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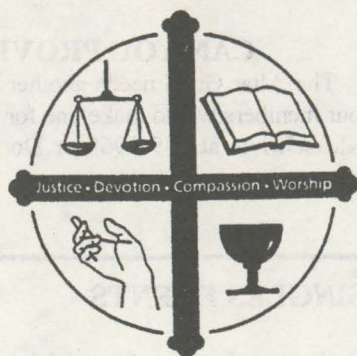
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# INSIGHTS

## INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In this week's Insights you will find a copy of the 1998 budget which was proposed by the 1997 Finance Committee and approved at the December 1997 Administrative Board meeting. This is the first time in my six years as a pastor at Duke Memorial that a proposed budget was approved without being "trimmed." This is primarily attributed to the fact that we had a strong and faithful response to our annual financial stewardship campaign "Off and Running."

1997 ended in the black, with contributions matching expenses. At present, it does not appear that we will have much if any carry over monies to support the 1998 budget. Nevertheless, we were able in 1997 to fulfill all our needs and obligations, including the full payment of our conference apportionments, which this past year were around \$100,000. These monies represent our faithful participation in the connectional ministries of United Methodism, which supports mission not only locally, but in every corner of the world. We are grateful to those who fulfilled their pledges for 1997, and, in addition, to those who even went a "second mile."

The 1998 budget represents about a 7% increase over 1997. This increase represents some increases across the board: Council on Ministries programming, staff salaries, and trustee expenses. To support this budget, of course, means that all of us need to fulfill the pledges we have made for 1998, beginning right away and consistently undergirding our financial needs throughout the year. I am grateful to Shirley Few who led our "Off and Running" campaign for this year; she put in a large abundance of thought, hours and energy to build the support we have received. In addition, there are many who chaired various committees, who "coached" and "ran" and who contributed much to carrying out this effort. We are grateful to all in every way. We are indeed blessed and pray that we may be faithful stewards of these resources which represent Christ's ministry through us. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

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JANUARY 25, 1998

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
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
<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>INSIGHTS Information Due</b> <b>(2/1-2/7) Church Secretary's Box</b> <b>3rd Annual Chili Bake Off - WH</b>
<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>NO DMYF - Youth Rooms</b>
5:30 p.m.	Youth Sacred Dance
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center
8:00 p.m.	

**SERMON:** Mark W. Wethington

**ANTHEM:** Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

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

**GREETERS:** Youth  
**ACOLYTES:** Emily McCracken  
Audrey Fenske

**NURSERY:** Rick Wilkins & Cathy Sorgi  
Wayne & Carolyn Parrish  
Ken & Linda Ellington  
Greg & Tracy Cox  
**CROSS:** Adult  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Lee Bailey  
Marcia Grogan

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE  
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.  
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM  
JANUARY 25 - MARK W. WETHINGTON,  
PREACHING**

**CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED**

**CHURCH CALENDAR  
JANUARY 26 - JANUARY 30, 1998**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
10:00 a.m. **NO** Staff Meeting - Joy Room  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Disciple III - Parlor  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Disciple I - Katie Johnson Room  
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting - Library  
7:00 p.m. Staff - Parish Meeting - Parlor  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -  
Community Life Center

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

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  
5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Supper -  
Kitchen and Whitford Hall  
6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Youth Council - Library  
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 29**

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 p.m. Sr. High Mission Mtg. - The Turkington's  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

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

**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 25 - Days 134 - 140  
February 1 - Days 141 - 147  
February 8 - Days 148 - 154  
February 15 - Days 155 - 161  
February 22 - Days 162 - 168

We ask for a day of prayer concerning the future direction of the spiritual growth of our church leadership and equally important, the growth of all of us as Christians.

Please join the Mary & Martha class as we pray for the guidance of the Staff-Parish Committee on Wednesday, January 21. They will be making recommendations for the future of our church. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27.

**CAN YOU PROVIDE...**

The Altar Guild needs another banner stand. Perhaps one of our members would make one for us. If so please contact Joyce Musselwhite at 489-7963 or Dorris Rodenhizer at 688-2045.

**SINGLES EVENTS**

On **Friday, January 23** at 6:30 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner & Movie Night at Donna and Sandy Elium's Home located at 1012 Prologue Road. Call 471-3567 for directions.  
Contact Persons: Donna Elium, Sandy Elium (471-3567 and Alisa Cobb (220--5475)

**ANGELS OF THE DANCE**

The Angels of the Dance welcome Winnie and Stephanie Kaspar to our group! We are so happy you've joined us. See you on Wednesdays from 7:15 - 8:30.

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). 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!

**LAKWOOD UMC**

**COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR**

Lakewood UMC is organizing a Community Gospel Choir for people of all ages in Durham. The choir will perform at Lakewood UMC on Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. Rehearsals are Saturday February 7 and 14 and March 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Lakewood UMC. If you wish to participate or want more information, call Rev. Caroline Lucas at Lakewood UMC - 489-6273.

