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THE MOST BLESSED OF DAYS -- EASTER!

Easily at the middle of December we sing, "The most wonderful time of the year." The songs of Easter come easily to our lips and our minds. But so far as I know, save for the merchandising efforts, there is nothing connected with Easter that is comparable to the "secularizing" of Christmas. The legends and traditions that have grown up for the celebration of the birth of Christ have no parallel to the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Perhaps the reason is that all of us share in the fact of physical birth. We do not remember our own but as we come along in years, the experiences of parenthood enable us to appreciate in some measure what birth means.

But how do you measure or appreciate what the Resurrection means? Any "one time" experience, once in all history, defies really understanding what happened. I marvel at the simple way the Gospel writers detail the account. That they do not agree in all details only sharpens the unique nature of the Events. The simple statement, "He is not here; He is risen" says it all.

Rightly have men over the centuries sought in many ways to express what happened. We ought all so to strive even as we know that our efforts will bear only limited fruit at best. That no one of us can do anything perfectly should not prevent our undertaking to do all things as well as possible. Thus it is as we approach Easter, admitting the limitations of language, of understanding, of our minds, we should set ourselves to the joyful task of finding better ways to express our faith in Christ.

We may find ourselves finally in the position of a husband who became weary of the usual phrases of assurance to his wife that he did truly and wholeheartedly love her. He wrote page after page of rather florid prose and even inserted some poetry. But the higher grew the pile of sheets, the greater became his frustration. Finally he brought the whole thing to its conclusion with the realization that when he wrote "I love you" out of the truth of his life and the devotion of their years together, nothing else could be added for nothing else was needed. It was not simply the conventional words that made the difference. What really counted was the earnest confession which the words expressed.

So we come to Easter. The honest confession of our hearts, "He is risen" will say all that needs to be said. What more can we say? Dare we satisfy ourselves with less?

--- Ed Smith

THE HISTORY OF METHODISM has been presented to the Church by members of the Katie Johnson Sunday School class. This volume was part of Katie Johnson's library. It now forms part of the collection of the Committee on Archives and History.

NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS and the possibility of a nuclear war are probably the most urgent question of this decade. Time magazine issue of 29 March, pages 10-26 has a relatively unslanted review of the whole subject. It is worth your time for reading!

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will not meet Easter afternoon because many members will be out of town and unable to attend.

ONE PEAK TO ANOTHER! Following Easter, the next "high day" at Duke Memorial will be the Homecoming and Church Anniversary, 2 May, when Dr. James Charlesworth will be our preacher. Those things which only you can do need to be taking place now. If each one will be a committee of one to invite those who ought to be here and to make the plans that those of us privileged to live here can make, Homecoming will be a great day. Let's make it so!

Please bring blossoms for the Easter Floral Cross. Place them prior to Sunday School or before the Service. Thank you.

THE GATEWAY TO EASTER

Thursday,	6:00	Seder Meal, Whitford Hall
	7:30	Holy Communion, Sanctuary
Friday	7:30	The Crucifixion, Dr. Alan Whanger
Sunday	9:45	Church School
	10:55	Morning Worship

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EASTER MONDAY is a holiday and the Church office will be closed. For emergencies, call Mr. Smith, 489-2210, Mrs. Massey, 489-5179 or Mrs. Early, 477-8496. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENT: Sunday, May 16th -
CHURCH COOKOUT, 4:00 p. m. at Northgate Park.

-- Lynn Porter

LET'S MAKE USE OF OUR RESOURCES: Duke Memorial is very fortunate to have an outstanding library and a very dedicated librarian, Alberta Lane, to keep our library complete and up-to-date. She is ably assisted in this endeavor by the library guild, a very dedicated group of volunteers. We have many new books for all age groups and new visual aid equipment that is very helpful in presenting effective programs.

WHAT'S NEW? The Durham District has purchased a Video Recorder that can be used by any group in our church. The United Methodist Women have purchased a new slide projector, and all of our other visual aid equipment is being serviced so that it will be in top working order.

NOT TOO GOOD AT OPERATING VISUAL AID EQUIPMENT? NO PROBLEM!

Let Laura Early or Tom Coble know what you need and arrangements will be made to set up all equipment for you.

Let's make Our Education Program at Duke Memorial a fun and exciting one -
USE OUR RESOURCES!

-- Laura Early

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH March 1982

Needed each week	\$ 4,653.85
Received March 28	3,021.09
Needed through March 28	60,500.05
Received through March 28	55,615.18
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ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 4 April 1982

Church School	291
Morning Worship	410

HOSPITALIZED: DCGH

K. B. Prince	4101
Bailey Reade	4103

THE JOB OPPORTUNITY CENTER, a new community service, opens its doors on April 5. The Center offers ABE/GED classes, individual job planning, job hunting skills classes, and assistance in finding a job. The program is sponsored by Operation Breakthrough for the purpose of helping unemployed and low income people. Any person who feels that he or she may qualify for the many benefits of the Job Opportunity Center, is encouraged to call 683-8731 or come by the intake Office at Whitted School located at South Roxboro and Umstead streets.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Reid Burton, Anne Garrard, Charlotte Corbin and Maxine Blair volunteered to aid in the recent distribution of tons of cheese through the County Department of Social Services. Thanks to them and their peers, the distribution went rapidly and efficiently. Hurrah for you all!

MARRIAGE: The congregation and pastor express their love and best wishes to Donna Peters and John Berry who were married at Duke Memorial, Saturday, 3 April, at 11:00 a. m.

BAPTISM: Charles LeGuy, son of Stephen M. and Pam Teer Whilden, born at Durham County General Hospital on 9 October 1981, was baptized Palm Sunday at Duke Memorial. We rejoice in the dedication of this baby to our Lord and His Church.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION:

In loving memory of Elsie S. Graham by Jane W. White

In loving memory of Imogene Hix Ausbon by Mrs. W. Macbeth Wagnon, Birmingham, AL

Good Samaritan Fund

In loving memory of Bruce J. Rogers by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Rogers, Latrobe, Pa.

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 11 - 17, 1982

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
Mon.		Holiday, Office Closed
	10:30 a. m.	Circle 5 with Mrs. A. R. Johnson, 3327 Pinafore Dr.
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop, Whitford Hall
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11 APRIL, 1982 - EASTER SUNDAY

The Gospel: St. Matthew 28:1-8

The Sermon: How Would You Tell It?

Acolytes: Wyatt Dixon and David Younts

Greeters: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mattox

Altar Guild Workers for April:

Virginia Ballagh	477-5190
Grace Cooke	286-4859