

## REFLECTIONS ON SNOW AND CHURCH SERVICE!

Long ago I served a church where one of the elderly pillars of the church took an active dislike to me. This happened before I arrived so I was puzzled about it. His usual participation in worship was to stay at home and nod in his favourite rocker. Sometimes he came to church and nodded there! Most of the mornings in those years, I had three successive services, beginning each on time and being forced to wind up on time also. The elderly citizen was usually tardy perhaps because he figured he wasn't missing much anyway. One morning he arrived exactly on time. As I was moving toward the pulpit, he said in his slow way, "You might as well begin now 'cause you don't know whether nobody is coming or not." I had to chuckle - and admit that I did not in truth know whether any one was coming or not!

Weather, one's physical condition, commitments, fatigue--all these and many more factors shape our church attendance patterns. Some men I know cancel church services on the basis of prediction of foul weather. Others of us are stubborn and figure that we will have a service of worship for whoever can make it. I belong to the latter school. I suspect that major snowfall is a matter of history for us in the winter of 1979 - and lest I be a forecaster, let me add that I hope it is that way! As a matter of policy, unless I am physically prevented either by snow that absolutely immobilizes the whole town or by illness, services at Duke Memorial will be "on" so long as I am pastor. This does not invite any one to risk broken limbs, car smashes or pneumonia. It is rather a statement that for me, Sunday is the crown of the week. I look forward to it all week long and so far, a bit of bad weather hasn't snatched that joyful expectation and fulfillment from me.

I am grateful to those who made it to church through the snow and believe that I am understanding of those whose judgement was that they not come. God bless us, every one, wherever we are, every moment of our lives. See you Sunday!

-- Ed Smith

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: Under leadership of the Commission on Worship, Eunice Mattox, chairman, the project for a Duke Memorial Lenten devotional booklet has been completed. This is very special for us during this Lenten season because it includes 52 devotionals written by members of Duke Memorial to be used each day of Lent. This book is now ready for distribution and was made available to those who were at worship or Sunday School last Sunday. If you did not get one and would like to have a booklet you may obtain it at the Church Office.

The Committee on Visitation, Jack Cliff, chairman, will deliver copies to our shut-in members. Particular thanks for the completion of this project go to Myra King who did the stencils and ran all the pages on the mimeograph; to Byrd Brinkley, Sue Bryant, Anne Clark, Tom Coble, Betty Craig, Mary Hix, Alberta Lane, and Myra King who did the work of assembling the booklets; to Holly Eggleston for preparing the cover; to Eunice Mattox for seeing the whole project through to its completion; to members of our office staff; and very especially, to the contributors who made it possible. Thank you! - one and all!!

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express love and concern to the family of Mr. William B. Horton, Jr.; and to Wyatt and Caroline Dixon because of the death of Caroline's mother, Mrs. Carolina Chapman Heffner, on Wednesday, February 21 in Newton, N. C.

## IN MEMORIAM

William B. Horton, Jr. 20 February 1979

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

PENSION CRUSADE: "Once upon a time . . . you knew a pastor who made the real difference in your life. You may have shared a moment of grief, of joy, a word, a touch, action which gave you the feeling that SOME ONE CARED. Many such shepherds of spiritual flocks have reached retirement years. They need to know SOME ONE CARES, cares enough to support and give strength to one who has made a difference . . . so now you can make the difference. It is not often that we get such a direct chance to say that we care." (Adapted from Pension Funding Crusade material).

THE DISTRICT LAY RALLY is scheduled for the Durham Civic Center Wednesday, 7 March. Dinner tickets (\$3.25) are available from Tom Coble or through the Church Office. Dinner will be served at 5:30. The program begins at 6:45. You may attend the program whether you are present for the dinner or not. The speaker is Dr. Stanley McQuade, a Methodist minister from Ireland, a medical doctor and an attorney. Currently, he is teaching in the Campbell College Law School. This is always an evening of real value and with a most worthwhile program. Plan now to attend - and do it!