**VALENTINE VISITS**

Take a Valentine and make a visit to one of our churches' homebound or nursing home folks. The children will make Valentines and we ask if you will sign up after church on February 1st or 8th. Valentines will be available after church in the Narthex on the 8th and 15th and at Wonderful Wednesday in Whitford Hall on the 11th of February.

**VISITATION DAY**

People who would like to visit with a group can meet in the church kitchen on Friday, February 13th, to visit and then go out to eat together at Nikos.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sadie Taylor who died on January 17.

### Birthdays:

- Jan. 25 Hilary Coman  
Jan. 26 Reid Burton  
Kenneth Ray  
Jan. 28 Cazlyn Bookhout  
Banks Dixon  
Rence Griffin  
Sarah Grubbs  
Margaret Martindale  
Jan. 29 Jackson Carroll  
John Lancaster  
Mae Langford  
Dana Pope  
Jan. 30 Charles Browning  
Marcus Copelan, Jr.  
Kathleen Fitzsimmons  
Jan. 31 Kyle Lindsay

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	Ruth Holsinger
Tommy Cash	Olive Jenkins
Melanie Gray & Family	Virginia Massey
Helen Harrell	Andrew Price

## 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!

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

The next Wonderful Wednesday will be held on **January 28, 1998**. Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday, January 26 if you plan to be here for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal on January 28. Menu: Barbecue, Brunswick Stew, Slaw, Rolls, Hushpuppies and Cookies. 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.

This week's program is part one of a two part Bible study on Amos. The study will be led by Rev. Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts, who is an Old Testament Scholar at Duke University.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact, the crisis telephone line, will soon begin a new training session for one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs imaginable. After 50 hours of training, you'll man the phones and be a life line for people who are troubled. You will develop non-judgmental listening skills, and you may well save a life!

Other volunteer opportunities include: Donation Coordinator, Volunteer Guardian, Researcher, Community Shelter Tutor - 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.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUES - EXCITING AND IMPORTANT

The ministry of lay Christian caregivers among us has been going on for four years. We thank God that He has given us the gift of these people. After having completed the Stephen series training, our Stephen Ministers are now putting their skills and compassion to work, caring for people in our congregation and in the community. Perhaps you should give some thought to becoming a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader in the future.

## MISSING

Half of the Children's Worship Bags are missing. Please return any bags that children have taken home with them so all children will be able to enjoy using these bags each Sunday.

## FOUND

The following item has been found in the church. If it belongs to you please come by the church office to claim it.  
Ladies coat - gray calf length winter coat

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Dates to Remember:

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 29th - Thursday, July 2nd  
All children ages 2 through rising 6th graders,  
youth helpers

### CAMP CHESTNUT RIDGE

Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th  
Children rising 2nd through rising 6th grade who want  
to experience outdoor day camping

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Teachers, please have children make a homemade Valentine January 25th or February 1st for giving away to an older person. Please give Valentines to Ann.

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## A LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARIES ...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus name! We pray that you are all well and joyful in Him as you head into 1998.

It has been a busy few months since I had the opportunity to visit your church back in September to speak about the work that you had been supporting through us at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya. I am thankful for that opportunity to share with you. And thank you for the check that you sent for \$100. Your church has been a faithful supporter of our work in Kenya throughout the ten years we were there. Thank you for that commitment and concern.

We have gotten pretty well settled in here at Red Bird Mission here in Kentucky. Sharon and I are enjoying the work at the medical clinic here. The people we serve have been warm and welcoming. The staff here with whom we work are committed to the cause of Christ. Our children are enjoying the mission school here. We just give thanks to God for His providence and care as He has helped us through this big transition in our lives.

May God continue to bless you and your various ministries as you reach out to so many people in Christ's name.

In His Service,  
Dr. M. Lynn Fogleman

## FROM THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL

The registration schedule for the 1998-99 year is as follows:

January 28-30	Re-enrollment for current students and siblings
February 2	Enrollment for church members and alumni
February 3	Enrollment open to the general public

The registration fee is \$60.00 for non-church members and \$50.00 for church members. Registration fees are non-refundable.

\* NOTE: New hours for Kindergarten beginning Fall, 1998 will be 9:00 - 1:00.

Feel free to call the Weekday School office at 688-5130 with any questions.

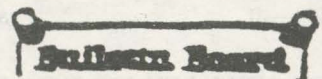
## EVANGELISM MEETING

The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. Please note the change in day and time.

## STAFF-PARISH MEETING

The next Staff-Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor.

## YOUTH NEWS



On January 25 after church, we will hold our **3RD ANNUAL CHILI BAKE OFF.**

There will be no meeting that evening because of this fundraiser.

**YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING** on Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Library

**SKI TRIP** - February 20 - 22 at Wintergreen

**SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP** has been scheduled for June 22-28th. We will be going to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We are meeting for our first gathering of all team members and parents on January 29th at 6:30 for supper. We are meeting at Tim and Shelley Turkington's home - 15 Cauldwell Lane, Durham.