

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent, and chairperson of witness ministries or evangelism.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHARGE CONFERENCE



Report of Pastor

The report of the pastor shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items as outlined in the 2004 *Book of Discipline* (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church Duke Memorial Charge
 Durham District North Carolina Annual Conference.
 For the period beginning November 2, 2006 and ending November 7, 2007

I. BAPTISM

1. Number of persons baptized (all ages) since last report? 6

II. MEMBERSHIP

2. Who has been received into baptized membership since the last report? **(Record as a supplement.)**
3. Who has been received into professing membership since the last report? **(Record as a supplement.)**
 - a. On profession of faith or restored?
 - b. From other United Methodist churches?
 - c. From other denominations?
4. Who has been removed from the professing membership since the last report? **(Record as a supplement.)**
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or by withdrawal?
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches?
 - c. By transfer to other denominations?
 - d. By death?

III. MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

5. a. Total <i>professing members</i> last report	857
b. Additions:	
(1) On profession of faith or restored.....	1
(2) From other United Methodist churches	9
(3) From other denominations	1
c. Total additions [add lines (1), (2), (3)]	11
d. Gross total <i>professing members</i> [add lines a and c]	868
e. Deductions:	
(1) By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or by withdrawal.....	7
(2) By transfer to other United Methodist churches.....	8
(3) By transfer to other denominations.....	4
(4) By death	14
f. Total deductions [add lines (1)through (4) inclusive].....	33
g. Total <i>professing members</i> [subtract line f from line d]	835

Number of females: 492 males: 343

Number of racial/ethnic persons: Asian: African American/Black: 21

Hispanic: Native American: Pacific Islander: White: 814 MR-Multi-Racial:

The descriptions can be found on the Worksheet for Table I of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.
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REPORT OF PASTOR, CONTINUED

6. Total baptized members who have not become professing members (as determined in the annual membership audit, ¶¶ 226.3, 231, 240) 147

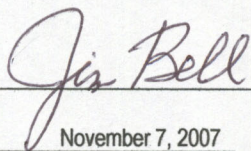
IV. MEMBERSHIP AUDIT

7. Have the membership records and rolls been audited? (¶ 231) no

- 8. a. Who have moved from your community since the last Charge Conference? **(Record as a supplement.)**
- b. What has been done to relate them to another church? **(Record as a supplement.)**

Space below is provided for the pastor to report the state of the church and to give an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (¶ 340): providing support, guidance, and training to the lay membership in the church; ministering within the congregation and to the world; and administering the temporal affairs of the congregation. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (¶ 350.1).

See attached sheet

Signed: 
Date November 7, 2007

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Duke Memorial UMC
Schedule #1, Baptisms

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptism Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Parent's Name</u>
Willis, Colin Reece	01/28/2007	1	Ryan & Tracy Willis
Patterson, Ella Jane (Ella)	03/18/2007	1	Jay & Emily Patterson
McKeen, Andrew Malcolm (Drew)	04/01/2007		
McIntyre, Graham Joseph	07/15/2007		James & Mary Beth McIntyre
Mathis, Ryan Lee (Ryan)	10/21/2007	31	
Mathis, Jacob Logan (Jake)	10/21/2007	1	Ryan & Lindy Mathis

Total Records: 6

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Duke Memorial UMC
Schedule 3b: From Other UMCs

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Joined How</u>	<u>Transfer in</u>	<u>Address in</u>
Wright, Donald L (Don)	11/12/2006	Cert. Trans.	Doylestown UMC	Doylestown, PA
Wright, Ann E	11/12/2006	Cert. Trans.	Doylestown UMC	Doylestown PA
Eggleston, Hoyle Mattox (Holly)	12/03/2006	Cert. Trans.	Epworth UMC	Durham, NC
Brogdon, Ms Lauren Ashley (Lauren)	04/01/2007	Cert. Trans.	Concord UMC	Mocksville NC
Smith, Mr Jerry R (Jerry)	10/21/2007	Cert. Trans.	Carr UMC	Durham, NC
DeWitt, Mr Martin (Marty)	10/21/2007	Cert. Trans.	First UMC	Germantown, PA
DeWitt, Esi	10/21/2007	Cert. Trans.	First UMC	Germantown, PA
Mathis, Lindy Quinn (Lindy)	10/21/2007	Cert. Trans.	Trinity UMC	King, NC
Risher, Tim	10/28/2007	Cert. Trans.	UMC	Hamburg, Germany

