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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

During Advent I am using as a resource Advent: A Calendar of Devotions, 1998 by Abingdon Press. I would like to share a portion of a devotion that particularly spoke to me. I hope it will be some food for thought during your Advent.

From Romans 5:2 "We confidently...look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be."

"'Jesus!' the grandbaby squealed in delighted recognition as she unpacked the nativity set. 'Where you been?'"

What fun it had been to introduce Jesus to her the previous Christmas! Now I was hunting for a good explanation of why he'd lived in a shoe box the rest of the year. Had we lived such lives that she had not seen a faint reminder of this, her favorite character in the quilted cloth manger scene?

I envied the child her reunion. Life is simple: Jesus is here, let's be together, share life-even milk and cookies. *Isn't that where I belong, in daily moments of your life?* asked a still, small voice. I shook my head to clear it. The child, however, was having no problem with Jesus nearby and invited him to a tea party. What a loss. I'd misplaced my sense of wonder.

As I set a place for stuffed baby Jesus at our tea party, however, I feel a flicker of joy. It's a fresh season. Advent has begun and with it comes an invitation to enjoy a new relationship with God and one another. The greatest loss would be to be surrounded by Christmas and not discover anything new in it!"

As we worship together, as we spend time with others, as we meet daily with God, we can find the living Jesus who makes the ordinary awesome. Thanks be to God for the new things happening all around us. Thanks be to God for reunion time.

Peace and joy,
Lisa

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DECEMBER 13, 1998 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 (12/20-1/2) Church Secretary's Box
4:00 p.m.	White Christmas Program - Sanctuary
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

LESSONS AND CAROLS

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:

Lois Vick
Minnie Mae Franklin

NURSERY:

Shelley & Tim Turkington
Amy & Warren Johnson
Kay & Stephen Maunder

VAN DRIVER:

Warren Johnson

ACOLYTES:

Jessica Allen
Megan Carr

CROSS:

Michael Stark

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 13, 1998
CODY SCHULER, PREACHING**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 18, 1998

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

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
7:30 p.m. Finance - Bradshaw
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
11:00 a.m. Circle 8 @ Ginny Clark's
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. UMM Meeting - Whitford
7:30 p.m. **NO** Administrative Board Meeting
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:15 - 10:30 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
12:00 noon Circle 9 @ Lucille Cranford's
5:30 p.m. **NO Wonderful Wednesday**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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 18

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 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

RECOGNITION

The UMW, at their quarterly meeting on December 6, honored the following people with Mission Pins: Blaine Butterworth, John Legge, Priscilla Shepherd, and Susan Grubbs. These individuals have worked diligently throughout the year.

SHROUD TELEVISION PROGRAM

There will be an excellent hour television program on the Shroud of Turin on Monday evening, 21 December, on The Learning Channel entitled "In Pursuit of the Shroud." Part of it was shot in Durham and incorporates some of the work of Alan and Mary Whanger.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Please note there will **not** be Wonderful Wednesday activities on December 16, December 23 or December 30. The Wonderful Wednesday schedule will resume on January 6, 1999.

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.

CIRCLE 8

Circle 8, Ann Marie Langford and Pat Coman leaders, will meet at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 15 for a special covered dish Christmas luncheon. Hostess will be Ginny Clark at her home 3608 St. Mark's Road. All circle members are urged to participate in this annual Christmas time of fellowship.

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.

DECEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING - CANCELED

Important Change - The Administrative Board will **not** meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy this time with your family.

DID YOU KNOW?

These facts about the United Methodist annual conferences outside the territorial United States for 1996 (for the Central Conferences that report data)

1,387,803	lay members
3,671	ordained members
436,087	preparatory members
6,305	organized churches
52	conferences
18	episcopal areas
334,788	Sunday school participants

NEW YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

The Breakfast Club is a new study and fellowship group for Young Adults, ages 18-30, which starts Sunday, January 10, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Marge Clark will be leading the group. The first nine weeks the group will study the book of Genesis. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining this group, please call the church office (683-3467) so we may send you more information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Dec. 13 Erin Carr
Trey Scott
Dec. 14 Becky Ballard
Dec. 15 George Martindale
Judelle Northcutt
Edith Rich
Dec. 16 Alisa Cobb
Jordan Maunder
Joshua Pleasant
Dec. 18 Myra King
Dec. 19 Thomas Worsley

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

Paula Allen	Martha Hawley
Helen Bowles	Winfred Hawley
Melanie Gray & Family	Leland Phelps
Tim Harrell	Norman Smith

Our sympathy is expressed on the death of Mary Byerly, to her children, Dr. Charles Byerly and Caroline Sasser, and their families, and to her sisters, Sue Bryant and Indye Cunningham.

Our sympathy is expressed to Doris Adams and family upon the loss of her mother-in-law.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Calling All Children!

Bring your parents and come Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 20th. We will have a covered-dish lunch in Whitford Hall and go out singing to our church members who can't get out. Older folks love children, so please come!

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.

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.

BAKE SALE

The TLC Youth Sunday School class will hold a bake sale on Sunday, December 13 in the Breezeway (weather permitting) immediately before and after the Sunday School hour. All monies raised will be used to support the family the TLC class has adopted through the Durham County Department of Social Services 1998 Share Your Christmas Program.

PLEASE NOTE INSIGHTS SCHEDULE

The next issue of INSIGHTS will be a double issue because of Christmas. Please submit your articles for events taking place between December 20 and January 2 by Sunday, December 13. Thank you.

INSIGHTS folders, please note that you will not need to fold on Wednesday, December 23.

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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, DECEMBER 6, 1998

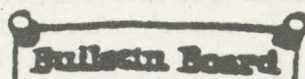
Attendance:

Sunday School	234
Worship 11:00 a.m.	313
Worship 8:45 a.m.	12

Record of Stewardship:

Received 12/6/98	\$ 19,071
Received Y-T-D	\$ 397,935
Needed Y-T-D	\$ 473,000

YOUTH NEWS



December 13 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. DMYF Christmas Party and Caroling with a Progressive Dinner

December 20 - Caroling with the Congregation

December 27 - NO DMYF

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.

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 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.