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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A WORD OF TESTIMONY

This is the fifth in a series of testimonials by people in the Duke Memorial community about how this church has affected their lives.

It has been over thirty years since I first came to Duke Memorial. Upon return from a brief out of state job assignment our family had returned to North Carolina and had quickly begun the search for a new church home.

The world was a different place in the late sixties. Reverend Pettitway was in the Duke Memorial pulpit, and our sanctuary was crumbling. Ruth Phelps was playing an organ so badly out of tune she had to improvise certain notes. We, the congregation, saw a need and responded. The results still are apparent today.

Duke Memorial has always responded both within the community and within our church family. This is the atmosphere in which I grew, as a Christian, and as a person. I credit the lessons learned in Sunday School from people like Miss Canada and Ed Hammond for the person I am today.

My experiences in UMYF with Jim and Linda Hewitt, and Margaret Ann Biddle contributed to the man I am today. Ed Smith took me on as a single member confirmation class, creating an incredible bond with him, our church, and our denomination. Today work by folks like Sid and Julie Allen, and Lisa Brown Cole is making the same impact.

Are you making a difference at Duke Memorial?

In my thirty plus years here the names have changed but the mission has remained the same. I am uniquely blessed to be able to now raise my child in the same church in which I was raised. She will learn the lessons of Jesus in the same classrooms. She will cook pancakes in the same kitchen to raise money for missions. She will sing the praises of God in the same sanctuary. How wonderful for her, how wonderful for me, how wonderful for Duke Memorial.

I don't always agree with the route our church takes, I don't always agree with what is said in the pulpit, I don't always agree with the projects in which our congregation undertakes. I do agree to be part of the discussion, remain loyal to the principles of Christianity and our church, and make a difference. I challenge you to do the same.

--Tad DeBerry

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PLEDGE SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIRST 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.	Ring of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due (10/20-10/25) - Program Director's Mailbox
	DMYF - Youth Rooms
5:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. -
8:00 p.m.	Community Life Center

SERMON:

Multimedia Sermon

ANTHEM:

(Sanctuary Choir)

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

USHERS: Connie Chandler, Captain; Tom Adkinson, Sandra and John Biddle, Tom Chandler, Julie Ellis, Debbie and Jim Fedyshyn, Charles Medlin, Polly Mixon, Tim Nifong, Gayle Young

GREETERS:

Richard & Marcia Grogan

Will Geline

Emily Legge

NURSERY:

Edgardo & Cathleen Colón-Emeric

David & Wendy Tillotson

Winnie Kaspar

Warren & Amy Johnson

ACOLYTES:

Crystal Hoover

Ashley Kernodle

CROSS: Adult

ALTAR GUILD:

Maryellen Stone

Holly Eggleston

Amy Johnson

REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.

IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
OCTOBER 12 - EDGAR DEJESUS,
PREACHING

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 18, 1997

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 - 12:00 noon	NC Conf. Task Force on Hispanic Ministries - Parlor
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Disciple III - Parlor
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee - 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, OCTOBER 14

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, OCTOBER 15

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Weekday School Board - Parlor
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford
5:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday Supper - Kitchen and Whitford Hall
6:15 p.m.	Carol Choir - Choir room
6:15 p.m.	Wesley Singers - Open Door
6:15 p.m.	Cov. Discipleship - R.N. Wilson
6:25 p.m.	Cov. Discipleship - Prayer room
6:30 p.m.	Methodism Study - Bradshaw Room
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry - M.P. Gates
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Sacred Dance
7:30 p.m.	Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Thursday Study Group - Joy Class
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

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, OCTOBER 18

8:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Rally - Raleigh
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TEACHERS NEEDED

Thanks for your help in getting teachers for children's Sunday school. One position is still available for someone's service - a co-teacher is needed in the third grade class to help Tracy Whitehouse. Please call Julie Allen, Education Chairperson, at 493-7776 if you can help.

WORSHIP EDUCATION

Due to the special worship service planned for Oct. 12th, First graders will remain in the sanctuary with their parents that Sunday. Worship education will resume October 19th.

CIRCLE 9

Circle 9 will meet on Monday October 20, at 2 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Thelma Ray will be hostess.

YOUTH

DMYF NEWS.

Sunday, October 12th

Sr. High DMYF will be helping serve breakfast for OFF AND RUNNING Campaign.

DMYF will meet at 5:30 p.m. - Jr. and Sr. High Groups will meet separately!!!! Come and Join us for fellowship.

