

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PENSION FUNDING CRUSADE

On Saturday, March 24, every church in the North Carolina Conference will join in a prayer vigil for the Pension Funding Crusade. We at Duke Memorial will not gather together to pray, but we shall pray wherever we are during specific times between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for which we make a commitment to do so. You are asked to sign one of the prayer schedule sheets which has been prepared with the day being divided into half hour segments. This is the promise you make: "I covenant to pray, wherever I am, during the time for which I have signed, for the success of the Pension Funding Crusade, according to God's Holy Will. I will pray also that we shall give gladly, as unto the Lord Himself, so that both we who give and they who receive may be truly blessed." A number of you have signed already, either at one of the meetings of various church groups or after the morning worship service on March 11. The prayer schedule sheets will also be available in the Sunday School classes on March 18. If you are not able to be here to sign at any of these times, we invite you to participate anyway. It will be helpful if you will let us know during which half hour of the day you will be praying by calling Mary Whanger, 489-3279. A schedule of times and of all those who have signed will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the middle building.

-- Mary Whanger

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS will be starting soon. This class will begin promptly at 9:30 and will end at 10:15. It is planned especially for those among our church family whose commitments make it not possible for them to attend the other Sunday School classes, but anyone who wishes to come at this time is welcome. Lesson material to be used will be the "our Living Bible Series". This is a very excellent Bible study series, "designed for those adults who want to explore the Bible directly, regularly, and thoroughly." The class will meet in the Prayer Room. All who are interested are asked to come on Sunday, March 25, for an organizational meeting, to decide which book of the series shall be used and how it shall be taught. The lesson material will then be ordered, and the class will begin meeting regularly on Sunday, Apr. 22.

OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY celebration comes on 6 May. We will be engaged in a great deal of activity during the whole month of May in remembrance of our heritage as Methodists as well as members of the Duke Memorial congregation. Every month, someone finds materials from our past that enlighten our present. The riches of the past are not simply in closets and attics. They are even more in the life that we share in the present, as we are enriched by the life and love of those who have gone before us.

NOW is the time to mark your calendar about our Anniversary. Now is the time to invite family and friends who have been part of Duke Memorial and now live elsewhere. Their return and participation will make it a genuine homecoming and great day in our history. and NOW is the time to move to bring it about.

DON'T FORGET the joint session of all Sunday School classes on Sunday, March 18 in Whitford Hall. Dr. James H. Charlesworth will speak on the Book of Revelation.

HOLY COMMUNION is scheduled for Sunday, 25 March, at our morning service. The next observance will be Maundy Thursday, 12 April, at 7:30 in the evening. Those whose physical handicaps or illness prevents participation in the sacrament at the church are invited to telephone the office so that arrangements can be made for communion in the home.

MEDITATIONS FOR LENT 1979 serves us best when taken in daily spiritual ration! Our fellow pilgrims have shared their faith and experiences in a wonderfully open way. It is ours to profit from what they have done.

SINGERS FOR EASTER: The sanctuary choir invites people to join them for rehearsals preparing for Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter. Even if you can commit the time just for these special services, your help would enhance the music for this holy season. Rehearsals, Thursdays 7:30 p. m.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS: Duke Memorial Weekday School is now enrolling students for the 1979-80 school year for ages 2 through 5. Application blanks and further information are available from the Director, Caroline Sasser.

Church members and friends are invited to visit our classes. To quote from a recent letter, "Thank you so much for the warm reception given to me on my visit to the school last week. I was most impressed with the classes I observed. It is obvious why the program has such a high reputation." Come visit - we think you will like what you see.

NEEDED! If anyone has end tables, floor lamps, or table lamps that could be donated for use at the Methodist Retirement Home, please call Martha DeBerry (489-5270). She will drop by your home to see if they are items that can be used in the redecorating projects now going on at the Home.

18 MARCH 1979 Third Sunday in Lent

The Epistle: Revelation 2:1-7

The Sermon: Witch Hunters?

Pension Speaker: R. R. Few

Greeters: Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Bollinger

Acolytes: Lisa Harris and Gray Harris

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PENSION CRUSADE: We are talking about human beings, not about simple statistics with no sense of being persons. "Do not fold, bend, spindle or mutilate" is not only for data cards; even more, it is for human beings.