SUNDAY, 4 MARCH 1979

First Sunday in Lent

The Epistle: James 1:2-15

The Sermon: Functioning Faith

Acolytes: John Lancaster and David Younts

Altar Guild Workers for March:

Lucille Cranford 489-4522

Mary Hix 286-7695

THE BULLETIN

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METHODIST MEN have an unusual program Tuesday evening, 6 March. The Reverend Orville Wilson, director of the Conference program for the Pensions Crusade, will be the speaker. Members are asked to bring their wives if they so desire. All who will be workers in this endeavour should be present. Non-members will be asked to pay \$2.50 for their dinner. If you wish only to hear Mr. Wilson's address, come at 6:45 p. m. to Whitford Hall. Requests for reservations for the meal should be made to Jack Cliff not later than noon, Friday, 2 March. You all come!

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet in the Bradshaw Room at 11 a. m. on Monday, March 5. Hugh Crenshaw, a member of our church and a sophomore at Davidson College, will be our speaker. Last summer Hugh was a member of the N. C. Conference work team that went to Bolivia. In previous summers Jane Wallace Mullins, Beth Whanger, and Ruth Whanger Drye have represented our church there. Our UMW has contributed to the expenses of these people as part of Duke Memorial's outreach program.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of United Methodist Women will meet in Whitford Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 2.

UMW continued: On March 5 lunch will be served by Circle 9, Mrs. Thomas Cranford, chairman.

Circles 1, 2, & 3 will meet at 10 a. m.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In memory of R. Lane Forrester, Sr. by: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lane, Sr., Henderson Employees of Henderson Laundry, Inc. Kate H. Shirlin, Hendersonville Dorothy Pressley, Hendersonville Margaret H. Smith, Hendersonville Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lamb, Plant City, Fla.

Good Samaritan Fund

In memory of Mrs. Mary Latta Dorrity by Holland Y Holton

In memory of Lottie Mae Oldham by Mr. and Mrs. A. LeRoy Cox

In memory of Robert C. Cox by Anne and Nellie Garrard

In memory of James Heizer by Anne and Nellie Garrard

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated Sunday afternoon, 4 March, 4:00 to 4:45 in the sanctuary. You are invited to come and share in this celebration. Please be here by 4:30 so that you will have time for prayer and meditation.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 25 February 1979

Church School.....250

Morning Worship.....280

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week \$ 3,931.85

Received last two Sundays 9,511.42

Received to date 35,946.18

Needed through last Sunday 31,454.80

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH

Catherine Barnhill 6106

Joy Long 7307

Lizette Dunham 5325

Margaret Heldman 7234

Natalie Harris 4129

SPECIAL PROJECTS OF UMW: Hospital Supplies for Mission Hospitals and Clinics

- 1. Hospital gowns (discarded white shirts may be used)
2. Uniforms (good used nurses and doctors uniforms)
3. Rolled bandages (old white sheets torn or cut into 3 inch strips)

These may be brought to the Church Office or to the UMW meeting.

Gibby Williams, Circle 8

BIBLE READINGS MARCH 7 - 13, 1979

March 7 Deut. 17 - 20

March 8 Deut. 21 - 23

March 9 Deut. 24 - 27

March 10 Deut. 28

March 11 Deut. 29 - 31

March 12 Deut. 32 - 34

March 13 Joshua 1 - 3

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 4 - 10, 1979

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Activity. Includes Sun. 9:45 a.m. Church School, 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship, 4:00 p.m. Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. Children's Choirs, 5:00 p.m. Defensive Driving Course, 6:00 p.m. UMYF, Tues. 6:00 p.m. Methodist Men, 7:45 p.m. Administrative Board, Wed. 12:10 p.m. Devotions led by Edith Toms, Lunch follows, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FLASH!! FLASH!!

The Senior High UMYF will have a PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, March 11, 1979 to help raise money for our summer retreat.

Breakfast - which includes lots of pancakes, suusage, juice and coffee - will be served from 8:30 - 9:30 a. m. in Whatford Hall. Cost is adults \$2.25 and children under 12, \$1.50. Come and enjoy good food, good fellowship, for a good cause.