

HE MADE MY DAY!

Durham County General Hospital provides for pastors a listing each day of all patients in the hospital, arranged in denominational blocks. Recently I noted a name that made a very faint connection to some one in the past - but what connection! Where had I known the man? What was the kind of relationship? One day, when I was a bit less pressed for time than usual, I decided to risk a quick visit.

To my utter surprise, the man greeted me by name when I came in the door and did so with a warmth of expression that absolutely amazed me. I fear that I must confess that I would have passed him on the street without recognizing him - but he knew me. We had a delightful visit, a quick filling in on what had happened in the more than thirty years since we had seen each other, and a rapid assessment of his health - for after all, he was in the hospital.

As I prepared to leave, he said, "Just one minute more. You are obviously surprised I recognized you so quickly. Would you like to know why?" Since I really did want to know I decided to risk his answer, and asked him why he did remember me. He said, "Now I am going to make your day" - and then he proceeded to do so with some of the kindest words I've heard in a long time. Quite undeserved they may have been but for me, they were most timely.

The moral of the little story is not to tell you what a remarkable person I am for that would be both out of order and untruthful; the point of the story is that this man's kind remembrance of other days and situations in which we were involved came to expression and he did say what was in his heart. The consequence for me is that he not only "made my day" but he warmed my heart in a wonderful way.

All of us have in our memories and our hearts many persons to whom we owe much in many ways; if you are as I, much of this is the sort of debt that is totally unrepayable. But it is well within the power of each of us to make some kind of overt expression by which those persons will know how blessed we have been because of them. It might even be that in a moment of great honesty, we would thank God for His mercies to us, not in the perfunctory words that come easily (and with little meaning) to our lips, but with the expression of a devout and thankful heart, "expressions too deep for utterance" that come almost in groaning of the spirit.

This sort of thing might make some one else's day as well as bless us. We shall not make God's day for Him for that is not in our power; but honest acknowledgement to Him will make our day - any day and every day! Try it! A surprise may await you.

-- Ed Smith

HOLY COMMUNION: You are invited to share in this sacrament Sunday, 3 August at 9:00 a. m. in the sanctuary.

NOMINATIONS: The Committee on Nominations for leadership in Church and Sunday School for 1981 meets Wednesday, 6 August, at 7:30 p. m. in the library. Your prayers for members of this committee and the exceedingly important tasks to which they address themselves will bless us all.

3 AUGUST 1980

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gospel: St. Luke 16:1-9
The Sermon: A Consecrated Crook

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to put flowers in our sanctuary please call the church office, 688-1901. We have several openings in August and September, Thank you!

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. Earl C. Dameron because of her death.

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Pickard Dameron

July 22, 1980

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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DID YOU KNOW THAT our congregation as a member of DCIA (Durham Congregations in Action) supports the program of HOST HOMES? In June 83 people were offered overnighiting for a total of 442 nights; when the list of available homes ran out, motel room fees were paid for 103 relatives of patients. 20 additional homes are needed at this moment.

If your husband or wife had a heart attack in a strange city would you not welcome an invitation to spend the nights in a Christian home? Call 684-5351 from 1 to 4:30.

A GIFT has been given to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in loving memory of Word C. Clark by Mr. and Mrs. W. Terry Carden.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 27 July 1980

Church School.....196
Morning Service.....295

HOSPITALIZED:

DCGH: Lizette Dunham 5328
Ed Dunham 7303
Helen L. Reams 7204
Annie Herring 7226
Natalie Harris 6317
Duke: Blanche Rutherford--Prevost 4701

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, August 4, in the Bradshaw Room. The program will be a review of three books by Dottie Ritchie, Janet Smith, and Helen Upchurch. This will appropriately follow our extensive emphasis on "Discipleship". The books to be reviewed are: The Future of Partnership, The Prophets on Main Street, The Art of Christian Caring. These books will be available for further study by individuals or groups.

Please bring sandwiches or a covered dish for lunch.

LIBRARY NOTES

Sherman's March through Georgia and the Carolinas, November 1864 - April 1865. This book is written by Burke Davis who has received highest praise for his books on the Civil War. The H. E. Spence Bible Class gave this volume in memory of Phillip M. Umstead.

ACOLYTES for Sunday, August 3:

Scott Bagley
David McCotter

OVER TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS!

In 1979, Methodist gave
- \$7,422,560 to world missions...
- 2,634,855 to national missions...
- 8,209,585 to relief and development ministries...
- 1,769,692 to ministries related to world hunger...
- 301,156 to strengthen the ethnic minority local churches in the UMC.

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 3 - 10, 1980

Sunday	9:00 a. m.	Holy Communion, Sanctuary
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Monday	11:00 a. m.	United Methodist Women, Bradshaw Room
Tuesday	7:00 p. m.	UMYF
	7:45 p. m.	Administrative Board, Bradshaw Room
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Fellowship Workshop, Whitford Hall
	7:30 p. m.	Committee on Nominations, Library
Friday & Saturday		UMYF Overnight Retreat