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INSIGHTS

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ISSUE 30

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This past Wednesday evening we enjoyed supper and watched a portrayal of the beloved Methodist hymnwriter, Fanny Crosby, who lived from 1820-1915. (I am certain my late-husband prepared Fanny to be patient with me as I attempted once again to protray her.)

We learned personal information about her early years as well as incidents which led to the writing of such hymns as "Blessed Assurance," "Rescue the Perishing," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Her visit was punctuated by the singing of several of her hymns.

Fanny Crosby was the author of over 8,000 hymns including such well-known favorites as "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," and "I Am Thine, O Lord." As preacher, lecturer, musician, and devoted mission worker, this blind hymnwriter's life and ministry influenced thousands.

She is known as the mother of modern congregational singing in America, and is remembered for her great contributions to the American revivalistic movement during the turn of the

If you happened to miss this program, don't worry... there are many exciting things yet to come!

> See You in Church! Ruth

The Staff-Parish Committee of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church cordially invites you to a Reception honoring The Reverend Ruth Harper Stevens and her family Sunday, the twentieth of September immediately following the Worship Service Whitford Hall

The Parsonage Committee of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church invites you to an Open House at the new Parsonage Sunday, the twentieth of September one o'clock to five o'clock 3917 Springstop Lane, Garrett Farms

Directions to the Parsonage from the Church South on Gregson Street/Vickers Avenue to University Drive University Drive to Chapel Hill Boulevard Chapel Hill Boulevard to Garrett Road - turn right Then left into Garrett Farms on Cottonwood Drive Past the tennis courts/swimming pool complex take a left on Hulon Drive Then a right on Springstop Lane The Parsonage is on the left almost to the end of the block

SEPTEMBER 13, 1998 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.	Ringing of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service - Sanctuary	
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due	
	(9/20-9/26) Church Secretary's Box	
12:00 noon	Sr. High Lunch - meet at altar rail	
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.	District Pastors Meeting	
5:30 p.m.	DMYF meet at church, van to Witte's	
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A	
in the state of the	Community Life Center	

SERMON:

Ruth Harper Stevens

ANTHEM:

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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:

Charlotte Corbin Priscilla Shepherd NURSERY:

Roger & LaDonna Grass Gretchen Parker

Dave & Rita McMillan

ACOLYTES:

Lauren Bilski Audrey Fenske **CROSS:**

Adult

ALTAR GUILD:

Doris Bridges Dottie MacMillan

REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M. IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM **SEPTEMBER 13, 1998 RUTH HARPER STEVENS, PREACHING**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries 9:20 - 10:45 a.m. DMWS Parents Council - Parlor Staff Meeting - Joy Class 10:00 a.m. Finance - Bradshaw 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Community Life Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries 10:00 a.m. Circle #8 - Parlor

6:30 p.m. UMM Meeting - Whitford

7:30 p.m. Administrative Board - Bradshaw

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Weekday School Board - Parlor Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday 6:15 p.m. Carol Choir & Wesley Singers Bethany Bells 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Cov. Discipleship - Parlor 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries 9:15 - 1:00 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

The Mary and Martha class will distribute their new book, When the Heart Waits, by Sue Monk Kidd on Sunday, September 13. Listed below are the readings for the following Sundays:

> September 20 pp. ix-11 September 27 pp. 12-20

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNIT MEETING

UMW will be having its third Unit Meeting for the year on September 12th. Eilene Bisgrove will be doing our program on the West End. She will have several youth from there to talk about their new youth program.

UMW would also like to invite all UMM to come join us for this fellowship hour. Lunch will be served in Whitford Hall afterwards.

Please make lunch reservations with Debbie Fedyshyn at 471-6830 by September 8th. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 12 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

CIRCLE #8

Circle #8, Ann Marie Langford and Pat Coman cochairs, will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Lois Vick will present the program and Ginny Clark will give a devotional. Pat Coman will be the hostess. Anyone who is interested in joining a circle is cordially invited to the meeting.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Menus:

September 16 - Fried Chicken and Vegetables, Drinks, Cookies

September 23 - Pizza, Salad, Drinks, Dessert

September 30 - Subway Sandwiches, Drinks, Dessert

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Please call the office (683-3467) to make reservations for Wonderful Wednesday meals. Cost will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Please make reservations by noon on the Monday before the Wednesday meal.

