

A Ceremony of Carols

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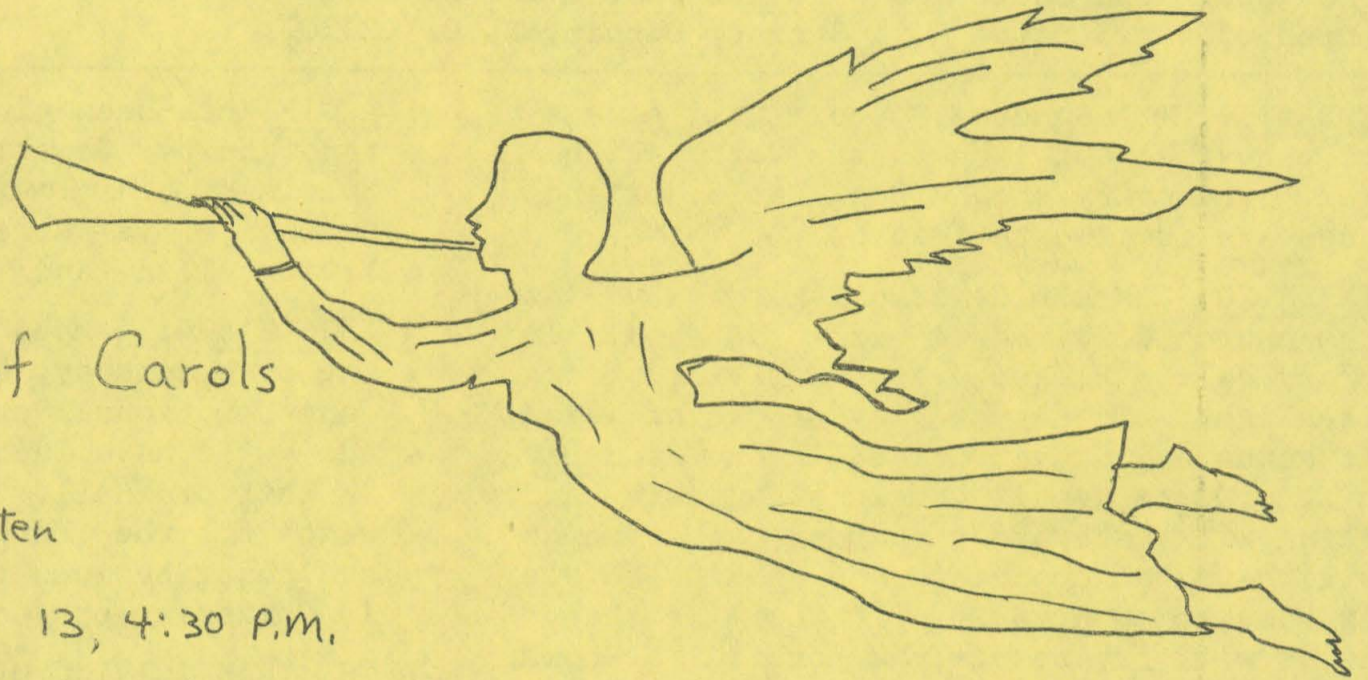
Sunday, December 13, 4:30 P.M.

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

presented by...

the Sanctuary Choir, with Olive Jenkins, harp

— a reception will follow in Whitford Hall.

— with special Christmas
organ music
and favorite carols for
congregational singing.

GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION!

There is one sense of Christmas which suggests a retreat. It is a valid part of the season. By it, we would stop, go aside, and hear the angels sing. Often in the midst of rushing around, we think that would be a heavenly interval. "O rest beside the weary road" appeals to all of us. But admitting all that, there is more to it than what is here said.

Christmas is hardly a time to be insulated from the troubles and problems of the world. Using the words of the Nicene Creed. "He, Who for us men and for our salvation came down out of heaven" is a constant reminder to us that we should be involved in the world into which God deigned in Christ to come. Perhaps the secret of the season is that we find meaning and value in each activity. It may be that we will not get everything done which we would like; who ever does? Is it not more important that we discover the joy and value of all in which we are involved rather than continue in a frantic chase to complete a schedule that was overcharged at the outset?

The late "Teddy" Green was a senator from Rhode Island and a man active and effective in leadership well into the tenth decade of his life. He loved the social whirl of Washington and often looked in on several parties in an evening. One evening the hostess at such an event found him behind a potted palm trying to get a surreptitious look at his engagement book. "Oh, Senator, are you looking for your next engagement?" she asked. "No," replied Mr. Green, "I'm trying to find out where I am right now."

As the activities and joys of this season multiply around us, May God give us grace that we all "find out where we are", not just in this season but in this pilgrimage which is ours to make just this one time. This is the way we get a "piece of the action", the most meaningful piece. God grant us all this blessing now and always.

