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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Advent is the first season of the Christian year. It marks the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The idea behind it is that we cannot comprehend an event so momentous as the coming of Christ into the world without a sustained period in which to prepare our minds and hearts.

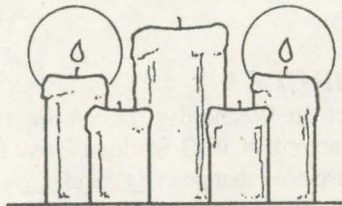
Christmas does not begin with Christmas day, any more than basketball season starts with the first game. There is always a long period of training and preparation that precedes the season.

Many speak about how Christmas has become too commercialized and too frantic. It is not Christmas that suffers but Advent. Christmas may be wonderful when it finally arrives, but Advent is a mess. It depletes our energy and patience. And often leaves us resenting the perpetual arrival of this season.

May Christ guide your every step through this treacherous, seasonal mine field that is supposed to be wonderfully, expectantly exciting. Remember the word "Advent" is part of the word "adventure" so...

Have a happy Advent-ure in Christ,

Bruce



2nd SUNDAY in
ADVENT

THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED

Thanks to Val Rosenquist the mystery has been solved. The book referred to in last Sunday's sermon is Looking Backward, not Walking Backward, which certainly makes more sense. It was written by Edward Bellamy, and can be checked out at either the Duke or Durham Library.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| 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 (12/13-12/19) Church Secretary's Box |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church & Society Meeting - Parlor |
| 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | UMW Quarterly Meeting - BR, WH |
| 5:00 p.m. | Hispanic Ministry Worship Service - BR |
| 5:30 p.m. | DMYF - Youth Rooms |
| 8:00 p.m. | 12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center |

SERMON: Ruth Harper Stevens

ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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

GREETERS:
Beulah Latta
Martha Brown
NURSERY:
Cathy Sorgi & Rick Wilkins
Barbara & Tad DeBerry
Carol & Mike McMorrow
VAN DRIVER:
Tim Turkington

ACOLYTES:
Crystal Hoover
Ashley Kernodle
CROSS:
Edmond Bailey
ALTAR GUILD:
Heather Wilson
Linda Wilson
Ann Yarley

REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
DECEMBER 6, 1998
KAI HERZOG, PREACHING

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 11, 1998

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Joy Class
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training - KJR
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
7:30 p.m. NO COM Meeting
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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
5:30 p.m. **Wonderful Wednesday**
6:15 p.m. Carol Choir & Wesley Singers
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Carillon Video
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Step Forward - KJR
11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Thursday Study Group - Parlor
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

The Mary and Martha class continue their discussion of *When the Heart Waits* by Sue Monk Kidd. Listed below are the readings for the following Sundays:

December 6 pp. 123-134
December 13 pp. 135-144
December 20 pp. 145-154

UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

Tuesday, December 15

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

Please bring covered dish or dessert

Discussion Topics:

- Sun Room at Methodist Retirement Center,
Status of Refurbishing

CHURCH AND SOCIETY MEETING

The Church and Society Committee will meet in the parlor following the 11 o'clock worship on Sunday, December 6. A snack will be served.

NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

Speaking the truth in love; How to be an assertive Christian by Ruth Koch and Kenneth Haugk. This is a Stephen Ministries publication - helpful for all of us. Location: 248 KOCH

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Please call the office (683-3467) to make reservations for Wonderful Wednesday meals. Cost will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Please make reservations by noon on the Monday before the Wednesday meal. Menu: December 9 - Fried Chicken, Vegetables, Drinks, and Cookies.

Dec. 9 Video on Duke Memorial's Carillon presented by Stuart McCracken and Al Buehler. The video includes wonderful views of the bells and views from the bell tower.

HONDURAS RELIEF

If you would like to make a donation to aid the victims of the hurricane, please make a check out to Duke Memorial and indicate on the check that it is for "Honduras Hurricane."

VOLUNTEER CENTER POSITIONS

The Volunteer Center is seeking Holiday Volunteers for the following jobs: Tree of Remembrance Helpers, Friendly Visitors, Substitute Meal Carriers, Foster Parent Holiday Helpers, Caregiver Assistant. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or call the Volunteer Center at 688-8977.

UMW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join UMW for music and a short program on December 6 at 3:00 p.m. Ruth Harper Stevens will be doing our program. There will be a reception to follow in the parlor. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Elisabeth Luck 471-9050

SOJOURNERS CIRCLE

The Sojourners Circle December meeting has been canceled so members can attend the UMW Quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. The January meeting will be at the home of Julie Allen.

COM MEETING CANCELED

Please note that the COM meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 has been canceled.

CIRCLE 9

Circle 9 will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 12:00 noon with Lucille Cranford, at 1023 Starlight Drive for a covered dish luncheon. Please note change in date and day.

DID YOU KNOW?

