

504 W. Chapel Hill St.

Durham, NC 27701

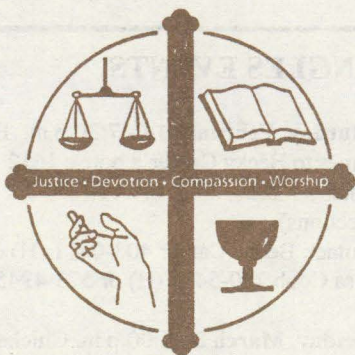
Mark W. Wethington,

Senior Pastor

Lisa Brown Cole,

Associate Pastor

919 • 683 • 3467



# INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In the past week, the Staff-Parish chair of our congregation announced that the committee and I were advising the bishop of our annual conference, Bishop Marion Edwards, that come July a change in senior pastors is recommended. As many of you know, this is a process in which the committee and the appointed pastors are required to engage, and, it is at times a very challenging and difficult process. Advice to the bishop was required to be submitted by February 1.

Vocational decisions are never easy to make, and the burden of such decisions is especially heavy when it affects your whole family. The decision to advise the bishop that this church's ministry might be strengthened by a change of pastors has certainly not been an easy one for my family and me. The Staff-Parish Committee's decision to endorse this decision reflects their own struggle to "read" the needs and perceptions of the whole congregation. Such "reading" of the congregation is never easy, and what to do with the "reading" is, at times, probably even more difficult.

Within the life and ministry of our congregation over the past year, there has been some tension and divisiveness both directly and "behind the scenes." To some extent, tensions are to be expected in any congregation where ministry is engaging and active. Conflict can be very healthy for the people of God; the Apostle Paul makes clear that conflict can enable God's truth to be revealed. But my decision is not primarily based on the tensions. I welcome the struggles which all faithful Christians must engage in, the challenge of dialogue, and the constant need to confront human sin and to seek God's will in our midst. These struggles are necessary and good, although many times not without cost and not without discomfort. My greatest desire as a pastor, in fact, is to work toward reconciliation.

My decision is mixed with many emotions and reasons, far too many for me to completely unpack and explain. In many ways a change is not what I personally desire, but rather, what appears to be needed. How that is ultimately judged, I don't know; and ultimately our bishop determines what pastors might best serve this congregation at this time. I wrestle with being content in this decision by entrusting all these matters to God's will.

On these matters, it is my hope that together our prayers might offer clarity and assurance with regard to all decisions which are made. Above all, may Christ's love rule our hearts as we move through the months ahead. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

ISSUE 7

FEBRUARY 15, 1998

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Celebration Singers - Sanctuary
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary
<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>INSIGHTS Information Due</b>
	<b>(2/22-2/28) Church Secretary's Box</b>
	<b>Youth Spaghetti Luncheon - WH</b>
<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee - Whitford
12:15 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Rooms
5:30 p.m.	Youth Sacred Dance
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. -
8:00 p.m.	Community Life Center

**SERMON:** Lisa Brown Cole

**ANTHEM:** "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling" - Brahms  
(Sanctuary Choir)  
(Celebration Singers)

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;  
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

**USHERS:** Connie Chandler, Captain; Tom Adkinson, Sandra and John Biddle, Tom Chandler, Julie Ellis, Debbie and Jim Fedyshyn, Charles Medlin, Polly Mixon, Tim Nifong, Gayle Young.

**GREETERS:**

Carole Mathison

Gayle Young

**NURSERY:**

Edgardo & Cathleen Colon-Emeric

Ann Stallings

Tim & Jennifer Nifong

Carmelo & Pam Milano

**ACOLYTES:**

Kathryn Howlett

Mary Kendrick Pope

**CROSS:**

Todd Pope

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Edith Johnson

Joyce Musselwhite

Doris Forman

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE  
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.  
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM  
FEBRUARY 15 - LISA BROWN COLE,  
PREACHING**

**CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 21, 1998

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. IHN - Kitchen, Whitford Hall, Sunday School Rooms (February 15 - 21)

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
10:00 a.m. NO Staff Meeting - Joy Room  
2:00 p.m. Circle 9 at Doris Adams  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Disciple III - Parlor  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. English as a 2nd language class - KDJ  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. - Community Life Center

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Disciple I - Katie Johnson Room  
6:00 p.m. District Young Adult Mtg. - Parlor  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. UMM Meeting - Whitford  
7:30 p.m. Administrative Board  
8:30 p.m. Staff-Parish Meeting - Parlor  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. - Community Life Center

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Weekday School Board - Parlor  
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  
6:15 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  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Alcoholism & Other Drug Addictions - BR  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - M.P. Gates  
7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Children Sacred Dance  
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Healing Service - M.P. Gates  
12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Weekday School Spring Carnival  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 - 5:00 p.m. Weekday School Spring Carnival

### 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.

February 15 - Days 155 - 161

February 22 - Days 162 - 168

### CIRCLE 9

Circle 9 will meet on Monday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. with Doris Adams, 1207 Welcome Circle.

## SINGLES EVENTS

**Saturday, February 14 - 7:30 p.m.** Bring Desserts and Games to Becky Carver's house 1612 Ward St., near Foster's Market and Forest Hills Park (call for directions)

Contact: Becky Carver 403-0411 (H) or 493-0003 (W)  
Alisa Cobb 220-5475 (H) or 573-4945 (W).

**Tuesday, March 3 - 6:00 p.m.** Chicken dinner at the church followed by Q&A session on financial issues with Craig Summers, financial consultant and "radio personality" RSVP needed so we can get enough food!  
Contact: Ann Stallings 403-8236 (H) or 683-3467 (W)  
Ellen Metcalf 286-0029 (H)

## DUKE MEMORIAL'S ALL-SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Duke Memorial All-Summer Day Camp will open on June 15th and close on August 7th. Hours for the camp are 7:15 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Activities include swimming, bowling, putt-putt golf, skating, crafts, and trips to museums, the newspaper office, Panner's Creek Rock Mine, and the North Carolina Zoo. The camp also allows children of full-time working parents to participate in our Vacation Bible School, Camp Chestnut Ridge, and Music and Drama Camp. Registration for 1997 "camper families" opened on February 6th with a special mailing to that group. Those Duke Memorial members who did not attend last year may register beginning February 22nd. If you are interested in having your child, children or grandchildren attend, call Tracy Clayton in the church office to obtain an application. Applications should be completed as soon as possible. There is already a waiting list being compiled from the general public and registration will be open to those people beginning March 7th. Applications should be mailed or delivered to Cheryl Howlett, 4027 Crown Hill Drive, Durham, 27707-5394.

## VISITATION AND VALENTINES

Thanks to all the teachers and Sunday School children who made Valentines for our older folks. We also appreciate so much all of you who took a Valentine and made a visit. You brought the love of God to them in a special way.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you would like a Stephen Minister but would rather have someone you do not know, we can get you a Stephen Minister from another church in Durham. Just call Ann or Blaine, and we'll arrange it for you. We have gotten Stephen Ministers for at least 10 people from other churches already, and our Stephen Ministers help people from outside our church.

Stephen Ministers, we will attend Lisa Brown Cole's teaching on Prayer on Wednesday, March 4th, in the Bradshaw Room at 6:30 p.m., followed by supervision.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Missions Committee will meet after church on Sunday, February 15 (during the youth spaghetti lunch) in Whitford Hall. All committee members and anyone else interested are invited to attend. Questions? Call Tracey Whitehouse at 471-3413.

## CHURCH AND SOCIETY MEETING

The Church and Society Committee will meet after church on Sunday, February 22 in the Parlor.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Birthdays:

Feb. 15	John Boggs Earl Brown Jennifer Carlquist	Olga Dean Arthur McDonald
Feb. 16	Jackie Rowland	
Feb. 17	Daniel Edwards	Mia Vesic
Feb. 18	Morris Funderburk Steve Guerrant	Laura Ritchie
Feb. 19	Megan Carr Kevin Speight	Heather Wilson
Feb. 20	Zelma Boy	Jack Spangler
Feb. 21	Ethel Beckman Bob Cox	Toby Lovette

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:

Olga Dean	Virginia Massey
Melanie Gray & Family	Owen McConnell
Ruth Holsinger	Andrew Price

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

The next Wonderful Wednesday will be held on **February 18, 1998**. Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday, February 16 if you plan to be here for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal on February 18. Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Snap Beans, 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 "Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions". The program will be led by Becky Carver, Project Director at Alcohol / Drug Council of North Carolina. The program will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room.

## A SERVICE OF HOPE IN THE MIDST OF RACIAL TENSION

A Service of Hope in the Midst of Racial Tension will be held at Duke Chapel on February 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ calls us to a better way - the way of reconciliation and unity. How different our community would be if Christians could get together to become the one body of Christ!

To move us closer to this vision of wholeness the Religious Life Staff at Duke will hold this service of worship. The service title is "Can God Set a Table In This Wilderness? A Service of Hope in the Midst of Racial Tension." It is an explicitly Christian service with the hope that this can be a starting place for racial healing in the larger community. There will be three main speakers, The Reverend Fred Davis, the Reverend Dr. Greg Jones, and The Reverend Michael Walrond. Duke President Nan Keohane will also participate.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### VALENTINE ACTIVITIES

Susan Grubbs, Children's Coordinator, planned special Valentine activities for our children on Wednesday, February 12th. We really appreciate all her hard work and that of her predecessor, Melinda Murphy, two very talented ladies.

