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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

When I went into a bank early this week a teller wished me "Happy New Year!" I responded with the same and then said to her that I always wondered at what point into a new year that one stops wishing persons a Happy New Year? I guess you tend to do it when you first see someone in a new year, but, then again, if you didn't see an acquaintance until early February it wouldn't seem very appropriate after that length of time. But in any case, I suspect by now that our "Happy New Years" have subsided for the most part. Certainly there is an "etiquette expert" out there who could inform us of what is appropriate. In any case: Happy New Year to all of you!

As we begin another calendar year in the life of Duke Memorial, we welcome in new church officers, persons who have agreed to continue in ministry positions in which they have served during the past year, and others who are fulfilling new roles of ministry. We give God thanks for all of those who have so unselfishly, so willingly, and so graciously accepted ministry leadership responsibilities. In remembering that we are all "baptized into ministry" we affirm that it is not just those who are ordained or who are consecrated or who are hired by the church who do the work of Christ's ministry among us; but that the laity, many of you who are working hard in varied places of vocation, or who are enjoying retirement, etc. are yet willing and eager to fulfill your vows of Christian church membership by giving leadership in numerous ways, or by being involved in various committees or ministries of this congregation. You are Christ's hands and feet and voice, as part of the whole body of Christ, as you offer your own gifts in the work of God's Kingdom.

In next week's Insights we will insert the full listing of church officers for 1998. Many of you know already who you are, because you have been contacted by the Nominations Committee and you have been elected by the 1997 Charge Conference. Many committees of the church will soon be meeting, some have already met, and others need to place meeting times on our church calendar. You are encouraged to attend one of the workshops this Monday appropriate to your area of ministry (see listed elsewhere in Insights).

As we welcome in these new leaders of our various ministries, we express the deepest gratitude to those who may be stepping down from a position of leadership of this past year or who may be moving into another area of ministry. We thank you for your generosity of time and your faithful work in so many ways. You have helped to enrich and prosper the ministry of Christ in this place. Grace and peace to you all,

Mark

ISSUE 2

JANUARY 11, 1998

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:15 a.m.	Bethany Bells - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw Room
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ring of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due
	(1/18-1/24) Church Secretary's Box
12:15 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting - Parlor
5:30 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Rooms
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Youth Sacred Dance
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON: Mark W. Wethington

ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir
Bethany Bells

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

USHERS: Bill and Judy Coman, Captains; Jeff Bailey, Joel and Dawn Battiste, Don Bilski, Eilene Bisgrove, Randy Bollinger, Donna Elium, Richard Grogan, Elisabeth Luck, Leland Phelps, Sissie Shore, Bill Stone, David Tillotson.

GREETERS:	ACOLYTES:
Minnie Mae Franklin	Daniel Gelinne
Edith Johnson	Mary Margaret Gelinne
NURSERY:	CROSS:
David & Wendy Tillotson	Adult
Chris & Marlene Allen	ALTAR GUILD:
Tad & Barbara DeBerry	Mary Lee Bailey
Warren & Amy Johnson	Marcia Grogan

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
JANUARY 11 - GREG COX,
PREACHING
CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED**

**CHURCH CALENDAR
JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 16, 1998**

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 10:00 a.m. **NO** Staff Meeting - Joy Room
 6:00 p.m. Finance - Bradshaw
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Disciple III - **Katie Johnson Room**
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. January Workshops for District
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Disciple I - Katie Johnson Room
 7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers - Open Door
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford
 11:30 a.m. Sr. Adult Luncheon - Whitford Hall
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Supper -
 Kitchen and Whitford Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carol Choir - Choir room
 6:15 p.m. Wesley Singers - Open Door
 6:15 p.m. Cov. Discipleship - R.N. Wilson
 6:15 p.m. Cov. Discipleship - Parlor
 6:25 p.m. Cov. Discipleship - Prayer room
 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Children Sacred Dance
 7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Cov. Discipleship - Parlor
 9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Thursday Study Group - Joy Class
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Staff Parish Committee - Parlor
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting - Parlor

MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

We will continue *Having the Mind of Christ* by Miller and Cole-Dai. Please come and join us for the journey at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays in the Mrs. R. N. Wilson Room.

January 11 - Days 120 - 126
 January 18 - Days 127 - 133
 January 25 - Days 134 - 140

ANGELS OF THE DANCE

Duke Memorial's sacred dance group, Angels of the Dance, welcomes all third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders interested in expressing their love of God through dance to join our group. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 (immediately following children's choir). Our next meeting will be January 14. Transportation to/from practice each week is available. For more information, please call Shelley Turkington, 382-2894. Come join us and experience the fun and faith of dancing for God!

SINGLES EVENTS

On **Sunday, January 11** after 11:00 am Worship Service we will eat lunch together.
 Contact Person: Tom McCauley (688-3698)

On **Friday, January 23** Covered Dish Dinner & Movie Night at Donna and Sandy Elium's Home.
 Contact Persons: Donna Elium, Sandy Elium (471-3567 and Alisa Cobb (220--5475)

MEALS ON WHEELS OF DURHAM

Meals on Wheels of Durham is in urgent need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound for the winter months. One hour of your time can make a huge difference!! Please call the retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 686-3314.

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED...

Sunday, January 11th, immediately following the worship service, all interested in being a part of the Evangelism Committee are asked to meet in the Parlor for about 30 minutes. We are wanting to bring new ideas to the ways we reach out to one another and to the community. If you have some ideas and/or you are interested in serving on this committee please come for this brief introductory meeting this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The following letter, thanking the children for the White Christmas gifts, was received from Women-In-Action for the Prevention of Violence & Its Causes, Inc.

Thank you for your donation of toys for Women-in-Action's annual Toy Giveaway. It is the generosity of citizens like you that makes this program a success. Donations are especially welcome during this time of increased need and decreased resources.

Sincerely,
 Beverly F. Halliday
 Executive Director



ARE YOU IN NEED OF...

- Someone who cares?
- Someone who supports?
- Someone who listens?
- Someone who shares?



A Stephen Minister is available to help you. All you need to do is call.

Call Mark Wethington, Lisa Cole, or Ann Stallings at 683-3467 or Blaine Butterworth at 683-3285.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Jan. 11 Joel Battiste
Elizabeth Browning
Ashley Kernodle
Jan. 12 Barbara DeBerry
Steven Shepherd
Tim Turkington
Jan. 13 Susan Robertson
Mary Whanger
Jan. 15 Cara Leah Hutto
Deborah Moore
Jan. 16 Whitney Jordan
Jan. 17 Cheryl Conrad
Caroline Few
Scott Mihalyi

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press no one from Duke Memorial was hospitalized. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

Charlotte Allen	Helen Harrell
Donald Browning	Ruth Holsinger
Tommy Cash	Olive Jenkins
Sallie Dennis	Virginia Massey
Melanie Gray & Family	Oliver Upchurch
Fred Guthrie	

Our sympathy is expressed to Tracey Whitehouse on the death of her grandmother, Inez Davis.

THE NEW UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES

The *UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES* have been a long standing resource for daily devotions and DMUMC has The *Upper Room Disciplines 1998* available at \$8.00 a copy. There will be opportunities to purchase copies before and after the 10:55 a.m. Sunday morning worship service in the weeks ahead. Be on the lookout for other opportunities as well (i.e. Wonderful Wednesdays, upcoming meetings, etc.). If you've been meaning to get into the routine of daily devotion, but just haven't had the time to get an appropriate resource - here's your chance!

CIRCLE 8 MEETING

Circle #8 will meet on January 20, at 10:00 a.m. with Anne Carroll at 5 North Poston Court. Cottonwood Road is the entrance into Garrett Farms Neighborhood, which is on Garrett Road between Pickett Road and Chapel Hill Boulevard (15-501). Drive ½ mile on Cottonwood, turn right on North Poston.

SOUJOURNERS CIRCLE MEETING

The Sojourners Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13 at the home of Linda Ellington. Ann Stallings will conduct the program. Call 493-7962 if you need directions.

DURHAM DISTRICT JANUARY WORKSHOPS

The Durham District January Workshops will be held on Monday, January 12, 1998 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Duke Memorial. Babysitting will be provided. The following classes will be offered:

Organizing The Work of Church (Ad. Board, Ad. Council, COM)	Rev. Johnny Branch
Guiding Age-Level Ministries: Adult, Youth, Children, Family	Rev. Bob Huckaby
Lay Leaders	Ms. Gloria McAuley
Leading as Pastor	Rev. Albert Schuler
Managing your Church's Finances	Ms. LaNella Smith
Mobilizing the Small Church for Ministry (N.O.W.)	Rev. Kevin Baker
Managing your Church's Assets (Trustees)	Rev. Ray Gooch
Communicating your Message	Ms. Becky Balentine
Ten Dollar Club	Rev. Dr. Steve Compton
Church Web Pages	Rev. Vickie Pruett
Social Ministry: How to Identify Goals, Pursue Them Achieve Them	Ms. Janice Nicholson

