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Sometimes opportunities disguise themselves as problems; the greater the opportunity, the more insoluble seems the problem. We are on the eve of the anniversary of the declaration of independence of this nation. It is useful to remember at least one aspect of our beginning - a disorganized group of people far from the mother country decided to cut themselves off from the overseas sovereign and to find their own way. All the advantages seemed to lie with the mother country.

It is good for us to remember the intervention of other nations to press the British in military terms as well as economically and diplomatically. The rivalry of French and British helped enormously in securing freedom for the colonies. It is also to the point to remember that the British military leaders seemed bound to the patterns of warfare that had prevailed a long time on the continent and in the isles. Camouflage came naturally to the colonists in that their clothing was the product of their environment; the British were literally the redcoats and presented splendid targets. The colonists were not afraid to fight and run away, figuring thereby they would fight another day.

Some of the British troops were hired soldiers; others were good subjects of the king, but likely persons who had difficulty seeing the value of what they were doing in North America. Robert Ardrey's Territorial Imperative theory comes down solidly on the side of the colonists. We may well remember Benjamin Franklin's word, "If we do not hang together, assuredly we shall hang separately."

All that is far from us - but the times of opportunity still disguised as serious problems are before us as always. Energy, unfavourable trade balance, security without and within, inflation, clamour for more and more government services for all with a budget that cries out for balance as a step to fiscal sanity, obvious deterioration of morality and ethical standards not limited to any one national or ethnic group - on and on goes the list.

The illusion as to our founding fathers is that they were all pious and devout people. That simply is not true. But it is true that the climate of the country seemed, so far as I can understand our past, to have been one in which men were far more conscious of Divine aid, leadership and judgement than now we are. They knew that they were shaping the country for a long time to come. Contrast our own time when many are wondering seriously whether the apparatus of government has become so big that it is simply uncontrollable.

This edition No. 203 of Independence Day is a good time to turn our thoughts and prayers to God Who finally rules and judges. There are solutions to all our problems if we are willing to humble ourselves before Him and to discipline ourselves to standards of living commensurate with the resources of the world in which we live. The "good old days" usually turn out to be today remembered ten years hence. Wisdom is to find how they are good and to proceed now to enjoyment as good stewards. In this sense, a good steward leaves things in better shape than he found them! What are we individually doing about all these disguised opportunities? Have a thoughtful, blessed day!

- - Ed Smith

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES to Gayle Y. Upshaw and John A. Flowers, Jr., who were married Saturday, 23 June 1979, at Gayle's mother's home, Mrs. T. W. Young, 1018 Southwood Drive.

INDEPENDENCE DAY, 4 July, is a holiday and the Church Office will be closed all day. For emergency needs, please call Mr. Smith, 489-2210, Mr. Settle 684-7547, or 682-3398, or Mrs. Massey, 489-5179.

THE CONGREGATION AND PASTORS express loving sympathy and prayerful concern to Elizabeth Jones because of the death of her husband, Fred William Jones, Friday, 22 June 1979.

HOSPITALIZED:
DCGH: Lucile Shore Coburn 7203
Duke: Dorothy Wilson Minot 2116

1 JULY 1979 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Acolytes: Kelly Eggleston and Louise Few
Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guyer
Junior Church Leader: Ann Stallings
Altar Guild Workers for July:
Ann Clark 489-3897
Mary Bitting 489-4890

IN MEMORIAM

Fred William Jones - 22 June 1979

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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YOU CAN HELP!

Aluminum recycling has become a significant project for our UMYF. A contest has been declared and the battle is on! Who will be the one to turn in the most cans for recycling?

You can help! On the following Sunday mornings in July and August, one or two of the youth will set up a Recycling Booth in the breezeway:

July 8, 22 and August 5, 19

Save your aluminum cans! Bring them to the Recycling Booth or if you want to support a particular young person, contribute directly to him/her.

Our goal - 60,000 cans (\$500.00) by October 31st!!

We know we can't achieve it by ourselves, but with 500 families putting their cans together.....will it be enough?.....Can we do it?.....60,000 cans?.....Sure we can!!

GRADUATION: Lisa Funderburk who with her family was formerly a member of Duke Memorial graduated from Myers Park High School on 14 June. She sent an invitation to "the Duke Memorial Church Family". We rejoice in her achievement and congratulate her. She and her whole family are greatly missed here.

A GIFT has been made to the Library Fund by Horace Mansfield, in honor of, and appreciation for, the devoted attention to Membership Evangelism for many years rendered by Jack and Pearle Cliff.

ALTAR FLOWERS: We have several openings for altar flowers to be placed in our sanctuary. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way please call the church office.

BIBLE READINGS: July 4 - 10, 1979

July 4	Psalms	52 - 59
5		60 - 66
6		67 - 71
7		72 - 77
8		78 - 80
9		81 - 87
10		88 - 91

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 1 - 7, 1979

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Holy Communion
Mon.	10:00 a. m.	General Meeting of United Methodist Women

THE JULY MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will be held in Whitford Hall on Monday, July 2, at 10:00 A. M. instead of the regular 11:00 A. M. time.

This will be a "work meeting" for the Fall Festival. If you have sewing, crafts, etc. that you are working on, please bring them. Others will be provided with work. There is plenty for all to do and you are urged to come to help and to enjoy the good fellowship.

Also, please bring sandwiches, cookies, or something else for a simple lunch. This type of luncheon proved to be particularly enjoyable at the June meeting. Just prior to the luncheon, a devotional service will be held.

No circles will meet on the second.

LIBRARY: A fourteen volume set of Wesley's Works has been given to the Library by the H. E. Spence Bible Class in memory of Carlyle S. Mortland. This is a complete and unabridged edition of the Works of John Wesley. The Baker Book House reprinted these volumes from the 1872 edition issued by Wesleyan Methodist Book Room, London, England.

This is a most worthy and valuable edition for the Library Collection. You are invited to visit the Library to see and use these books.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 17 June 1979

Church School.....210

Morning Worship.....302

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 24 June 1979

Church School.....205

Morning Worship.....251

All of Duke Memorial Church family is

invited to a

WATERMELON CUTTING

Church Lawn

15 July, 6:30 p. m.

IN HONOR OF TOM CLARK