### CAMPING MINISTRIES

Anna Hall, an enthusiastic camping ministries person from our conference will be here Sunday, February 15th to talk to Sunday School classes about our wonderful Methodist camps such as Don Lee. She plans to go to the Seekers Class, the Mary & Martha Class, the Asbury Class, and the Joy Class. If you would like her to speak (for 5 minutes) to your class, please call Ann Stallings before Sunday at 683-3467.

### VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED...

Someone is needed to help prepare the worship bags used by the younger children during the church service. This should only take 45 minutes each week. Please contact Susan Grubbs at 383-2416 if you are interested in helping with this.

Dates to Remember:

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

### DAY CAMP '98 at

### CAMP CHESTNUT RIDGE

Monday, July 20th - Friday, July 24th  
Children rising 2nd through rising 6th grade who want to experience outdoor day camping. Our kids will have a week to swim, canoe, hike, fish, cook out, make crafts and play games. There will also be more serious times to hear about God from a United Methodist minister and discover God's wonderful creations. Let your children discover the gifts God has blessed us with at Chestnut Ridge. The fee for one week of day camp is \$80.00.

## SPAGHETTI LUNCH

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th

The Senior High Mission Trip team will be serving a Spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 15th immediately following the 10:55 a.m. worship service. Reservations are not required but are suggested so that we can plan for the appropriate number of servings. Come enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage for \$3.50 / adult, \$2.50 / child under 12, and \$10 / family. For more information or to reserve a plate, please contact Lisa Cole at the church office or Shelley Turkington (382-2894).

**Duke Memorial United Methodist Church**  
504 W. Chapel Hill Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27701-3102  
Phone: (919) 683-3467

Fax: (919) 682-3349

"INSIGHTS" (USPS553880) is published weekly, except biweekly June, July and August and will not mail week of Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 by Duke Memorial United Methodist Church at 504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701-3102

Periodicals postage paid at Durham, NC 27701

POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to "INSIGHTS"  
504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701-3102

Periodicals Postage  
Paid at  
Durham, NC 27701

### DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT MEETING

On Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor there will be a meeting for Durham District Young Adults (age 19-30). At this meeting we will be planning a Spring Retreat to the Mountains. We welcome all Young Adults. There were 10 Young Adults at our Super Bowl Party - we really had fun and encourage everyone in this age group to participate. Contact Tracy Clayton for more information 683-3467 (church office) or at home (336) 364-2412.

### MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

I will be traveling to Honduras on a Medical Mission Trip with folks from Duke during the first week in March. All items we bring are donated. I have left a box in the lobby to place any donation. I will pick up the donations on February 15th. Thank you for any support you can offer.

pencils	stickers	toothbrushes
pens	rubber bands	paper
Band-Aids	toothpaste	tape
used eye glasses	vitamins	antacids
		Midge Bowers

### UMM MEETING NOTICE

**Who:** Hispanic Community Leaders, IRS, Banking Leaders, (All interested Church Members are invited to attend)

**When:** Tuesday, February 17, 1998, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Whitford Hall

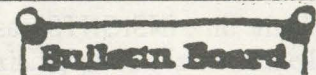
(**NO** covered dish dinner for this meeting)

Contacts: Blaine Butterworth 254-8055 (W) 683-3285 (H)  
and Steve Guerrant 406-9004 (voicemail) 681-3819 (W)

### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Individual Tax Identification Numbers (Purpose, SSN, ITIN, Application Forms, Forms of Identification, Tax Forms)
- Use of Tax ID Numbers in Banking Accounts
- Discussion of Banking Services (Review of January 14 Banking Meeting, Enhancements Planned at CCB, Input on Services that are Required - Money Orders, ATM Access, Wire Transfers)
- Survey Questions Discussion (List of Questions, Survey of Current Banking Customers, Survey of Prospective Banking Customers, How to Proceed)
- General Discussion

### YOUTH NEWS



February 15 Youth Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser after church. Meet in the church kitchen at 9:00 a.m. to begin preparations.

February 15 at 5:30- 7:00 p.m. DMYF

Come ready to begin our banners! If you have any extra fabric paint hanging around the house, bring that along too! Don't forget your permission slips for Ski Weekend at Wintergreen!

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

We will meet at the church at 4:00 Friday afternoon. (You are allowed to come a little early!) The cost will be \$75.00 per youth. You will need extra money for meals on the way up and back, and also money for lunch on the slopes Saturday.

**SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP** has been scheduled for June 22-28th. We will be going to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

### OTHER IMPORTANT MISSION TRIP DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. meeting at Steve Shepherd's home

Sunday, March 29 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

Saturday, May 2 Car Wash fundraiser

### UMW GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7, 1998. Our speaker will be our Associate Minister Lisa Cole. Lunch will be served after the meeting. The meeting starts at 11:00 (more details later!)

Dates to remember:

March 30, 31, April 1 - Food Lion Days for the Methodist Children's Home

March 28 - 10:00 a.m. District Day Apart

Mission Study 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

May 2 "Christian Living in a Violent Society"

June 6 "Brazil"

July 11 "Joshua"