The pension statistics are simple. Our "per service year" rate now is \$92. The Crusade's goal is to raise this by \$18 a year over the next three years - at which time we will be below the current recommended per service year rate of \$136.

We are talking about persons - 136 retired ministers, 109 widows of ministers, 23 children of deceased ministers. They get hungry one at a time. They pay rent one at a time. These are not statistics; we are talking about caring for persons.

Leon Hall is well known to many members of our congregation. He retired in 1957 after 41 years in our ministry. He had served 11 charges in our conference and twice was in our armed forces as a chaplain. Within the physical limits of his age, he continues in responsibility in Trinity Church. For Leon Hall, this Crusade can mean increase of an annual stipend from \$3,772 to \$4,150 - for forty-one years service. He cared for us, now let us care for him.

PENSION ARITHMETIC: Some of us are puzzled about "service year rates". A pension from this Annual Conference at this time is the result of multiplying the number of years of active ministerial service in this Conference by \$92; to get the monthly amount, then divide by twelve. Example: Thirty years of service. 30 years x \$92 = \$2,760 divided by twelve means a monthly check of \$230. How far does that go? Try it for your own living situation and expenses. Then give as God leads you.

JUNIOR HIGHS will have a Lock-In at the church on Friday, March 16. Meet at the church at 6:00 p. m. Bring a sleeping bag. Bring swim suit (optional) and \$2.00 for the YMCA fee. We will be back at the church by 9:00 p. m. and will stay there until 6:00 a. m., when we will go to McDonald's for breakfast. Parents may pick you up at 7:00 a. m. on Saturday, March 17. See you there!

BIBLE READINGS MARCH 21 - 27, 1979

March 21	Joshua	22	-	24
March 22	Judges	1	-	2
March 23	Judges	3	-	5
March 24	Judges	6	-	7
March 25	Judges	8	-	9
March 26	Judges	10	-	11
March 27	Judges	12	-	14

OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Last Sunday, James G. Mentzer, 720 Vickers Avenue, was received into Duke Memorial's membership on profession of faith in Jesus Christ. His telephone number is 688-9079. A call, note or visit of welcome is a good deed for all of us. Do one of them!

HOMEBUILDERS CLASS SCHEDULE

VISITORS WELCOME

Mar. 18	Study on Revelation - Jim Charlesworth (9:45 Whitford Hall)
Mar. 25	Sects and Cults - Mike Black
Apr. 1	Sects and Cults - Mike Black
Apr. 8	Resurrection - Lloyd Bailey
Apr. 15	Resurrection - Class Discussion
Apr. 22	Dr. John Reckless 9:45 a. m. Bradshaw Room
Apr. 29	Methodist Church School Curriculum Margaret Anne Biddle
May	Wesleyan heritage Black Methodist Tradition

FALL FESTIVAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 - 12:00
 The Fall Festival Workshop will emphasize the decorating of Easter Eggs. Please come and bring blown egg shells and any trims you might have.

After the Lenten luncheon on March 28, the festival workshop will be held regularly each Wednesday at 10:00 a. m.

HOSPITALIZED:

<u>DCGH:</u>	Lizette Dunham	5310
	Natalie Harris	4129
	Frances Harvey	6112
	Edgar Toms	5106
<u>DUKE:</u>	Emma Woods	Cushing 3107
	Frank Bowers	Minot 2116

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 11 March 1979

Church School.....253
 Morning Worship.....315

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$	3,931.85
Received last Sunday		3,290.26
Received to date		42,727.10
Needed through last Sunday		39,318.50

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 18 - 24, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p. m.	Defensive Driving Course
	5:00 p. m.	Children's Choirs
	6:00 p. m.	UMYF
Mon.	10:30 a. m.	Circle 5, 1207 Gregson St.
	6:30 p. m.	Pension Dinner
Tues.	9:45 a. m.	Circle 6 in Nursery
	7:30 p. m.	Training Session for Pension Fund Crusade Workers in Bradshaw Room
Wed.	12:10 p. m.	Lenten Devotions, Led by Mrs. Charles Mercer Lunch in Whitford Hall
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal