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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I pen this article, I have noticed how dry it really has become. The local weather forecaster said this morning that we had not had any rainfall recorded in the past 27 days, and the nearest opportunity would be five days away.

Thinking of the lack of fresh water to come our way and how dusty the cars and other things of interest have become, I began to think of another time in which water was so very precious.



As we think of this time of year and the season of Thanksgiving, one cannot help but think of the Pilgrims. It was on the Mayflower that fresh water had become scarce by the time

the Pilgrims arrived in what was then known as the New World. Water is a precious commodity that can only be appreciated when it is scarce. Having never been to this particular spot, there is today, I am told, a marker to point out the site where the Pilgrims first found fresh water.

The spring of water, found by those thirsty Pilgrims, was a blessing to be sure. However, their thirst in coming to the New World was deeper. They knew of the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." The God who had guided them across miles of treacherous ocean would provide for their needs, both material and spiritual.



That finding of fresh water for weary travelers is much more than a historical marker. It is the affirmation recounted again and again in the Bible that God provides for those who believe in Him.

Just as Jesus offered Living Water to the woman at the well (John Chapter 4), He offers it still today to you and me. You will never be thirsty again, nor will you have need of searching for the wellspring, for it will be within you.

Your Pastor,

Larry



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

ST. MATTHEW'S UMC

THANKSGIVING HARVEST DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

6:00 P.M.

IN THE

FELLOWSHIP HALL



ATTENTION!

DEADLINE FOR

TURNING IN YOUR

NOMINEE FOR

"LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!

THANK YOU!

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

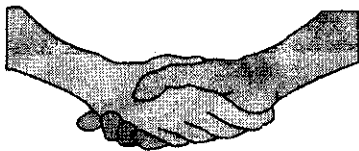
Our circle met October 11th in the church fellowship hall. We discussed final preparations for the Fall Bazaar and who would be working certain hours. I want to **thank** each of you for the time you spent working and for all your donations which includes the wonderful baked goods we received. Working together, we can accomplish our goals and missions.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We all should stop and remember what we have been given and thank God for all his blessings. It has been a good year, and we are looking forward to another in **2001**.

We will meet again on November 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your **World Thank Offering**. We will be drawing names for our **2001 Prayer Partner**. So, please if you want to have a **Prayer Partner or Secret Pal** for next year, come to the November meeting. I will not be at the December meeting since I had already made plans to be elsewhere.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!
Catherine Morgan

HELP'N HANDS



A good time was had by all on September 28th as we met for a time of fellowship. We had a few limbering exercises taught by Ruth Caldwell and then we practiced the new song that we plan to sing for the church congregation. So be on the alert for the date of singing in November.

On October 17th, we took a trip to Raleigh to visit the **Museum of History and Museum of Science**. If you have not visited these museums, you have missed a treat. It's an ideal place to take children and adults. If you have difficulty with stairs, they have escalators for you. It was beautiful and we enjoyed it. We ate lunch in the **Legislative Cafeteria** and thought we would see some important people, but there was a special room for them only.

Due to Thanksgiving Day falling on our regular fourth Thursday, we will meet **November 16th** in the fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m.

Come and join us!

Eva Smith,
Adult Coordinator



A great big "THANK YOU" to the St. Matthew's church family for all the contributions of baked goodies, crafts and work time invested in the United Methodist Women's Bazaar. We ask the church family for help each year and you always come through for us. We appreciate you taking the time to bake those homemade cakes, pies, breads, cookies, and all the canned items as well. I know some of you men are adding to the tables on bazaar day and they always look great.

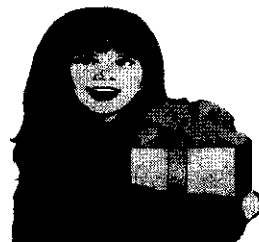
Thanks again for caring enough to help us with our big mission money making project each year. Your help will touch many lives.

Betty Patrick, President
United Methodist Women

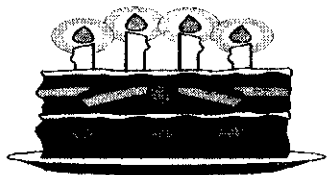
"SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS"

It is that time again, time for those Shoeboxes to be filled. The St. Matthew's United Methodist Women are again sponsoring the "**SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS**" project for children in desperate situations around the world. This project is not just to send a "box" of toys to children, but sharing the word and love of Jesus Christ. Christian literature is included in with each gift to a child in order for the Good News of our Savior, Jesus Christ to go forward to these countries.

