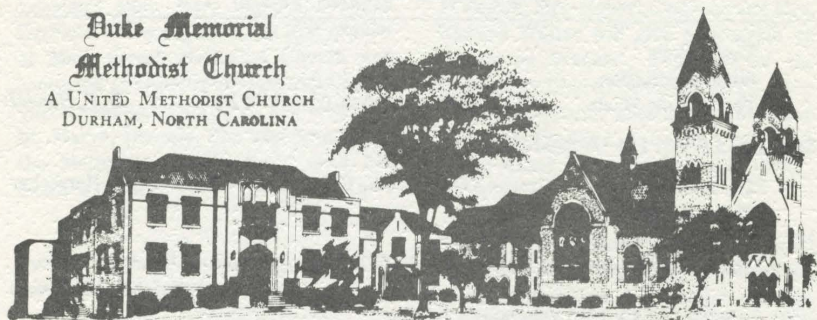


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THAT EXTRA DAY

Leap Year—bicentennial year—and the extra day in February is a Sunday. If memory serves, the last such 29 February was in 1948; and if reports are correct, the next February with a fifth Sunday will be 2032. Add to this “extra Sunday” the fact that 4 July comes this bicentennial year on Sunday. Is anything being said to us in these facts?

Sunday as a day is one of seven each week. But Sunday as a Christian symbol focuses our attention (or ought to) on part of our national life. It is hardly possible that we live in a post-Christian era for, to my knowledge, we have yet to live in a truly Christian era. None of us would equate Sunday observance as an adequate fulfillment of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, nor of the work and teaching of Jesus Christ. A large number of us would discard rather freely that part of our national heritage which involves religious faith.

We seem to have real trouble deciding how to separate church and state without wholly discarding religious faith and practice in the process. The courts of the nation are unduly and unjustly maligned and accused of rendering verdicts and making judgments which they really have not done. It seems not to be easy for us to make the difference between church organization and activity on the one hand and expression of Christian faith on the other.

Now comes this year when we look back, evaluate, and face the future. Christian faith expressed, in religious pluralism, has enormously influenced the course of this nation. I pray that as we come to our national year 200, all of us will realize anew that unless we are rightly related to God, it is certain that we shall have trouble relating to our fellowman. I John has a great deal to say about this. God's providence has placed us with “an extra day”, an “extra” Sunday; our national birthday is on Sunday. I pray that these facts help us know Whose we are and Whom we serve.

Ed Smith

Tower Bells

Silent Meditation

The Prelude Music

Allegro and Aria (Concerto X)

G. F. Handel

GOD CALLS US: Let Us Adore Him

*The Call to Worship Gracious God, I Come Before Thee Tune: Unser Herrscher

*The Invocation

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*The Hymn of Adoration, No. 19 Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones

Tune: Lasst Uns Urfreuen

GOD CARES: Let Us Take Our Needs To Him**The Prayer of Confession** (In unison)

Our heavenly Father, how blessed it is to believe and receive Jesus Christ. How strange it is that we need so often to be renewed in the faith. We are here needing and seeking that renewal. We confess our failures and our faults; we cannot of ourselves overcome them. But however many they are, Your mercy and grace are more than sufficient. Grant to us forgiveness as we confess; renewal as we seek Your grace; and a faithful walk with Jesus Christ in Whose Name we offer our prayers and ourselves. Amen.

The Silence for Self-Examination and Reflection**The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18-19

The Lord's Prayer**GOD IS GRACIOUS: Let Us Thank and Praise Him**The Anthem O God Our Help In Ages Past *Crofts-Lamont*

*The Canticle Behold My Servant No. 638

*The Gloria Patri

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No. 738

The Reading of the Epistle Romans 13:8-10

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory Amazing Grace *Martin-Frank*

*The Presentation of the Offering The Doxology

Concerns of the Congregation

The Anthem Worship *Geoffrey Shaw***GOD SPEAKS: Let Us Listen**

The Reading of the Gospel for the Day St. Matthew 8:23-27

The Sermon "A CRY OF FAITH" Mr. Smith

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD: Let Us Dedicate Ourselves*The Hymn of Dedication, No. 479 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Tune: Beecher

*The Benediction

*The Choral Response Thanks We Give And Adoration Tune: Sicilian Mariners

The Postlude Finale, Sonate II *Felix Mendelssohn*

The congregation is asked to remain standing until the acolytes have extinguished the candles and left the altar.

