
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
504 West Chapel Hill Street • Durham, North Carolina • 27701

~ *Sharing Christ from the Heart of Durham* ~

Service of the Word
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2007

TOWER BELLS 10:30 am

WORSHIP 10:55 am

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

As the ushers distribute the attendance notebooks, please register your presence as a member or guest.
Guests, please feel free to take the information on the left side of the notebook.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Jesu Bambino" Yon Pietro

GREETING

Enter God's holy courts rejoicing and singing.

The goodness and loving kindness of God have appeared.

Good news of great joy has come to all people.

To us is born this day a Savior, Christ the sovereign.

We are a holy people, redeemed by God.

We are a sought-after community, called into service.

God reigns in our midst, in justice and righteousness.

God is lighting the way for us to learn and give care.

We are heirs of hope, justified by God's grace.

Eternal life has become a living reality here and now.

Glory to God in the highest; all glory to God's name,

May God be pleased with us and grant us peace!

INTROIT

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

Bach

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.

The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Marty, Esi, Miles, Allison and Nelson DeWitt

Reader: We are lighting four candles today. The first candle is a reminder of the HOPE that the people had for the coming Messiah. The second candle is a symbol of the PEACE that came with Christ. The third candle is called the SHEPHERD'S candle, and it reminds us of God's love that brought us the gift of His Son. The fourth candle is known as the ANGEL'S candle and it speaks of JOY. It was JOY that the angels sang about on the night Christ was born.

Prayer: Father, we thank you for the joy we feel at Christmas. Help us, through the love you give us, to continue to feel this joy long after Advent and Christmas have passed. In the spirit of Christ we make our prayer. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN #206 v.1 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

No. 38

Kelly Ard, from First United Methodist Church, Morehead City, NC

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Glory to God in the Highest”

Pergolesi

Soli: Shelley Turkington, Julie Ellis, Randy Ellis, Tim Turkington

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-5 (OT p. 818)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Congregation is invited to sing 1st verse of “Away in a Manger” as the children come forward.)

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-7 (NT p.50)

SERMON

“Is Bethlehem Too Far Away?”

Frank Newsome

Remember in Prayer: Week of December 23, 2007

Home

Betty Craig
Mary Lee Bailey
Olga Dean
Waylon Grimm
Ann Hall

Genevieve Means
Lewis Shipp
Rita Sorensen
Anne Zinger

Extended Care

Melissa Allen - Max Meadows, VA
Susie Bell - Pavilion
Grace Boddie - Hillcrest
Earl Brown - Carolina Meadows
Reid Burton - Hillcrest
Edna Christmas- Valley Nursing Center,
Taylorsville NC
Ed Gray - Wynwood of Chapel Hill, A-1
2120 Farmington Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Martha Hawley - Hillcrest
Charlie Howell - Carillon of Hillsborough
Kathryn Huckabee - Carolina House 213
100 Lanark Rd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Bob Pifer - Carolina House, Chapel Hill
Janet Smith - Homestead

Sympathy

*We extend our deepest sympathies to
Laurie Hays Coffman and family
following the death of her stepmother
Karen Hays on Dec. 14, 2007.*

