

**1995 CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT
DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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After wrestling with my strong call to continue in ministry in the local church, I was delighted to be offered the position of Program Director here at Duke Memorial last February. Much of this position involves organization and communication. Duke Memorial has become a church that is always busy. Calendaring to avoid conflicting schedules and to find the right space for every event while at the same time conserving on utility bills is quite exciting when you realize that a church this busy is a church that is very much alive and serving the needs of so many. Events, programming, and information about Duke Memorial and its people are communicated through the church newsletter, INSIGHTS. INSIGHTS has undergone a color change in an effort to make it not only more attractive, but also easier to read. Those in charge of scheduling meetings and events and who contribute to INSIGHTS have done an excellent job in following procedures and time schedules and I am very appreciative of all of their efforts.

As we approach the new year, I am looking forward to assuming more actual programming responsibilities while working more closely with Council on Ministries to access additional needs in our program and areas where we as councils, committees, and task forces can work together. I invite anyone who has ideas and feelings about Duke Memorial's programming and programming needs to contact me.

Our program of integrating our children into worship has continued to grow. First graders will continue in Worship Education until Pentecost in May under the able leadership of Kathy Vokaty and Julie Allen. Second graders and their families will again be invited to join us for a four week workshop on the sacraments during Lent. The size of All-Summer Day Camp was doubled last summer. Parents and families of those involved expressed gratitude to Duke Memorial for this ministry which meant so much to them. After paying all salaries and expenses, All-Summer Day Camp will be able to contribute \$2,000 to the new church van fund.

It is a joy to be serving God in this special place. Each of Duke Memorial's talented staff members gives so much in his or her ministry here, and it means so much to share in ministry with such dedicated and wonderful servants. I deeply value their friendships. The people of Duke Memorial continue to amaze me with their caring and interest in serving God through Christ's church on this corner and it's mission in this community and the world.

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