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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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DECEMBER 5, 1999

Second Sunday of Advent

Table and Word

First Sunday Food

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	Exploring Church - History 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 (12/12-12/8) Church Secretary's Box
12:00 noon	Church & Society - Parlor
12:00 noon	Alternative Christmas Gift Market - History Room
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	UMW Christmas Program - Brad/Par
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	DMYF
5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry - Bradshaw Room
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON: Ruth Harper Stevens
ANTHEMS: Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11;
2Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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

GREETERS:

Louise Rollins

Steed Rollins

NURSERY:

Susan & Jason Belue

Lisa & Tony Debo

Julie & Sid Allen

VAN DRIVER

Tim Turkington

ACOLYTES:

Kathryn Howlett

Meredith Smith

CROSS:

Emily O'Sullivan

ALTAR GUILD:

Heather Wilson

Linda Wilson

Joyce Musselwhite

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Have you ever sat through a sermon and the next day couldn't remember what it was about? Or sung the hymns and not been able to recall a single one? Or prayed the prayers, but later couldn't remember their substance? If any of this strikes a responsive chord, don't feel alone. I often can't remember what I preached the week after even though I had been so totally emersed in its preparation the week before.

Having acknowledged the sieve-like quality of our conscious minds, I still want you to be in worship with me during this Advent /Christmas season.

Why? Perhaps the comments of an elderly church member might explain. She attended worship each week, but later in the week was unable to remember the hymns that were sung, or the scriptures that were read or even the topic of the sermon. Some of the younger members of the church were teasing her. "Why do you go to church each week when it doesn't do you any good?"

Her reply is worth remembering. "I'm sure it did me a lot of good. I learned long ago that you can't carry water in a wicker basket, but the basket will be a whole lot cleaner because you tried."

Enough said. See you in church!

Ruth

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
December 5, 1999
CODY SCHULER**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

DATES AND PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11, 1999

MONDAY, Dec. 6

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Joy Room
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

TUESDAY, Dec. 7

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Agape Circle - Parlor
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
 Community Life Center.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Bradshaw
 9:30 - 11:35 a.m. DMWS Music - Bradshaw
 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Walk to Emmaus - Parlor
 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. **Wonderful Wednesday**
 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Carol Choir (K-1) - Choir Room
 Wesley Singers - Open Door
 L n C - Youth Room
 6:30 p.m. **Carol Singing** - Bradshaw
 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. www.fun - Various rooms
 Bethany Bells - Handbells Room

THURSDAY, Dec. 9

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out
 9:30 - 11:45 a.m. Disciple II Bible Study - KJR

FRIDAY, Dec. 10

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

SUNDAY, November 21, 1999

Attendance:		Record of Stewardship:	
Sunday School	225	Received	\$ 3,836
Worship 11:00 a.m.	331	Received YTD	\$419,564
Worship 8:45 a.m.	14	Budget YTD	\$476,000

SUNDAY, November 28, 1999

Attendance:		Record of Stewardship:	
Sunday School	181	Received	\$ 6,045
Worship 11:00 a.m.	258	Received YTD	\$425,609
Worship 8:45 a.m.	18	Budget YTD	\$486,100

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Carla Owen and family** on the death of Carla's grandmother, Nannie Belle Lloyd Tilley.

We extend our sympathy to **Bob Rumpf and Kim Baines and family** on the death of Margaret Rumpf, Bob's mother and Kim's grandmother, November 28, 1999.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 5 Brad Bailey, Andy Blair, Victoria Luck, Will Needham, Michael Parrish, Jean Weynand
 Dec. 6 Sherry Knight, John Parrish
 Dec. 7 Lee Caldwell, Ann Evans, Nancy Hall, Maurice Robertson
 Dec. 8 Hannah Moore, Wesley Rolnick
 Dec. 9 Julie Allen, Thomas Cranford, Jr., 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

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Hospital

Tom Langford - Duke
 Dorris Rodenhizer - DRH

At home

Matthew Bailey	Thelma Ray
Ethel Beckman	Louis Robinson
Eilene Bisgrove	Norman Smith
Tommy Cash	Sally Stenland
Jim Crawford	Eleanor Stuck
Indye Cunningham	Helen Upchurch
Gene DeBoer	David Van Vleet
Tim Harrell	Bill Webb
Marion Montgomery	Lisa Westerfeldt
Rita Needham	

!!! YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS !!!

Come join Greig Ashurst at 4 PM every Sunday DMYF is scheduled. An hour of music and fun and plans for performance productions! ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

MEETING NOTICES:

✓ **Church and Society, Dec. 5**, in the Parlor immediately after worship. Please bring progress reports. Our holiday project will be finalized.

✓ **UMW Christmas Program, Dec. 5**, at 3:00 p.m. in Bradshaw Room. Join us for an exciting program and see our Youth Liturgical Dancers. Find out whom we will honor with pins this year and meet your new UMW officers! Lite refreshments will follow in the Parlor.