Extended Family

Norma Cool - sister-in-law of Nancy Cool Grimm
Lt. Matthew Crabtree - grandson of Gerry and
Leon Crabtree, serving in Iraq.
Phil Fickes - friend of Tony Nicholson
Kirk Frazier - friend of Bob Cox
Kenneth & Carolyn Foss - friends of Jenny Cash
Cole Gross - Julie Sauvageot's nephew
Jane Hall - Ann's sister
Nancy Hicks- Doris Brown's cousin
Ward Hill - David Crabtree's father-in-law
Iola Jones - sister of Frank Harrell
Judy - daughter of Lib Guthrie and sister of
Jane Peele
Cindy Knauff - friend of the Fortners
Mary Anne Long - sister-in-law of Sissie Shore
and Jim Long
Louisburg College
Porter Marceau and his parents, Linda and
Gary Marceau- friends of Jenn Hudson
Mike & Lora McCaskill - friends of Tracey Rice
Jason McGarvey - son of Rev. and Mrs. Gregg
McGarvey. stationed in Iraq
Bryce Schottelkotte - granddaughter of Ann Tyor
Ethan Sprague - brother of Justin Sprague
George Stevens - Melody Peters' father
Mike Turner - employee of Connie and Tom
Chandler
Herb Wells - Donna Talbot's father
Patsy Wiggins - PMO Teacher
Jordyn Williams - daughter of Amy and Danny
Williams, friends of the Chandlers
Lt. Chip Wilmer - grandson of Leila Veasey,
serving in Iraq with the US Army
Charlotte Woods - friend of Laney Funderburk

This Week at DMUMC

Sunday, 23

9:15 am

Time of Prayer

9:45 am

Sunday School for All Ages

10:55 am

Worship

Monday, 24

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Tuesday, 25

Merry Christmas

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, 26

No Soul Café Events

No Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, 30

9:15 am

Time of Prayer

9:45 am

Sunday School for All Ages

10:55 am

Worship

YOUTH BLOCK

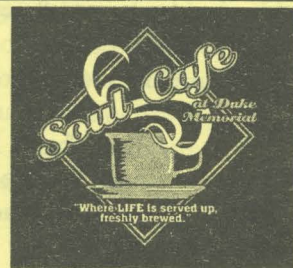
No DMYF on Sundays Dec 23 and Dec 30.

Duke Memorial Garden

The back portion of the gravel lot will be transformed into a garden. Building of raised beds will start at the end of February with planting to start in April. This is a wonderful opportunity and source of potential in so many different ways:

There will be a field trip to area urban community gardens followed by a planning meeting on Saturday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m. If you would like more information or would like to get involved please contact Kimbie Sprague at sprague@nc.rr.com or 401-5895.

**WHAT'S
BREWING
IN THE
SOUL CAFÉ**



Soul Café starts back on Wednesday January 9. Do not miss the Soul Café Music Arts Series presenting WILL MCFARLANE in Concert on Saturday January 12 at 7:30pm. The cost is \$5. Will is one of the best guitarist around. This will be a night of blues, rock and roll and much more. Will played with Bonnie Raitt's band for 7 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is planned for December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Bethany Bells will ring. Wesley Singers and the Sanctuary Choir will sing. We will celebrate Holy Communion. Guitarists will accompany the singing of "Silent Night" after we light our individual candles. The sermon is "A Savior Is Born for You," based on Isaiah 9:1-7 and Luke 2:1-20. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

To participate in the Christmas Love Gift for our church staff members, you may make a check payable to Duke Memorial UMC, and mark it "Christmas Love Gift."

All year-end gifts are important and greatly appreciated. We are seeking to receive \$143,000 in December, with many gifts beyond annual pledges, to fund all of our commitments for 2007.

Our Christmas offering this year goes to our missionaries, Lynn and Sharon Fogleman at the Red Bird Clinic in Beverly, Kentucky, Bob and Hazel Terhune in Tokyo, Japan, and Herbert and Mary Zigbuo in Ganta, Liberia. You may make a check payable to Duke Memorial UMC and mark it "Missionary Offering."

Healthy Congregations Bible Study, a church-wide study, begins on January 9, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Group sessions will be held in the History Room, and concurrently in the Bradshaw Room and Parlor, if needed.

The Case for God sermon series begins on January 6. This series responds to a few of the questions raised by leading atheists today: Has science eliminated humanity's "need" for God? Is God merely a delusion? If God is all-powerful and all-loving, then why do evil and suffering exist? The first sermon on January 6, "Science and God," is based on Genesis 1:1-5 and Acts 17:22-31.