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

The next Wonderful Wednesday will be held on **January 14, 1998**. Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday, January 12, if you plan to be here for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal on January 14. Menu: Barbecue and Brunswick Stew, Slaw, Rolls, & Hushpuppies. If you wish to be put on the Regular's List, please sign up in the church office. If you have signed up for the Regular's List and are not able to be here, please call to cancel. The cost of this year's meals is \$4.25 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 years old.

Due to the Shrimp Boats raising the cost of our meals, we need to raise the price for adults on Wednesday to \$4.25 beginning January 14th. Children's meals will remain \$2.50. We are still getting the best deal in town for the amount and variety of food.

Programming will begin again on Wednesday nights January 21st. Upcoming are a program on physical fitness, a short-term Bible Study, and a hymn sing. Stay tuned for exact topics, times, and speakers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer opportunities include: Advocate for Battered Women, Resource Coordinators - Tutors, Food Pantry Coordinator, Food Pick Up Helper, Adolescent Parent Mentor, Exercise Buddy - more information about each of these positions is posted on the bulletin board. Call the Volunteer Center of Greater Durham at 688-8977 to volunteer.

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OLDER ADULTS LUNCHEON-PROGRAM

The Older Adults Luncheon-Program will be held on (Second Wednesday) January 14, 1998 at 11:30, covered dish and January birthday celebrations. Special guests from Methodist Retirement Community. Program at 12:15 "Tax Relief '97" for senior citizens by William Self, CPA. Please bring friends and enjoy the fellowship. For transportation call church office or 382-2544.

DISTRICT SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults (age 19-30 years old) are invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, January 25, 1998 at 6:15 p.m. We will meet at Long Memorial U.M.C. in Roxboro. The address is 226 North Main Street. The party will either be at Long Memorial or a lake house in Roxboro. The location will depend on how many people RSVP. If the party is at the lake house, we will still meet at the church and car pool to the lake. Please RSVP by **Monday, January 19**. You may call Tracy Clayton at the church office (683-3467) or at home: (336) 364-2412.

We will serve subs and snacks (no charge). Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Unfortunately, child care will not be provided, so please make child care arrangements for your children. We are also planning a Ski Weekend in February - you can sign up at the Super Bowl. If you are interested in skiing but can't come to the Super Bowl Party, then call Tracy at the RSVP number above. Fliers with more detailed information are available in the church office.

ALTAR GUILD

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild. Please call Dorris Rodenhizer (688-2045) or Joyce Musselwhite (489-7963) and plan to attend this meeting as we recruit new members for this ministry.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back in their fields,
The work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers,
to make music in the heart.

FINANCIAL UPDATE!

The "year-end" financial closing date for 1997 has been set. Please note the following:

- We will close the books on 1997 contributions on Sunday, January 11.
- Any funds received after this date must be posted as a 1998 contribution.
- If you write a check for a 1997 contribution in January, please make sure you date the check December 31, 1997 and note on it that it is for a 1997 contribution.

The church needs to receive approximately \$80,000 during December to pay all of our mission responsibilities and other bills. Please try to bring your pledge up to date and consider a year end "second mile" gift. With each of you doing your part, together we can finish the year in joyous celebration of faithful financial stewardship.

STAFF PARISH

Bishop Edwards has invited Bob Irvine and all the newly ordained Deacons to participate in an educational trip to the Holy Land in February 1998. The Bishop has invited each participant's church to contribute \$500 toward the cost of the trip. If anyone in the congregation would like to contribute to Bob's trip, please note it special with your offering, or send it to the church office.

By February 1, 1998, your Staff-Parish committee must recommend to our Bishop that either we wish to retain our present pastors or ask for a change in personnel in either or both of the positions. If you have an opinion as to what our recommendations to the Bishop should be, please contact a member of the committee. Committee members are:

Tim Langford, Chair
Class of 1998
Randy Ellis
Tim Langford
Shirley Few

<u>Class of 1999</u>	<u>Class 2000</u>
Andy Blair	Tom Adkinson
Gloria Johnson	Laney Funderburk
Jane Fandray	Deborah Moore