Programs (6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room):

September 16 Dr. Jack Carroll "Why Church Surveys Help" September 23 Dr. and Mrs. Alan Whanger - Shroud of Turin September 30 Book of Revelation - Ruth Harper Stevens October 7 To Be Announced

October 14 & 21 Dr. Gail Felton - Bible Study

Hymn Sing - led by Lois & Laney Funderburk October 28 November 4-18 Marge Clark - Experiencing the Psalms

"...If we let them, the Psalms can touch us at a very deep level, shaking loose old ways of seeing and relating to God." (From "The Paradox of Prayer" by Roberta Bondi.) Through study, meditation, art, music and prayer, we will try to find new ways of seeing and relating to God.

OLDER CHILDREN - WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Do you have children ages 10 and up who do not belong to choir? Would you be interested in alternative programming for your child from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings? Some possible opportunities may include sharing groups or Bible study. Please let us know what your child's interest might be. Please contact Lisa Cole or Ann Stallings at church - 683-3467, with your interest, ideas or suggestions.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY A POSSIBILITY

We are looking at the possibility of offering a class of Disciple Bible Study (INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD) for those people who have completed the foundational course (BECOMING DISCIPLES). This 32-week class would be an indepth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, designed to equip people for ministry in the world. It continues in the format and philosophy of the foundational study. If you would be interested in joining us on Tuesday mornings for this Bible Study, please call Bob at 683-3467 as soon as possible.

UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

Tuesday, September 15 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Whitford Hall Covered Dish

- Sun Room at Methodist Retirement, Finishing Touches

- Habitat for Humanity, Workers needed

Please volunteer for Saturday, September 12 or 19 (see related article). Workers are needed in 4 hour shifts. Please contact Tracey Whitehouse - 471-3413 to volunteer.

CIRCLE #9

Circle 9 will meet on Monday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Thelma Ray will be hostess and Bob Irvine will be our speaker.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Sept. 13 Florence Bobo
Winfred Hawley
Sept. 14 Kitty Jones
Mallie Billing
Marge Clark
Mary Beth Cole

Jackie Lancaster
Michael Stark
Chick Craig
Olive Jenkins

Sept. 16 Jim Allen, Jr. Ken Norton
Sarah Baker Kimberly Schell
Charles Lancaster

Sept. 17 Karen Gereffi Priscilla Shepherd Stephanie Kaspar

Sept. 18 Sarah Lynch Maurice Ritchie

Virginia Massey
Sept. 19 Heidi Carpenter Tom Cranford
Catherine Coman
Heidi Crane
Tom Cranford
Jim Long

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 Tim Harrell
Helen Bowles Zack Lyon
Sophie Cole Virginia Massey
Agnes Exodus Andrew Price
Melanie Gray & Family Carolyn Shipp
Helen Harrell David Van Vleet

Our congratulations are extended to Chesley and Rob Sneed upon the birth of their son, Robert Price Sneed, III. Grandparents are Ann and John Woods and Great-Grandmother is Marion Montgomery.

STEP FORWARD!

Stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, pressure, criticism, crisis, an unfamiliar event, excitement over anything (even losing weight) -- all familiar triggers to overeating. But there is hope. The brand new STEP FORWARD! program can teach us how to cast our cares on God rather than on the refrigerator. Through Bible study, prayer, sound nutritional information and a Christian 12-Step program to help you change one day at a time, you will have the opportunity to shrink on the outside and grow -- spiritually and emotionally - on the inside.

We will be starting two classes of STEP FORWARD! this fall -- Wednesday evenings (led by Elisabeth Luck) and Thursday mornings (led by Bob Irvine). The classes are arranged in 12-week sessions and the total cost is \$12.00 per person (which includes a workbook). If you have ever struggled to lose weight and keep it off... or if you are interested in a small, confidential group where you can pray, do Bible study, and find support for your efforts to keep your waistline from bulging... call today to register or get more information. Call Bob at 683-3467.

STEPHEN MINISTRY -CARING, COMMITTED PEOPLE NEEDED

We need one more person to join our new Stephen Ministry class this fall. We begin Monday, September 21. If you feel called to this ministry, please call Blaine Butterworth (683-3285) or Ann Stallings (683-3467).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School Teachers for this year are: 2 year old class - Robin and Tim Langford, 3 and 4-year olds - Margaret McCotter, Carol McMorrow, Cathy Shepherd; Kindergarten - Todd Pope and Angie Hutto, First Grade - Rita MacMillan, Second Grade - Deborah and Barry Moore, Third Grade - Tracey Whitehouse, Fourth Grade - Cheryl Conrad and Houston Blair, and Fifth Grade - Mary Canada.

We need a lead teacher for the 3-year olds, so we can have a separate class for the 3's and 4's. If you are willing to teach this class or be a helper in another class, call Amy Sears at 309-0900.

NEW BABY MINISTRY

Mary Lee Bailey visits each of our families with new babies and takes them a baby blanket from our church. The beautiful blankets or quilts are made by the United Methodist Women - Hilda Coble, Priscilla Shepherd, Charlotte Corbin, Carolyn Thomas, and others. If you would like to help make blankets, call Hilda Coble at 286-2697; if you'd like to help Mary Lee with the visits, call her at 477-0778.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANYONE?

One of the most appealing aspects of working with Habitat for Humanity is that building a house provides a tangible opportunity to live out our faith. Giving of our time and talents makes faith come alive.

Building a Habitat house allows you to have a new understanding of poverty housing. When you work side by side with the future homeowner family, you break through barriers and see one another as real people, as partners.

Through tithing on the money we raise for a Habitat home in our community, we can help in the effort to eliminate poverty housing in another country as well. Each Habitat for Humanity affiliate is asked to set aside 10 percent of the money it raised locally to fund the construction of houses in another country. The tithe on our project often can pay for the construction of an entire home in another country where construction costs are lower.

This Saturday, September 12, Duke Memorial, in conjunction with five other Methodist Churches, will begin building one home that we will see through its completion in early December. We will need volunteers on many of the Saturdays throughout this period but at this moment need the following:

Date	Time	# of people
Sat. 9/19	1-5 p.m.	10
Sat. 9/26	8-12 & 1-5 p.m.	10 & 10
Sat. 10/17	1-5 p.m.	10

Also, we still need more people for Saturday, September 12th. If you can help, call Tracey Whitehouse at 471-3413.

This Sunday, during the service we will be observing Habitat's Day of Prayer and will have the opportunity to support Habitat by making a donation towards the house we are helping to build and/or by signing up to volunteer to build this house. The volunteer/information table will be set up outside the church office. Please visit us to learn how you can help.

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SINGLES EVENTS - September 1998

Sunday, September 13 - Out to eat lunch following worship - Rick's Diner
Contact people: Gayle Young 490-4442 and
Holly Eggleston 493-1611

Thursday, September 24 - Pot Luck Dinner at Becky Carver's, 1612 Ward Street Contact People: Becky Carver 403-0411 and Maxine Blair 489-5679

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1998

Attendance:

 Sunday School
 157

 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 185

 Worship 8:45 a.m.
 13

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

The Thursday Study Group studies a book of the Bible, then a spiritual book, We have lunches two or three times a year -- maybe going out to eat or having a covered dish lunch. This year we will meet on Thursdays from 11 to 12 noon beginning September 17th in the Joy Class. Lisa Brown Cole will be leading our first day. All interested people please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467 for more details. Let her know if you need child care.

2. CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT

Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Ruth Harper Stevens will lead a retreat on "Finding Balance in Your Life." The van will take people from the church at 9:00 a.m. More details to follow, but mark your calendars.

HELP NEEDED

If you have a car to sell, we have someone who is in need of a vehicle as soon as possible. Please contact the church office.

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YOUTH NEWS



Mark your calendars for these important dates:

September 13 - Sr. High Lunch after church Meet in Sanctuary at altar rail immediately following worship.

September 13 - 5:30 p.m. - Mission Mystery - meet at church and ride the van to the Witte's

September 20 - 5:30 p.m. - "Name the Baby Contest"
Baby Shower for Tim & Shelley Turkington Come bring a gift! Refreshments provided.

September 26 - 27 Canoe and Camping Trip

September 27 - NO DMYF

September 28 - 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Dinner at Lisa Cole's Home - 8 Pedestal Rock Lane

VISITATION DAY

Anyone interested in visiting older folks from our church please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467, and we'll go visit Friday, September 25, at 10:45 a.m. Meet in the church kitchen, go out to visit, and then eat lunch together at Nikos. It will be fun; come join us!

WELCOME NEW ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFER

The Altar Guild is pleased to announce the addition of three new acolytes who have recently been trained. They are Winnie Kaspar, Kenton Summers and Dan Nifong. Also, Craige Summers will begin to serve as crucifer. Please welcome them into God's service for our church.