

AND WHAT IS NEXT?

Up to the point where a mountain climber scales Mt. Everest, each peak which he reaches is an invitation to climb another one, even higher. One might suppose that when one has ascended Mt. Everest, there really are no new worlds to conquer. The story of mountain climbers seems otherwise; at that point, new and more difficult routes up mountains already conquered challenge the climber. In this sense, he never runs out of goals.

Each Christian year brings us to Easter Sunday. By any scale of measurement, this is the festival for Christians. The worth of Advent, Christmas, Pentecost, Trinity, and all the other days and seasons is not lessened by the conviction that Easter is the top point of it all. Easter, the festival of the Resurrection, is that toward which the whole year heads and to which the remainder of the Christian year constantly refers.

What does one do following Easter? Inevitably, there is the fact to face that we shall not in anything else match the grandeur and the soul-moving convictions of Easter - and unless we admit this, all else we do is on a false foundation. But does one then, because you can't "beat" Easter, simply sit down and wait for another Easter to come? One of the peculiar things about the Christian life is that if you follow this course, the glow and luster of the next Easter will be so diminished that you will think something dreadful has happened. And, in so thinking, you will be exactly right!

What will have happened concerns not Easter but you! The apostolic injunctions to "keep the faith" mean that we live it. The power of the Resurrection is power for living, not for corner-sitting and doing nothing save once a year. The power of Christ, dead for our sins and raised for our justification, is a power that we either receive and in which we live, or else we reject it in the peril of not having further opportunities so to receive.

Easter is a year-long and life-long celebration. Every Sunday is a new affirmation of the Resurrection. Every day is the day to live this faith. And what is next? More of the same, going in Scriptural language from glory to glory, day to day, always in confidence and trust in the God Who created us and Who in Christ offers redemption and eternal life. "I press forward to the goal...", said St. Paul. So shall we all!

-- Ed Smith

DISCIPLESHIP includes regular attendance upon the corporate Divine Worship on the Sabbath; even if that period of joint Worship in Fellowship and Communion with others of Like Mind, happens to exceed one hour in length by a few minutes, from time to time.

Horace Mansfield

HIGHLIGHTS in the morning worship schedule from now through the end of May are:

- 20 April Rev. Donald T. Settle
- 27 April Rev. Helen S. Smith, Baltimore
- 4 May Church Anniversary & Commitment Sun.
- 11 May Festival of the Christian Home, Mother's Day
- 18 May Reception of Children from Confirmation Class
- 25 May Pentecost: Dr. Raymond Valenzuela, preacher

THE SYMPATHY AND LOVE of the congregation and pastors is expressed to the families of Mrs. Anglesey P. Hooley and Miss Martha Lee North. Both lived at the Methodist Retirement Home and both died Tuesday, 1 April 1980.

SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 1980

First Sunday after Easter

The Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

The Sermon: Seeing Isn't Believing - Sometimes

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Teer

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will observe the Call to Prayer and Self Denial at the General meeting on Monday, April 14, at 11:00 o'clock in the Bradshaw Room. The theme of the program will be "Ministries by and with Woman". An offering will be taken for this work. Mrs. Dorothy Valenzuela, who with her husband, is a Missionary in Chile, will be the speaker. Mrs. Ruth Holsinger will give the meditation.

Circles 1, 2 and 3 will meet at 10:00 A. M.

Lunch will be served by Circle 10, Mrs. Sue Bryant, chairman.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR U. M. W. HAWAIIAN LUAU (Luncheon) Thursday, May 8. Details later.

DON'T FORGET to come to Whitford Hall on Sunday morning, April 20 during the Church School hour (9:45 a. m.) to hear Pastor Settle's lesson The Parables of Jesus.!

A GIFT has been given to the Library Fund in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. Laurance Aydlett by Mrs. Dora P. Crutchfield.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Anglesey P. Hooley, 1 April 1980

Miss Martha Lee North, 1 April 1980

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

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TEACHER APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Come at 5:30 p. m. prepared to share your tastiest dishes, to visit with friends and new acquaintances, to enjoy being together, and, most important, to say "Thank You" to our Church School teachers.

Bring vegetables, salads, dessert in ample quantity (Teachers and their families will be guests); meat and drink will be provided by the church.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

HOME COMING AND ANNIVERSARY: 4 May is a very

big day at Duke Memorial. We will follow our format of recent years in the morning service and lunch on the front lawn. Now is the time to invite your family members and friends who once were part of our church family but now live elsewhere. The worship service will implement our theme for the year, Discipleship. Be planning now for this joyful and blessed Sunday.

ATTENDANCE: EASTER SUNDAY

Church School.....168
 Morning Worship.....487

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each Sunday	\$ 4,300.00
Needed through April 6	60,200.00
Received to date	59,071.55

HOSPITALIZED:

Duke:	Elizabeth Henderson	Third East 3808
DCGH:	Marjorie Noell	4100
	Elizabeth Jones	4112
	Mary W. Shore	5313

CHOIR NOTES

Junior and Carol Choirs will resume regular rehearsals on Sunday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m. All children are invited to participate. We will be preparing music to sing in church on May 4, Homecoming Sunday.

On Sunday, April 20, the Sanctuary Choir will present Bach Cantata No. 4, Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands. They will be assisted by string players from Duke University. This cantata is based on Hymn 438.

Special thanks from the choir director to all who participated in the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus (Handel) on Easter Sunday. It was a glorious and very musical rendition! You have all passed your auditions for choir. Please join us whenever you are able.

Easter Blessings to you all.

Jane Lynch

NEW BOOK: A beautiful edition of The Rubāiyat of Omar Khayyām has been presented to the church library in honor of R. Bailey Reade, on his birthday, March 31, 1980 by his grandchildren, Trip, Dottie and Michael Reade.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19, 1980

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	4:00 p. m.	Confirmation Class, Aldersgate Room
	5:00 p. m.	Junior and Carol Choirs
	5:30 p. m.	Teacher Appreciation Fellowship Supper
	7:30 p. m.	Discipleship Leaders, Bradshaw Room
Monday	11:00 a. m.	United Methodist Women, Bradshaw Room
Tuesday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. Jean Weynand, 1208 Welcome Circle
Wednesday	10:00 a. m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Fellowship Workshop, Whitford Hall (Please bring sandwich for lunch)
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Saturday		ASP Yard Sale