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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

ISSUE 9

On this past Wednesday, we who have been baptized into Christ began our annual pilgrimage from death to life. The palm leaves from last Palm Sunday are burnt and the ashes imposed upon our foreheads as a stark reminder that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." But during these forty days of Lent, will that truth make its way from our forehead to our heart? Will we be willing to recognize the sins which weigh us down, confess those sins, and allow Christ to take those sins from us and free us for new life in him?

C.S. Lewis has written, "Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness. It is after you have realized...that Christianity begins to talk."

John Wesley affirmed that the relationship with Christ begins when the Spirit of Christ makes us conscious of our sinfulness and unworthiness. But the obstacle is often our unwillingness to be made uncomfortable about who we are in the midst of a culture which thrives after comfort.

The season of Lent is a very important time for all of us, individually and corporately, to recognize our sins (often with the help of brothers and sisters in Christ), confess those sins, and seek to live in peace with Christ and one another. Every sin uncovered is yet another work of Christ seeking to move us even closer to Perfect Love. May the joy of Easter be found both in the observing of a holy Lent and in the promise of resurrection to new life. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

MARCH 1, 1998

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD

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| 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. | Ringling of the Tower Bells |
| 10:55 a.m. | Worship Service - Sanctuary |
| 12:00 noon | INSIGHTS Information Due |
| | (3/8-3/14) Church Secretary's Box |
| 12:15 p.m. | Church & Society Meeting - Parlor |
| 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | DMYF - Youth Rooms |
| 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Sr. High Mission Trip-Steve Shepherd's |
| 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)

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Deuteronomy 26:1-11;
 Luke 4:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13

USHERS: Dick McFall, Captain; Chris Allen, Clarence Bailey, Charles Browning, Blaine and Phyllis Butterworth, Ken Ellington, Ken Kernodle, Tim and Robin Langford, Stuart McCracken, Barry Moore, Cathy Shepherd, Howard Smith, A. D. Turrentine

GREETERS:

Lewis Shipp
 Carolyn Shipp

NURSERY:

Chris & Cheryl Howlett
 David & Wendy Tillotson
 Steed & Louise Rollins
 Curt & Elisabeth Luck

ACOLYTES:

Andrea Moore
 Hannah Moore

CROSS:

Barry Moore

ALTAR GUILD:

Lucille Cranford
 Madge Wannamaker

**REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
 HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
 IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
 MARCH 1 - GREG COX,
 PREACHING**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

**CHURCH CALENDAR
MARCH 1 - MARCH 7, 1998**

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Joy Room
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Disciple III - Parlor
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. English as a 2nd language class - KJR
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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. Singles Dinner Meeting - WH
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
 Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
 9:15 a.m. Parent's Council - Parlor
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon - WH
12:15 p.m. Lenten Study - BR
"Children and Poverty: An Episcopal Initiative"
"The Reading and Hearing of the Initiative"

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. Program on Prayer - Bradshaw
 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Children Sacred Dance
 7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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, MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 a.m. Circle 3 - Parlor
 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. UMW Quarterly Meeting - BR & WH

VISITATION

If you could visit someone on a regular basis, once or twice a month, please let Ann Stallings know at 683-3467. We are still trying to get a visitor for each person so they will feel loved and cared for.

Needed: several people to make scripture cards to hand out to shut-ins or people in the hospital, call Ann and she'll give you a list of scriptures and the cards.

SINGLES EVENTS

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 by Sunday (March 1) so we can get enough food!

Contact: Ann Stallings 403-8236 (H) or 683-3467 (W)
 Ellen Metcalf 286-0029 (H)

Sunday, March 15 - out to lunch after church, place to be announced.

Contact persons: Jean Anlyan (403-9409) or
 Gayle Young (490-4442)

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.

March 1 - Days 169 - 175

March 8 - Days 176 - 182

March 15 - Days 183 - 189

March 22 - Days 190 - 196

March 29 - Days 197 - 203

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.

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 meet on Wednesday, March 4th, in the Bradshaw Room at 6:30 p.m. for the program on prayer by Lisa Brown Cole. We will not meet again until our special retreat on Saturday, March 28, at the beautiful retreat center at Avila.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

- Mar. 1 Margaret Gelinne
Victoria Hall
Andrew Legge
- Mar. 2 Hallie Weatherspoon
- Mar. 3 Ralph Ballagh
Ishvani Hamilton
Gloria Johnson
Elisabeth Nifong
- Mar. 4 Faye Fisher
Christopher Lile
Brian Rogers
- Mar. 5 Melinda Murphy
Frances Tharrington
Edith T. Lewis
- Mar. 6 Benjamin Newnam
Steed Rollins

