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GIVING IS PART OF THANKSGIVING

Your images of Thanksgiving certainly include some mental pictures of food, plenty of it! Not without reason the day is nicknamed 'Turkey Day'. The turkey has the dubious distinction of being part of the sacrifice process. Our notion of a day of national feasting goes back to a far off day in the northeastern part of what is now the United States. After dreadfully severe privation and loss by death of many of their number, at last there was food in sufficient amount to insure survival through the winter then at hand. "From Fast to Feast" might have been their watchword.

A national day of Thanksgiving is simply a day to give thanks. Many of us will join together in the Duke Memorial sanctuary to do just that. Such a setting is eminently fitting as a place in which to offer to God our thanks. Giving thanks is both spoken as well as an expression of our hearts. And sincere giving of thanks includes making a gift or gifts for others.

In recent years, we have made our Thanksgiving offering in support of Meals on Wheels in our community. We give both thanks and money - and some of us give time and effort as well. It may be that not all can give time because of schedules that simply will not permit. All of us can give money - and a lot of it is needed! As a member congregation of Durham Congregations in Action, we set ourselves at Thanksgiving to give the major part of our annual contribution of \$1,116 to this agency through which so much good is done locally. Ruth Phelps has kept Meals on Wheels alive for our congregation in a most useful way and our response will encourage all of us.

Mark envelopes or checks "Meals on Wheels" but make the checks payable to Duke Memorial. This will enable us to have a record of your gift for tax purposes and we will simply forward a check just after Thanksgiving. Bring your gifts to church or send them on Sunday either before or after Thanksgiving Day and most preferably on the day itself. Give because you are thankful - and you will be thankful that you gave. Bless you, each one, at this season of remembrance of God's mercies to us.

-- Ed Smith

ELECTIONS: Our Charge Conference on 11 November elected the nominees listed on the enclosed sheets. The following changes and additions will complete your list. On the first page, a replacement will have to be found for superintendent of the Sunday School, Zelle Borland. Her death is a great loss to us personally as well as to the whole church. On page 2, "members by virtue of their office", W. E. (not D) Hammond. Complete the Class of 1983 of the Committee on Nominations by the addition of the names of persons elected by the Charge Conference: W. T. Coman, Jr., R. R. Few, Sarah McCracken.

Following the line "To be nominated from the floor and elected at the Charge Conference" the title for the group that follows is missing: insert, Board of Trustees, please. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES will begin on the first Wednesday in Advent, 3 December, and continue each week through Wednesday of Holy Week, 15 April 1981. The services will be led by members of our congregation. They begin at 12:10 and adjourn at 12:30 for a light luncheon in Whitford Hall.

CHRISTMAS BEAUTY: The Chrismon tree will be in the sanctuary 14, 21, 28 December for your blessing and joy. The chancel poinsettias will be in place 14 and 21 December and available for you to take them with you following the morning service on the Sunday before Christmas. Next week's Messenger will give details on the placement of poinsettias.

SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1980

Last Sunday in Kingdomtide

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The Sermon: Here, But Not Yet

Greeters: Elizabeth Wilson and Beulah Latta

No Junior Church

BLOOD IS NEEDED at holidays and all other times. The Red Cross blood center will be open Friday, 28 November, the day after Thanksgiving. Is there a better way to express thanksgiving to God than to give "the gift of life" to one of His children? Durham's use of blood is at a very high rate because of the centers here for treatment of persons having cancers. Be thankful for these facilities - and provide them with what is essential! Thank you.

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In loving memory of Mrs. J. W. Vaughan,
mother of Mrs. J. T. Williams, by the
Minnie P. Gates Bible Class

FALL BAZAAR AT METHODIST RETIREMENT HOME
November 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
EVERYONE IS INVITED

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for leading Junior Church this past Sunday. You may have wondered whether you were at Duke Memorial, or somewhere on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho as you walked through our hallways Sunday! The signs were preparation for the puppet show telling the story of the Good Samaritan. An interesting feature: the Good Samaritan puppet was a girl, intending to represent the concept that each of us can be a Good Samaritan.

CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 23 - 29, 1980

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	12:15 p. m.	Youth Council
	4:00 p. m.	Play Rehearsal
	4:30 p. m.	Jr. and Carol Choirs
	5:15 p. m.	UMYF
Tues.	8:00 p. m.	Circle 6 with Polly Mixon, 2402 Dawn Trail Sandra Roakes, Co-hostess
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thurs.	10:00 a. m.	Thanksgiving Worship Service, Sanctuary

DURHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE is at Epworth Church Monday, 24 November at 7:30. The necessary minimum of business is scheduled; the major part of the meeting is a worship service with our Bishop, William R. Cannon, preaching. A reception will follow the Conference. All of you are welcome and invited!

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Last Sunday we welcomed Mrs. Edwin Gothard as a new member of Duke Memorial. She transferred her membership from First UMC, Rocky Mount. Agnes and Ed live at 2539 Sevier Street. Ed has been a member of Duke Memorial about two and a half years. Their telephone number is 489-1794. A call, note or visit of welcome will be good for all of us!

THANKS TO RUTH PHELPS and all who assisted her in a presentation of the work of Meals on Wheels last Sunday. We rejoice in sharing in this expression of concern in our community.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 16 November 1980
Church School.....224
Morning Worship.....279

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Dr. Anne H. Adams who died November 14,

IN MEMORIAM
Anne H. Adams, 14 November 1980
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

CHANGE IN CHOIR SCHEDULE: Jr. and Carol Choirs will meet November 30 at 4:30 p. m. Junior Choir will have a final brief rehearsal for the Advent Drama, and Carol Choir will have a short Christmas rehearsal, over in time to join family and friends for the Advent Drama in Whitford Hall.

JUNIOR CHOIR will gather for play rehearsal on November 23 at 4:30. Choir Rehearsal will follow at about 5:15, and all will be ready to go home at 6:00. (Children who need to leave at 5:45 will be dismissed early.)

ADVENT DINNER AND DRAMA NOVEMBER 30, 5:30 - 7:00 p. m.

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent, a season of preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ. As part of our preparation in 1980, we invite the congregation to join together for fellowship and for seeking new meanings and priorities in our celebration of Christmas.

The drama, "No Room in the Inn-Group" has been selected to help us think about meanings and priorities. It is being directed by Mrs. Charles Mercer and by Bill Roth, our Intern in Christian Education, and it includes a cast of all ages - adult, youth, and children.

Next week look for a more complete description of the evening's program - but plan now to join us on November 30.