-- Ed Smith

THE CHRISMON TREE AND POINSETTIAS will adorn the sanctuary Sunday 13 and 20 December; the Chrismon tree will remain in place through Sunday, 27 December. The beauty of the sanctuary is greatly enhanced by these seasonal offerings of praise and thanks to God. The Chrismon tree this year is given by the H. E. Spence class. Sarah McCracken has seen to the decoration of the tree. Ken Howard has arranged the erection and securing of this tree. The chrismons are the gift of many persons in this church who worked hundred of hours in a labour of love and devotion. Make it your business to share this beauty with your friends and neighbours by inviting them to come with you to functions at Duke Memorial during these days.

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DECEMBER 17: The Sanctuary Choir will have a short rehearsal and a Christmas Party at the Church. The party should begin at 8:30, and spouses are invited to join us.

DECEMBER 20: Churchwide caroling for shut-ins of the church will begin at 6:30 p. m. in Whitford Hall. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Those who play brass or wind instruments are asked to meet in the Bradshaw Room at 6:00 to see if we can organize a band. Caroling will take about an hour, after which we will have hot chocolate and cookies before going home at about 8:00. If there is heavy rain, we will try to visit a hospital or home for the elderly. All ages are invited. No musical experience necessary.

NO SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearsals on December 24 or 31. Rehearsals resume on January 7. The Choir will not sing December 27, but will sing on January 3.

CAROL AND JUNIOR CHOIRS will resume rehearsals on January 10 at 5:00. No rehearsals Dec. 13, 20, 27 or January 3.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. (Ed and Dorothy) Stewart, 505 Corida Street, 27704, united with Duke Memorial by transfer from First UMC Clearwater, Florida. Their telephone number is 471-8379. Their daughter, Jane, a member of Duke Memorial since 1979, lives at the same address. Telephone them, send a note, make a visit to welcome them as part of our church family.

MANY PEOPLE HELP: The Durham Junior Woman's Club made draft-dodgers for Meals on Wheels recipients last year. This year they are making 150 lap-ropes for them.

13 DECEMBER 1981, Third Sunday in Advent

The Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-56
The Sermon: Thanksgiving to God
The Advent Candle: Joy
Acolytes: Chip Browning and David Younts
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. George Cleeves
Junior Church Leader: Holly Eggleston

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 6 December 1981

Church School.....267
Morning Service.....330

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Bevins Davidson, 4 December 1981
Fitzhugh Gamble, 7 December 1981

"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions"

A GIFT has been given to the Good Samaritan fund by General and Mrs. James W. Holsinger in loving memory of Hattie McSwain, Iva Elder, Annabel Williams, Irving Allen, and Alma Stuart Forrester.

CIRCLE 8 will have their Christmas meeting on Wednesday, December 16, at the Advent Devotional Service, time 12:10 p. m., and will have lunch together afterwards in Whitford Hall. Be sure to bring bingo gifts for the Methodist Retirement Home and contributions for our Cambodian Family Christmas project.

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND ST. PHILLIP'S SOUP KITCHEN totaled \$868.40. A hearty rousing thank you for each one of you who so generously gave at this special season. This offering is equally divided between the two causes.

THE CONGREGATION AND PASTORS express love and sympathy to:

The family of Miss Kate Goodman Umstead because of her death on November 29, 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pearce, Jr. and family because of the death of Mr. Pearce's mother.

Sidney and Anne Allen and their family because of the death of Anne's father, Albert E. Prince on Tuesday, 1 December.

Friends of Ruth B. Davidson because of her death December 4, 1981

The family of Fitzhugh Gamble because of his death December 7, 1981.

LIBRARY NOTES: It is with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge a memorial gift to the Library by Hilda S. Coble in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sally. Books will be purchased and Memorial Plates will be placed in each book that we acquire.

THE ABINGDON DICTIONARY OF LIVING RELIGIONS, edited by Keith Crim, has been given to the church library by the H. E. Spence Class in memory of Mr. Raymond Long who was for many years a member of the class. Mr. Long was the brother of Kathleen L. Copelan. This is a major contribution to the "Resource Collection". We are both proud and pleased to receive this volume.

CHURCH CALENDAR DECEMBER 13 - 19, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	4:30 p. m.	Choir Christmas program
Mon.	12:15 p. m.	Circle 9, Covered Dish Lunch, 1023 Southwood Drive
	7:30 p. m.	Circle 4 with Elizabeth Wilson, 2205 Englewood Avenue
Tues.	12:00 Noon	Lillie Duke Class Lunch
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions, Jane Lynch, leader
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir
Fri.	7:00 a. m.	Singles Again