

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHARGE CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 22, 1992

Presiding: Rev. Albert Shuler

Present: 29 Board members
4 church members (list attached)

Invocation: Elizabeth Bookhout

Report of Pastor: Mark Wethington

- the vision for Duke Memorial has manifold possibilities for a congregation engaged in vital ministries which address the needs of the community.
- to arrive at the understanding of this mission, the Council on Ministries will be undertaking a study of the UM Church's mission statement "Grace Upon Grace".
- expressed sincere gratitude for the ministry to which Christ called him, and for being able to serve the people at Duke Memorial who have welcomed him and his family so warmly. (reports attached)

Oliver Upchurch, Membership Chairman, asked that members stand as the names of those who have died since the last Charge Conference were read. Rev. Shuler offered a prayer to close the tribute.

Associate Pastor's Report: Clinton W. Spence

- the spiritual growth of Duke Memorial during 1992 can be marked by three significant events: a monthly service of Holy Communion; an intergenerational confirmation class; and an experiment in small group discipleship.
- Duke Memorial is a church which is stepping out in faith with new patterns of worship, new concepts of Christian education, and new fields of mission. (report attached)

COM: Para Drake

- 1992 has been a year the COM has become more focused on our need as a church to express God's abiding love with the confirmation of our place in God's plan.
- in 1993 COM will develop a mission statement to be used in the program planning. (report attached)

Staff-Parish: Shirley Few

- gave thanks for having Mark Wethington and his family at Duke Memorial.
- said that Clint Spence had a vision and has made a tremendous start in getting this vision put into action.
- stated that Laurie Coffman and Ann Stallings have worked beyond the bounds of their jobs and have made efforts to involve the youth of the church in many areas.
- congratulated John Semingson on the various aspects of the music program.
- Richard Greenway is making a big contribution in working with the youth program.
- commented that the church staff work together well and that the office is operating in an efficient manner.

Trustees: Ran Few

- the parsonage has a good chance of being sold by the first of the year.
- all renovations to the church buildings have been completed and paid for.
- insurance on all property has been updated.

UMW: Linda Wilson

- meeting times have been varied so that all members can attend some meetings throughout the year.
- programs have been excellent.
- conference giving and special projects are fully supported.

Youth: Mark Medlin, President JOY Class

- JOY Class adopted two families from Social Services and Murdoch Center.
- raised money selling wrapping paper and having a spaghetti dinner.
- had several fund raisers to earn money for a mission trip to Oklahoma to help the Cherokee people of Cookson Hills.
- presented "Friends Forever", a musical, in the spring.

Youth Ministry and Missions/Outreach: Laurie Coffman

- team ministry in youth work is important.
- the mission trip to Oklahoma was very successful.
- "Friends Forever" was well attended.
- diverse activities for Middle School Youth have been popular.
- Youth Council has been formed.
(report attached on next page)

- Missions/Outreach Work Area, led by Leland Phelps has helped the congregation to give to ongoing and emergency needs of the church, including Africa University, Hurricane Andrew Relief, World Service Blanket Fund and others. Missionary families are also supported in their work in Kenya and Japan and elsewhere.
- Church and Society Work Area, led by Tim Turkington, has done work in the West End Community to help establish a community center, tutor children, and involve them in day camp and music programs. (report attached)

Assistant in Ministry: Ann Stallings

- Parents' Morning Out program involves 34 parents.
- John 13: 35 party held to make Valentines for shut-ins.
- "Here I Am, Lord" was theme of Chestnut Ridge Day Camp. 17 needy children were sponsored.
- Visitation team is organized and meets regularly.

Ministry of Music: John Semingson

- (report recorded in board minutes.)

Treasurer: Jim Long (given by Bill Coman)

- the treasurer's report was approved by the board on November 16.
- "Spirit for Tomorrow" \$106,280 paid in full. (reports attached)

Membership: Oliver Upchurch

- presented second reading of 8 names and third reading of 7 names.
- MOTION: THAT SEVEN NAMES BE REMOVED FROM THE ROLL AS A RESULT OF THE THIRD READING AT THE CHARGE CONFERENCE. PASSED. (reports attached)
- 1st reading of 1 name was delayed because of changes made in the 1992 Discipline.

Pastors' salaries

- from Staff-Parish and Finance
MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE SENIOR AND ASSOCIATE MINISTERS' SALARIES AS PRESENTED IN THE 1993 BUDGET. PASSED (unanimously).

Benevolent Apportionments

- Duke Memorial Board members, having already accepted the figure for 1993, were asked by Rev. Shuler to covenant with him by responding AMEN. So done.

Election of Church Officers

- Lee Ann Gelinne, Gloria Johnson and Tim Turkington were nominated from the floor for Class of 1995 Nominating Committee.
- Elizabeth Bookhout was named to the Class of 1995 on Finance Committee.

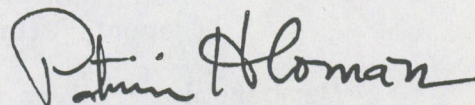
MOTION: TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT THREE TO NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. PASSED.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT SLATE OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1993. PASSED.

Rev. Shuler:

- asked Duke Memorial to support the Missional Plan from the Conference which asks that pastors serve a minimum of six years at a church. He will meet with Staff-Parish to discuss this at a later date.
- due to changes in the job description of the D. S. more time can be devoted to local churches rather than attend meetings throughout the district and conference. Ten churches will be the focus of his work and he asked that our congregation help him by having in mind some things he can do to help in the mission of Duke Memorial.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.



Patricia H. Coman
Secretary

DUKE MEMORIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE ROLL
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Board Members:

Neil Grubbs
Bill Coman
Ann Marie Langford
Shirley Few
Ran Few
Pat Coman
Laney Funderburk
Lois Funderburk
Ann Stallings
Kay Hammond
Minnie Mae Franklin
Beulah Latta
Lynn Cuerrant
Laurie Coffman
Jeff Bailey
E. W. Coffin
Thomas Stark
Linda Wilson
Oliver Upchurch
Tim Turkington
Nancy Lockamy
Fred Clark
Anne Clark
T. S. Coble
Ann Wilson
Clinton W. Spence
Para Drake
Richard Greenway
Mark W. Wethington

Church Members:

Elizabeth Bookhout
Elbert Wethington
Helen Upchurch
Mark Medlin

