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BLESSED BE SCHEDULES AND COMMITMENTS!

Young writers often ask advice of authors who have established themselves as craftsmen of real ability. The advice that I have most often heard repeated is this: "Don't wait until you feel in the mood to write. If you think you are a writer, prove it. Set yourself a regular and demanding schedule and go to it. You will soon find out whether you can write or not."

Most of us now and then feel ourselves overloaded. This can engender a feeling of being under-appreciated and then we are really in a downward spiral that can lead only to real difficulties. During these hot and humid days of August and early September, many of us think with yearning of a tree with deep shade, a moderate breeze, a pitcher of cool lemonade, a good book and no responsibility! Idle dream! At the end of such a day (which for most is purely fiction), the book is read, the lemonade gone, the heat is still on hand and nothing has been done. That sense of an irreplaceable day being gone forever with nothing to show for it is also a pessimism producer.

Blessed be schedules and commitments! We tend to make engagements and commit our time when we are feeling able and willing. Fulfilment of these activities can come at a time when lassitude lays a heavy hand on us. But, having committed ourselves, we get on with the task - and at least for me, there is inevitably a sense of thanksgiving that it has taken place. I hope it is that way with you. Were most of us to wait for the moment of inspiration to write an "appropriate" letter to a dear person, few letters would get written. Take the few moments you have and share with that person what your life and love are today. All of us can squeeze in ten minutes for a note to another but who finds time for a formal letter? Send the note! If you can't find time to bake a cake, make some cookies! If you would like to run ten miles but cannot, walk the block or two that is possible for you.

St. Paul long ago told friends of his that he counted his life as of no value save that it afforded him the opportunity to complete the task to which Jesus Christ had assigned him. God gives to all of us some things to do - and time to do them if we will use the scraps and bits of time and energy available. Praise the Lord for schedule, and commitment - enjoy them!

-- Ed Smith

RIGHT NOW - TODAY is the day to bring clothing and good used bedding to Whitford Hall (place on the stage) for packing and forwarding to Church World Service. Items brought and placed on the stage not later than noon, Tuesday, 21 August, will be included in our gift to people in need everywhere. Do good for them and yourself - get in and be part of it!

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to put flowers in our sanctuary during the month of September please call the church office.

GIFTS have been given to the Good Samaritan Fund by:

Rubye M. Haywood in loving Memory of Dr. Walter J. Seeley and in honor of Mrs. Walter J. Seeley

The Katie Johnson Bible Class in loving memory of Fred W. Jones

TRANSFERS: Dr. and Mrs. Glen Brindley have moved their membership to Temple United Methodist Church in San Francisco, Cal.

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ALUMINUM! ALUMINUM! We need aluminum! All kinds. Just a reminder that the MYF is collecting aluminum and it will take about 50,000 cans to make \$500. When you're jogging or on your walks, pick up aluminum cans for us...or save them at home for us. ..or save clean aluminum pie plates, roll containers, or aluminum foil for us. Then, contact a member of the MYF...or an advisor...or bring it to the church. We need your help to meet our goal! MYF members - take your aluminum in to the collection center and turn the money in to Margaret Anne or Mike Hammond. We only have about two more months! Let's see who is winning.

BIBLE READINGS: August 23 - 29, 1979

August 23 Jer. 32 - 33
 August 24 Jer. 34 - 36
 August 25 Jer. 37 - 40
 August 26 Jer. 41 - 44
 August 27 Jer. 45 - 48
 August 28 Jer. 49 - 50
 August 29 Jer. 51 - 52

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 The Epistle: Hebrews 3:7-14
 The Sermon: You Have Today
 Acolytes: Roy Forrester, III & Dawn Lampley
 Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mortland

SYMPATHY: The pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Joseph A. White, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Ashby White, Jr., August 11, 1979

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES to Carol Diehl Lively and Joel C. Glasson who were married in Duke Gardens Sunday evening, 12 August 1979, at 6:00 p. m. Joel is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Glasson. They will live at 804 West Markham Avenue.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: Last Sunday, Linda M. Fritz, 2C - 2920 Chapel Hill Road, Durham, 27707, was baptized and became a member of Duke Memorial by taking the vows of church membership. She was accompanied by Dr. Andrew Haven. Linda and Andy will be married in Duke Chapel Sunday afternoon, 19 August, at 5:00 p. m.

Dr. and Mrs. Peter van Giesen, 907 Shepherd Street, 683-8545, transferred their memberships to Duke Memorial, Dr. van Giesen from the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Rego Park, N. Y., and Mrs. (Linda) van Giesen from Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, York, Pa. Their children are Peter and Karen.

Mrs. L. G. (Maureen) Staunton, Methodist Retirement Home, transferred to Duke Memorial from St. Paul UMC, Durham.

A note, telephone call or a visit to these newest members of our family will bless them and you.

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH: Imogene Ausbon 4130
 William Crumpacker 6336

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 12 August 1979

Church School.....216
 Morning Worship.....241

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,931.85
Received last Sunday	1,789.20
Received to date	122,780.59
Needed through last Sunday	125,819.20
Deficit	3,038.61

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 19 - 25, 1979

Sunday	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Wednesday	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast in Whitford Hall
	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	7:45 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Friday	7:00 p. m.	Singles Again, Covered Dish Supper, Whitford Hall
Friday and Saturday		UMYF Planning Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge