

REPORT TO DUKE MEMORIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD for  
December 1987  
FROM MILFORD V. THUMM, MINISTER OF VISATION

The Advent Season followed quite a different program of visitation activity for this minister, through and following Christmas Day until New Year 1988. As you will note, ministry and activity followed the modus operandi stated and approved in my review of my first quarter with you.

A significant amount of work continues to be in telephone contacts. Lunches with laymen and staff and officers also provide opportunities for information and leads to ministry. After-worship preparations of prospect lists for lay calls and visitation continue to help welcome people to our fellowship. I continue to assist in pre-worship prayers with choir and acolytes upon request.

During December, the Resident List of Duke Memorial members in the Methodist Retirement complex was revised and corrected with assistance of Helen Brodie, Ruth Jones, and the Home office. Paper work is now begun on a program for a "caring ministry" to be presented to the COM for adoption and support, to include the total membership of the church (a request of the Staff Parish Committee). The Shut-In listing of our membership was accomplished prior to Christmas by Polly Nixon and lay helpers to expedite delivery of Christmas baskets; which list is now available to church school classes and any other groups for use on a regular basis.

During December 1987:

Spent an average of 22 hours per week serving

Preached once on December 27

Made one death call for the Senior Minister when he was out of town

Conducted one funeral at graveside

Assisted in Communion Service on Christmas Eve

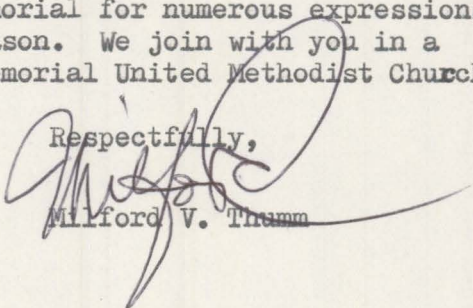
Met regularly with Church Staff

Attended PPR Sunday dinner with DCE Prospect

Was present for four Christmas Luncheons, three Christmas Dinners, and accompanied the group to Williamsburg Christmas, establishing relationships, fostering congeniality, and enjoying the colonial Christmas festivity in Virginia.

Martha and I wish to thank people of Duke Memorial for numerous expressions of good will and 'goodies' of the holiday season. We join with you in a sincere wish for a Happy New Year for Duke Memorial United Methodist Church.

Respectfully,

  
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