Won't you please help us with this mission project? There are decorated "shoeboxes" in the office annex where our display is located. These boxes are limited, so please hurry and get one. The instructions are included in the brochure on the table. There is a very big decorated box also there to receive your filled box when you bring it to the church. Our United Methodist Men will pay the \$5.00 postage on each box; so hurry the **deadline is Sunday, November 12th**.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2	Amanda Colon
5	Justin Cole
6	Lynwood Griffin Tracy Scruggs
8	Lynn Graham
10	Tiffany Willis Jack Byrne Robert Bretz
11	Bob Pray
12	Darrell Collins Gudrun Arnold Glyndetta Hubbard
14	Derrek Snyder
15	Hank Zielinski
17	Kristen Royal
19	Dee Parker Jessica Powell
23	Irma Evans
25	Mary Sue Grady Ike Huffman
28	Christopher Rome
30	Mandi Hubbard

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
EVERYONE**

ONE-BY-ONE

We will begin our "Second Session" of our reading program this month. The dates for the whole session are November 6, 13, 20, 27, and December 4 and 11.

If anyone has the need for help, please contact me.

God bless you,
Amy Eberhardt



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ **Emergency Fund...**
 - ... from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
 - ... from William & Gertrude Schultz
- ◆ **Church Maintenance Fund from Perry Smith**
- ◆ **Power Bill from the Thrift Shop**
- ◆ **Memorial Fund...**
 - ... in memory of Magaline Currie from Johnette M. Adcox
 - ... in memory of Millie Sessoms from Becky Robertson
 - ... in memory of Millie Sessoms
 - ... in memory of Alice Currie from James & Joyce DeBruhl
- ◆ **Building Fund in memory of Millie Sessoms from Jo Anne Lowder**

UNITED METHODIST MEN

St. Matthew's United Methodist Men met on October 15th at 7:30 a.m. with 5 members present. A delicious breakfast was prepared by J.A. Sessoms and James DeBruhl. Sorry you late sleepers missed it.

Our business was urgent, so we passed on several orders presented to us. (1) We agreed to pay the postage for 100 Christmas Shoeboxes at \$5.00 per box. Last year only 62 boxes were mailed. (2) We are donating \$200 to the United Methodist Men's Hunger Project which was organized by the National United Methodist Men's Council. Their goal is to raise 1.4 million dollars to assist groups across the nation. (3) We will provide the Hams & Turkeys for the Harvest Day and Christmas meals.

The lawn mowing crew appreciates the kind words on the weekly lawn care. It takes 4 men about 2 hours each week to keep the appearance of our lawn looking good. We want to present our service as good stewards of God's house.

Thrift Shop workers were secured and the Head Usher for November is Hank Zielinski.

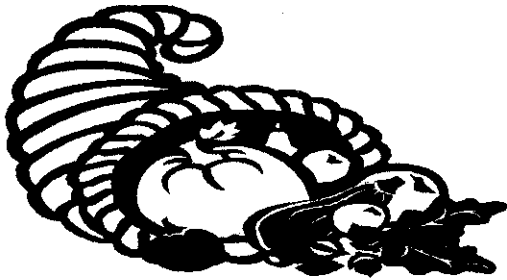
Troy Willoughby,
UMM President

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

"Chow-Chow Relish"

4 cups chopped cabbage	2 cups chopped onion
3 cups chopped califlower	1 1/2 cups of sugar
3 cups chopped green tomatoes	2 tspn. celery seeds
2 cups chopped green pepper	2 tspn. dry mustard
1 cup chopped sweet red pepper	1 tspn. mustard seed
2 1/2 cups vinegar (not white)	3 tbsp. salt (canning)
1/2 tspn. ginger	1 tspn. tumeric

(Combine all vegetables, sprinkle with salt & let stand 6 hours in a cool place. Combine vinegar, sugar and all other spices in separate container and simmer 10 minutes. Now add veggies. Bring to boil and simmer 10 minutes. Prepare jars & lids and pack.)



