

ST. MATTHEW'S BELLWETHER

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A great preacher closed his sermon with an earnest and eloquent gospel appeal. Among the score or more who responded was a woman of wealth and social distinction. She asked permission to speak a few words to the audience.

"I want you to know," she said, "just why I came forward. It was not because of any word spoken by the preacher. I stand here because of the influence of a little woman who sits before me. Her fingers are rough with toil; the hard work of many years has stooped her low; she is just a poor, obscure washerwoman, who has served in my home for many years. I have never known her to be impatient, to speak an unkind word, or to do a dishonorable deed. I know of countless little acts of unselfish love that adorn her life. Shamefacedly, let me say that I have openly sneered at her faith, and laughed at her fidelity to God. Yet, when my little girl was taken away, it was this woman who caused me to look beyond the grave and shed my first tear of hope. The sweet magnetism of her life has led me to Christ. I covet the thing that made her life beautiful."

At the request of the minister, the little woman was led forward, her eyes streaming with tears of joy, and such a shining face as one seldom sees on this earth.

"Let me introduce you," said he, "to the real preacher of the evening," and the great audience arose in silent, though not tearless, respect.

Oh, ye obscure toilers of the world, ye patient "doers of the Word," think not that no one sees! I say unto you that a great cloud of witnesses will rise up on that great day, and call you blessed!

WHAT IS IT THAT:

- V**-italizes the work of the church
- I**-ncreases the enrollment
- S**-ecures home cooperation
- I**-nspires regular attendance
- T**-ies the home closer to the church
- A**-ffords a soul-winning opportunity
- T**-ypifies the loving interest of Christ
- I**-nsures growth in grace
- O**-pens the doors of homes to Christ
- N**-urtures friendliness and good will?

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men held their monthly meeting and fellowship breakfast on Sunday, July 16th. There were 15 men in attendance.

After enjoying a wonderful breakfast, prepared by Troy Willoughby, the UMM reviewed their involvement in the community and planned for future events. We currently have three vacant Rental properties located behind the church. Two of them have contracts pending, and I'm sure it's because Hank, Troy, Lucas, Jack and Lynwood have been involved in refurbishing the property. These men have put a lot of time in making a difference in the church and in a family's life. Thanks fellas!

The men were pleased to hear that Camp Rockfish was a huge success. We are always pleased to contribute financially to the spiritual growth of our youth. We are seeking donations ourselves! If you have any item; such as plates, napkins, or meat, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in preparing for our annual "**CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC**". We had previously mentioned that the Church-Wide Picnic would be held on September 10th, but it may be changed to the 17th. Please accept our flexibility, as we shift the date in anticipation of the return of Doug Stone and Rick Webb from Korea.

We invite and encourage men of all ages to attend our monthly meeting and breakfast which is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Matt Jamison,
UMM Secretary

RECIPE OF THE SUMMER "BANANA SANDWICH"

- 2 slices of bread (White or Whole Wheat)
- Ripe Bananas
- Mayonnaise

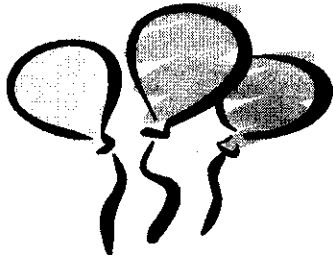


Place bread on plate (paper, plastic or china) Spread 1/16 inch mayonnaise on both pieces of bread. Take 7 to 9 inch ripe banana and cut 16 1/4 inch slices. Arrange slices on bread in four rows and four columns. Cover with top slice of bread and cut in half (diagonal cut preferred.)

Note: Substitute mayonnaise for peanut butter if eating before 11:00 a.m. Yum! Yum!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Dave Dominic
 Jeff Graham
 5 Spencer Scruggs
 6 Christy Rome
 8 Marc Norton
 Chris Strickland
 9 David Dominic
 10 Kenneth Merritt
 Sally Merritt
 12 Ashley Stone
 Roberta Brown
 Lorri Shackelford
 13 Joan Foster
 16 Jeanette Ward
 Charles Couch
 19 Mary Byrne
 20 Gladys Rice
 Elinor Stewart
 Tommy Stewart
 21 Betty Nalls
 22 Joyce DeBruhl
 Mary Ann Mitchell
 23 Barbara Thompson
 25 Reena Stone
 Cathleen Manship
 27 Gudrun McDuffie
 28 Terry Jordan
 30 April Smith
 Katie Jordan



**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**



ST. MATTHEW'S AUCTION

Make plans to attend the "Second Annual Auction" here at St. Matthew's on September 16th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A preview will be held from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and the auction will be at 6:00 p.m. Each member of the church family is asked to donate one item for the auction.

Example: A gift you received last Christmas that you will not use, a professional service such as a beautician, mechanic, babysitter, housecleaner, etc. Be creative.

Last year I bid on talents donated by Sandy Jones which was 4 hours of gift wrapping including gift wrap. I gave that as a gift to my daughter, what a lifesaver! Every family has a talent or at least one thing sitting around the house gathering dust or hiding away in a cabinet...Look high and low! All items must be given to me no later than **September 1st**.

Hot dogs will be available during the auction preview from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Look out Bett, you and I seem to have the same taste in items so save your dollars because I am not going to let you out bid me this year!

If you would like to help with the auction, I would love to have you. Call me at 425-4269 after 5:30 p.m. or at work at 323-0601 ext. 4122, or see me at church. I look forward to hearing from you. Lola has already signed up to cook hot dogs, YEAH LOLA!! All proceeds from the auction will be applied to the Church Building Fund or Budget.

Julie Griffin
 Stewardship Chairperson

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ Power Bill from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ Emergency Fund...
 - ...from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
 - ...in honor of Boyd Snyder & in memory of Linda Snyder
 - ...from James & Joyce DeBruhl
 - ...from William & Gertrude Schultz
 - ...from Boyd Snyder in memory of Linda Snyder
 - ...from Boyd Snyder Bible Study Class
 - ...in honor of Julia Agnew's birthday from her Secret Pal
- ◆ Organ Fund from Terry & Phyllis Jordan
- ◆ Food Pantry from Campground UMC
- ◆ Camp Rockfish from The Peggy Pullman Class

ONE-BY-ONE

Another year of ministry is about to begin. It is the Master who asks, "**ARE YOU READY?**" The exciting time of mission, of reaching and teaching others to read is upon us. God blessed so many last year. St. Matthew's answered the call to be the focal point of help in this important endeavor. We need **you** to join us again. We also need **first-timers!**

Forms will be inserted in the August 6 and 13 bulletin. **Please**, parents and teachers, if you feel you want to be a part of **ONE-BY-ONE**, fill out the forms. Parents, if your child was with us last year, his space is guaranteed, but we must know if he is returning. If your child has the need to be in our program, but will be a new student, we need to know. Potential and returning teachers, **please** respond quickly. We lost six teachers. Two are in college, two moved, and two have had work schedules changed. If we are to reach all students for whom there is space, we need additional teachers. Registration forms for students and teachers will be available in the church office. Our prayer is that we will have enough teachers. If you have thought about it please fill out the bulletin insert on August 6 and 13 and join us for the **Teacher Training Workshop**. If you have already served, be moved by the Holy Spirit to continue.

The First Session Schedule is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 14

7-9 pm - **Teacher Training Workshop** in the F.H.

Monday, Aug. 21

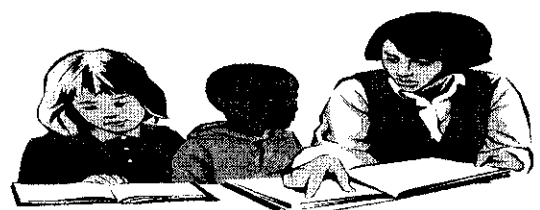
7-8 pm - **FIRST NIGHT: Meeting of Parents, Teachers & Students in the Sanctuary. (1/2 hour meeting & 1/2 hour class)**

Monday, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2 & 9

7-8 pm - **St. Matthew's at specified work stations**

God loves you. We are in this together. Teaching others to read is a way of giving our love back to the Lord! Come, reap the benefits of being a part of such a wonderful Christian mission.

