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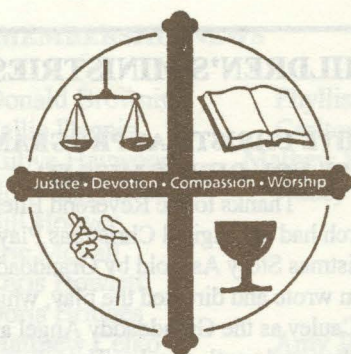
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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STAFF MESSAGE

May the song of love and hope
that came upon a midnight clear
Fill your heart with joy and peace
now and through the coming year.

Merry Christmas

Mark
Josy
Mary Anne
Edgardo
Ann
Paula
Sara
Bob

FINANCIAL UPDATE!

The "year-end" financial closing date for 1997 has been set. Please note the following:

- We will close the books on 1997 contributions on Sunday, January 11.
- Any funds received after this date must be posted as a 1998 contribution.
- If you write a check for a 1997 contribution in January, please make sure you date the check December 31, 1997 and note on it that it is for a 1997 contribution.

The church needs to receive approximately \$80,000 during December to pay all of our mission responsibilities and other bills. Please try to bring your pledge up to date and consider a year end "second mile" gift. With each of you doing your part, together we can finish the year in joyous celebration of faithful financial stewardship.

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DECEMBER 21, 1997

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Wesley Singers - Sanctuary
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
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Christmas Luncheon & Caroling to Homebound
5:30 p.m.	NO DMYF
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	NO Youth Sacred Dance
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON:	Mark W. Wethington
ANTHEMS: "All My Heart Today Rejoices"	-Flor Peeters (Sanctuary Choir)
"Carol of Prophecy"	-Shirley McRae (Wesley Singers)
"Christmas Bell Medley"	-Anderson/Kramlich (Maureen Oakes)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1: 47-55; Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

USHERS: Tom Hargitt, Captain; Vernon Averett, Herschel Caldwell, Jr., Bob Cox, George Davis, Holly Eggleston, Neal and Susan Grubbs, Ed Hammond, Chris Howlett, Bill Sewell, Bob Weynand, Tom Worsley.

GREETERS:	ACOLYTES:
Bill Self	Elisabeth Nifong
Barbara Self	Rebecca Nifong
Mary Beth Cole	CROSS:
Bill Nifong	Adult
Daniel Nifong	ALTAR GUILD:
NURSERY:	Sharon Allen
Todd & Dana Pope	Deborah Moore
Carmelo & Pam Milano	Heather Wilson
Edgardo & Cathleen Colon-Emeric	Linda Wilson
Midge Bowers	Ann Yarley
WREATH:	Sid and Julie Allen, Emily and Hope

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
DECEMBER 21 - MARK W. WETHINGTON,
PREACHING**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 26, 1997

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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, DECEMBER 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. Special Christmas Music
5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service and
Holy Communion

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

We will continue *Having the Mind of Christ* by Miller and Cole-Dai. Please come and join us for the journey at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays in the Mrs. R. N. Wilson Room.

We started a daily advent devotional on Nov. 30. Please join us on Sunday mornings for a time of reflection and to sing some favorite carols awaiting the birth of our Jesus. During our Advent Study please continue your daily devotion in *Having the Mind of Christ*.

Dec. 21 - Days 99 - 105	January 11 - Days 120 - 126
Dec. 28 - Days 106 - 112	January 18 - Days 127 - 133
January 4 - Days 113 - 119	January 25 - Days 134 - 140

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & CAROLING

After worship on Sunday, December 21, we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon in Whitford Hall. Bring your favorite covered dishes, enough for your family and a little extra (beverages provided). Immediately following lunch, groups go out to share the Christmas Spirit and take fruit baskets or poinsettias to our homebound. Children especially invited, the older folks love to see children. Babysitters provided for babies and toddlers. Come in Christ's name, to cheer up these folks! You'll be glad you did!

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer opportunities include: gift wrappers, shop assistants, kitchen helpers, foster children's tree attendants and Christmas tree sales helpers - more information about each of these positions is posted on the bulletin board. Call the Volunteer Center of Greater Durham at 688-8977 to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT DUKE MEMORIAL

Please join us on Wednesday, December 24th, for the Christmas Eve Service. At 5:00 p.m. the Special Music will begin, followed by a Candlelight Service and Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m. BABYSITTING will be provided for infants and toddlers.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS IT!

