

Church Events

Homecoming Service At Union Valley Missionary Baptist Church

The annual Homecoming at Union Valley Missionary Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, June 2, beginning with dinner at 12:30 on the church grounds. Service will follow at 2:00 with special singing by the David Shelton Family. The Rev. Harlon Chandler invites everyone to attend.

Piney Grove Baptist Homecoming

The Piney Grove Baptist Church will have Homecoming and Decoration Day on Sunday, June 2. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Bobby Smith welcomes all former pastors and members to attend.

Glory Ridge Camp To Open July 9

Glory Ridge Camp will begin their youth summer fellowship activities starting July 9. For more information contact George Moore at 649-2182 or 649-3622 and Mattee Mashburn at 649-2796.

Hopewell Baptist Singing Set

Hopewell Baptist Church will hold a singing on June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Special singers will be the Newlife Quartet of Old Fort. Rev. Ralph McDevitt invites all singers and listeners to attend.

Methodists To Meet Next Week

Three United Methodist bishops will head a list of preachers and speakers for the 1985 annual meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C. June 5-9 of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference.

Bishop L. Bevel Jones, III, of Charlotte, a newly elected (1984) episcopal leader of the United Methodist Church, will both be presiding and preaching.

Bishop Jones will deliver the traditional Conference Sunday sermon June 9, during the 10:00 a.m. worship period. Afterwards he will fix the appointments of nearly 1,000 clergy men and women for the 1985-86 Conference year.

Bishop James S. Thomas, who presides over the Ohio East United Methodist Area, will be the Conference Preacher. He will deliver ser-

mons each morning from June 6-8, during worship services starting at 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Edward L. Tullis, now retired and living at Lake Junaluska, will preach the sermon during the ordination of deacons and elders of the church the night of June 7.

The Reverend Nancy A. Ferree, Assistant Minister to Duke University at Durham, will be the preacher for the Sacrament of Holy communion, scheduled opening day, June 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier that day Dr. John H. Christy, Jr., Superintendent for the Albemarle District, will deliver the annual address, "The Composite Report of District Superintendents." The talk, representing views of the Conference Cabinet on programs of the Conference, and matters of the

world, will take place near the close of the 10:30 a.m. beginning of the meeting on June 5.

Dr. Paul Hardin, President of Drew University at Madison, N. J., will deliver a major address during a June 6, 7:30 p.m. Christian Higher Education Emphasis.

And the Reverend James S. Gibbs, Jr., pastor for Main Street United Methodist Church, Reidsville, will be the preacher for the annual memorial service honoring clergy who died since the 1984 Annual conference. That service will take place June 8, at 11:00 a.m.

During the 1985 Annual Conference, Legislative Committees will consider over 80 petitions concerning programs of ministry and mission, and will make recommendations about the proposed \$11,372,000 budget.

There will be programs seeking to stem the loss of membership in the Conference, which has shown only two years of growth during the past decade. The 1984 net loss was 393 members. Also tied to these programs is a national goal of more than doubling United Methodist membership by 1992.

The Conference will be told it led the nation in 1984 among United Methodist Annual Conferences in giving more than \$1,052,000 to missions and disaster relief. Among those figures are \$141,412 given by Conference members for tornado relief in the Carolinas, \$241,684 given for Ethiopian food relief, \$137,685 given for other hunger relief in Africa, and \$103,189 given for hunger relief in other parts of the world.

The Council on Ministries will be asking approval for five programs

emphases affecting member at all levels during the 1985-88 quadrennium. These are: "Making and Nurturing Disciples," "Oneness in Christ," "Discovering and Developing Leaders," "Strengthening Connectional Ties with the Local Church," and "Global Awareness and Purpose." National priority emphasis in United Methodism is "Ethnic Minority Local Churches."

The United Methodist Church traces its roots to the 18th Century when a priest of the Church of England, John Wesley, began a movement whose members were called Methodists by opponents because of the methodical way in which they worshipped and witnessed.

After the Revolutionary War in America the Methodist movement swept the frontiers, moving west with the settlers. The church split into several bodies during the 200 years since 1784 when organization occurred in America. Race policy and struture were principal causes. Mergers to reunite the church began in the 20th Century.

By 1968 three branches of the original American Methodist Episcopal Church along with the Evangelical United Brethren Church had united to form the present 10 million member United Methodist Church in the U. S. and overseas.

Three major black Methodist bodies are studying merger possibilities. They are the African Methodist, Episcopal Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal, and the African Methodist Episcopal churches. Together they represent more than 4 million Methodists.

Worldwide the World Methodist Council claims Wesley-tradition religious bodies in a 50 million member fellowship. The Council meets once every five years in a World Methodist Conference.

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"Imagine...Just Imagine" is the theme for Madison County Public Library's 1985 Summer Reading program. Children ages 3 to 13 are invited to join their friends in reading about anything that catches their imagination. These opportunities abound at your public library.

Children may begin reading in the program on May 30th and continue through August 30th. Each participant will receive materials featuring symbols designed to stimulate imaginations such as magic, fantasy, science fiction, humor, travel, animals or science.

Those completing reading requirements will receive a certificate signed by Governor James Martin, who has endorsed the program along with State School Superintendent Dr. Craig Phillips. The certificate encourages children to read during the summer months.

Dorothy Daye of Greensboro Public Library designed the colorful program materials which include a reading record, poster, certificate, activity sheets and bookmarks featuring symbols from a child's imagination.

Marshall Book Club Meets

The Marshall Book Club met Monday evening, May 20 with Mrs. James I. Story.

Mrs. Clyde Roberts gave an interesting book review—"Citizen Hughes" (Howard Hughes) by Michael Doranin. We learn this brilliant but eccentric man accomplished great things. His company built the first space craft to land on the moon, he was worth 750 million in cash plus the same amount in assets, he bought politicians, contributed liberally to both Democratic and Republican parties, and became furious when politicians refused to stay bought. Hughes eventually became the power that helped undo President Nixon. He became suspicious, reclusive, refused to be seen publicly, and depended on low Mormon companions to the last.

Those present were Mrs. Julian Culbert, Mrs. J. L. Baker, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, Mrs. Gordon Claus, Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Mrs. John Corbett, Mrs. Ernest Teague, Mrs. O. A. Gregory, Mrs. Wanda Hays, Mrs. J. L. Mulkey, Mrs. Mary Ann, Mrs. Mary Thomas, and the hostess Mrs. Mary