

## HERITAGE MONTH SPECIALS

Who likes to sing? Methodists once did - and many still do. Many of us feel that the singing at Annual Conference is the best part of the sessions. It has been said with some justice that the willingness to testify to God's grace in one's life begins with the willingness to sing of it. Charles Wesley wrote more than 6,000 hymns, many of them with as many as twenty stanzas. All of them were based on Scripture of Christian experience and all were vehicles for teaching Christian doctrine. Editors of our hymnals, plus our short-winded habits in singing, have worked together to reduce the length of each of these hymns and also to delete some of the best Biblical material. Compare the text of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" in our current Methodist Hymnal (No. 388) with that in The Cokesbury Hymnal (No. 218). I do not propose reversion to singing twenty stanzas; but I do seriously urge considering what is the meaning of the words we sing, understanding their Biblical frame of reference, and their message to us today.

Sunday, 20 May, as part of our Heritage Month and continuing what began on 29 April, our morning service will be a Wesleyan hymn festival. All of us can sing or at least try to do so; every one can look at words and follow along as others sing! This is not a choir festival! It is for the congregation's participation, enrichment and joy. I anticipate a wonderful morning.

Sunday evening in our sanctuary at 7:30, Marion Conner of Jacksonville, Florida will make us aware that Susannah Wesley, mother of the Wesleys, seems to be alive, vocal and visible in our midst. Her presentation of "Susannah Wesley" has been given in North Carolina several times. She is well trained and widely experienced in drama. With no props and only symbolic costume touches, Susannah appears, shares her life, grows old and shares her wisdom. Much of this monodrama is taken from Mrs. Wesley's writings plus letters to her from her children. Sharing in this monodrama is very near to an unforgettable experience.

A number of sister congregations have been invited. You will want to be on hand somewhat before the hour in order to be in the area where you like to sit and even more, so that you will see it from the beginning! Come, bring your family and friends. All of us will be glad.

-- Ed Smith

DISASTER RELIEF: Your gifts for disaster relief can be made either by check or envelope in the offering plates or by a note to the Church office. Simply mark the check or envelope "disaster" and your gift will go where it is urgently needed - and now! The offering for this cause received last Sunday has been forwarded. Wishing to give every one an opportunity to participate, the Sundays of May are chosen to give you the privilege of sharing in compassion and concern.

THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES will meet on Wednesday, 30 May, in room 228, middle building, in lieu of the usual meeting date.

DUKE MEMORIAL MEMBERS were among the 563 Juniors at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro recently honored for academic achievements. Students, their majors and parents are Lynne S. Ware, education, daughter of Mrs. Bessie S. Ware of Hillandale Road and Mary E. (Len) Williams, recreation, daughter of Mrs. Joyce K. Williams, Rt. 8. Each of the students honored had at least a B average or better.

BIBLE READINGS MAY 23 - 29, 1979

May 23	II Chron.	7	-	9
24	II Chron.	10	-	13
25	II Chron.	14	-	17
26	II Chron.	18	-	20
27	II Chron.	21	-	24
28	II Chron.	25	-	27
29	II Chron.	28	-	30

WESLEY PRAYER SERVICE: Prayer is something that none of us practice to excess. Wesley greatly encourage prayer, by word and example. The founder of our faith was in the practice of rising between 4 and 4:30 in the morning to begin his prayers and study. The month of May, being designated Wesley Heritage Month, presents an excellent chance for us to be involved in learning about our faith heritage through a service of morning prayer that Wesley proposed to be used "each Lord's day." This Wesley service of Morning Prayer will be held in the Bradshaw Room the last two Sundays in May; May 20, and 27. They will begin promptly at 9 AM and will last 20-25 minutes, followed by a time of fellowship over coffee and doughnuts in Whitford Hall. Mark your calendars now and plan to share in this historic service from our Wesley tradition.

CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 20 - 26, 1979

Sun.	9:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer, Bradshaw Rm.
	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	7:30 p. m.	"Susannah Wesley"
Mon.	11:00 a. m.	Circle 5 with Mrs. J. D. Young, 1017 Lakewood Ave. Zelle Borland, co-hostess
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	6:00 p. m.	Visitation Supper
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

20 MAY 1979, Fifth Sunday after Easter

Morning Service: Wesleyan Hymn Festival

Evening Service: Monodrama in the sanctuary

Acolytes: Christie Bollinger and Karen Connery

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Fagan

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Fall Festival Funds Supporting Missions Overseas 1979

Salary support of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Garrison, Brazil	\$ 250.00
Work Funds for the Garrisons	250.00
Work Funds for Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Valenzuela, Chile	880.00
Valenzuela's salary through the Durham District	66.00
Rhodesian student in U. S.	500.00
Duke Divinity School Orient Student	500.00
Expenses of a Duke Memorial person on the conference work team	268.00
Social Center, Umtali, S. Rhodesia	300.00
	<u>\$ 3,014.00</u>

Home Missions, 1979

Sew-Vols - for Retirement Home	\$ 300.00
Retirement Home Decoration of a Sun Room, MRH (Matching Funds)	500.00
Y. W. C. A. Day Camp Scholarship	200.00
Maintenance Aid	100.00
Child Advocacy - Norma Van Vleet	400.00
Edgemont Community Center	300.00
Duke Memorial Day School Scholarship	450.00
Good Samaritan	200.00
Meals on Wheels	200.00
International House - Duke University	150.00
Robeson County Mission Project	200.00

Total \$ 3,000.00

45% - \$3,014.13

Contingency Fund 14.13  
 Grand Total \$ 3,014.13

Local 10% - \$669.80

Folding ironing Board and Covers	\$ 25.00
Two Full-Length Mirrors	15.00
Special Table Cloth (suitable for wedding receptions)	100.00
Altar Guild "Book of Remembrance"	100.00
Coffee Urn	50.84
Food Processor	100.00
Fruit, sauce dishes, additional punch cups	200.00
Congingency Fund	78.96
	<u>\$ 669.80</u>

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OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered  
 in your prayers:

DCGH: Margaret Heldman 5300  
 Duke: Frank Bowers Welch 4519  
 W. F. Mansfield McDowell 3609

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 13 May 1979

Church School.....230  
 Morning Worship.....331

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	2,848.34
Received to date	74,459.50
Needed through last Sunday	74,705.15
Deficit	245.65

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION

In loving memory of Mrs. Lonie Long by  
 Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawkins

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Mrs. Lonie Long by  
 Katie Johnson Bible Class

A GIFT has been given to the Pension Crusade  
 Fund in loving memory of Jack N. Highsmith  
 by his wife, Nola Highsmith.

A CONTRIBUTION has been made to Meals on  
 Wheels by:

Mary Canada  
 Elizabeth Wilson's Bible Class

JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS FOR MAY 20, 1979

Judy and Charles Browning  
 Carol Christmas, assistant  
 Barbara Penick, music