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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few years ago the church followed the lead of the quality management leaders in the business world and called upon all local churches to develop a mission statement. This approach worked in the business world. When a company had a clear mission and made every effort to fulfill that mission they did well. Our church leaders thought the same would work for the church. Thousands of local churches wrote lofty mission statements, which looked good on paper. Unfortunately, that was all that really happened; churches had a statement which looked good on paper.

There were two problems with this approach. When companies were successful fulfilling their mission they had used all their resources to focus on fulfilling that mission. All of their plans and objectives were judged against the mission statement. They did more than just write it down. No one held churches accountable for using all their resources to fulfill the mission they had stated on paper. It simply remained a statement, often a lofty statement, on paper.

The second problem is the fact that the church, unlike business does not have the privilege of setting its own mission. The risen Lord established the mission of the church when he told us, "Go make disciples of all nations"; "preach the gospel to the whole creation." All our resources and all other functions and ministries of the church exist to support and sustain that mission.

In other words, we already have a mission. What we need is a vision. Proverbs 29:18 states "Where there is no vision the people perish." A vision is our picture of what our church and community would look like if we carried out the mission Jesus has entrusted to us. What would we look like now, a year from now or five years down the road if we were carrying our mission in the name of Christ Jesus? What kind of difference would we have made in the community around us? What would be our reputation as a church?

When we have no clear vision we perish, we cast off restraint, or we simply let go of our mission, according to scripture. When I decided to ask the Bishop to appoint me to St. Matthew's, I asked God to give me a vision for this church. I believe he has begun to give me a vision. But we must have a shared vision of what God wants us to be in the near and distant future. Do you have a vision for this church? Can you picture the kind of church God is calling us to be? What does it look like?

Joel 2:28 promises, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." We need our older members to dream dreams about our future, and our younger members to see visions of what we can be.

Christ Jesus is the head of the Church, the Body of Christ, (not bishops, ministers, boards, or committees), and we are all called to submit to the Lordship of Christ, and be in communion with him, our uniqueness and diversity are transformed into one body, so the word becomes flesh in the midst of the world around us. His vision for the church is that we are one as he and the Father are one. Each person is called to fulfill the will of God in some unique way that no one else can fill. We are equipped with the talents, abilities, and gifts necessary to carry out that call. Discovering and fulfilling that call and claim upon our lives is our most important life work, our destiny.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are to be dedicated to God and support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts (possessions, talents, abilities, natural and spiritual gifts) and service. The church belongs to Christ, not to us; we are stewards of all his resources. What we need most is a shared vision for St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Let us come together and form that vision for our future.

Shalom,
Mike

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

Our Circle met on May 9th in the fellowship hall. Connie Knight was our hostess and Dorothy Taylor presented the program. We had 18 present and enjoyed a great lunch. Our Circle will host the dinner for those attending Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 10th. Come and enjoy a great meal as you attend the first night of Bible School. There will be Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches for the children who may not want to eat the meal. As far as the main course, it's a secret. You will have to come see and enjoy. On June 13th, the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle will meet at the Olive Garden at 12:00 p.m. for lunch. There will be no meeting in July and August. We will resume our regular monthly meeting on September 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. I pray that all of you will have a happy and safe summer. Thanks for supporting me and our Circle during the months of 2001.

God bless everyone!
Catherine Morgan



Thank you so much for your continued support of the Thrift Shop.

Donations have been so great that we have scheduled a **1/2 Price Sale** June 5 - 16.

With summer coming up, please check your calendar and see if it is possible for you to volunteer just one day at the Thrift Shop. If you can, please call Lee Anna Sproul at 425-7302 to schedule a time or talk to any Thrift Shop worker.

Gifts to the Emergency Fund and the Church Power Bill were made for May.

Lee Anna Sproul,
Chairperson

LOOKING



AHEAD:

- June 2 - March for Jesus at Hoke High School Stadium in Raeford, 9:00 a.m.
- End of Fish Tales Cookout & Pool Party at the Griffin's, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
- 3 - Graduate & Scholarship Sunday
- 4 - UMWomen General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 7-10 - Annual Conference
- 10-14 - Vacation Bible School
- Donation Supper 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Classes for all ages 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 13 - Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle meet at Olive Garden, 12:00 p.m.
- 15 - Night Owls meet at Moose Lodge, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 - Jodie Brown & Jeff Nance Wedding at Fayetteville Community Church, 2:00 p.m. followed by Reception at Moose Lodge
- 17 - UMMen Breakfast Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- 19 - Council on Ministries, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 - Home Extensions, 9:30 a.m.
- 21-29 - Pastor at SEJ Native American Conference in Lake Junaluska
- 24 - Laity Sunday
- 28 - Help'n Hands, 11:00 a.m.
- July 10 - Administrative Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 16-20 - Camp Rockfish Day Camp
- Sept. 18 - Council on Ministries, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 - Homecoming
- Oct. 2 - Administrative Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12-13 - UMM Barbeque Sale & UMW Bazaar
- Dec. 18 - Council on Ministries Meeting

PLEASE NOTE!

At our Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, May 23rd, the United Methodist Missionary from Argentina Mark Lykin responded to questions for over an hour. Our people responded by sending back an offering of over \$400.00 and I'm sure we're motivated to do more for this family and ministry in the future.

Mark presented Dr. Hale with a "stole" made by the poor people he served as a gift from them to our church.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Arthur & Roberta Brown

request your presence

at the marriage

of their daughter

Jodie Brown

to

Jeff Nance

Saturday, June 16, 2001

2:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Community Church

(Reception to follow at Moose Lodge)



NIGHT OWL CIRCLE

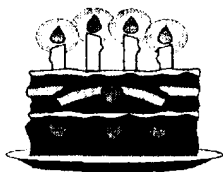
We will meet at the Moose Lodge Friday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner meeting. Cost is only \$6.00. Bring your spouse.

Our project for June will be to provide dinner one night during Vacation Bible School. Have a safe and happy Summer!

*Rebecca Ramirez,
President*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Grace Bland
 12 Rhonda Miller
 14 Anne Alred
 15 Troy Willoughby
 16 Doug Stone
 19 Jewel Sharpe
 Christine Brackett
 20 Madison Manship
 21 Pam Lynn
 Peter Rome
 Glen Warbis
 28 Clarence Rice
 30 Robert Trevathan



**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY
 EVERYONE!**

ONE - BY - ONE

Another year of many "special moments" closed with the last class on May 21, 2001. The ONE-BY-ONE reading program has been blessed beyond belief. This very unique "Outreach Ministry" has touched and changed many lives. The 2000-2001 Term added 1,396 volunteer hours of devotion to the Lord and to our fellow man. We are, indeed reaching our community.

School childrens grades went up and our three adult students are really proud of their accomplishments. This years efforts have paid off wonderfully. Twenty-four dedicated helpers worked with a total of 23 students. Our average number was nineteen.

ONE-BY-ONE will resume in August. Announcements and letters will let you know the exact date. Sadly, we will be losing teachers due to normal circumstances. We will miss them, one and all. Most importantly, we need teachers to fill their vacancies. Please pray about your personal commitment to outreach for Christ. We need you! The children need you! One hour a week.

The wonderful volunteers who answered the call for this year are recognized and thanked for everything they have done. God has blessed you richly. To ONE-BY-ONE: Joe Bledsoe, Joyce Christian, David, Meghann, & Shirley Dominie, Dan Eberhardt, Lisa Gardiner, Betty Gray, Glyndetta Hubbard, Melanie Jones, Cahtleen Manship, Patty Poche, Bob Pray, Erika Sanchez, Lorri & Heather Shackelford, Ashley, Dawn, & Doug Stone, Linda Strickland and DeAnn & Robert Trevathan. Also to our Child Care Attendants Christine Steffey and Natalie Trott, you really made it all possible! THANK YOU EVERYONE !!!

Words cannot express what I feel in my heart. You have all done everything that could be done to answer the call to use yourselves for Christ. Amen.

With the Love of Our Savior,
 Amy Eberhardt

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

We have finnaly started studying the Bible! Our excitement is almost uncontrollable. We have learned a great deal about the existence of the Trinity at the beginning. Sadly, we may have to suspend our meetings until July. However, June will not be that bad. We are all excited to be getting out of school!

Josh Hager

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10 - 14

DINNER - 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

CLASSES - 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

THEME - "GOOD NEIGHBOR TOURS"

(A guided tour through God's greatest commandment.)

All ages are welcome! Donations of cookies for snacks & small boxes (similar to size of Jiffy Corn Muffin) are needed for crafts. For more information see Sandy Jones or Julie Griffin.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ Emergency Fund from Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle Sunday Morning Bible Study Class in memory of Lee Anna Sproul's Aunt's
- ◆ Power Bill from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ Music Fund from Phyllis Jordan
- ◆ Memorial Fund in memory of Charles Couch's Mother by Ruth Caldwell

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our meeting was held Sunday, May 20th at 8:30 a.m. There were 10 men present to discuss future plans at St. Matthew's for our men's group. Items discussed were Church Family Picnic, Father's Day Booklet, Camp Rockfish Youth Activities and Vacation Bible School Dinner.

