

***Trinity United Methodist Church***  
***175 Years: 1832 – 2007***

**Celebrating  
Heritage, Faith, and Promise**

**1832 through 1875**



Trinity 1861

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## *JANUARY 2007*

Saturday, January 6 — Epiphany

Sunday, January 7 —

8 am–10 am Pancakes for the People

6 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Sunday, January 14 —

5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Monday, January 15 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sunday, January 21 —

5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Sunday, January 28 —

5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

### **The Earliest Years**

A congregation grew from an 1830 revival at a place called Orange Grove and the record reads that on the 25 of April, 1832 one William R. Herndon donated a house and an acre of ground to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used as a house of worship and an academy. The Methodist church organized with some thirty members. For many years a very small building served as both church and school. In 1861 the congregation moved into the little hamlet of Durham and established the first Methodist church.

It was in 1861 that an acre and a half of land, the present site of Trinity Church, was purchased and a frame building erected there on. The little pine church seated two hundred people. During the Civil War the building was used as a temporary hospital for the wounded soldiers. In spite of all difficulties, the church continued its services. Known originally as Orange Grove Church, its name was changed to Durham Methodist Church in 1866.

## ***FEBRUARY 2007***

Sunday, February 4 —

Interfaith Hospitality Network begins a one-week residence  
5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Sunday, February 11 —

5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Sunday, February 18 —

5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

Tuesday, February 20 — Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, February 21 — Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 25 —

Dr. William K. Quick will preach at 8:45 and 11:00 services  
5:30 pm Faith and Promise Study on the Book of Acts

### **Significant Events**

- 1838** A Methodist minister founds Trinity College in Randolph County. It will move to Durham in 1892 and become Duke University in 1924.
- 1844** The Methodist Church splits into northern and southern contingents over the issue of slavery, followed by a split in the Baptist Church a year later.
- 1845** Southern Methodists organize the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. North Carolinian Robert Paine helps lead this effort.
- 1854** The first tobacco factory was opened in Durham by R. F. Morris.
- 1861** On May 20 a state convention at Raleigh votes to leave the United States and join the Confederacy. North Carolina is one of the last two states to adopt a secession ordinance.
- 1862** Mary Jane Patterson, a free black from Raleigh, becomes the first African American woman to receive a bachelor of arts degree. She obtains it from Oberlin College in Ohio.
- 1863** On January 1, President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 1865** In October a North Carolina convention votes to repeal the Ordinance of Secession and end slavery.
- 1865** The armies of Union and Confederate forces gathered around Durham Station as General Joseph E. Johnston negotiated his surrender to General William T. Sherman at Bennett Place at the end of the Civil War.
- 1874** Washington Duke and Sons builds its first tobacco factory in Durham. R. J. Reynolds builds his first tobacco factory in Winston-Salem.

## *MARCH 2007*

Saturday, March 3 — Church wide Clean-up Day

Saturday, March 24 — Church wide Clean-up Day

### **Influential People**

**Brantley York** was a Methodist minister and educator best known for founding and serving as president of the institution that would become Duke University, Union Institute Academy in Randolph County, North Carolina.

**Dr. Bartlett Durham** sold four acres of land to the North Carolina Railroad Company to build a new station between Hillsborough and Raleigh in 1854, and before long a small settlement grew there which was to become the city of Durham.

**Washington Duke** began his tobacco empire from a small log cabin on the Duke Homestead

**William R. Herndon** donated the house and land which became Orange Grove Church which moved into Durham in 1861.

**Rev. J. B. Alford** was the first minister of the Orange Grove church, serving in 1859 and 1860. The Trustees were William Duke, Washington Duke, Archibald Nichols, D. M. Cheek, James Stagg, Z. I. Lyon, and James Barbee. Succeeding pastors of this period were **J. W. Tinnin** (1860-61), **W. M. Welsh** (1862-63), **W. M. Jordan** (1864-65), **R. S. Webb** (1866 - 69), **John Tillett**, (1870-71), and **J. J. Renn** (1872-75).

**General Julian S. Carr** came to Durham in 1870 and immediately became active in the church renamed Durham Methodist Church, helping with his own hands to shingle the roof of the building.

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Historical information was drawn from Benjamin Guy Childs, *Centennial History of Trinity Methodist Church*, (1961) and Jean Bradley Anderson, *Durham County* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1990)