*Congregation standing

**Ushers may seat worshippers

The Altar Flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Copelan in memory of Mrs. Copelan's aunt, Mrs. Signora Brandon Bachlott. "Miss Sig" was the first organist at Main Street Methodist Church and continued as organist at Memorial Church until December 1909 when she moved to St. Marys, Georgia. She was organist at the Methodist Church there until her death in 1948.

Our Acolytes this morning are Jim Lancaster and John Lancaster.

Altar Guild Workers for February are:

Betsy Reade	383-4364
Edith Berry	596-6242

Greeting You Today are Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Copelan.

The Rosebud on the Altar welcomes Sarah Elizabeth Cleary, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Cleary, Jr., 27 Beaugard Drive, Wilmington, N. C. 28403, born January 22, 1976. Mrs. Cleary is the former Patricia Coman. They have another daughter, Becca, who is four years old. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William T. Coman.

Our Known Hospital Sick to be remembered in your prayers:

Watts Hospital

Alton Knight, R-403
Mrs. Gladys Royal, R-417
Mrs. Daisy Norton, J-203

Duke Hospital

James Huckabee, Reed 3210

Our Record for January 25, 1976:

Church School	341
Morning Worship	360
Offering	\$2,636.88
Needed each Sunday	3,632.00

The Commission on Missions will meet in the church library on Monday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. to develop on-going plans.

United Methodist Women will meet in the Bradshaw Room, Monday, 2 February, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Robert Cushman and Mrs. Richard Walter will give a program on "Meals on Wheels", a project of the Center City Church Council. Circle 6, Mrs. Robert Weynand, chairman, will serve the lunch. Circles 1, 2, 3, and 4 will meet at the church Monday morning at 10:00.

Transferred Out

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Douglas, William Michael, and Dawn Lynn have transferred to Briarwood United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas.

Lay Rally: Today is the last day to get your tickets for this dinner rally at the Durham Civic Center. Tickets may be gotten from any of the adult classes, Jack Cliff, or a call to the church office. The rally is next Wednesday evening.

News from the Weekday School: Barbara Denny, who is associated with the Early Intervention Program of the Durham Community Guidance Clinic, has offered to lead an eight weeks parent-group for Duke Memorial Weekday School parents. The focus of the group will be on increasing parenting skills, dealing with specific problems as well as general concerns, and helping parents enjoy children. Dates will be each Wednesday for eight weeks, starting February 4. Time, 10:00-11:30. Place, Aldersgate room. There is no charge for these sessions. We will provide a baby sitter. Circle 6 has been invited to attend, and we would welcome any other church members who would care to join us.

Caroline Sasser
Director, Weekday School

Finance Committee Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. the Tuesday evening after the third Sunday of each month.

UMW Bazaar Workshop Planning will begin on Wednesday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish for luncheon, ideas for bazaar items, and necessary materials to make, if possible.

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Visitors and Newcomers, WELCOME!

Please prepare a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the pastors. If you will use the name-tag part of the card and fasten it to your dress or coat, it will help us to know more quickly who you are. Thank you. We pray that our fellowship will be such that you will be with us again very soon.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Ushers meet in Bradshaw Room
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship
	4:45 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	5:45 p.m.	Junior and Senior UMYF
Monday	11:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women
Tuesday	12:00 Noon	Weekday School Board meeting in Aldersgate Room
	6:00 p.m.	Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. Basketball Team vs. White Rock at Central Y
	7:05 p.m.	Midget Basketball Team vs. Westminster at Lakewood Y
Wednesday	7:45 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting in Bradshaw Room
	10:00 a.m.	Bazaar Workshop
	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting (All members are urged to be present)
	5:30 p.m.	Durham District Layman's Rally at Durham Civic Center
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Explorer Scouts
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. Basketball Team vs. Trinity at Central Y
	7:05 p.m.	Midget Basketball Team vs. Greystone at Lakewood Y
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	7:05 p.m.	Biddy Basketball Team vs. St. Stephens at Lakewood Y
Saturday	10:05 a.m.	Mite Basketball Team vs. Epworth at Central Y