The PRIMETIMERS older adult group will have its first meeting of 2008 on Wednesday, January 2, at 11:30 am, with an informative illustrated program "The Gardens at Croasdaile" by Doris Sorrel, the horticulturist who designed and oversaw the construction of these lovely gardens. Her illustrated description of the factors and planning that go into the construction of gardens will help us better appreciate and enjoy them – a very appropriate program in the middle of winter to help us look forward to the blooming of Spring.

Come and join us. Bring a covered dish if you can, but come anyway. Bring a friend. There is no charge.

**New Tradition for 2008:
Communion Sunday = Coffee Hour after church.**

After we commune at Christ's table, everyone is invited to gather in the area outside the office for a time of fellowship and refreshments. In launching this new church tradition we are looking for families to host each month (preparation and clean up). If you are interested in hosting (February – December 2008 are available), please contact Kimbie Sprague at kimbiesprague@nc.rr.com or 401-5895.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 23	Bill Hoover, Isabella Peters
Dec 24	Eric McFall
Dec 25	Chris Howlett
Dec 26	Doris Bridges
Dec 27	Amy Johnson, Matthew Celko
Dec 28	Cindy Horn, Tracey Rice, Sara Gillmer, Liana Bradley

If your name or that of someone you know should have appeared on this list and did not, please contact the church office.

Attendance: December 16, 2007

Sunday School	105
Worship 10:55 am	246

Record of Stewardship 2007:

Received 12-16-07	\$ 18,482
Received YTD	\$ 516,046

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY: 10:55 am

Sermon:	Frank Newsome
Organist:	Fred Mason Jr.
Choir:	Sanctuary Choir
Percussionist:	John Langford
Liturgist:	Julie Allen
Greeters:	Youth

Acolytes:	Hope Allen Amie Newsome
Cross:	Gary Boyd
Altar Guild:	Rita MacMillan Ann Marie Boyd

**Pray for
Duke Memorial
United Methodist Church**



A reawakening of true love and faithfulness throughout the Church

A renewed sense of missions at home and abroad

For Jim and Frank as they prepare sermons – “A Kingdom of Peace” series, “The Case for God” series, and individual sermons

For those who know not or love not the Lord Jesus Christ

A thankfulness for the bounties of the earth and that we as Christians be good stewards of such

For continued and adequate resources and willing hearts to underwrite the church stewardship program

For national leaders that they may seek the will of the God of love

For moderate rain in due season

For all who suffer in famine

Pray For Our Church

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or goats that nourish a blind life within the brain, if, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer both for themselves and those who call them friend. For so the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God.”

-- Alfred Lord Tennyson

A Daily Psalm Prayer

Sunday	Psalm 27
Monday	Psalm 121
Tuesday	Psalm 146
Wednesday	Psalm 63
Thursday	Psalm 103
Friday	Psalm 130
Saturday	Psalm 131

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Sleepers Awake!”

J.S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Congregation is invited to stand.

NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE

Nursery care for newborn through four years of age is available during the worship hour. Please ask an usher for directions.

Worship bags are available each Sunday morning in the narthex. These bags are designed for children first grade and younger. Please return them to the baskets at the end of the service.

Children's Bulletins for ages 7-12 are also available each Sunday in the narthex.

Our Staff:

Jim Bell, Senior Pastor

Laura Denny, Office Manager

Frank Newsome, Minister of Youth / Discipleship

Mary Anne Holmes, Receptionist

Ann Stallings Smith, Minister of Nurture

Tim Smith, Financial Secretary

Jill Newsome, Minister of Music and Children

Joe Stevens, Property Operations Manager

Fred Mason, Jr., Organist

Olivia Suarez, Custodian

Tower Bells:

Al Buehler

Stuart McCracken

Fuller Sasser

Church Office Information:

9:00-4:30 pm Monday – Wednesday

9:00-2:30 pm Thursday

9:00-1:00 pm Friday

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Large print bulletins and hymnals, and sound enhancing devices are available for your use. Any usher will be glad to assist you.