Total Records: 9

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Duke Memorial UMC
Schedule #3c: From Other Denominations

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Joined How</u>	<u>Transfer in</u>	<u>Address in</u>
Clayton, Virginia R (Jenna)	10/21/2007	Cert. Trans.	Triangle Pres	Durham NC

Total Records: 1

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Duke Memorial UMC
Sched #4a: Professing Members Removed

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Record Closed</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
Chewning, Mr Charles Jr	11/03/2006	Removed/Cg Conf
Adams, Mrs Jane Lorraine Ashworth	11/03/2006	Removed/Cg Conf
Giebenhain, Kathryn (Katy)	11/03/2006	Removed/Cg Conf
Grass, Mrs La Donna Rae	11/03/2006	Removed/Cg Conf
Fendt, Ms Mary C	11/03/2006	Removed/Cg Conf
Darrah, Claudia	11/26/2006	Withdrew
Chamberlain, Ms Gina A	03/18/2007	Withdrew

Total Records: 7

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Duke Memorial UMC
Schedule #4b: To Other United Methodist Churches

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Record Closed</u>	<u>Member Status</u>	<u>Transfer out</u>	<u>Address out</u>
Hibbard, Dr Robert S (Rob)	04/01/2007	Transferred	Christ UMC	Salt Lake City
Hibbard, Mrs Jacqueline Marie (Jackie)	04/01/2007	Transferred	Christ UMC	Salt Lake City
Clark, Ms Virginia B. (Ginger)	05/18/2007	Transferred	Christ UMC	Greensboro, NC
Summers, Mr Kenton	10/02/2007	Transferred	Pleasant Green UMC	Durham, NC
Summers, Mr Landon	10/02/2007	Transferred	Pleasant Green UMC	Durham, NC
Summers, Miss Kelsey Allison	10/02/2007	Transferred	Pleasant Green UMC	Durham, NC
Summers, Mr James Craige (Craig)	10/12/2007	Transferred	Pleasant Green UMC	Durham, NC
Summers, Sharon Kaye (Kaye)	10/12/2007	Transferred	Pleasant Green UMC	Durham, NC

Total Records: 8

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Duke Memorial UMC
Schedule #4c: To Other Denominations

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Record Closed</u>	<u>Member Status</u>	<u>Transfer out</u>	<u>Address out</u>
Newnam, Marcus E.	06/10/2007	Transferred	Wake Forest Presbyt	Wake Forest, NC
Newnam, Lori Hayden	06/10/2007	Transferred	Wake Forest Presbyt	Wake Forest, NC
Davis, Ms Tamela	07/27/2007	Transferred	Duke Chapel	Durham NC
Pappas, Mrs Debra Mae Patterson (Debbie)	08/15/2007	Transferred	White Mem Pres	Raleigh, NC

Total Records: 4

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Duke Memorial UMC
Sched #4d: Professing Members Lost by Death

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Record Closed</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
Turrentine, Danny (Danny)	11/26/2006	Deceased
Veasey, Mr Luther Roycroft (Luke)	11/29/2006	Deceased
Neu, Mrs Mary Hooper	12/02/2006	Deceased
Johnson, Mrs Edith	12/17/2006	Deceased
Anglin, Mr Robert M.	01/07/2007	Deceased
Ballentine, Mrs Sherrod Fowler Willis	01/07/2007	Deceased
De Boer, Eugene (Gene)	02/05/2007	Deceased
Vesic, Milena Sedmak	06/03/2007	Deceased
Hawley, Mr Winfred P.	06/17/2007	Deceased
Corbin, Miss Charlotte	07/13/2007	Deceased
Hobbs, Dr Marcus E	08/12/2007	Deceased
Dixon, Mr Wyatt T Jr	08/19/2007	Deceased
Gray, Mrs Betty (Betsy)	10/12/2007	Deceased
Rodenhizer, Mr Harry E Jr	10/12/2007	Deceased

Total Records: 14

Report of Pastor

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church is continuing a journey of renewal and transformation. At the completion of a visioning process in October of 2006, we identified our mission – *sharing Christ from the heart of Durham* – and a vision of God’s preferred future for us. Since that time a Strategic Planning Team, in conjunction with the Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, has been crafting a plan to fulfill our mission and vision. We have taken initial steps to implement this strategy.

Worship is central at our church. We have recently enhanced our worship services by placing announcements before the opening voluntary, adding periodic “portraits of faith” by laypeople, involving more laypeople in leading children’s sermons, and strengthening transitions.

Another significant element of the strategic plan is the formation of an Invite and Welcome Team. This group seeks to strengthen follow-up efforts with first-time guests, enhance our welcome of all guests and worshipers, and transform our congregation to become an invitational church.

In the coming year we seek to offer more one-time mission opportunities with an educational component. We also want to provide periodic opportunities for members to learn about justice issues. We desire to enhance our adult spiritual formation – on Sundays mornings and in other settings.

This past year we launched the inaugural season of the Soul Café Music/Arts Series with a lively variety of talented performers. Our hope is that this series will assist us to invite guests to enter the back door of our church.

Our recent *Journey of Faith* stewardship campaign evidenced spiritual growth among our membership. Over 50% of pledgers increased their financial commitment over last year, and 20% of those returning an estimate of giving card plan to tithe. Pat Luna, our consultant, was an inspiration and a great help in this process. This broad-based campaign told the story of our church’s ministry in creative and very visible ways and also provided us with good ideas to utilize in future campaigns and year-round in stewardship education. Our Ministry Parade offered an incredible glimpse of the significance of our church’s mission.

The Legacy Funds Committee sponsored a helpful and informative Planned Giving Workshop led by Lynn James and Jim Mentzer of the United Methodist Foundation.

Our church developed a comprehensive Safe Sanctuaries Policy. This was approved by the Administrative Board last December. With several orientation sessions held thus far, we have made good progress in implementing this policy.

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Our ministry with youth is vibrant and engaging. Our music ministry is superb and inspiring. Our Stephen Ministers embrace care receivers with compassion, thoughtful listening and the love of Christ. Our ministry with older adults provides wonderful opportunities for fellowship, learning and travel. Our children's ministry is varied and creative. I am grateful to Frank, Jill and Ann for their leadership and direction of these important areas of ministry.

I appreciate all of our dedicated and hardworking professional staff. They are a wonderful asset to our church's ministry. I am also thankful for so many committed and gifted laypeople who serve well in a variety of areas.

Our congregation provides strong support for the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network as one of eleven host churches. We also seek to undergird the mission of Urban Ministries of Durham, particularly its food pantry.

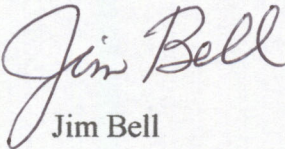
Lifting up all of our attempts to share Christ from the heart of Durham are faithful pray-ers. I deeply appreciate the efforts of our Prayer Ministry Committee to pray for a variety of needs and missions and to encourage and equip all of us to be diligent in prayer.

I now serve as the Chairperson of the Durham District Committee on Ordained Ministry and the President of the Louisburg College Alumni Association Board of Directors. I mentor candidates for ordained ministry and supervise Duke Divinity School ministerial interns.

This year I have had the chance to teach Exploring Membership Classes, a *Just Walk Across the Room* class in relational evangelism, direct a staff retreat and lead a session of a Stephen Ministers retreat.

I have also preached at the Hampstead United Methodist Church Centennial Celebration, Croasdaile Village Retirement Community, Asbury United Methodist Church in Durham, Louisburg College, and at Walk to Emmaus Gatherings at Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church.

I am continually awed and thankful for God's call upon my life. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Senior Pastor of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church and for the matchless privilege of offering my gifts in service to the Lord Jesus Christ.


Jim Bell

November 7, 2007