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Five. . .Four. . .Three. . .Two. . .One - and It's Here!

The verbal expressions of digits above are the time remaining to us for preparation for our 1980 Church Anniversary and Homecoming - provided the postal service gets this Messenger to you on time! Next Sunday, 4 May, is the day! There is still time to do what is needed - if we get at it today! I find myself moved rather strongly by the proximity of our ninety-fourth birthday and the festive day that comes with that anniversary. I pray that you have some of the same feelings.

Linda and Tom Adkinson have agreed to be hostess-host for our church family luncheon on the lawn following the morning service. They will need the help of many of us and when they call, please answer - affirmatively and cheerfully! During the morning service, childrens' choirs and the chancel choir will sing. The sermon - about which I have thought a great deal for two months! - will be a "how came we here and where do we go" homily on Discipleship. If the weather that has blessed us recently continues, we may well have the most beautiful such day in the period that we've been celebrating Homecomings.

The variable in all this equation for celebration is what we in our own hearts resolve that, God helping, we will make of the day. Homecomings once were considered exclusively the activity of the church in the wildwood. Sons and daughters of the congregation who had long since fled the sylvan beauty of the countryside were supposed to return from urban sprawl and to renew their acquaintanceship with each other and sometimes, with God as well. It was a time of feasting for soul and body - and the pantry, freezer and smokehouse were well raided to see to the latter kind of feasting! Underlying all this was, I think, the supposition that a sense of church family existed only in such rural settings.

I flatly deny that! The sense of "church family", the people of God who gather in worship, in prayer, in service, and who disperse in service and in witness is a sense of identity and being that develops wherever the people involved are willing to have it develop. My observation about Duke Memorial is that we do indeed make up such a family of God. We can come home to a large church in the midst of a downtown area as well as to any church anywhere. Perhaps, in God's Providence, we can do it even better just because of where we are!

Next Sunday is the day for our Homecoming and Family Gathering. Come prepared in every way. Bring family, friends and provisions, both physical and spiritual. In God's mercy, let Homecoming 1980 be a banner time for us all!

- - Ed Smith

DISCIPLESHIP is a quiet time each day when you listen to God instead of talking to Him.

UNITED METHODIST MEN and the ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meet at the usual hours and places on Tuesday, 6 May.

CHANGES COMING! At Annual Conference in June, Don Settle will be assigned to his own pastorate. So - Don and Carolyn Settle Night will be celebrated May 18. A covered dish supper at six o'clock will be followed by a fun program under the direction of Polly Mixon. This will give every one an opportunity to express thanks and good wishes to these two who have meant so much to us. A gift of love will be presented. Any one wishing to make contributions may send check marked "Settle fund" to the Church office by May 12.

4 MAY 1980, Fourth Sunday after Easter
Church Anniversary and Homecoming
The Gospel: St. John 15:1-10
The Sermon: Discipleship - 1980 Style
Acolytes: Denise Griffin & Courtney Chewing

HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Homecoming Day, 4 May. For this service, we will use the old wooden and glass service which served Duke Memorial for many years. This is one small touch of contact with our past.

PLEASE HELP us know who is graduating from high schools, colleges and universities. A call to the Church office will enable us to have a complete listing for publication. Thank you.

HOMEcoming HOUSEKEEPING NOTES: Sunday morning members of the Hospitality Committee will be in the kitchen and adjacent areas to receive dishes of food. They will refrigerate what needs to be kept cold, heat what needs to be warmed, and do their very best to do exactly what all of us would do in our homes in a like situation. Please label your dishes with a simple name tag for easy identification at pickup time! Bread, drinks, paper and plastic goods will be provided.

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HAWAIIAN LUAU LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 8, 1980 - Place: Whitford Hall - Tickets \$3.00 from Church Office or from Circle Chairman

Menu: Hawaiian Chicken, Heavenly Hash, Green Beans, Key Lime Pie, Rolls, Tea, Coffee

There will be a mini bazaar with special handmade articles for this Spring luncheon. Colorful leis and mu-mus will be for sale, also. This is a part of Fall Festival activities. Be sure to get your ticket while they last and bring a friend.

LIBRARY GIFT: Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Boddie have given a book entitled Thad Stem's Ark, to the Library in memory of Paul C. Wheeler. Thad Stem is a native of Oxford, N. C. and lives there today. We are proud to have this book by a native son in our Library.

VOLUNTEER DESK WORK, DRIVING OR A ROOM: If your husband needed open-heart surgery in a hospital far from home would you prefer to stay all alone in a motel or among caring people in a private home? The HOST HOMES program in Durham has a list of families who have volunteered to help strangers who have relatives in Duke Hospital. HOST HOMES put up 95 people last month in 40 different homes. No meals are served; a small charge covers the host's expenses for laundry of linens. Your offer of a room on a temporary basis, or of transportation from the hospital or of desk work is solicited. Call 684-5351 and mention your church affiliation.

WE DID IT! Enough new volunteers signed up from the various community churches so that the new route could be added to Meals on Wheels. Were you one of them? If so, bless you! Now 170 are served hot noon-day meals daily. The waiting-list is still long. If you are physically able to get in and out of a car and can carry 1 pound packages, you too can deliver meals. (The staff will carry the plastic hot food containers to your car if need be. Some volunteers bring their two-year olds; some use canes. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen or at the telephone, too. Call today: 683-3145 and mention your church affiliation.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Paul C. Wheeler by:
City Water & Sewer Maintenance Employees
Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Blalock
Miss Kathryn A. Hesse
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mattox

ATTENDANCE: 27 April 1980
Church School.....176
Morning Worship.....285

FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed each week	\$ 4,300.00
Needed through April 27	73,100.00
Received to date	70,562.55

JOGGERS-RUNNERS: Are you interested in occasional competition with other churches in Durham? If so, call the church office so we can respond. Please let us hear from you by 8 May. Thank you.

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS who can't find a job for the summer: Oldham and Henderson Towers need volunteers to help with activities (macrame, beadwork, games, singing) or the midweek evening worship service. Great returns for easy work. Call Bill Cottingham, 286-9501.

CAN'T DRIVE? Want to do some telephone volunteer work? MEDIPORT needs a co-ordinator to send drivers to homes of citizens who need transportation to or from doctor's appointments or hospitals. 60 were served last month.

CAN DRIVE? But gas is too expensive? Mediport can see to it that you get reimbursed 19¢ per mile if you can drive once a week or once a month for them.

WEDDING:The congregation and pastors felicitate and express every good wish to Charles C. Cassell, Jr., and Victoria Patrice Hardin, both of Charlotte, who were married in Duke Memorial's sanctuary Saturday, 26 April 1980 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

BAPTISM: With thanksgiving to God and great joy, Talbert Scollon, son of R. L. Forrester II and Johnna T. Forrester, was baptized last Sunday. He was born 20 July 1979 at Durham County General Hospital.

HOSPITALIZED: Durham County General Hospital

Edna Ludwigson	6305
Fanny Turner	4102
Elsie Graham	6317

CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 4 - 10, 1980

Sun.	9:00 a. m.	Holy Communion
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship followed by Dinner on the Grounds
	4:00 p. m.	Confirmation Class
Mon.	11:00 a. m.	U.M.W., Bradshaw Room
		Circles 1, 2, and 3 meet at 10:00 a. m.
Tues.	6:00 p. m.	Methodist Men
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop
Thurs.	12:30 p. m.	Hawaiian Luau Luncheon
	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal