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# INSIGHTS

## INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am sure that you join me in disbelief that the summer is past and that there is an overwhelming feeling of "re-starting" things. Such is especially the life of those who have children in school and of those of us who work within the life of the church. Sometimes I wonder if within the church we ought to avoid "downsizing" during the summer months, and just continue with all activities as usual. Why within the life of the church should summer be any different? Then again, there is a sense in which people want a break. . . and so many are gone on summer vacations, frequent weekend excursions, etc. and we find ourselves depleted a bit regardless of whether we want to be or not. And so there is a natural tendency to "downsize" during the summer months.

Now, however, September is upon us and there are indeed many activities which have resumed. I appeal to you to include the life of the church within the bustle of your life's activities. In fact, what I must say to all of us is that it is the church which ought to be central to all that we do. The church ought to provide us the focus we need for our vocations, our family life, our friendships, our recreation, etc. It ought to be the hub from which these other things radiate, are shaped and informed. We "displace" our faith when we make the church just one of many activities or commitments which we have, or when we look upon the church as just one place where we can contribute something. The church of Jesus Christ is to be a primary place where we offer our gifts and service.

Please note the activities included in our weekly Insights which are opportunities for you to offer your gifts and to be in fellowship with other Christian sisters and brothers. I hope that Wonderful Wednesdays will continue to be a time and place for warm fellowship and good conversation, followed by a variety of opportunities for Christian growth. Would you not consider setting aside part of your Wednesday evenings on a regular basis to be present with us? I believe you will enjoy the fellowship and activities. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE  
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.  
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 7 - GREG COX, PREACHING**

**CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED**

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### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw Room
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due (9/14-9/20) - Program Director's Mailbox
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

**SERMON:** Mark W. Wethington  
**ANTHEM:** (Sanctuary Choir)  
**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 125; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

**USHERS:** Tom Hargitt, Jeff Bailey, Eilene Bisgrove, Randy Bollinger, Bill Bowles, Bill and Judy Coman, Donna Elium, Richard Grogan, Leland Phelps, Bill Stone

**GREETERS:** Tim Nifong  
Jennifer Nifong

**ACOLYTES:** Matthew and Brad Bailey  
Neil Grogan

**CROSS:** Kevin Grogan

**NURSERY:** David and Wendy Tillotson  
Steve and Kay Maunder  
Chris and Marlene Allen

**ALTAR GUILD:** Doris Bridges  
Helen Howard  
Dottie MacMillan

### FIRST SUNDAY FOOD

The Durham Mission Society receives donations of food from local United Methodist churches and distributes this food to needy individuals and families. Please remember to bring your food donations on the first Sunday of each month. For September 7, we need to take cereals, grits, or oatmeal for this mission. Also, the Mission Society is sorely in need of canned vegetables (yellow and green) and canned meats. Please place any donations on the altar rail before the service.

Thanks!  
Joyce Musselwhite and John Legge

## CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1997

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - JOY Room  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting -  
Bradshaw Room  
7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers - Open Door  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Disciple I - Katie Johnson Room  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Weekday Parent's Council - Parlor  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford  
Hall  
11:30 am Sr. Adult Luncheon - Whitford Hall  
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Supper -  
Kitchen and Whitford Hall  
6:15 p.m. Youth Council Meeting - Parlor  
(See Insert for other special Wednesday activities)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 - 2:00 p.m. UMW Quarterly Meeting - Bradshaw  
Room, Whitford Hall

### MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

We will begin *Having the Mind of Christ* by Miller and Cole-Dai on September 14. The book is a unique devotional resource that guides you on a years journey with direction for becoming a more disciplined faithful disciple of Christ. Please come and join us for the journey at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays in the Mrs. R. N. Wilson Room in the Sanctuary Building.

Sept. 7 - *Songs for Renewal* - Page 124 and pick up of new books

Sept. 14 - Days 1 through 7

Sept. 21 - Days 8 through 14

Sept. 28 - Days 15 through 21

### HAVE YOU NOTICED?

As you may have already noticed, there are changes in four bathrooms to make them more accessible to handicapped individuals. Now, the bathrooms need some "cosmetic" touches! We will put another shelf and seat in the ladies' room in the Education Building and will add other touches to make them more attractive and functional.

If you would like to help with these cosmetic additions, please contact Holly Eggleston at 493-1611.

### UMW CIRCLE 9

Circle 9 of the United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m. with Nina Carroll at 925 W. Markham Avenue.

### YOUTH

#### DMYF NEWS

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 3:00-6:00 P.M.

DMYF will meet again on September 7 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for the DMYF Olympics. You will not want to miss this exciting night, so all Jr. and Sr. High Youth need to come prepared to be in the Olympics.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL

Our Youth Council will be meeting Wednesday, September 10 at 6:15 p.m. following Wonderful Wednesday Supper. The Council includes all workers with youth, Sunday School teachers, DMYF counselors, Youth Coordinator, and our youth representatives.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 5:30 P.M.

#### PARENT/YOUTH GAME SHOW NIGHT

All parents of youth are asked to come to this meeting to participate in the evening fun as well as to hear about the plans for the coming months. We need every young person to be represented by a parent!

#### YOUTH BEACH RETREAT IN SEPTEMBER!

Find out information on September 7!

### OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

The Older Adult Luncheon and Program will kick off a new season on Wednesday, September 10. The covered dish luncheon begins at 11:30 in Whitford Hall. Birthdays for July, August, and September will be celebrated. There will also be a special, brief, heart-warming, musical surprise. The program at 12:15 p.m. will be a fascinating video-slide presentation on the historic Stagville Plantation by historian Jean Anderson. Please invite friends and neighbors. For assistance in transportation call the church office or Elbert Wethington at 382-2544.

### CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHS

We are preparing a slide presentation on all possible Church activities for October. If you have several color prints or slides of various activities that you have been involved in, please lend them to me so that I can copy them for use. They will not be harmed and they will be returned to you within a week. Please put them in an envelop with your name, address, and phone number on it. There is a box with my name on it for photographs in the Church office - please leave them there. Any questions, please call Alan Whanger at 489-3279.

### FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

What is the proper attire for a king's banquet? Was Vashti a victim of sexual harrassment? Are all royal families a mess? Who are the Amalekites and why are they building a gallows? What does King Xerxes do when he can't sleep?

If these are questions for which you are seeking an answer, you should attend FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS (or "Machinations of the Rich and Famous"), a two-week Bible study based on the book of Esther, which will be led by Marge Clark, Wednesday, September 10 & 17, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

# WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesdays are getting more wonderful!

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Dinner catered by Shrimp Boat  
Adults - \$4.00  
Children - \$2.50  
(Sign up by Monday noon!)

## **PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10)**

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir (K - 2) meeting in the Choir Room  
Robin Langford, Director  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers (Grades 3 - 8) meeting in the Open Door Room  
Bob Irvine, Director

## **PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS (BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10)**

6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Covenant Discipleship in Mrs. R.N. Wilson Room  
6:25 - 7:25 p.m. Covenant Discipleship in the Prayer Room  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study with Marge Clark in Bradshaw Room  
("FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS")  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bethany Bells in Handbell Room

### Other Programming to Come:

September 17 - Bible Study with Marge Clark  
September 24 - Lynn Fogleman, Missionary  
October 1 - Hymn Sing and Game Night  
October 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Methodism Class with Mark Wethington  
November 5, 12, & 19 - Bible Study with Dr. Thomas Langford  
Dec. 3           6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Adult Advent Program and Children's and Youth Choirs  
                  6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens in Sanctuary  
Dec. 10 - Cooking for Christmas  
Dec. 17 - Christmas Devotional and Carol Sing

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## HELP STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR HISPANIC NEIGHBORS

Report from Blaine Butterworth and the United Methodist Men

August 26, Meeting Summary

Eleven of us met on Tuesday night to understand the problems our Hispanic neighbors face, their causes and to explore possible solutions. As you might expect, a complete understanding of the situation was not possible in just one evening. It is clear, however, that people who have little choice in where they live, work or store their money are at greater risk than those of us who can exercise such choices. A person's background, culture and experience play major roles in understanding the options available to him or her. While there probably are ways in which all of us can help stop the violence, a better understanding of the following areas is needed:

- Banking account and safety deposit offerings from banks such as Nations Bank
- Resources and procedures available to help illegal aliens become legal visitors or citizens
- The possible impact of immigration quotas
- Possible roles of the Self Help Credit Union
- Possibility of co-sponsoring utility and rental deposits

Several people volunteered to research the above areas and educate the rest of us at our next meeting on September 23. We will have a similar format for that meeting:

### Next Church-wide Meeting, Tuesday, September 23rd, Whitford Hall

UMM Covered dish dinner (please bring a covered dish)	ALL who want to have dinner & fellowship	6:30 - 7 PM
Review of information Researched	Becky Carver, Steve Guerrant, Roger Loyd	7 - 7:30 PM
Brainstorming to Find Solutions	Everyone	7:30 - 8 PM

All members or visitors to our church are invited to attend this meeting. We need the help of people who are familiar with banks, credit unions or financial legal matters.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Our sympathy** is extended to Vernon Averett and family upon the recent death of his niece and her husband in a tragic accident.

**Birthdays** for next week are:

- Sept. 7 Charles Murphy  
Sept. 8 Catherine Cheng  
Will Rollins  
Sept. 10 Joe Farned  
Richard Owen  
Sept. 11 Joe Farned, Jr.  
Emma Woods  
Sept. 12 Maxine Blair  
David Wangerin  
Sept. 13 Florence Bobo  
Winfred Hawley  
Jackie Lancaster

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press no one was hospitalized. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

- Donald Browning  
Lisa and Daniel Cole  
Sophie Cole  
Sallie Dennis  
Agnes Exodus  
Melanie Gray and Family  
Olive Jenkins  
Virginia & Norman Massey  
Lucille Mortland  
Mary & Raymond Postlethwait  
Sadie Taylor  
Oliver Upchurch

## HOW?

If you have been looking for a church home, we invite you to become a member of Duke Memorial's fellowship. New members may come by baptism and profession of faith, by transfer from a Christian church of any denomination, or by reaffirmation of their faith. For more information, or to let us know you would like to join, please contact Mark Wethington at 683-3467.

## WHEELCHAIR AND HOSPITAL BED

Thanks to Laura and Tony Lombardo, our church owns a new wheelchair and hospital bed. If you need to borrow either of these items, please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467. Also, some bedside toilet chairs are available.

## VISITATION TEAM TEA

Members of the Visitation Team visit members of our church who are homebound or are in nursing homes. This is a very rewarding ministry and one which is very much appreciated. Once a year we have a tea to honor the Visitation Team for their ministry. This year the tea will be held on Monday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Nancy Best, one of the chaplains at Durham Regional Hospital.

Gloria Johnson is making the punch for this special occasion. If anyone would like to help make or serve refreshments, please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467. Also we need some more visitors, so please call if you could visit someone once or twice a month for our church.

## THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Would you like to learn about ways to grow closer to the Lord? Come to the Thursday Study Group beginning on Thursday, September 25, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the JOY Class. We will be reading and discussing *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, and we would love to have you join us. Please call Ann Stallings if you are coming so she can order the book for you.

## CHILDREN'S TEACHERS NEEDED

Working with children gives you joy and a sense of fulfillment. Our children need you at Duke Memorial! We need an assistant Sunday School teacher in the three-year old class to help Amy Kellum, a teacher in the four-year old class with Angie Hutto to assist them, and a third -grade teacher to work with Tracy Whitehouse. Please call Julie Allen, Education Chairperson, this week at 493-7776 if you can help with this exciting ministry.

## JOURNEY OF HOPE COURSE

The Journey of Hope (a twelve week program for families of persons with schizophrenia, bipolar-disorder, or major depression) will be offered in Durham for twelve Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 24, 1997. Call 493-4828 or 489-2026 immediately for more information. The course is limited to twenty persons and registration is required.

