without saving faith in Jesus Christ, over all human endeavour and aspiration lies the certain shadow of our mortality. We may strive for a time but evening comes, we lay down - however unwillingly - our efforts and the curtain falls. It is indeed a gloomy prospect, one to paralyze all initiative and effort.

But now is Christ raised from the dead! The hymn of St. Paul in I Corinthians 15 deals with the mortality and frailty of all of us. To overcome the pessimism that is built into the human scene, to set aside the seeming end that is death, requires something much more than man. That something is in Jesus Christ. Many of us are uncomfortable with the supernatural and perhaps rightly so. Yet, so great is the need that we have, that only God's intervention can deal with it in triumph.

Hope springs eternal - in the fullest sense of the word - for those whose hope is founded in Christ, His life, death and resurrection. This is God getting into the human scene to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. This is new life, new direction, a new and everlasting ground for belief that in the future as in the present, God is at work. What more powerful symbol can there be than God raising One from the dead? As we remember the days and cost of the Passion of our Lord, so we would remember also God's victory in Christ. God be praised for the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of our own victory through Him.

- - Ed Smith

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DISCIPLESHIP IS accepting the joys and sorrows, the successes and the defeats, that are part of being a full member of the covenant community.

EASTER MONDAY is a holiday for the Church Staff so the office will be closed all day. In the event of emergency, please telephone Mr. Smith (489-2210), Mr. Settle (682-3398), or Mrs. Massey (489-5179).

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Mrs. Ola Anderson Martin by:

- Mrs. C. M. Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris

MEALS ON WHEELS now serves 165 meals daily in Durham. This is possible only because over 300 volunteers from various congregations offer their services. One of our neighboring churches sends 33 of its members to assist in this program. At the moment 20 shut-ins in the Club Blvd. vicinity who are not capable of cooking for themselves are on a waiting-list for delivery of a hot noonday meal five days a week. To activate this route ten volunteers are needed. If each church of our community would send one helper, this new route could be covered immediately. Would you consider representing our church? Call 682-3145 between 10 and 3.

THE PARABLES OF JESUS, the spring Bible study of the Commission on Missions, was snowed out early in March. That study, has been reset for the Church School hour of Sunday, April 20. At that time Pastor Settle will teach a combined group of all Adult Sunday School classes. The final sessions of this series will take place on Sunday afternoon of Apr. 27, beginning at 4:30. There will be a light supper at six o'clock and a short discussion session following the meal. Make your plans now to attend.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on April 14 instead of April 7. There will not be an executive committee meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Does your Sunday School or Circle have a special project? Share it with us in the Newsletter that we may be inspired.

GRADUATING? If members of your family are completing work in a high school or college please notify the Church office. We wish to recognize all members of our church family at this significant time in their life. Thank you for your help. The telephone numbers are 688-1901 or 688-2170.

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THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be sponsoring a variety show on Sunday, June 1. The purpose of telling you at this early date is two fold. First, we would like for you to reserve that evening on your calendar. The evening will include both a sumptuous meal and dazzling entertainment and we are sure you will all want to attend. In addition the class realizes what tremendous resources of talent are available within this congregation and invites and encourages all prospective dancers, singers, comedians, or other performers to participate. If you are interested in performing please contact Bill or Marti Coram at 471-6218.

WHAT IS THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL?

Those of you who have stopped by the bulletin board near the Church Office could answer that it is the World Confessional Family of Methodism. You may know that the elected Council members from 90 countries and 66 churches meet every 5 years to discuss matters of concern to all Methodist.

Dean Thomas Langford and I are privileged to be members of the Council's Executive Committee which carries its work through the quinquennium.

On April 27 I shall be showing slides of the Council and Conference and showing various souvenirs to the Homebuilders Class. If you'd like to know more, come and join the class, or arrange for me to speak to your group some time?

Wendy Mason

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 30 March 1980

Church School.....242  
 Morning Worship.....377

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 4,300.00
Needed through March 30	55,900.00
Received to date	53,520.70

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH:	Marjorie Noell	4103
	Elizabeth Jones	4112
	F. L. Gamble	7226
	Martha Lee North	CICU-4
VA:	Allyn S. Norton	
Duke:	Elizabeth Henderson	3rd East 3808

PLEASE HELP! When a member of your family or some one in your neighborhood is hospitalized, please notify the church as early as possible. Durham County Hospital keeps a generally accurate roster of patients divided by denominations. Sometimes errors are made in this listing. At Duke Medical Center including the eye center and the rehabilitation center, there is no such list. The same is true for McPherson's Hospital and the VA facility. The pastors work daily at this task but without your help, many times persons are not visited simply for lack of knowledge of their being hospitalized. Thank you for your assistance.

SYMPATHY AND CONCERN of the pastors and congregation are expressed to Doris Blalock because of the death of her brother, Devan Boone of Washington, D. C. Saturday, 29 March; to Louise Neeley, because of the death of her grandson, Neil Gregory in Jacksonville, Florida, Friday, 28 March; and to Mrs. J. A. Jones because of the death of her brother, Carroll Montague, March 22 in Oxford.

MEDIPORT provides transportation for the elderly or the handicapped to or from medical appointments. Every month about 60 Durham citizens are served. Would you be willing to be on call once a month? Mention your church affiliation when you call 477-3391 to offer your assistance.

BLOOD DONORS! The Red Cross Blood Collection Center, 1000 East Forest Hills, Boulevard, will be open Easter Monday, 7 April. Holidays always mean special blood needs - go by and give the gift of life to some one!

EASTER SUNDAY, 6 APRIL 1980

The Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-7  
 The Sermon: From Funeral to Festival  
 Acolytes: Christie Bollinger & Robbie Gorham  
 Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas B. Fagan

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 6 - 12, 1980

Sun.	9:00 a. m.	Holy Communion
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Mon.		Easter Monday (Holiday)
Tues.	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop in Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch Doris Bridges, leader
	7:30 p. m.	Commission on Education
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal