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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

ISSUE 29

If you have never stayed at Camp Chestnut Ridge at the end of August with temperatures at 98 degrees or more,....slept in a cabin full of youth where the only air circulating was from the small fans blowing,...stayed outside all day in that heat and humidity after not getting to bed until 2:30 a.m. because of "midnight bowling" the night before, then you have missed out on an adventure!

The theme for our youth weekend retreat August 28th and 29th was "Going the Distance". It was a fitting theme, taking into consideration the heat, having our location changed at the last minute because of hurricane Bonnie and working through the disappointment from that change. We felt like we had certainly "gone the distance" when we returned home Saturday night.

Instead of the weekend being a complete flop (which I was afraid might happen), God was at work in all the changes and in all that heat! We experienced a little about what it means to "go the distance with God". We learned that even when things don't go as planned and may not be just like we had hoped, God has gifts for us in those changes and offers blessings even in our disappointments. We learned going the distance with Christ is a commitment to show love to others even when we may not feel like it. Love and actions cannot be separated! We not only heard this lesson taught, but we tried to practice what we were taught and we experienced going the distance with Christ.

All of us are given the invitation to go the distance in sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others. It seems the opportunities come when we least expect it and often when we don't "feel" like it. It's in those times we most need to act because God is doing something wonderful, through you!

May God bless us as we go the distance together.

In Christ,
Lisa

SEPTEMBER 6, 1998 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FIRST SUNDAY FOOD

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	Missions Comm. Mtg. - WH
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due (9/13-9/19) Church Secretary's Box 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center
8:00 p.m.	

SERMON: Ruth Harper Stevens

ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 18:1-11;
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

USHERS: Bill and Judy Coman, Captains; Jeff Bailey,
Joel and Dawn Battiste, Don Bilski, Eilene Bisgrove, Randy
Bollinger, Donna Elium, Richard Grogan, Elisabeth Luck,
Leland Phelps, Sissie Shore, Bill Stone, David Tillotson.

GREETERS:

Bill Coman

Pat Coman

NURSERY:

Wayne & Carolyn Parrish

David & Wendy Tillotson

Kurt & Elisabeth Luck

ACOLYTES:

Matthew Bailey

Brad Bailey

Neil Grogan

CROSS:

Adult

ALTAR GUILD:

Doris Bridges

Dottie MacMillan

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
SEPTEMBER 6 - RUTH HARPER STEVENS,
PREACHING**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 12, 1998

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

OFFICE CLOSED

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. NO Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 a.m. NO Staff Meeting - Joy Class
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Orientation for DMWS - Whitford
7:30 p.m. COM - Open Door
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford
11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - Whitford
5:30 p.m. **Wonderful Wednesday**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Cov. Discipleship - Parlor
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Parents Council DMWS - Parlor
9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Parents Council DMWS - Parlor
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 12

11:00 - 1:00 p.m. UMW Quarterly Meeting - BR / WH

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.

September 6 - Day 358 - 364

September 13 - Day 365

The Mary and Martha class will distribute new books on Sunday, September 13.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

UMW will be having its third Unit Meeting for the year on September 12th. Eilene Bisgrove will be doing our program on the West End. She will have several youth from there to talk about their new youth program.

UMW would also like to invite all UMM to come join us for this fellowship hour. Lunch will be served in Whitford Hall afterwards.

Please make lunch reservations with Debbie Fedyshyn at 471-6830 by September 8th. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 12 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

GREATER DURHAM CRUSADE FOR CHRIST!

You are invited to a Crusade to be held at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park on October 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. each night. There will be a special youth rally on Saturday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m. Speakers include: Michael Fletcher, Garland Hunt, Larry Jackson, and Robert Brickey.

CIRCLE #8

Circle #8 will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. All who are interested in joining a circle are invited to attend.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES TO MEET

On Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m., the Council on Ministries will meet in the Open Door classroom. Every work area and age level coordinator should plan to attend this vital meeting. Budget preparations for 1999, the congregational survey, and the Duke Memorial UMC mission statement will be on the agenda. The meeting will conclude promptly at 8:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Whitford Hall

Covered Dish

Topics:

- Sun Room at Methodist Retirement, Finishing Touches
- Habitat for Humanity, Workers needed

Please volunteer for Saturday, September 12 or 19 (see related article). Workers are needed in 4 hour shifts. Please contact Tracey Whitehouse - 471-3413 to volunteer.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Menus:

September 9 - Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Tea, Lemonade, Cookies

September 16 - Fried Chicken and Vegetables, Drinks, Cookies

September 23 - Pizza, Salad, Drinks, Dessert

September 30 - Subway Sandwiches, Drinks, Dessert

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Please call the office (683-3467) or fill out the 9/6 bulletin insert to make reservations for Wonderful Wednesday meals. Cost will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Please make reservations by 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 8.

Programs:

September 9 Ruth Harper Stevens acting the role as
"Fanny Crosby," famous hymn writer
September 16 Dr. Jack Carroll "Why Church Surveys Help"
September 23 Dr. and Mrs. Alan Whanger - Shroud of Turin
September 30 Ruth Harper Stevens - Bible Study
October 7 To Be Announced
October 14 & 21 Dr. Gail Felton - Bible Study
October 28 Hymn Sing - led by Lois & Laney Funderburk
November 4-18 Marge Clark - Experiencing the Psalms

"...If we let them, the Psalms can touch us at a very deep level, shaking loose old ways of seeing and relating to God." (From "The Paradox of Prayer" by Roberta Bondi.)
Through study, meditation, art, music and prayer, we will try to find new ways of seeing and relating to God.

OLDER CHILDREN - WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Do you have children ages 10 and up who do not belong to choir? Would you be interested in alternative programming for your child from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings? Some possible opportunities may include sharing groups or Bible study. Please let us know what your child's interest might be. Please contact Lisa Cole or Ann Stallings at church - 683-3467, with your interest, ideas or suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Sept. 6 Cathy Shepherd
Sept. 7 Monika Bollinger
Sept. 8 Catherine Cheng
Adrienne Noe
Sept. 10 Joe Farned
Sept. 11 Joe Farned, Jr.
Sept. 12 Maxine Blair

Blake Teer
Charles Murphy
Will Rollins

Richard Owen
Emma Woods
David Wangerin

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

Charlotte Allen
Sophie Cole
Agnes Exodus
Melanie Gray & Family
Helen Harrell

Tim Harrell
Zack Lyon
Virginia Massey
Andrew Price
David Van Vleet

STEP FORWARD!

Stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, pressure, criticism, crisis, an unfamiliar event, excitement over anything (even losing weight) -- all familiar triggers to overeating. But there is hope. The brand new STEP FORWARD! program can teach us how to cast our cares on God rather than on the refrigerator. Through Bible study, prayer, sound nutritional information and a Christian 12-Step program to help you change one day at a time, you will have the opportunity to *shrink on the outside and grow -- spiritually and emotionally - on the inside.*

We will be starting two classes of STEP FORWARD! this fall -- Wednesday evenings (led by Elisabeth Luck) and Thursday mornings (led by Bob Irvine). The classes are arranged in 12-week sessions and the total cost is \$12.00 per person (which includes a workbook). If you have ever struggled to lose weight and keep it off... or if you are interested in a small, confidential group where you can pray, do Bible study, and find support for your efforts to keep your waistline from bulging... call today to register or get more information. Call Bob at 683-3467.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY A POSSIBILITY

We are looking at the possibility of offering a class of Disciple Bible Study (INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD) for those people who have completed the foundational course (BECOMING DISCIPLES). This 32-week class would be an in-depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, designed to equip people for ministry in the world. It continues in the format and philosophy of the foundational study. If you would be interested in joining us on Tuesday mornings for this Bible Study, please call Bob at 683-3467 as soon as possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Twenty two United Methodist College Students just completed a four week concert tour of Russia where they shared their faith through music. Sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBOGM).

MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Missions Committee Meeting on Sunday, September 6 in Whitford Hall at noon.

OLDER ADULTS LUNCHEON

The Fall session of the Older Adults luncheon and program will begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is covered dish, and the program will present our new senior pastor, the Reverend Ruth H. Stevens, who will speak about her vision for older adult ministries. A bus load of friends from Methodist Retirement Community will join us. And we will celebrate birthdays for July, August and September. Please reserve the second Wednesdays of each month and bring friends and neighbors to share the fellowship and always interesting programs, ending at 1:00 p.m. For help with transportation, please call the church office 683-3467 or 382-2544.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The following third graders received their Bibles from our church during worship on Sunday, August 30: Ashleigh Bowers, Si Carpenter, Will Gelinne, Alissa Hutto, Mae Langford, Emily Legge, Alex McCracken, Juli McCracken, Forest Newark, Connor O'Sullivan, Laurie Pope, and Kyle Shepherd.

Promotion Sunday went well, thanks to the hard work of Amy Sears, education chairman. The Lemon Springs Puppet Troupe, begun by Lisa Brown Cole, presented a fun performance, and the refreshments were delicious.

Children's Sunday School Teachers for this year are: 2 year old class - Robin and Tim Langford, 3 and 4-year olds - Margaret McCotter, Carol McMorrow, Cathy Shepherd; Kindergarten - Todd Pope and Angie Hutto, First Grade - Rita MacMillan, Second Grade - Deborah and Barry Moore, Third Grade - Tracey Whitehouse, Fourth Grade - Cheryl Conrad and Houston Blair, and Fifth Grade - Mary Canada.

We need a lead teacher for the 3-year olds, so we can have a separate class for the 3's and 4's. If you are willing to teach this class or be a helper in another class, call Amy Sears at 309-0900.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PILGRIMAGE

WITH BISHOP AND MRS. MARION EDWARDS

The Bishop invites you to enjoy a pilgrimage to The Holy Land. The trip is scheduled for January 31 and February 3, 1999. If you would like more information about the trip, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - CARING, COMMITTED PEOPLE NEEDED

We need one more person to join our new Stephen Ministry class this fall. We begin Monday, September 21. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Blaine Butterworth (683-3285) or Ann Stallings (683-3467).

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SINGLES EVENTS - September 1998

Sunday, September 13 - Out to eat lunch following worship - Rick's Diner
 Contact people: Gayle Young 490-4442 and Holly Eggleston 493-1611

Thursday, September 24 - Pot Luck Dinner at Becky Carver's, 1612 Ward Street
 Contact People: Becky Carver 403-0411 and Maxine Blair 489-5679

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1998

Attendance:

Sunday School	183
Worship 11:00 a.m.	299
Worship 8:45 a.m.	13

Record of Stewardship:

Received 8/30/98	\$ 8,674
Received Y-T-D	\$ 255,137
Needed Y-T-D	\$ 337,900

MISSED YOU

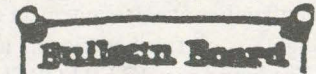
On Sunday we signed up some fantastic folks to help build the Methodist Habitat for Humanity House. On Saturday, September 12th Duke Memorial, along with 5 other area Methodist Churches (Epworth, Trinity, Resurrection, Parkwood, and McMannen), will begin building the house. WE NEED FOLKS TO WORK THE 1-5 PM TIME SLOT ON THIS DAY. In addition, we will need the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u># of people</u>
Sat. 9/12	1-5 p.m.	10
Sat. 9/19	1-5 p.m.	10
Sat. 9/26	8-12 & 1-5 p.m.	10 & 10
Sat. 10/17	8-12 p.m.	10

Plus there will be many other dates to follow as we are helping build this house through it's completion which should be in December if not earlier.

Remember, you need NO experience to help with this house. You just have to be at least 14 years old. To volunteer, please sign up outside the church office or contact Tracey Whitehouse at 471-3413.

YOUTH NEWS



Mark your calendars for these important dates:

September 6 - NO DMYF

September 13 - Sr. High Lunch after church
 Meet in Sanctuary at altar rail immediately following worship.

September 13 - 5:30 p.m. - Mission Mystery - meet in Whitford Hall

September 20 - 5:30 p.m. - "Name the Baby Contest"
 Baby Shower for Tim & Shelley Turkington - Come bring a gift! Refreshments provided.

September 26 - 27 Canoe and Camping Trip

September 27 - NO DMYF

September 28 - 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Dinner at Lisa Cole's Home - 8 Pedestal Rock Lane

HELP NEEDED

If you have a car to sell, we have someone who is in need of a vehicle as soon as possible. Please contact the church office.

✂ CLIP AND SAVE ✂

Sunday, September 6 is Duke Memorial's opportunity to donate food for the Durham Mission Society. Please bring cereal, grits, and oatmeal, and place them on the altar rail before the 11 o'clock service.

Clip and save this notice in your check book or wallet as a reminder when you are grocery shopping this week to remember those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your generous response last month.

Thanks - John Legge