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press Helen Harrell was hospitalized at Durham Regional Hospital (RM 6314). Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

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| Olga Dean | Virginia Massey |
| Helen Fink | Owen McConnell |
| Melanie Gray & Family | Andrew Price |

Our sympathy is expressed to Omar and Helen Fink on the death of Omar's brother-in-law, Fred Slater, on Sunday, February 15.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

The next Wonderful Wednesday will be held on **March 4, 1998**. Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday, March 2 if you plan to be here for our Wonderful Wednesday Meal on March 4. 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 on prayer. The program will be led by Lisa Brown Cole. We will meet in the Bradshaw Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Family Support Assistant - these volunteers will provide companionship and emotional support for patients and families who are involved in serious transplant procedures. You will provide friendship, be a good listener, help families settle in their temporary housing and with practical needs during their stay. There is an 18 hour training course, and you will be needed four hours a week. If you are good at relationships, this is right down your alley.

Other volunteer opportunities include: Tutor, Staff Assistant, Project Assistant, and Welcome Baby Supporter. 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VIDEOS! VIDEOS! VIDEOS!

One of the most underutilized resources at our church continues to be the church library. Recently, there have been many new additions of interest to children and parents. Over 10 new videos are in place and ready to be viewed. Purchased at The Family Bookstore, they all feature family and Christian oriented themes. "Silly Songs" includes 18 wholesome, fun songs for kids including "Do Your Ears Hang Low", "Who Did (Swallow Jonah)", "The Bear Went Over the Mountain" and "Who Built the Ark". The four tape series "The Newton's Workshop" appeals to grade school children. Explore the Solar System, Immune System, Creation, and Animals with an eccentric scientist, his school age friends and their many whacky adventures. Enjoy these and other titles as you laugh and learn with your children!

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.

OLDER ADULTS LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

The Older Adults Luncheon and Program will be held on March 11 at 11:30 a.m. Good fellowship, covered dish meal, and celebration of March birthdays will be followed by participation in the Lenten program at 12:15 p.m. The program is "Children and Poverty: An Episcopal Initiative - Is the Church Shutting Out the Poor?" Plan now to bring a friend. For transportation call the church office or 382-2544.

TO THE MEMBERS OF DUKE MEMORIAL,

I warmly invite each of you to plan to attend the 1998 District Lay Rally which Duke Memorial will host on Sunday, March 8, 1998, at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Bishop Marion Edwards, Resident Bishop, North Carolina Conference.

Please put this date on your calendar and be present. I would be pleased to see a large number of you joining me for the Rally.

Holly Eggleston, Lay Leader

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FURNITURE NEEDED

One of the ladies in the IHN Program is moving into an apartment and is in need of a single bed, kitchen table and chairs and a sofa. Please contact the church office if you have any of these items you would like to donate.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Senior High Spaghetti lunch a success! Our efforts raised approximately \$300 for the Kentucky Mission Trip this June. Special thanks to Judy Coman for supplying the tea and to Cathy Shepherd and son Kyle for being a major part of the clean-up team. Thanks to all senior high, parents, and teachers/counselors for your work and your enthusiasm for mission.

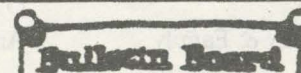
1998 CROP WALK

The 1998 Crop Walk will be held March 29th to raise awareness of the needs of people in the U.S. and around the world, and to raise money to help meet those needs, particularly to fight hunger and poverty. Duke Memorial would like to have the participation of 100% of the congregation this year; you can contribute in one of the following ways:

- educate yourself about the needs of others, and make a commitment to act on your concern
- walk in the Crop Walk; raise money and awareness, and share your beliefs with others to enlist their support
- if you can't walk, sponsor someone who is walking

More information about the Crop Walk is available at church, as there are several locations with information about poverty, and about the walk. Registration forms for walkers can be picked up after the 10:55 service each Sunday in the lobby/library area. Be on the look out for opportunities to identify individuals you can sponsor. Call John Legge at 220-4403 if you need more information

YOUTH NEWS



DMYF will meet from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. We will be working on our banners and preparing for Youth Sunday.

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 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. meeting at Steve Shepherd's home (**PLEASE NOTE the change in time**)
Sunday, March 29 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
Saturday, May 2 Car Wash fundraiser

✂ CLIP AND SAVE ✂

Sunday, March 1st is Duke Memorial's opportunity to donate food for the Durham Mission Society. Please bring macaroni and cheese or pasta, and peanut butter, and place them on the altar rail before the 11 o'clock service. Clip and save this notice in your check book or wallet as a reminder when you are grocery shopping this week to remember those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your generous response last month.

Thanks - John Legge