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REFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION

Christians of every confession ought to praise God with a loud and thankful voice for the measure of reconciliation between Christians. It is quite easy for Protestants to say that all the change has come on the Catholic side. Such statements are just as false as they are easy to make. One of the many marvelous aspects of our shared faith in Jesus Christ is the way God renews and reforms His Church in each generation.

The days of denunciation of Christians by those who claim also to be Christian are not with us as once they were, i. e., Catholics and Protestants vying with each other for the most extreme denunciation. Northern Ireland is a reminder to us that such days have not disappeared from the face of the earth. If one kind of recrimination slows and tends to disappear, other sorts seem to arise.

This Reformation Sunday, we do well to consider the wedges being driven into the union of spirit of the Body of Christ, the Church, by self-appointed bearers of the word. My frame of reference is to the emergence of extremist groups within the wide spectrum of Protestantism. St. John records that Jesus said of heaven, "In my Father's house are many rooms" (Jn 14:2, RSV). The denunciations that fly back and forth would indicate that some other building manager has taken over the habitation! The entry of such groups into the political arena with no hesitation in urging particular choices, persons and directions is a phenomenon not heretofore seen in the United States. Christians share responsibility for participation in the political progress; but I for one view the spectacle of block voting or the threat thereof by church groups as a dire omen for our future.

It is a fact that it is easier to raise a revolt and a mob than to put down mob action; it is easier to stir up trouble than to resolve problems. Revolution seems to be part of our history and it may be that at times, it is desirable - consider our North American view of 1976 for example! But Jesus pronounced a blessing on peace makers. In all areas of our life, are we not wise to seek that blessing rather than to join in the fighting just because so many are engaged? This is a great time for Christians to find their unity in Jesus Christ and to allow differences of opinion without loss of love for any one. What a great thought for Reformation Sunday 1980!

- - Ed Smith

RESCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The Finance Committee meeting, originally set for Monday, 3 November, 7:30 in the library is rescheduled to Monday, 10 November, same time and place.

The Administrative Board meeting, originally set for Tuesday, 4 November, 7:30 in the Bradshaw Room, is moved to Tuesday, 11 November, 7:00, in the Lillie Duke Classroom.

The Charge Conference remains scheduled for Tuesday, 11 November, but will be held at 8:00 in the Lillie Duke Classroom rather than 7:45 in the Bradshaw Room.

United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, 11 November, at 6:00 with announcement of the meeting place to be made later.

A GIFT has been given to Duke Memorial Church in loving memory of Lois Lee Fowler by Circle 8 of United Methodist Women.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for our sanctuary on November 9 and November 30. If you are interested in putting flowers in the church please call the office, 688-1901.

2 NOVEMBER 1980

Tenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Reformation Sunday

The Gospel: St. John 8:31-36

The Sermon: Protesters or Witnesses

Acolytes: Denise Griffin & Christie Bollinger

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Jr.

Junior Church Leader: Carolyn Shipp

CARR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, corner of East Main and Driver Avenue, invites you to the opening of an exhibit of paintings by Janet Burgess of Southern Pines, at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, 2 November. A gallery talk follows at 4:00 and a reception is scheduled for 5:00. The exhibit continues through the month of November.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - November 3, 1980

Circles 1, 2 and 3 will meet at 10:00 a. m.

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) will be the focal point for the general meeting at 11:00 a. m. in the Bradshaw Room. Ruth Phelps and Jean Wilson will present the program after Mary Whanger's spiritual life meditation. Circle #5, Dottie Ritchie and Doris Brown, Co-chairmen, will provide lunch. All interested women, especially newcomers to our church, are invited to be present.

There is a nursery for small children.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. Ophelia Bolen because of her death on October 22, 1980 and to the family of Mrs. A. H. (Zelle) Borland because of her death on October 26, 1980.

IT'S A PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!
Hungry for some of those flapjacks Grandma used to make? Well, they're even better when made by a MYF'er! You will also be helping the UMYF make money for their Christmas projects - mainly a family we will adopt for Christmas. We will be serving from 8:30 - 9:30 a. m. on the morning of November 9. Sr. Highs will be selling tickets after church November 2 so make plans NOW to be there! The price of the tickets is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12.

BOOKS FOR BAZAAR SALE - paperbacks, or hardbacks in good condition.

IN MEMORIAM

Ophelia Ormond Bolen
October 22, 1980

Zelle Williams Borland
October 26, 1980

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

FALL BAZAAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10 - 5:00

NEED: Finished Items to sell

Nearly New Items (no clothes)

Plants and Flower arrangements

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 26 October 1980

Church School 230

Morning Worship 301

CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2 - 8, 1980

Sunday	9:00 a. m.	Holy Communion
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Carol and Junior Choirs
	5:15 p. m.	UMYF
Monday	11:00 a. m.	United Methodist Women, Bradshaw Room
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal