

AND CONFERENCE DID MEET!

One of the striking things about a Methodist Annual Conference meeting is that all ordained members are required to be present - and thus the Methodist Churches in large areas are without pastors for a period of days. Many a pastor is humbled by the thought that the work of the church to which he is appointed seems to move right along in his absence! Praise God for the Christian witness and work of the laity of the Church. In days gone by and in some Conferences to this day - the Annual Conference remains in session through a Sunday. It used to be that an entire week was used for the Conference session. Nowadays, it seems the emphasis is on business, program projection and evaluation, budgets and the like. There are worship services and some of them have great meaning.

It is easy enough to view the entire process as an endurance contest. Meeting in Fayetteville as we have done for a number of years, one always counts on exceedingly hot weather and rarely is one pleasantly surprised. On the closing day this year, the thermometer stood at 100 degrees! The high cost of energy makes the use of excessive air conditioning less widespread than in years past; many members of the conference this year resorted to sun dresses, knit shirts and the like. I am impressed that some of the rigid formalities that used to mark such sessions are relaxed a bit now.

Important things happen. The character of every ordained minister is passed by the Conference. Matters primarily concerning the clergy are, by long-standing tradition, dealt with by the clergy. This was done in an extra day this year, on 1 June. The services of ordination on Sunday, 7 June, were in Haymount UMC with very full houses for both services. The business of the Conference lasted through Wednesday afternoon, with morning and afternoon meetings. Evenings were given to worship services.

The adoption of the Conference budget and the adoption of a plan to implement the pensions plans set up by the last General Conference were two very large business items. Ran Few is chairman of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and did his job admirably. Often I think some people sit up late at night to ask the kind of question for which no one is prepared - but Ran always was! Bishop Cannon worked diligently at moving along the business of the Conference. It was a long session, a hot time, and a useful one. Three cheers for the Methodist system!

-- Ed Smith

A MATTER OF COLOUR! Long ago, the Federal Council of Churches sought to institute a liturgical season of Kingdomtide. It was the thirteen Sundays at the end of the Christian year; thus these were the Sundays preceding the First Sunday in Advent. Green was the colour, green for growth of the Kingdom of God. Kingdomtide flourished for a time and then the whole notion began to lose support. The United Methodist Church held on to the idea through 1980. In 1981, there is a clear division of opinion within Methodism! The 1981 Program Calendar retains the Sundays of Kingdomtide with the traditional colour; the Daily Suggester (a Cokesbury publication also!) dispenses with the whole idea and shows that the Sundays from Trinity Sunday (which is white) to the first Sunday of Advent are Red-Green. Duke Memorial this year follows the colour red and will designate the Sundays of this season as the Sundays after Pentecost. In so doing, we join the general usage of Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans.

RSVP THANKS YOU! Tuesday, May 19 was a very special day for approximately one hundred and fifty senior volunteers who were honored at Duke Memorial. The women of Duke Memorial who planned, bought, cooked and served the food are to be commended for a job well done. May God bless you in any future endeavors.

Ms. Helen Pressley, Director
Retiree Senior Volunteer Program

MEMORIALS RECEIVE WITH APPRECIATIONWorld Hunger

In loving memory of Mrs. Morris Williams by:
Mrs. Ella Williams Ford Moore, Burlington
Mrs. Ida W. Kilpatrick, Houston, Texas

21 JUNE 1981, Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Epistle: I John 4:16b-21
The Sermon: Clean Up Your Act!
Acolytes: Courtney Chewing and Denise Griffin
Greeters: Mary Hix and Elizabeth Wilson
Junior Church Leaders: Tamela and George Davis

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VAN TRIP TO LAKE JUNALUSKA

Lake Junaluska, located a short distance on the western side of Asheville, N. C., is the year-round Conference and Retreat Center of the United Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. During the summer months, a full range of conferences, workshops, Bible Studies, great preaching, music activities, youth activities, etc. invite the participation of United Methodists from around the world.

This summer, you can be a part of the wonderful program at Lake Junaluska. We are planning a Van Trip July 29 - August 1 (Wednesday-Saturday). We will leave Durham early Wednesday and return to Durham in the late afternoon on Saturday.

The week we will be attending has been designated "MUSIC WEEK" and will feature such activities as "Singing by the Lake", Concerts by Junaluska Music Week Groups, and a concert on Friday evening by Norma Zimmer (of Lawrence Welk fame). Daytimes will be free for side trips or excursions as they might interest us.

Basic fees for the trip will be \$100.00 per person and will include: a double-occupancy room at the Terrace Hotel, two meals a day (breakfast and dinner), travel, ticket to the Norma Zimmer Concert, insurance, grounds fee. Side trips will be at additional cost, but will also be optional.

A \$20.00 registration fee for each person must be sent to Lake Junaluska by July 1. Please call Margaret Anne as soon as possible if you are interested in joining us for this trip. Also, please forward a check for \$20.00 (made out to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church) to the church office to be received no later than Monday, June 29.

COME JOIN US ----- IT WILL BE GREAT FUN ----- AND INSPIRATIONAL!

CAMPING -- ATLANTA CHILDREN!

It may be of interest to you to know that our Conference Camping Program will be cooperating with the American Camping Association, and the Atlanta Recreation Department to help provide camping experiences for some of Atlanta's children this summer. Camps all over the nation will be enrolling children as part of this program. Six children from Atlanta will be included in the camping experience at Camp Chestnut Ridge, one of our Methodist Camps.

Camperships in the amount of \$600 are needed to fund this project that will remove six children from an environment of fear and anxiety. If you wish to contribute to a campership, please send your donation to Duke Memorial Church and mark it "Camping - ATLANTA CHILDREN".

ATTENDANCE: Sunday 14 June 1981
Church School.....278
Morning Service.....219

HOSPITALIZED: VA: Irvin Allen 7-B

CHURCH CALENDAR June 21 - 27, 1981

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Tues.	5:45 p. m.	UMYF - Van leaves church for Browning Cabin, Cook-out and Hayride
	6:30 p. m.	Katie Johnson Class Covered Dish Supper, Whitford Hall
Wed.	7:00 a. m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 a. m.	Kid's Day
	10:00 a. m.	Bazaar Workshop
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

HEY, CHILDREN....IF YOU ARE AT LEAST 3 YEARS OLD and NOT MORE THAN 12 YEARS OLD....
THERE'S A GREAT TIME COMING!..... IT'S CALLED "KID'S DAY" and THE FIRST ONE
IS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24..... COME TO THE CHURCH AT 9:00 A. M. and FIND OUT
WHAT SURPRISES ARE IN STORE FOR YOU!!..... HAVE YOUR PARENTS PICK YOU UP AT
11:30, PLEASE!