

# DUKE MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

It is about to happen! For several years, many church members have sensed a need to create neighborhood groupings for members of our church. These groups have now been created; contact persons for these groups have been chosen, and first sessions of the groups are being worked out in February.

All of the mechanics of forming the groups has been accomplished with a great deal of labor through our Council on Ministries. Now we need the assistance of every member of Duke Memorial. Our goal is to create within our church family a warmer, closer Christian fellowship. We feel that this type of fellowship can be cultivated in many areas - and that each neighborhood is a proper point of beginning.

We know that some people will say, "This concept was tried and failed at Church." Others will frown about "another church meeting." We all will be hard-pressed to squeeze another event into our busy schedules and our personal "family times."

Yet as we approach the birth of these groups, let us be optimistic about the growth and maturity of them. If we anticipate the formation of these groups as an opportunity to strengthen our service and help to other people in our own neighborhoods, then the concept of the groups will prove to be beneficial.

Our fears about "another meeting" can be overcome by the flexibility built into this system. Each group will determine its own course of action and the number of times that it will meet. Hopefully, through these groups, we all can become aware of new opportunities to help others - by responding to emergency needs, assisting with transportation, or by listening to the spiritual desires of other people. Better avenues of communication can be opened up between church members and between church members and the church staff. At the very least, all of us will be able to become better acquainted with other church members who are located near us geographically.

Let us all ponder in our hearts the possibilities for spiritual and emotional growth afforded to us by these groups. Then, let us respond with a huge YES when asked to gather for that first social activity in February, each in his/her own neighborhood group.

UMW LOCAL PROJECTS: Please bring to the church before February 11:

1. Clean, good used clothing, towels, sheets and blankets (or \$4.00 will buy a new blanket) No women's shoes or hand bags, please.

2. Hospital supplies for mission hospitals: gowns, uniforms, rolled bandages.

3. Kits of all kinds: school, health, soap, sewing.

These will be packed and sent for Church World Service.

SEWING VOLUNTEERS will meet Wednesday, February 11 at 9:30 a. m. in Whitford Hall to sew for the Methodist Retirement Home. Many jobs need to be done so come if possible.

A GIFT has been given to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in loving memory of Mrs. Lyda A. Roycroft, mother of Mildred Teer, by Circle 10 of United Methodist Women.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### New Additions:

With gratitude we acknowledge the gift of The Covenant (in one volume) by James A. Michener. The setting of this extraordinary novel is South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Boddie gave this in honor of Dr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Kale.

Voices of the Distant Past, Oral History Volume I, Duke Memorial U. M. W. This project was originated and edited by Robert L. Wallace, Associate Pastor, 1974-1978. It is a valuable and significant contribution to our library. Interviews on tape now in written form were made with Mr. Irving Allen, Miss Margaret Martin and Mrs. Maude Dunn. Readers will find it delightful and informative.

We express our warmest gratitude to "Bob" and to Mrs. Norman Shepherd, a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church; she did all the typing. May they be much blessed for their labors.

A novel by the author of Evergreen entitled Random Winds by Belva Plain is also a new acquisition which will be welcomed by many readers.



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DISTRICT LAY RALLY: Monday, 9 February, Civic Center. The serving of the meal will begin at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:45. Tickets for the supper are available from Chick Craig, Lay Leader; Eunice Mattox, Nick Fagan and through the Church Office, at \$3.50 each. Durham residents planning to join in the meal are asked to come as early as possible for the convenience of later arrivals from over the district. After the meal, go to seats in the balcony to make space available for late arrivals. If you plan to skip the meal, go directly to the balcony area. Maxie Dunham is the speaker for the evening and he is simply excellent! Don't miss it! Early arrival ought to insure a seat - and likely, there will be a shortage of space! For convenience, if you wish, park in the Church parking lot. The church Van will make one delivery to the Civic Center for the supper hour and another delivery for the program. Check with Margaret Anne Biddle for exact details. Thank you.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Brian Vanlandingham, 16-C Chapel Towers Apts., 1315 Morreene Road, became a member of Duke Memorial Sunday, 1 February 1981, by transfer from University Park UMC, Denver, Colorado. He grew up in Mt. Dora, Florida and is a middle-year student in Duke Divinity School. His telephone number is 383-5054. A call or a note to welcome him will be a blessing to all of us!

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan Fund of Duke Memorial Church in loving memory of Doris Walker by Lillie Duke Sunday School Class.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 1 February 1980  
Church School.....236  
Morning Worship.....305

HOSPITALIZED:  
DCGH  
Louise Horton                      CICU-5

8 FEBRUARY 1981  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
YOUTH SUNDAY

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Means  
NO Junior Church

CHURCH CALENDAR February 8 - 14, 1981

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:15 p. m.	UMYF
Monday	10:00 a. m.	Circle 10 with Mrs. Marcus Hobbs, 115 Pinecrest Road
Wednesday	9:30 a. m.	Sew-Vols, Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch A. B. (Chick) Craig, speaker
Thursday	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Party at the home of Chick and Betty Craig, 3533 Westover Road
Friday	7:00 p. m.	Mites vs. Epworth, Basketball at Central Y