✓ **Mary & Martha Class** Christmas Potluck Supper, Dec. 14, at 6:30pm, at 1612 Ward Street. Call Becky Carver at 403-0411 or 493-0003 if you have questions.

✓ **Circle 9** will meet Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 12:00 noon, with Lucille Cranford at 1023 Starlight Drive. **Please note change in date and time.**

✓ **Circle 8** will hold its Annual Potluck Lunch at the home of Nancy Cool-Grimm, 7 Geneva Ct., Dec. 21, at 11:00am.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WRITING SCRIPTURE CARDS: Ann Stallings needs folks to write out scriptures on index cards and then decorate the cards. They are wonderful to take to those in hospitals and care facilities. Cards and suggested scriptures will be provided. Call Ann at the church (683-3467) to volunteer.

CHURCH NEEDS A LARGE TV: There is a need for a TV large enough to be seen from across a room the size of a Sunday School classroom. If you have one and would like to donate it and make a significant year-end tax deductible contribution to the church, please call the church office (683-3467). Our thanks to Julie and Randy Ellis who answered our call by donating a VCR.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES

It is time to order UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 2000. The price is \$10.00 which includes tax and shipping. Call the church office (683-3467) to order your copy, or fill out the form you will find in your Sunday bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Duke Memorial UMC.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

The current issue of THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE is in. This is a special double issue for the months of January - April, 2000. Consequently, the price is \$1.20 for the regular print guide, and \$2.00 for the large print guide. Copies are available in the church office at all times and in the narthex of the sanctuary.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

After a wonderful dinner in Whitford Dec. 8, we will gather in the Bradshaw Room to sing long-loved Christmas carols. The song leader will be Tim Turkington and Ruth Phelps will accompany on the piano. Come raise your voice in praise!

PUTTING A FACE ON APPORTIONMENTS

F. Belton Joyner, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Bishop Marion Edwards, sends us this example of the work of our giving:

When Terry Albright showed up at Methodist College he showed up on his own. His family offered no support, financial or moral. None of his city street friends has any interest in college. Terry met a guidance counselor who saw in Terry a gift yet unwrapped and encouraged him to find a college that would give his life a new start. Terry had just enough money saved to pay for his first semester.

The story has a good ending: a combination of work programs and loans and scholarships funded his education and Terry returned to his home city as a teacher. But the most important thing that happened to Terry was meeting Bill Lowdermilk, one of the school's vice presidents. Bill had Terry and some other students to his apartment for apple pie and Bible study. Out of that encounter with the Word, for the first time in Terry's life he felt the claim of Jesus Christ and began to walk the walk of faith.

Methodist College is there because United Methodists joined together to establish and support this place of making a difference in the name of Jesus. Through your apportionment, Duke Memorial is there.

LAY ACADEMY OF RELIGION AT DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Lay Academy is designed to encourage theological study by laity. Throughout the year a variety of courses are offered, with Dr. James Efird, professor of Biblical Interpretation, as the featured instructor. The four course topics for 2000 are: *Wisdom Literature, Romans, The Book of Isaiah, and Apocalyptic Literature.*

Contact The Center for Continuing Education at Duke Divinity School (660-3448 or 1-888-845-4216), or ask for registration forms in the church office.

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YOUTH NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL

Babysitting for Christmas Shoppers

Dec. 4 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dec. 18 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM

*This is our Mission Trip fundraiser.
Call Lida Barton for details.*

ALL YOUTH

Dec. 5 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Selling ARC Christmas Trees
at Resurrection UMC across from Githens
Middle School on Old Chapel Hill Road.
(No evening meeting)

Dec. 12 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Mission Night -- Prepare Agape Stockings

Dec. 19 All Youth Christmas Party!

Meet at church at 5:00 PM sharp. Pick up at
the Carrs', 2600 Ferrand Drive at 7:30 PM.

Dec. 26 NO MEETING

**NOTE: No Parents' Meeting Dec. 5. Next
meeting will be Jan. 9, 2000.**

Advent Calendar of Activities at DMUMC

- Dec. 4 Babysitting by Youth (see Youth Box)
- Dec. 5 First Sunday for bringing Shoe Boxes
12:00 noon Alternative Christmas
Gift Market
3:00 pm UMW Christmas Program
- Dec. 12 Last Sunday for bringing Shoe Boxes
12:00 noon Alternative Christmas
Gift Market
4:00 pm White Christmas Program
Children's impromptu Christmas Story performance. Bring a gift wrapped in white tissue paper for an underprivileged child, marked with appropriate age and gender. A program for all the church!
- Dec. 19 Alternative Christmas
Gift Market and
12:00 noon All-Church Christmas
Dinner and Caroling to Shut-Ins
A covered dish dinner in Whitford with caroling afterward
- Dec. 24 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with
Communion