

TIME AND THAT TIME!

One of our current sayings is, "It's that time." Usually we mean that a specific season or hour has arrived and that certain duties or obligations are ours. The arrival of Thanksgiving means, among other things, Christmas parades. Stores are already making obvious their awareness of the season. Whatever you do according to your custom and desires also attests your sense that "it's that time".

Along with this awareness comes for many of us a sense of great pressure. There really is a great deal to be done in the homes of most of us. Nearly all of us give considerable thought and time to Christmas season plans. I hope that we think about our opportunity to do good for others, particularly those who are in need - and need is a word that encompasses hunger, need for fuel, for medicine - but very much more also. For many of us, "threshold" experiences of life - birth, confirmation, marriage, baptism - tend to cluster around this season. All these words are perhaps enough to be said about "it's that time". But what about "time"?

So far as I know, despite calendar tinkering, holiday re-arrangement, daylight saving time, and all such activity, no one has stolen a day or even an hour from any of us. God's arrangement of time for us is a cycle of day and night. Men make the division into twenty-four hours. And it is we who decide how we shall use these hours. Time doesn't change; our perception of it changes greatly depending on how pressed we feel ourselves to be.

This word to all of us is a plea for time management so that the pressures that we shall all be feeling will not either overwhelm us or make us lose the meaning of what this season is. In reality, none of us will forget that it is Christmas; we will remember that Advent is a time of preparation. We are aware that the New Year comes one week following Christmas. Most of us are ready for renewal by that time! If we can take God's grace and mercy - and His blessings are ever available to us - perhaps this year things will be less pushed and we shall the more sense the joy of Christmas.

That would be the sensing of "God's time" along with "it's that time". Can you for love of God and for your own sake, do it this year?

-- Ed Smith

YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING for Meals on Wheels makes possible a city-wide service to those whose needs are great. This offering remains open through Sunday, 26 November and your participation is invited. Simply indicate on check or envelope "Thanksgiving Special" or "Meals on Wheels" but make checks payable to Duke Memorial for record purposes. Thank you.

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Mrs. J. H. (Mae) Verell because of her death, and to Mrs. Irving Allen because of the death of her sister.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mae Hicks Verell, 16 November 1978

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

MEMORIAL GIFT: Last Sunday, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marshall Turner Spears, Sr., his widow, Mrs. Estelle Flowers Spears, presented to Duke Memorial pew cushions, the communion kneeling pad and cushions for pulpit chairs. In the presentation of this gift to the church for Mrs. Spears, our pastor said: "Judge Spears was for more than fifty years a member of this church and an effective and faithful leader in its life. He served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and later as chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was generous with his time and talents in the service of this church and many Methodist-related organizations." The chairman of the Board of Trustees, R. Dillard Teer, received the gift for the church and spoke with appreciation of Judge Spear's life and leadership in Duke Memorial.

ADDITIONAL CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please add to the calendar listing last week of events through the end of December the following:

5 Dec.	12:10	Mid-week Advent Devotions, Bradshaw Room: Soup and Sandwich in the Fellowship Hall	Leader, Rena Overton
13 Dec.	12:10	Mid-week Advent Devotions, Bradshaw Room: Soup and Sandwich in the Fellowship Hall	Leader, Earl Brown II
20 Dec.	12:10	Mid-week Advent Devotions, Bradshaw Room: Soup and Sandwich in the Fellowship Hall	Leader, Louise B. Hibberd

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Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. J. H. Verell by the American Legion Auxiliary Post 7

In loving memory of Mrs. Claudia Bishop by the Minnie P. Gates Class

Library Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Andrews Barnhardt by:
Nellie Pilley
Nancy P. Daniels
Mrs. Rowland B. (Ruth H.) Mitchell
St. Petersburg, Florida

A GIFT has been given to the Altar Guild in honor of Mrs. E. C. Dameron by the Minnie P. Gates Class.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Beginning 6 December, we will share in Advent services each Wednesday, 12:10 - 12:30, with a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. By action of the Administrative Board in the meeting of 12 September, these services will continue through the period of Advent-Lent with the exception of the Wednesday following Christmas, 27 December 1979. This means a noon service each Wednesday at 12:10 from 6 December 1978 through 11 April 1979. Services like these, led by members of our congregation have been very useful to all of us.

FALL FESTIVAL REPORTS

Thanks to everyone, the Fall Festival was a tremendous success. The final count will be \$5,000 plus (to be reported in detail later). It was a great day! We appreciate all the hard work and many hours so many people contributed. In spite of the work, the joys of fellowship were quite evident to all.

- Edith Toms and Dotty Ritchie

LAST CHANCE! We will be selling Fall Festival merchandise in the Parlor at 12 Noon on November 29. Most remaining items will be reduced 25%

REMINDER: Wednesday, November 29, Evaluation meeting - 11:00 a. m. All coordinators, crafts group members, and "lunch bunch" included. Come for the meeting in the Fellowship Hall and bring your lunch to share.

ATTENDANCE: 19 November 1978

Church School.....290
Morning Worship.....409

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,997.40
Received last two Sundays	7,422.00
Received to date	172,593.85
Needed through last Sunday	187,877.80
Deficit	15,283.95

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY! In honour or memory of persons you love and appreciate, place a beautiful three blossom poinsettia in our sanctuary the Sundays of 17, 24 and 31 December. These plants will be priced at \$10.40 each, tax included. A listing of persons so honoured or remembered with names of donors will be part of our Order of Service bulletin on Sunday, 17 December. Checks should be made payable to Duke Memorial. The closing deadline on this gift is Monday, 11 December, at noon. A telephone call or a note will enable you to share in this beautiful gift to God's glory and for the joy of His people. Plants will be available to donors on Tuesday, 2 January. Telephone now!

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, 28 November, at 7:00 in the Library. The Charge Conference convenes in the Bradshaw Room at 7:45. Following adjournment of the Charge Conference, the Administrative Board will have a short meeting. The December Board meeting is cancelled.

A THANKSGIVING GIFT to the Good Samaritan Fund has been made by the Minnie P. Gates Class. Priscilla Shepherd is president and Ruth Holsinger the teacher.

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1978

Last Sunday in Kingdomtide
The Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-16
The Sermon: Taste and See
Acolytes: Beth Buehler and Karen Connery
Greeters: Ann and Nell Garrard
Junior Church Leaders:
Mr. and Mrs. Danny Goodwin, Teachers
Carol Christmas, Assistant
Barbard Penick, Music

JUNIOR HIGHS: We will go ice skating in Hillsborough this Sunday (November 26). Come at 6:00 p. m. for supper. We will be back around 9:00 p. m. Cost will be \$2.50.

Church School Curriculum material for the winter quarter has arrived. It may be picked up at any time in the church office.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOV. 26 - DEC. 2, 1978

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
Tues.	7:00 p. m.	Finance Committee
	7:45 p. m.	Charge Conference followed by Administrative Board
Wed.	11:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Evaluation
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Choir Rehearsal