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INAUGURATION DAY

On 20 January, Ronald Reagan will be sworn in as president of the United States. The ceremonies that make up the day's agenda will hold the attention of all citizens of every political persuasion. Most of us will find something that we would do differently were it our party; all of us will agree that in a variety of ways, notice is being given to the whole country that a new administration is in place and setting to work.

The peaceful transition of administration to administration is a marvel to behold. Generally the outgoing president and his officers do what is possible to smooth the way for their successors. It is surely a bitter day for those leaving office who feel that they and their policies have been decisively rejected by the voters. It is equally sure that the incoming group feels exactly on the spot to begin to produce something akin to realization of the promises made in the heat and haste of campaigns.

For the whole nation, it is a time of wonderment - and it ought to be a time of soul-searching as well. We ask a great deal of those whom we elect as our leaders; do we give to them support in the same degree of our expectations of them? The oath of office is administered with one hand on the Bible; what is our willingness to uphold these officials through our prayers? Will we be as willing to volunteer our help in every way possible as we are quick to criticize that which displeases us?

Much talk is heard about a re-affirmation of traditional moral values. Such affirmation if it is made at all can't be done for us by some one else, not even a president. It is our responsibility so to order our lives that the affirmation takes place. It may be repeated until one is weary of it, but President Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you but rather, ask what you can do for your country" is still directly to the point.

Not because President-elect Reagan is a better or worse Christian or citizen than Mr. Carter (or any one of us) but because of the tremendous responsibility of his office, all of us need to make daily intercession for him and for officers of government at every level. With some justice it can be said that on the one hand we elect persons to office and on the other, we begin immediately sniping at them. I do not propose that we be supportive when we have honest cause for disagreement but I suggest that rather than immediately blame everything on Washington, we begin by self-examination. That way, 20 January would be a national day for all of us, a day of beginning again. I believe it is time for all of us to take this kind of step! Bless you each one.

-- Ed Smith

THE SYMPATHY AND CHRISTIAN CONCERN of the congregation and pastors are expressed to Grace and Bennie Cooke because of the death of Grace's sister, Marie Veasey, Tuesday, 6 January; and to Gretchen Rufty because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Lucille Riggsbee Rufty, Tuesday, 6 January.

WIRRAH! Dora Crutchfield and we all rejoice in the birth on 7 January 1981 of Virginia Winters to Dr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Lies, Goldsboro, N. C. Virginia is Dora's great-granddaughter.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin Sunday afternoon, 15 February at 4:00 and continue on succeeding Sunday afternoons at the same hour. The sessions will end at 4:45. Children should be at least eleven years old or in grade five. Older children are welcome. The last class will come about Easter. Children desiring to be confirmed as members of the church will, with the consent of their parents, be received into the church at a date to be determined by the group.

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CAMPING INFORMATION EVENT

Rev. John Farmer, director of one of our Methodist Camps, will be at McMannen United Methodist Church Thursday night, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p. m. to "explore summer camping" with children, youth, and parents.

Information about 1981 camping experiences in the N. C. Methodist Camps will be available. Come join us - at the meeting Thursday night AND at camp this summer!

APPLICATION BLANKS ARE AVAILABLE NOW IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. HURRY AND GET YOURS!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1981

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Epistle: Romans 12:6-16a

The Sermon: Pegs and Holes

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Caldwell, Jr.

Junior Church Leaders:

George and Tamela Davis

A GIFT has been given to the Altar Guild of Duke Memorial in loving memory of Mrs. Marie Riley Veasey, Grace Cooke's sister, by Mrs. R. N. Wilson's Bible Class.

CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 18 - 24, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	5:15 p. m.	UMYF - Sr. High
Mon.	10:30 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. Earl Brown, 1631 Marion Ave.
Tues.	10:00 a. m.	Circle 8 with Mrs. Thomas Langford, Apt. 7, Glenmore, Dr., Dunbarton Mary Whanger, co-hostess
	6:30 p. m.	D.C.I.A Supper
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Whitford Hall
	12:10 p. m.	Devotions and Lunch Speaker: Wm. Haddock
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	7:00 p. m.	Mite Basketball Team vs. Immaculata

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH: Ellie Ford Lewis

Helen Reams

Duke: Marilyn Sellers

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THE SYMPATHY AND LOVING CONCERN of the congregation and pastors are expressed to Ed and Aggie Gothard because of the death of Aggie's mother, Mrs. Grace Ellen, on Firday, 9 January 1981 in Smithfield, N. C.

JR. HIGH UMYF Ice Skating Sunday, Jan. 18.
Leave church parking lot at 3:30 p. m.

Noted in the D.C.I.A. Minutes:

In December, 52 persons from 27 congregations attended the meeting of Durham - Congregations-In-Action.

In November 48 persons were lodged 303 nights through the Host Homes program.

Rides to medical appointments were arranged for 44 persons by Mediport in November.

The next meeting of D.C.I.A. will be its Annual Dinner, which will be held at Duke Memorial Church, on January 20, 1981.

Not only are we proud to be hosting the dinner, we also encourage Duke Memorial members to attend. Reservations can be made by calling the Church Office by January 18. Cost will be \$3.50.