

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHARGE CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 22, 1983

The hallmark of 1983 for Duke Memorial United Methodist Church is Terrific Tuesdays. The growth, fellowship, extended involvement and general spirit of family can be directly traced to this wonderful concept which has made such an impact on the life of our church. They have, in the Methodist tradition, given us organization, a central focus and an opportunity to enjoy fellowship on a regular basis that never before has been possible. They have been the catalysts for many of our 1983 achievements.

The Council on Ministries, the programming arm of the church, has met regularly and established the following goals for 1984 which the Administrative Board approved:

1. To bring our congregation together through increased communication
2. To discover and meet the needs of those not active in a Christian education program
3. To strengthen our work in evangelism
4. To survey the Duke Memorial congregation to understand who we are and how to best minister to our congregation
5. To establish lines of communication with neighboring churches
6. To develop a congregational focus on senior members of our congregation and community
7. To continue and strengthen family ministries and intergenerational fellowship, Terrific Tuesdays, and United Methodist Men

Through the efforts of the work areas which are directly responsible to the Council on Ministries, we have had a very successful and innovative year of varied activities for all ages, and to a significant degree fulfilled the goals set for 1983. A few of these are listed below:

- Commission on Older Members - has been established and is a work area of the COM
- Communication - we now have a monthly calendar of church events
- Missions - We sent a work team to Jamaica, have had several programs on missions but most importantly we have taken into our families and hearts the Terhune family, Methodist missionaries in Japan
- Worship - We had a very successful Wednesday Noon meditation which began in Advent and ended at Easter. On Thanksgiving Eve we had an ecumenical service with Temple Baptist and Immaculata.
- Vacation Bible School - was more successful than ever
- Terrific Tuesdays - through its programs we have been able to focus on many varied aspects of living - family ministries, ageing, health, heaven and hell, missions, to name a few

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has had another active year with several additions to our staff. Anree Mitchell was employed in September as Church Hostess, Robert Woods as Maintenance Supervisor, and since June 1st, Hazel Terhune has graciously and efficiently filled in as Interim Director of Religious Education. The Committee plans to have a permanent person in place by January 1, 1984. Steve Conger replaced Diane Blanchard as our Student Intern from the Duke Divinity School, and there have been several changes in the maintenance staff.

The Long Range Planning Committee requested and received permission from the Administrative Board to push back the date of its final report from October 1983 to April 1984. The Policies and Procedures Committee set new fee schedules for the use of the church and education building for both in-house and outside groups. This committee will continue to meet in 1984 to organize, consolidate and update policies and procedures from past years. The Every Member Canvas has raised more dollars than ever before at Duke Memorial and as of this date, more is in sight.



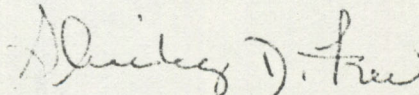
During 1983 we have received into our membership 67 persons, three of whom are affiliate members. Fourteen of these were on confession of faith and fifty by transfer of membership from Methodist churches and other denominations. At the same time 26 people have died and 21 have transferred out. This net growth of 20 is a significant landmark in measuring the growth and direction of our church, and speaks well of the drawing power and appeal we have achieved over the suburban churches which are closer and more convenient to most families.

The Trustees report the receipt of 127 acres of unimproved land in Person County and a completely furnished house at 102 Forestwood Drive, Durham, from the estate of Mary W. Shore. The house is now being used as the home for the Associate Pastor. At the present time no disposition of the land has been made.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially recognize Ken Howard who retired this year after 25 or more years as plant engineer. As a layman, no one person has given more of himself than Ken and his dedication to Duke Memorial is something very special. We have been truly blessed by his stewardship.

This is also the time that I would like to tell the Terhune Family, one and all, how much each of them is meaning to Duke Memorial Church. Little did we know last spring when we agreed to "find them a house for a year" that they all would become instant and integral parts of our church family and staff. Their commitment to Duke Memorial and their involvement in its activities have made them very special to us and we have all received far more than we have given. As parttime staff persons, Bob and Hazel have filled in at a time when their leadership, guidance and expertise were essential to the continued success of a growing and dynamic ministry.

Last year at this time I reported to you that I was excited about Duke Memorial and its potential for the future. My excitement was well founded and I feel even better this year. We have taken tremendous strides forward - we have grown significantly in numbers showing a net gain in membership for the first time in many years - we have raised more money than ever before in the history of the church - more people are actively involved in the work areas of the Council on Ministries - there is a spirit of togetherness and purpose which has not been evident in the past - I believe we know what we are about and are getting it accomplished. All this and more would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our lay members, and the expert, unselfish and excellent leadership that is being demonstrated by our superb staff. As Thanksgiving approaches, we have much for which to be thankful.



Shirley D. Few, Chairman  
Administrative Board