May the Love of Christ be with you,
 Amy Eberhardt



This time last summer we were sweltering under really hot temperatures; many of our days the temp reached 100 degrees. We are lucky this year for all the good rains and somewhat better temperatures. Good veggies from our gardens or produce stands make for some mighty good meals. Last month's recipes for Squash Casserole came at a good time because of all the fresh squash on the market. I hope you have tried at least one of the recipes.

Speaking of meals, we had a great day for our unit picnic at the parsonage on July 15th. The weather was great and the attendance was super. Everyone ate much, laughed lots, and seemed to have a good time. Those who could not attend were missed.

With all our plans for vacations and outings, we sometimes put our work for the church on "hold." We believe that we won't be missed and someone else will handle our share of the work. I don't think that is a true statement. When you miss, you are missed!

I hope you are taking some time to plan on your participation for our bazaar in October. I will be calling on everyone to put in more time on the day of the bazaar; too many ladies worked long hours because others would not commit to being there when they were needed. Our bazaar is Friday, October 13th - 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please do not schedule any appointments for that day; give your time and attention to helping out on bazaar day. If you think this sounds a little harsh, try working at the bazaar for 11 hours straight and you will understand where I am coming from—many ladies worked 12 or 13 hours last year!

I will need a Bazaar Decorating Committee to take purchased items and get the fellowship hall ready on October 12th. You will have everything you need at the fellowship hall. Call me if you will volunteer to be on a committee. If no calls, then I call you!

Each circle will need to elect new officers at their September meeting and turn those names in to me as soon as possible.

Kitchen clean-up for August is Mary Rozier and Roberta Brown.

Our Mission Study is (Sunday) September 24th 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.; please plan to attend.

I need some volunteers to make our "Shoebox Christmas" display again this year. Call me, you know the rest of this statement! ha ha! Display to be up the first Sunday of October.

Lola Smith, Nominations Chairperson, is working on a new slate of officers for 2001; please be willing to serve if you are contacted.

Our budget and new officers, for year 2001, will be approved at the October General Meeting. Whew! Lots to think about and lots to do to the end of this year. STAY COOL!!

Betty Patrick
UMW President

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

"Coconut Praline Dream Pie"



- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 baked 9 inch pastry shell, cooled
- 2 3/4 cup cold milk, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 package (4 servings size) Jello Vanilla flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 2 envelopes Dream Whip Whipped Topping Mix
- 1 1/3 cups (3 1/2 ozs.) Coconut

Heat pecans, margarine & brown sugar in small saucepan until margarine & sugar are melted & mixture comes to a boil. Boil exactly 30 seconds. Spread in bottom of pastry shell. Cool. Beat whipped topping mix with 1 cup of the milk & vanilla in a large bowl with mixer on high speed about 6 minutes or until mixture forms peaks & thickens. Add remaining 1 3/4 cup milk and pudding mixes; blend on low speed, then, beat on high speed for 2 minutes. Stir in 1 cup coconut and spoon into pastry shell.

Refrigerate at least 4 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining 1/3 cup coconut. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.

PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR HURRICANES

BEFORE THE HURRICANE SEASON (NOW)



- * Know the hurricane risks in your area.
- * Learn safe routes inland.
- * Learn location of official shelters.
- * Ensure that enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand.
- * Obtain and store materials, such as plywood, necessary to properly secure your home.
- * Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- * Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed.
- * Review your insurance policy.

Individuals with special needs or others requiring more information should contact their local National Weather Service office, emergency management office, or American Red Cross chapter.

DURING THE STORM

WHEN IN A WATCH AREA...

- * Frequently listen to radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins of the storm's progress.
- * Fuel and service family vehicles.
- * Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- * Prepare to cover all window and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials.
- * Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first-aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.
- * Prepare to bring inside lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects, such as garbage cans, garden tools, etc.
- * Have on hand an extra supply of cash.

PLAN TO EVACUATE IF YOU...

- * Live in a mobile home. They are unsafe in high winds, no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- * Live on the coastline, an offshore island, or near a river or a flood plain.
- * Live in a high-rise. Hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.

WHEN IN A WARNING AREA...

- * Closely monitor radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- * Complete preparation activities, such as putting up storm shutters, shoring loose objects, etc.
- * Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if told to do so!
- * If evacuating, leave early (if possible, in daylight). Stay with friends or relatives, at a low-rise inland hotel/motel, or go to a predesignated public shelter outside a flood zone.
- * Leave mobile homes in any case.
- * Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- * Put food and water out for a pet if you cannot take it with you. Public health regulations do not allow pets in public shelters, nor do most hotels/motels allow them.

What to bring to a shelter: first-aid kit, medicine, baby food & diapers, cards, games, books, toiletries, battery-powered radio, flashlight (one per person), extra batteries, blankets or sleeping bags, identification, valuable papers (insurance), and cash.

REMINDER! IF YOU ARE TOLD TO LEAVE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY!

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(PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR HURRICANES CON'T)

IF STAYING IN A HOME...

Only stay in a home if you have NOT been ordered to leave. Stay inside a well constructed building. In structures, such as a home, examine the building and plan in advance what you will do if winds become strong. Strong winds can produce deadly missiles and structural failure.

- * Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
- * Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- * Turn off propane tanks.
- * Unplug small appliances.
- * Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.

IF WINDS BECOME STRONG...

- * Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway.
- * Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- * If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first-floor room, such as a bathroom or closet.
- * If you are in a multiple-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows.
- * Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

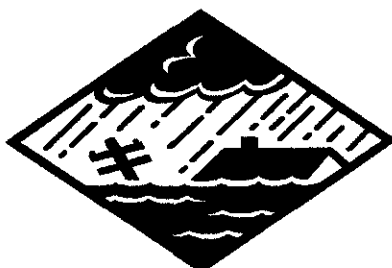
BE ALERT FOR:

- * **TORNADOES** which often are spawned by hurricanes.
- * The calm "EYE" of the storm. After the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

AFTER THE STORM...

- * Keep listening to radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio.
- * Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- * Roads may be closed for your protection. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, turn around and go another way!
- * Avoid weakened bridges and washed out roads. Do not drive into flooded areas.
- * Stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from under-ground or downed power lines.
- * Check gas, water, and electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- * Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you are certain it is not contaminated.
- * Avoid using candles and other open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage.
- * Use the telephone to report life-threatening emergencies only.
- * Be especially cautious if using a chainsaw to cut fallen trees.

May God bless you,
Disaster Response Committee



AUGUST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Mtg.-7pm	2 NO Card Ministry Mtg. NO Bible Study Nominations Committee-7pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	3 NO Bible Study	4	5
6	7	8 Prayer Mtg.-7pm	9 NO Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle Card Ministry-5pm NO Bible Study Vision Team Mtg.-7pm NO Choir Practice	10 NO Bible Study	11	12
13	14	15 Prayer Mtg.-7pm	16 Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry-5pm NO Bible Study Choir Practice-7:30pm	17 NO Bible Study	18	19
20	21	22 Prayer Mtg.-7pm	23 Card Ministry-5pm NO Bible Study NO Choir Practice	24 NO Bible Study	25	26
27	28	29 Prayer Mtg.-7pm Finance Committee - 7:30pm "The Least of these" Wksp.-9am-3pm	30 Card Ministry-5pm NO Bible Study NO Choir Practice	31 NO Bible Study		

**EVERY
SUNDAY
SCHEDULE:**

**8:30AM
EARLY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
(NO)**

**NURSERY
PROVIDED**

**9:45AM
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
(ALL AGES)**

**11:00AM
WORSHIP
SERVICE
(NURSERY
PROVIDED)**