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The month of September has been a busy one. Below are some of the activities in which I have been involved.

Parent's Morning Out has a full enrollment with some folks on a waiting list. Amy Kellum is serving as the volunteer director of this program which serves parents and children.

I have been involved in much leadership training during this month. I led a class for administrators at the Fayetteville District Sunday School Rally. Our Durham District Rally was held here at our church. Thirteen DMUMC adults participated along with the entire JOY Class which was one of the model classes for that event. Last Sunday, I conducted a Forum on the Adult Sunday School to discuss concerns of our local classes. On October 25, Polly Mixon, Jane Sheffield and I will attend a small group leadership training event in Raleigh.

Sunday Evening Fellowship is in full swing with classes for separate age groups from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, dinner followed by intergenerational activities which conclude at 7:30 pm. About 75 people participated this past Sunday. You may visit the Sukkah which we made during the Festival of Booths in Whitford Hall. There are two more Sundays in this series. I am grateful for a Task Force that really did its work to plan these events: Caroline Sasser, Ann Stallings, Jim & JoAnn Mentzer, Helen & Frank Harrell, Maureen Oakes, and Judy Coman.

The Council on Ministries spent its last meeting discussing plans for Advent. Some of these include: distribution of baskets to shut-ins, celebration of the Festival of St. Nicholas, a parsonage open house, and hanging of the greens. Christmas Eve Communion will be held at 5:00pm. On Christmas Day, Family Worship will be held at 11:00am. Children's Sunday School classes will NOT MEET on Christmas Day. Adult Classes have the option of meeting that day.

Our new copier arrived today. We are anxious to make use of it for a variety of items including our newsletter and eventually the church bulletin. This equipment should ultimately reduce some of our expenses for outside printing and copying.

Helen and Oliver Upchurch have been invited to set up a display as part of the Older Adult Ministries Faire at St. Paul's U.M. Church in Goldsboro. They will share the Duke Memorial Travellers program at that event.

I met for the first time with the Board of Directors of the Weekday School. on September 21. I also met with the Western Cluster of the Christian Educator's Fellowship on September 13, and have invited them to hold their October 11 meeting here at Duke Memorial.

Just a reminder of the Halloween Carnival and Mini-Bazaar coming up on October 29. There are a number of ways in which you can participate in this event: baking a cake, donating candy, hosting a booth. Kathy Langford has been coordinating this event. Ask her for a way in which you can be involved.

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