Thanks to the Reverend Ellen Metcalf, our church had an original Christmas Play, "The Christmas Story As Told by Granddaddy Angel." Ellen wrote and directed the play, which featured Tom McCauley as the Granddaddy Angel and eight children and youth angels. There was a vocal solo by Landon Summers, who is 6, and a clarinet solo by Rebecca Nifong. Both the Carol Choir, directed by Tracy and Greg Cox, and the Wesley Singers, directed by Bob Irvine, performed.

Thanks to Amy Sears, Melinda Murphy, decorator Doris Forman, and all the people who brought refreshments, we had a lovely reception afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Please bring enough food for your family and a little extra food for the covered dish Christmas lunch on December 21st. Hope lots of families with children go caroling -- we go out in groups to our shut-in folks all over the city -- and we need lots of people in each group. Everyone loves to see children, and the children will learn a lot about the true meaning of Christmas in bringing joy to others.

ANGELS OF THE DANCE

Duke Memorial's sacred dance group, Angels of the Dance, welcomes all third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders interested in expressing their love of God through dance to join our group. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 (immediately following children's choir). Our next meeting will be January 14. Transportation to/from practice each week is available. For more information, please call Shelley Turkington, 382-2894. Come join us and experience the fun and faith of dancing for God!

SINGLES EVENTS

On **Sunday, December 21** at 12:15 p.m. we will join the entire congregation for the Covered Dish Dinner in Whitford Hall and Caroling to the Homebound. Contact Persons: Ann Stallings (403-8236) & Ellen Metcalf (286-0029)

On **Sunday, December 28** we will have a Pizza Lunch after church in the Parlor. We will undecorate the tree in Whitford Hall. Contact Person: Ann Stallings (403-8236)

MEALS ON WHEELS OF DURHAM

Meals on Wheels of Durham is in urgent need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound for the winter months. One hour of your time can make a huge difference!! Please call the retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 686-3314.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Dec. 21	Donald Browning Sallie Dennis Rubye Haywood	Phyllis Ponder Carlton Rollins Mathew Strangman Nancy Stark
Dec. 22	Holly Eggleston	
Dec. 23	Bill Hoover	
Dec. 24	Eric McFall	
Dec. 25	Chris Howlett	
Dec. 26	Doris Bridges	
Dec. 27	Matthew Celko	Amy Johnson
Dec. 28	Cindy Horn	Margaret Prince
Dec. 30	Dan Guth	Jeanna Kaspar
Dec. 31	Lee Ann Gelinne	
Jan. 1	Sarah Fisher Kathryn Howlett	Juanita Stott
Jan. 2	Pat Coman	Jean Joklik
Jan. 3	Narda Croughwell Cindy Legge	Laura Lombardo

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press Helen Harrell was hospitalized at Cedar Sinai Hospital in California. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

Charlotte Allen	Ruth Holsinger
Donald Browning	Olive Jenkins
Tommy Cash	Virginia Massey
Sallie Dennis	Lucille Mortland
Melanie Gray & Family	Oliver Upchurch

Our sympathy is expressed to Reid and Carl Burton on the death of his cousin.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Watts Street Baptist Church and Hospice are co-sponsoring a Service of Remembrance and Hope at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 21 for people in the community who are grieving for a loss during the year. The service will be held at Watts Street Baptist Church located at 800 Watts Street.

UMW MISSION FUND

UMW still has some paring knives left. They make wonderful gifts or stocking stuffers. They are \$5 a piece. Please see any UMW member or call Elisabeth Luck at 471-9050. All money from the knives goes to local missions.

THE NEW UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES

The *UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES* have been a long standing resource for daily devotions and DMUMC has The *Upper Room Disciplines 1998* available at \$8.00 a copy. There will be opportunities to purchase copies before and after the 10:55 a.m. Sunday morning worship service in the weeks ahead. Be on the lookout for other opportunities as well (i.e. Wonderful Wednesdays, upcoming meetings, etc.). If you've been meaning to get into the routine of daily devotion, but just haven't had the time to get an appropriate resource - here's your chance! These will also make excellent Christmas gifts.

DURHAM DISTRICT JANUARY WORKSHOPS

The Durham District January Workshops will be held on Monday, January 12, 1998 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Duke Memorial. Babysitting will be provided. The following classes will be offered:

Organizing The Work of Church (Ad. Board, Ad. Council, COM)	Rev. Johnny Branch
Guiding Age-Level Ministries: Adult, Youth, Children, Family	Rev. Bob Huckaby
Lay Leaders	Ms. Gloria McAuley
Leading as Pastor	Rev. Albert Schuler
Managing your Church's Finances	Ms. LaNella Smith
Mobilizing the Small Church for Ministry (N.O.W.)	Rev. Kevin Baker
Managing your Church's Assets (Trustees)	Rev. Ray Gooch
Communicating your Message	Ms. Becky Balentine
Ten Dollar Club	Rev. Dr. Steve Compton
Church Web Pages	Rev. Vickie Pruett
Social Ministry: How to Identify Goals, Pursue Them Achieve Them	Ms. Janice Nicholson

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 24 AND 31.

The next Wonderful Wednesday will be held on January 7, 1998. Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday, January 5, if you plan to be here for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal on January 7. Menu: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Snap beans, Rolls, & Hushpuppies. If you wish to be put on the Regular's List, please sign up using the form found in the narthex. If you have signed up for the Regular's List and are not able to be here, please call to cancel. The cost of this year's meals is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 years old.

THE LOVE FEAST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Several years ago we began here at Duke Memorial a tradition of starting off another year of ministry activities with a Love Feast in the Methodist tradition. Our 1998 Love Feast will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, beginning at 6:15 p.m., following the 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Family Dinner.

This event is for everyone - from the youngest to the oldest! This "feast of love" is an informal gathering in the fellowship hall for a time of singing, sharing, expressing privately or publicly any thanksgiving for the year that is past, or the opportunity to witness to your life or faith in any way. Nothing is formally planned except to share and sing. During this time we will share together some juice and Moravian cookies. We will conclude by around 7:15 p.m.

ATTENTION: FORMER WESLEY WOMEN AND MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

WHAT: Pot Luck Christmas Party

WHEN: Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Becky Carver's Home

1612 Ward Street

Phone: 403-0411 (home), 493-0003 (work)

Please bring an ornament to exchange.

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DECEMBER 28, 1997

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 (1/4 - 1/10) - Church Secretary's Box
5:30 p.m.	NO DMYF
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	NO Youth Sacred Dance
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON: "Back to Normal" Lisa Brown Cole

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 148; 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

USHERS: Tom Hargitt, Captain; Vernon Averett, Herschel Caldwell, Jr., Bob Cox, George Davis, Holly Eggleston, Neal and Susan Grubbs, Ed Hammond, Chris Howlett, Bill Sewell, Bob Weynand, Tom Worsley.

GREETERS:

Youth
John Langford
Mae Langford

NURSERY:

Randy & Amy Sears
Randy & Emily Few
Neal & Susan Grubbs
Randy & Julie Ellis

ACOLYTES:

Andrea Moore
Hannah Moore

CROSS:

Adult

ALTAR GUILD:

Sharon Allen
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STAFF PARISH

Bishop Edwards has invited Bob Irvine and all the newly ordained Deacons to participate in an educational trip to the Holy Land in February 1998. The Bishop has invited each participant's church to contribute \$500 toward the cost of the trip. If anyone in the congregation would like to contribute to Bob's trip, please note it special with your offering, or send it to the church office.

The Staff Parish met on December 15th to complete the 1997 clergy evaluation. The official evaluation form will be signed by the Staff Parish committee and the Staff and sent to the District Superintendent by December 31st.

LIVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS
AFTER A DEATH

The Unicorn Bereavement Center, Triangle Hospice at The Meadowlands will present a workshop on living through the Holidays after a Death on December 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Unicorn Bereavement Center. See the flier on the bulletin board for more information. Call 644-6869 to pre-register.

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 29, 1997 - JANUARY 2, 1998

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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, DECEMBER 31

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center