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

November

Whew!!! Ok ladies, on the count of three let's all take a great, big breath. One, two, three - Ah hhhhhhhhhh. Now wasn't that better?

Well our big bazaar day is a thing of the past, but all the great fellowship that was enjoyed that day will continue on and make us smile when we pause to remember. I think Ginger and Jewel especially enjoyed Candi working at the bazaar all-day and entertaining everyone. Candi was also one of our best customers; she left the bazaar with a carload of goodies that she had purchased.

I want to thank everyone in the unit for their participation, whether it was baking goodies, making crafts, serving the meal, working the rooms, or maybe you did all four things and I say **thank you** for your continued effort to make our projects successful each year. I am very pleased with our money figures; we are just a couple hundred dollars lower than we were last year. When we look at the big picture concerning our budget for 2001, that small amount of money will not make much difference.

We have elected our new slate of officers for year 2001, and I want to thank everyone for accepting their positions when you were contacted. There will be a new **officer training session** for you on **Sunday, December 3rd at St. Andrews UMC at 2:30 p.m.** You will be given packets with information and there will be workshops as well. Please put it on your calendar now officers in order that you will not forget. If any circle would like to make health, school, or sewing kits for their November project, these kits can be turned in at the officer training event on December 3rd.

Now we look forward to the holidays with much anticipation for great fellowship and food. Our next General meeting will be our Christmas party **December 4th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Our menu will be finger foods. We will have a time to work on a *mind-teaser*, we will have *door prizes*, just a short business meeting (I promise) so please plan to attend. Please bring your **Penny-And-A-Prayer** money, and the **World Thank Offering** to your circle meetings - this has to be in this month.

Please check our bulletin board for a card sent from *Rockfish Outdoor Center* thanking us for our latest donation to their loan reduction effort on the *Bergland Outdoor Center*.

The Night Owls will have their circle Christmas party on *December 14th* at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Roberta Brown. *Secret Prayer Partners* will be revealed and don't forget to bring a goodie with you for the meal.

The Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle will meet for their Christmas party in December but at the time of this article, I do not have the time or the place. Check the circle news for details.

Please do not forget our **Shoebox Christmas Project**; the deadline is **November 12th**. There are still shoeboxes available for your convenience at the display in the office annex.

Here is a good recipe that my good friend Elsie in Mississippi sent to me: try it - you will love it!!!!

Betty Patrick, President

NEVER FAILS ROLLS

4 cups SR flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup shortening

1 pkg. dry yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm water
1 cup buttermilk



Mix flour and sugar, then cut in shortening till mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well, add the yeast-water mixture & milk. Stir quickly with a fork only until evenly mixed. Let rise, then punch down and put in refrigerator, or roll out and let rise again. Bake in 450 degree oven until done, approximately 10 minutes.

TO MAKE CINNAMON ROLLS, after rolls rise the first time, kneed then roll out in a narrow long roll. Sprinkle with lots of sugar, cinnamon & raisins that have been heated in microwave with water, drain then sprinkle on top of sugar & cinnamon mixture. Put dollops of butter on top of this. Roll into long roll. Slice & put into greased pan. Let rise. Bake at 350 until golden brown.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	EVERY SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
			1 WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	2 Grace Bible Study-7pm	3	4	8:30AM EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE (NO) NURSERY PROVIDED
5	6 One-By-One-7pm	7 Prayer Group-7pm	8 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle -- 10:30am	9 Night Owl Circle & Grace Bible Study-7pm	10	11 Grace UMC Breakfast-8:00am	
12	13 One-By-One-7pm	14 Prayer Group-7pm	15 Home Extensions-9:30am	16 Help'N Hands-11:00am	17	18	
19	20 One-By-One-7pm	21 Prayer Group-7pm Trustees Mtg.-7:30pm	22 WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	23 Grace Bible Study-7pm	24	25	
United Methodist Men's Breakfast-7:30am	← DORIS (9:00 am-----	WORKS -----5:00 pm) →	Thanksgiving Eve Service -- 7:00pm	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	Safos/Long Wedding Rehearsal-6:00pm	Safos/Long Wedding - 3:00pm	
HARVEST DINNER -- 6:00pm	One-By-One-7pm	Prayer Group-7pm	29 WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	30			
26	27 One-By-One-7pm	28 Prayer Group-7pm					11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE (NURSERY PROVIDED)