... that we have sent \$1,594 (so far) to UMCOR for Central America
... that UMM voted to send \$350 to Central America
... that \$465 was sent to the Heifer International Project
... that a gift was given to the scholarship fund by Jim, Joy and Tracy Long in memory of Gaynelle Teer Farthing and Lonie Webster Long.
... that we gave \$765 to Habitat for Humanity
... that we gave \$186 to NC Council of Churches
... that we gave \$380 to Church World Service Blanket Fund

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

- Dec. 6 Sherry Knight
John Parrish
- Dec. 7 Lee Caldwell
Ann Evans
Nancy Hall
Maurice Robertson
Meredith Worsley
- Dec. 8 Hannah Moore
- Dec. 9 Julie Allen
Thomas Cranford
Kay Hammond
James Lancaster
Alexander Leone
Lyda Mihalyi
Andrea Moore
Jacob Parks
Milford Thumm
- Dec. 10 Howard Smith
Gloria Stevens
- Dec. 11 Joan Gray
Ben Huffman, Jr.
Tommy Jones
Mildred Teer
Stephen Whilden
- Dec. 12 Mark Coffman
Tim Nifong
Kaye Summers

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press Rhoda Fitzgerald was hospitalized at Durham Regional Hospital (Rm 5107). Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

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| Paula Allen | Tim Harrell |
| Helen Bowles | Martha Hawley |
| Judy Coman | Winfred Hawley |
| Melanie Gray & Family | Norman Smith |
| | David Van Vleet |

COME SEE "A CHRISTMAS STORY AS TOLD BY GRANDDADDY ANGEL"

by Reverend Ellen Metcalf

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Youth participate in a play about the Christmas Story with a reception in Whitford Hall afterwards. Children bring presents (new or used toys) for underprivileged children wrapped in white tissue paper and place them at the manger for the Christ child. Children may choose to be a shepherd, a wiseman, or an angel. Wesley Singers, Carol Choir, and Children and Youth participate. Babysitting is provided for the smallest children.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES

The UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES have been a long standing resource for daily devotions and DMUMC will have the *Upper Room Disciplines 1999* available at \$9.00 a copy very soon. If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact the church office.

CHURCH-WIDE COVERED DISH LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 20 at 12:15 p.m., Whitford Hall

Everyone in our church is invited to bring food to share for lunch. Extra turkey, ham, drinks provided. Afterwards groups go out Christmas Caroling all over the city to our homebound folks and nursing homes. We will carry fruit baskets or poinsettias to our shut-ins. Directions are provided to houses. Get up a group and come. Babysitters provided for babies and toddlers.

UMW

SEVEN STAR UNITS

Duke Memorial has prided itself as being a Seven Star unit. All Seven-Steps donate money to missions in honor or memory of someone.

Two of the seven steps are candle burning and mission pins. We honor Reid Burton, Holly Eggleston, Susan Teer and Ann Stallings, and in memory of Sadie Taylor and Lucile Cole the candle was burned for one minute.

We have some wonderful surprises for mission pins this year. We try to select people from our congregation who have worked diligently for missions. Please join us on December 6 at 3:00 p.m. to see who will be honored this year. Look for further information of Seven Star units.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Durham County Missions Society needs the following:

For the food pantry:

- paper bags
- variety of canned meats other than beef stew

For the closet (that gives the clothes to the homeless):

- Children and men's socks and underwear (new or gently used)
- Men's winter coats
- long johns
- any warm clothing items
- soap and deodorant
- any bed linens

These can be donated two ways:

1. Directly to the Durham County Missions Society in the Urban Ministry building at 112 N. Queen Street (across from WTVD). The phone is 682-4340 and they receive Mon., Tue., Thurs. from 1:00-4:30 p.m. and Fri. 9:00-11:30 a.m.
2. If you don't need a receipt then you may bring the items to the church: The food may be placed in the basket that is always set up in the kitchen. And the clothes may be put in the closet to the left of the front entrance of the education building.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Sunday, December 20 - congregational potluck lunch and Christmas caroling to shut-ins.
 Contacts: Ann Bowen 383-8016 (h) or 684-2894 (w)
 Blanche Fischer 471-3423

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1998

Attendance:

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| Sunday School | 193 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 285 |
| Worship 8:45 a.m. | 16 |

Record of Stewardship:

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| Received 11/22/98 | \$ 5,811 |
| Received Y-T-D | \$ 374,365 |
| Needed Y-T-D | \$ 453,700 |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1998

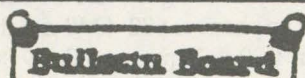
Attendance:

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| Sunday School | 198 |
| Worship 11:00 a.m. | 287 |
| Worship 8:45 a.m. | 12 |

Record of Stewardship:

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|-------------------|------------|
| Received 11/29/98 | \$ 4,499 |
| Received Y-T-D | \$ 378,864 |
| Needed Y-T-D | \$ 463,400 |

YOUTH NEWS



December 6 - 5:30 p.m. Make bags for Genesis Home and Sign-Up for Bake Sale, December 13

December 13 - DMYF Christmas Party and Caroling

December 20 - Caroling with the Congregation

December 27 - NO DMYF

LOUISBURG COLLEGE

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees is proud to announce the selection of a new President - Dr. Rosemary Gillet-Karam. Dr. G-K as she is affectionately known as has been Associate Professor of Higher Education Leadership at North Carolina State University. Read more about Louisburg College in your December 6th bulletin insert.

FILL IN THE GAPS

Having trouble with those stocking stuffers or buying for the person who has everything? Check out the Alternative Christmas on Sunday December 6th and 13th. The Alternative Christmas "gift shop" will be set up in the History room following the 11 o'clock service. You can spend as little or as much as you want on any of the mission causes that Duke Memorial supports such as: The West End Community, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Durham County Missions, Good Samaritan Fund, World Church Service, Peru Covenant, Heifer Project, Blanket project, Obras De Wesley, United Methodist Committee on Relief and many more. YOU CHOOSE and then you can give a preprinted card to your loved one saying a donation for that specific mission has been given in their name. What a great way to share your love with your family and friends by also sharing it with those who might otherwise have been forgotten. See ya'll in the "gift shop" on Sunday. Browsers are welcome!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The Church is looking for an Administrative Assistant to work 20-30 hours per week. This position will replace the current Interim Secretary position. If you know anyone in the community who may be interested in applying for this position, please have them send a cover letter and resume to the Church Office, Attention: Ruth Harper Stevens.