Sunday, October 19th

Again, DMYF will meet at 5:30 in separate groups this evening. Come and join in fellowship and fun. We will continue our discussion about renovating the pool room. Bring your ideas and suggestions. Did I hear '70's motif. What is this I hear about Jiffy-Pop popcorn?

NEED RIDES TO CHURCH

A lovely lady who lives at the Regent on Pickett Road would like a ride (to 11:00 worship only) each Sunday. Is there anyone coming down that way at church time who could pick her up? Also there are probably people at the Forest at Duke who would like to come to Duke Memorial on Sundays if they had a ride. Call Ann Stallings at 683-3467 if you could provide this valuable service even once or twice a month.

RESOURCE COORDINATOR NEEDED

Marcia Grogan has served as the Resource Coordinator for our church supply closet for at least three years - keeping the supplies stocked and keeping the closet neat. Doris Forman has also helped clean the closet. Marcia has also created the wonderful bulletin Boards in the children's division for those same years. We are so grateful for her faithfulness in these jobs, and now we need to ask if someone else who likes to organize and purchase can take over. A creator of bulletin boards is also needed. If you are interested in either ministry, call Marcia Grogan at 383-6924 or Ann Stallings at 683-3467.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467 if you know of someone who would like to work in the church Three-year old Nursery on Sundays from 9:30 to 12:15. We also need a person on Wednesday Nights from 5:30 to 8:30 to keep children on the playground, take them to choir, and do crafts and games after choir with 1st through 5th Graders. Both positions pay \$7.00 an hour.

If there is anyone who can fix a door on a cabinet in the 2nd Grade classroom, call Ann at 683-3467.

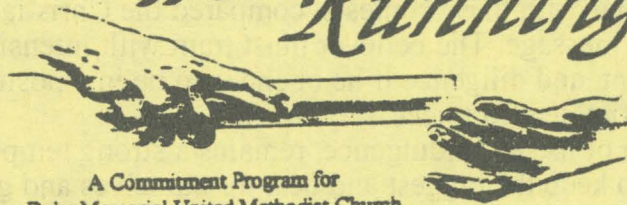
SINGLES NEWS:

The Singles Out-to-Eat lunch after worship usually held on the Second Sunday, which would be Oct. 12th, is postponed until Oct. 19th because of Stewardship Sunday.



*On your mark . . .
get set!*

Off and Running



A Commitment Program for
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church





Off and Running is based on these scriptures: "Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete . . . Run in such a way that you may win . . . Athletes exercise self-control in all things, they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one" (I Cor.9:24-25); "Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil.3:13-14)

Racing was immensely popular in ancient times. Runners from across the Mediterranean world participated in Olympic games held in large Greek and Roman stadiums. The Apostle Paul, familiar with these contests, compared the Christian life to a race. His message: The believer must train with intensity, commitment, and diligence if he or she is to be in a position to give the ultimate effort necessary to win.

For each of us, self indulgence, remains a strong temptation. We want to keep the biggest and best for ourselves and give only the leftovers. As we run the race of life, we somehow expect our selfishness to result in gracious self-giving and our small investments to produce large dividends. Life does not work that way. This was Paul's message to the Christians in Galatians. God will not be fooled. People reap what they sow!

Prayerfully consider your participation in the upcoming commitment program.



OFF AND RUNNING

TOP TEN LIST

Shirley Few found this top ten list among the working papers for the stewardship campaign. This list is from the 1957 Duke Memorial Stewardship Campaign. After 40 years, the list seems like it has not changed. Read and enjoy this list of reasons why you should pledge during the OFF AND RUNNING Relay.

Ten Reasons Why I should Pledge

1. I am a Christian and Christ expects me to help Him in making my community and world Christian. He has no other way.
2. I promised to uphold the church with "my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service" when I joined the church.
3. I believe in Christ and His way as the only hope for humanity.
4. The church is the only voice in my community that speaks for human rights and moral decency. I receive from my church, as do my friends, inspiration, courage and hope.
5. I am unwilling to let someone else carry the burden of supporting the Church when the whole community benefits from it. Christ expects me to share with Him in this responsibility.
6. The children and youth of my community need my help in creating a Christian climate in which their character and personalities may grow Christlike. My help guarantees this.
7. I am helping to create a Christian world as my church brings to the backward nations a knowledge of Christ and His Way of Life.
8. I want my church to follow a sound and honorable business policy in the administration of its temporal affairs. It cannot do this unless I cooperate by indicating my intention of doing my part.
9. I need a powerful spiritual exercise in order to discipline my soul. A sincere personal pledge made in good faith and loyal devotion to Christ is the best witness I can name for Him before a secular pagan world.
10. I am not afraid to pledge to my church because all of my life is based on pledges - love, marriage, the family, business, credit, even salvation itself is a Pledge from God. I trust the leaders of my church because if misfortune overtakes me and I find it difficult to meet my pledge, they will be sympathetic and allow me to adjust my pledge according to my new circumstances.

These are the final two testimonials in a series by people in the Duke Memorial community about how this church has affected their lives.

It isn't often that one is asked to describe what one's church means to them. By not having been a member of any other church, I can't simply compiler it to a previous one to find characteristics of importance. I can recall many of the people of the church dating back to my childhood, teachers, classmates, and ministers; some of these impressed me, and some did not.

When I was asked to give a Ministry Minute a few years ago on the Church's bells, it occurred to me that of all the persons associated with the church - ministers, employees, volunteers, worshippers - the only unchanged "voice" of Duke Memorial was the set of ten bells in the East Tower.

My grandfather was an early member of Duke Memorial, and my father was a member his entire life. My mother transferred over from Trinity Methodist, as did her parents - my other grandparents - years later. All of us, as well as my own children, have heard the same bells voices over the past 80+ years, and they represent all the good things our church stands for: worship of God, community service, Christian friend- and fellowship, and a central base for each of our families' religious lives.

These are qualities and ideals that rise above the specific individuals that make up our current membership, committee and staff rolls. these qualities have remained stable through three generations of my family, and I pray they will continue through a fourth.

--J. Stuart McCracken

First there is a personal reason I write this letter. It is to exxpress my gratitude to all those members of Mr. J.V. Hoyle's Sixth Grade Sunday School Class back in 1967 who mailed me a "Get Well Card" after I was wounded in the Vietnam War. Those who signed that card included two youngsters who are now active adult members of this congregation, Tim Harrell and Cheryl Means Howlett.

A watch that was in my breast pocket when I was wounded, a Gideon Bible that I have passed on to another comrade, and that message of comfort from the youth of Duke Memorial have saved my life, allowed me to share my faith with another comrade, and have strengthened those bonds that tie me to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church today.

Then there is another reason I am writing. To me as a member of Duke Memorial for 43 years the continuing financial security of this church is important. It wa a great church to grow up in and I want it to be a church that touches the lives of others likewise.

I urge you all to support Duke Memorial for the Lord's sake . . . and your own.

--Robert E. (Bob) Cox

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Wayne, Carolyn and Big Sister Savannah Parrish on the birth of a son, Holt Daniel on Oct. 1st. **Birthdays** for next week are:

Oct. 12 Bessie Harris
Oct. 16 Cole Weaver
Oct. 17 Chris Brown
Oct. 18 Olivia Lynch

At the time **INSIGHTS** was put to press David VanVleet continues to be hospitalized at Duke. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

Donald Browning
Sallie Dennis
Agnes Exodus
Melanie Gray and Family
Olive Jenkins
Virginia & Norman Massey
Lucille Mortland
Mary & Raymond Postlethwait
Oliver Upchurch

LOOKING?

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.

DO YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR OR WALKER?

Call the church and ask for Ann or Louis and we'll loan you one from the church. Soon our church will own three wheelchairs, one hospital bed, and several walkers for loan. Thanks to Rhodney Reade for recently donating a wheelchair and walker.

MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

We began *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.

Oct. 12 - Days 29 through 35
Oct. 19 - Days 36 through 42
Oct. 26 - Days 43 through 49

FALL HAYRIDE

This years Fall Hayride is October 12th, from 4 to 6 p.m. Get ready for an exciting afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at the Shepherd's home. We will decorate pumpkins for shut-ins, in addition to the picnic and hayride. Look for balloons at 3804 Cornwallis Rd. Maps will be available next Sunday at church. Please RSVP to Melinda Murphy 620-0182 or Jenny Cash 477-0844 to sign up for food items.

LETTER FROM GRAY FAMILY

Melanie is now settled in at the N.C.C.I.W. in Raleigh. She seems to be adjusting to the way of life there. We appreciate all the support you have given us. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits have given us the strength to take on this hurdle. With this support, we continue to think positively that Melanie will benefit in some ways while she is there. Thanks for all your help. Melanie has mentioned receiving mail from several of you in the congregation. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to her. Although we have moved to Greensboro, Duke Memorial remains an important part of our life. Our new address is 3702 Winged Foot Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410. With Sincere Thanks, Joan and Ron Gray, Kevin, Brook, and Melanie.

