

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US --

Henry van Dyke's words on keeping Christmas need a review now and then by all of us. They are chosen as the Christmas wish expression of your church staff for our whole church family. This is his wish:

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore that the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground;. . .to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness -- are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old;. . .to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke; and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open, -- are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world -- stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death -- and that the blessed Life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

"And if you can keep it a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone. . ."

van Dyke's words come near to saying it all. We are grateful to God for the privilege of serving as members of Duke Memorial's staff. May God grant you in this season the joy, the peace, love, hope, faith and assurance of His mercy that will bless you these days and always.

Your Church Staff

21 DECEMBER 1980, Fourth Sunday in Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Advent Candle Lighter: William Roth

No Junior Church

Acolytes: Walter Curtis IV & Tripp Roakes

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mattox

28 DECEMBER 1980, First Sunday after Christmas

The Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7

The Sermon: A Family Gift

Acolytes: Kathy Bowen & Melissa Sellers

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sasser, Jr.

MAILING SCHEDULE: Because of the holiday season and the lessened schedule of church activity in the days between Christmas and New Year's Day, the next issue of the Messenger will be mailed Tuesday, 6 January 1981. The calendar in the current issue is as nearly accurate as can be determined with lead time in publication. When questions arise, please telephone the church office for information.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS: The Church Office will close at noon on Wednesday, 24 December and reopen for normal hours Monday, 29 December. It will also be closed on New Year's Day. For emergency needs, please telephone Mr. Smith, 489-2210, Mr. Haddock, 493-3941, Mrs. Massey, 489-5179, or Miss Biddle, 477-9019. Thank you.

DURHAM DISTRICT WORKSHOPS for every area of church life are scheduled to be held at Duke Memorial Monday, 12 January, 7:30 - 9:30 in the evening. Further and more complete announcement will be in the Messenger for the week of 6 January 1981.

BLOOD SUPPLIES become critically low during the period 22 December -

5 January. If you are in a position to give a pint, please do so and particularly during this time of great need. Telephone the Red Cross blood center, 489-5641, for information as to days and hours of receiving donors. Thank you.

THE 1981 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD members will be installed in the morning service, Sunday, 4 January 1981. Please check the list of officers and leaders recently mailed to know who are members of the new Board. The Board will meet Tuesday evening, 6 January, at 7:45 p. m.

THE DURHAM DISTRICT CHRISTMAS OFFERING for help in construction of better facilities for Zora Chapel will be held open through the end of the year. Your gifts really will help!

HOLY COMMUNION in a come and go service is scheduled from 6:00 to 6:45 Christmas Eve evening. It will be followed by "Christmas Eve at Duke Memorial" in Whitford Hall. All are invited to participate.

ADVENT-LENTEN noon devotions will resume on 7 January 1981; there will be no services on either Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

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WILL YOU SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS? Will you search your attic, basement, clothes closets, pocket book, and your heart between now and December 21 for the following items needed at C. A. Dillon School. Students range in age between ten and seventeen years. The students are emotionally disturbed, have learning disabilities, and have already been in trouble. An effort is being made to provide a home as well as an education for these boys and girls. If you wish to contribute any of the items, either new or used, leave your item(s) in the church office by December 21. A group from our community will go to C. A. Dillon and take the Shared Christmas!

ITEMS NEEDED

Iron, ironing board, popcorn popper, coffee pot, cooking utensils, hair dryer, barber set, curling iron, radios, stereos, pool sticks trading stamps (gold bond, S&H, or green). Combs, perfume, cologne, after shave lotion, panty hose, socks, cassette players, blank cassettes, televisions, athletic equipment, table games, playing cards, checkers, chess, athletic uniforms, magazine subscriptions, books, religious literature, records, clothing any size (for young people).

Money can be donated to the Camping Fund, Christmas Fund, Student Welfare Fund, Chaplain's Fund, Chapel Fund.

For further information, see me.

Eula Miller

APPRECIATION FOR WORK TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL the sanctuary, the other buildings of Duke Memorial, both interior and exterior, is expressed to members of the Altar Guild and especially to Gloria Johnson, chairman; to Mary Cox, Margaret Best and to Ralph and Virginia Ballagh. Ken Howard saw to the erection of the Chrismon tree. It was decorated by Pat Coman and Gloria Johnson. The Chrismon Tree is the gift of Donnie and Fannie Louise Sorrell. Bill and Elizabeth McDuffie decorated Whitford Hall. Sixty-three poinsettia plants in the sanctuary and narthex are memorials to or in honour of beloved family members and friends. The poinsettias will be removed from the sanctuary after the service on 21 December. The Chrismon Tree will be in place through the service on Sunday, 28 December.

CHURCH CALENDAR DECEMBER 21 - 27, 1980

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:30 p. m.	Churchwide Caroling
Wed.	12:00 Noon	Office Closed
	6:00 p. m.	Holy Communion, Sanctuary
	7:00 p. m.	Christmas Eve at Duke Memorial, Whitford Hall

CHURCH CALENDAR DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Thurs.		New Year's Day
		Office Closed

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In loving memory of Lois Fowler by:
Mr. and Mrs. R. Dillard Teer
Mr. Holland Y. Holton

In loving memory of Zelle Borland by:
Mr. and Mrs. R. Dillard Teer
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph N. Mould, New Canaan
Mr. & Mrs. M. Lee Marston, Severna Park

In loving memory of Wallace Lee by:
Mr. Holland Y. Holton

ANNIVERSARY: On 23 December, Lizette and Ed Dunham, now residing in the Health Care Center of the Methodist Retirement Home, will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. Rejoice with them and let them know of your joy in this singularly long sharing of life which God has given them.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Daniel Klocke Shipp, Jr. was born Monday, December 8, 1980 in Washington, D. C. to Daniel and Helenmarie Shipp, 4332 S. 36th Street, Arlington, Va. 22206. Paternal grandparents are Carolyn and Lewis Shipp.

RECENT TRANSFER: Mr. and Mrs. Royal Rice and Miss Robbie Rice have moved their membership to Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham.

CAROLING: There will be a churchwide caroling for the shut-ins of Duke Memorial on Sunday, December 21, from 6:30 to 8:00. Please come to Whitford Hall. Dress for outdoors (unless it's raining heavily, in which case we'll go to a local hospital) and bring a flashlight. We will return to the Church about 7:45 for hot chocolate and cookies. Come, whether you consider yourself musical or not.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to Mrs. Larry E. (Alice) Tise and family because of the recent death of her father and to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coman, Jr. because of the death of Judy's mother, Mrs. W.C. Hilliard Monday, 15 December 1980.

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