

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

The celebration of the centennial of Durham County begins Sunday. One week later, we celebrate the ninety-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the congregation that has become Duke Memorial. Such occasions and the attendant celebrations are occasions that warm my heart - and I hope it is the same for you. Knowing from where we have come can be an invaluable aid in charting a path for the future. Circumstances and situations change, but there is something consistent in all the ways that life challenges us. Find that constant and you have indeed a treasure.

The late Hershey Spence (for whom the H. E. Spence class is named) was given to pithy and occasionally pungent sayings. Fulminating once at the pride of Virginians, he delivered himself of the conviction that "Virginia is like a potato patch - the best part is underground!" He was reproofing the tendency to what he called "ancestor worship".

Birthdays and celebrations ought not to bring us to such a pass. With thanksgiving to God, all of us will acknowledge that because of the life and work of our predecessors, our own task is much less difficult. We enter each day of our lives into a heritage which is ours but which we did not make. We ought to know the names and contributions of those who have done much to make possible the life we enjoy today - and, by God's help, as we learn of what others have done, we will resolve to enrich and improve what we pass on to our successors.

The study of county history as that of cities is essentially a study of institutions. Five years ago we published a book on the history of Duke Memorial through its first ninety years. That history is tied to and interwoven with the development of Durham county and city. The same persons who were outstanding in leadership in Duke Memorial are among those who helped shape our governmental structures.

I commend to you our county centennial as well as our church's anniversary. We will all be blessed and edified by learning or refreshing our acquaintance of "how these things have come to be." I rejoice that we live in an era old enough to appreciate its roots and young enough to be vigorous and growing. Let's keep it that way. The best of life is yet to be - enjoy it a day at a time and profit from each day.

-- Ed Smith

HOMECOMING AND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Sunday, 3 May, with fanfare and joy, we will celebrate the ninety-fifth anniversary of Duke Memorial. The preacher for the day will be our District Superintendent, the Reverend Charles H. Mercer. Dinner on the grounds has come to be an occasion that all of us anticipate with eagerness. Visiting with each other and being in less haste than marks the usual path of our lives helps make it a memorable day. There is still time for you to invite family members and friends who have shared in our life. Make your own plans - and allow lots of time! It will be worth it.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, April 26.

APPRECIATIONS OR COMPLAINTS about TV and radio programming is best addressed to the companies that sponsor the programs, not the station. This is particularly true in network programs. Far too often, we appreciate some kinds of programs but never let any one know. Complaints seem to come more easily to our natures. The sponsors do not intend to offend, not necessarily on moral but on commercial grounds. They are trying to sell their wares. Your encouragement or discouragement addressed to them will reach the mark! Try it!

THE BULLETIN
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METHODIST CHURCH (USPS 553-880)
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Durham, N. C. 27701

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Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, N. C. 27701

UMW ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT FALL FESTIVAL:

Christmas Room: Ann Clark will be working
with Gloria Johnson and Pat Coman

Wednesday workshops will be held each week.
Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch.

At each general meeting of UMW there will
be a gift shop and small bake sale.

Hilda Coble and Ella Glasson,
Fall Festival Bazaar Chairmen

MOTHER'S DAY: Have you been wondering how
to spend mother's day? Do high gas prices
mean you won't be able to get away for the
weekend? Are you searching for something
different this Mother's Day? Well, then,
search no more! The intergenerational
committee is planning a churchwide evening
meal and fellowship on May 10th beginning
at 5:00 p. m. Don't make your wife cook
on this Mother's Day. Make plans to attend
this evening of fun instead.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meets May 5, 1981
at 7:45 p. m. in the Bradshaw Room.

26 APRIL 1981, First Sunday after Easter
Sermon: Reverend William A. Haddock, Jr.
The Epistle: I John 5:4-12
Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. John Glasson
Jr. Church Leaders: Tom Adkinson & Don Sellers

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	2:30 p. m.	Jr. Choir members meet at Duke Memorial
	4:00 p. m.	Jr. Choir Festival Performance at Trinity UMC
	5:15 p. m.	UMYP
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 19 April 1981
Church School.....212
Morning Worship.....551

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In loving memory of K. G. Veasey by:
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Shepherd

Altar Guild

In loving memory of Iva Elder by:
Circle 1 of United Methodist Women
Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt T. Dixon

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Andy and Sally Langford
announce the birth of a daughter, Ann Green
Langford, born April 11, 1981 in Atlanta, Ga.
Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas
A. Langford.

JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL AT TRINITY UMC

Our Junior Choir will join other Junior
Choirs for a "Festival" at Trinity United
Methodist Church on Sunday, April 26. After
a time of practice, the combined choirs will
present a choral program, to which parents
and friends are invited. The Festival pro-
gram will begin at 4:00 p. m. for those who
wish to attend.

This is the schedule for Junior Choir
members for the day:

2:30 p. m. - Meet at Duke Memorial
3:00 p. m. - We'll go to Trinity Church
4:00 p. m. - Performance
5:15 p. m. - On to Godfather's Pizza for
a PARTY!!!
7:00 p. m. - Return to church for parents
to pick you up.

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER: Mrs. James H. (Kathy)
Langford united with Duke Memorial on Easter
Sunday by transfer from Grace Lutheran Church,
Durham. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lang-
ford, Christopher Louis, born 16 February 1981,
was baptized the same morning. We rejoice in
the baptism and welcome Kathy as part of our
church family. Her husband is already a mem-
ber of Duke Memorial.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put
flowers in our sanctuary in memory of or in
honor of a loved one please call the church
office, 688-1901.