## CAMPAIGN FOR DECENT HOUSING

Help kick-off the Campaign for Decent Housing on Saturday, September 13. There are several events planned for this important campaign including a tour with public officials to knock on neighborhood doors. If you are interested in this special ministry, meet at 11:30 a.m. at the West End Community Center (1309 Jackson St.) for a tour and door knocking in Southwest Central Durham. Interested in Helping? Please contact Lorisa Seibel at 683-1185, ext. 25.

## DUKE MEMORIAL'S ALL-CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

What could possibly be more fun than the All-Church Picnic and our last "Hoe-Down" combined? You guessed it!?!? Your Family Life Council is sponsoring an all-day, all-church, all-family retreat. Bring your whole family (from the tiniest to the oldest or come and create a new family out of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 4, from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland. Following an Hispanic theme, come experience Las Posadas, the making and breaking of pinatas, family activities, age-level activities, a brown bag picnic lunch, a campfire supper, a square dance, and much, much more. Reservation forms will appear in bulletins the next few Sundays and will be available in the church office. The cost is \$7.50 per person with children under two admitted free. This included the rental of Camp Chestnut Ridge, all craft materials, the square dance caller, supper, etc. Early bird registration (for those who register by Sunday, September 14) cuts the price to \$6.00. The registration deadline is Sunday, September 21. Don't miss out! Register now!

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**SINGLES NEWS**

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Meet at the church at 6:30 to go to the Believers Community in Cary. Join us for a special evening with a speaker, music, ice breakers, and more.

**SEPTEMBER 14**

Join us for Lunch after worship. Contact Ann Stallings (403-8236) if you have any questions.

**MARRIAGE TAKES MORE THAN TWO**

The 1997 Marriage Retreat by the Sea will take place October 24-26 at Wrightsville United Methodist Church. Further information about this retreat which is sponsored by Wrightsville UMC and Lifetime Guarantee Ministries is available in the church office.

**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**

I am one of the Membership Committee of our Administrative Board and have been spending a few hours of my time each week for the past two years trying to keep those of our membership records which are now in the computer up to date. It is a foot-race with the fingers to follow the changes of address, new births, baptisms, professions of faith, deaths, marriages, and transfers into and out of membership. I wish to thank all of you who have reported this type of news to the church office promptly as it has occurred within your family in the past. If such an event has taken place in your family in the last two years and it has not yet been reported, or you suspect that our office does not yet know about it, will you please let us know so that I can bring our records up to date. There may even be some such events that we do not know about which happened over ten years ago.

Over the past year I have been able to search some of our older written records and am now in the process of converting them to our database. Our present intent is to convert only information that pertains to those who have been "professing members" since the Charge Conference held at Duke Memorial in October, 1995. Of course any information that you can give us that we do not already have will be welcome and can still be included as additions to our written historical records.

--Thomas McCauley, Records Facilitator

**SR. HIGH USHER SUNDAY LUNCHES**

The fourth Sunday of each month, September through May, is designated as Usher Sunday for Sr. High Youth. Traditionally, the participants have lunch following the 11:00 service. If you would prepare, host, or order-in lunch for our youth usher participants and the Sr. Youth Sunday School teachers (10-12 total), please complete the information below. You can drop it in the collection plate, leave it in the church office, or call Peggy Kernodle (489-0095). The lunch and participation in the service encourages rapport between youth and adults.

We would like to set up the lunch calendar for the year, so if you can help, please indicate your choice of commitment - two people might combine efforts also.

Peggy Kernodle

P.S. Please reply by Sunday, Sept. 14, so we can determine if there is any interest. Thanks!

**Sr. High Usher Sunday Lunches**

\_\_\_ Home                      \_\_\_ Fellowship Hall

Sunday(s): Please note 1st and 2nd Choices.

\_\_\_ Sept. 28                      \_\_\_ Oct. 26                      \_\_\_ Nov. 23

\_\_\_ Jan. 25                      \_\_\_ Feb. 22                      \_\_\_ Mar. 22

\_\_\_ Apr. 26                      \_\_\_ May 24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu is your choice - Key word "Simplicity!!"