YOUTH USHER LUNCHEES

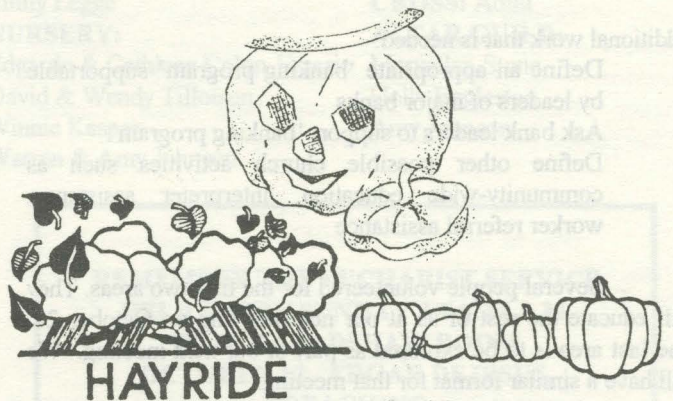
The senior high youth enjoyed a great after-church lunch on Sunday, hosted at the home of Ashley Kernodle by her parents and the O'Sullivans. It was a delightful way to mark our first ushering Sunday this school year, and an opportunity for the group to learn more about each other and our families.

This is an activity that the senior highs would like to continue throughout the year. Peggy Kernodle has volunteered to coordinate the scheduling of these lunches, to be held in homes, at the church or even at a restaurant. We hope some of you in the congregation, including parents or those who have forgotten what having senior highs around is like, will call Peggy to volunteer to help one month this year. We have volunteers for the month of February, but need folks especially for the **fourth Sunday in October** and November. If you would like to help, give Peggy a call at 489-0095. As senior high Sunday School teachers, we are thoroughly enjoying this bunch of kids.

--Heidi Carpenter
--Shelley Turkington
--John Legge

SOJOURNER'S CIRCLE

The Sojourner's Circle is ready to begin a new year. We encourage all women of our church who aren't involved in a circle of the United Methodist Women to join us for our October 14th meeting at the home of Julie Allen. Call 493-7776 if you need directions.



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CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

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HELP STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR HISPANIC NEIGHBORS

Ten of us met on Tuesday night, September 23rd, to share what we have learned since our last meeting and to define our next steps. We learned:

- Federal law only requires proof of identity and a mailing address to obtain a no-interest checking account with a balance of less than \$10,000 - a social security # is not required.
- Some banks add requirements beyond the federal minimums
- A person does not need a SS# nor do they need to take a driver's exam to be issued a picture ID by the NC Driver's License Bureau
- Some Hispanics have a difficult time opening an account, even if they have proper credentials
- there are few, if any, dual language tellers at banks
- Nations Bank has a Spanish speaking person through an 800#
- Several banks have tried but have been unable to locate and hire dual language tellers
- The Self Help Credit Unit offers home financing and is seeking a grant to hire a Spanish speaking teller. It cannot offer checking accounts
- There are seven areas within Durham where Hispanic families are clustered
- Western Union is frequently used to send money outside the U.S.

Additional work that is needed:

- Define an appropriate 'banking program' supportable by leaders of major banks
- Ask bank leaders to support 'banking program'
- Define other possible church activities such as community-wide education, interpreter assistance, worker referral assistance

Several people volunteered for the first two areas. They will educate the rest of us at our next meeting on October 28. The last area is to be explored as part of our next meeting. We will have a similar format for that meeting.

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HELP STOP VIOLENCE CONT.

Next Church-wide Meeting, Tues., Oct. 28th, Whitford Hall

UMM Covered Dish

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

All who want to have dinner and fellowship. Please bring covered dish.

Review of Work Effort

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Holly Eggleston, Steve Guerrant, Byron Hawkins, Roger Loyd, Dick McFall, Elbert Wethington, Blaine Butterworth

Church wide participation is encouraged

Brainstorming to find Solutions

7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Everyone

TAPE MINISTRY

Tapes of the Sunday morning worship service are available each week. If you would like one delivered to your home, call Jean Weynand (489-9546) or the church office (683-3467). Tapes may also be checked out of the church library.

METHODISM STUDY

Mark Wethington will be leading a Methodism Study following Wonderful Wednesday meals for the next several weeks. Although the study formally began on Oct. 8th, you are still not too late to learn more about our rich Wesleyan heritage. You are encouraged to join in this study that will run throughout October. You need not be a new member to join in this insightful discussion. You may be surprised what you can learn about our diverse history.

YOUTH SACRED DANCE

Youth sacred dance is once again meeting. Come and join us as we learn how to praise God through movement and dance. Youth Sacred Dance meets on Sunday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. immediately following DMYF. We will be meeting in October on the 12th, 19th, and 26th; and in November on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, you can talk to Bobbi Wethington at church, or at home, 471-9525.