Our Church Family Picnic will be held in late Summer. There will be games and food for all ages. We will have more on this later.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th. We are preparing a "Father's Day Booklet" to pay tribute to our Father's. The Camp Rockfish Committee asked for help in sending children to camp for a week. All proceeds from our "Father's Day Booklet" will go to sponsor 5 children to Camp Rockfish in July. Help us make this a worthwhile project!

Fred Rozler and Troy Willoughby will prepare a meal for Vacation Bible School on June 14th. As it stands now, it will be Spaghetti with all the trimmings.

The UMM gave \$100.00 to the Missionary from Argentina who spoke during Bible Study on May 23. Also, thanks to all who contributed to the Covered Dish Dinner.

Now a note to the men who were not at our last meeting. We need your help! Also, take an interest in your church and its activities. Nothing just happens; somebody makes it happen. Have you ever prepared meals for 25 and have only 10 show up? It is discouraging, as well as wasteful. We now meet at 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month to give us a little extra sleep time. If what we are doing is not what you want to do, come and help us change direction. When Jesus, God and Church are important in your life, you will change your priorities. May God bless you for what you have done and what you will do.

Troy Willoughby

HOUSE FOR RENT

Know of someone who needs a good place to live? St. Matthew's has a 2 bedroom, 1 bath house for rent for only \$450.00 per month. It is located at 207 Eucalyptus Road. If you are interested, please call Adella Pray at 864-1207 to see the house or for more information.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Only seven months are remaining for us as UMW to accomplish our goals in 2001. **Wow!** What a busy month we have had in May! Once again, thanks to everyone involved with making our Mother-Daughter Banquet a great success. There are still a few **Mother's Day Booklets** around if you did not get one on Mother's Day. **Thanks** to Glyndetta Hubbard for typing the names on her computer and all those Night Owls who helped assemble them. If you missed your circle meeting, please check with your leader. Each circle has agreed to serve supper one night during **Vacation Bible School** the week of **June 10 - 14**. Your help will be needed!

Summer is quickly approaching, but let's not forget we have one more **UMW General Meeting** on **June 4th** with our Guest Speaker, **Glenda Chandler**. She is a mother, grandmother, wife of a minister, author, semi-retired school personnel, a computer expert and a true child of God in every sense. Come June 4th, bring a salad, and experience an evening of Christian testimony with Glenda Chandler. **See you there!** If you are a "caller" in your circle, please make some calls to remind your women of our June 4th UMW General Meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday, June 4

7:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting - finalize Bazaar

June, July, August & September

Making Crafts for the Bazaar

October, 12 - 13

UMW Bazaar in conjunction with United Methodist Men Barbeque Sale

CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will continue to meet throughout June except for the week of Vacation Bible School on June 13th. Starting on July 4th, we will not meet, then we'll go to an every other week schedule through Labor Day on September 3rd. Watch in the Sunday bulletins and Bellwether for specific dates. Please keep the names and addresses coming. We appreciate all your support.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "Grilled Vegetable Lasagna"

1 box oven ready Lasagna Sheets
1 quart prepared Alfredo Sauce
1/2 lb. Cottage Cheese
1/4 cup Parmesan Cheese
1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella Cheese
1/2 tsp. Garlic Salt
3/4 qt. chopped vegetables (yellow bell pepper, red bell pepper & onions are a must. Other optional vegetables include zucchini, carrots or spinach.)



In lasagna pan (9 x 13) place a layer of Alfredo Sauce, layer of lasagna noodles, layer of cottage cheese, layer of vegetables; sprinkle with Parmesan Cheese and Mozzarella Cheese and repeat process a second time. Add a third layer of Alfredo Sauce, noodles and then another layer of Alfredo Sauce. Cover and bake in oven at 350 degrees F. for 40 minutes then test to see if noodles are tender. If they are tender uncover pan, sprinkle Parmesan Cheese over the top and return to oven for approximately 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and let set for at least 10 - 15 minutes before cutting.

St. Matthew's Web Site

<http://www.stmattnc.org> or <http://stmattnc.org>

Around the 1st of May 2001, St. Matthew's web site moved to a new location. The main reason for the move was that that we were exceeding our space allowance at the old web site. The General Board of Global Ministries provides each Methodist church with up to 5MB of free web space to establish a web presence for the local church. St. Matthew's web site had been located on the GBGM web server since 1996. However, the size of our web content grew rapidly when we began the weekly posting of Dr. Hale's sermons in an audio format.

We now have a commercial web-hosting provider that specializes in Christian web hosting (<http://www.christianwebhost.com/>). The move has increased our available web space from 5MB to 200MB and provided many other services that were not available from the GBGM. We can now provide several weeks of recent audio sermons without concern for space limitations. We have added a Guest Book that we have control over. This is much better than using a free Internet guest book that contains advertising banners. And we have the option of adding other features that we would have total control over. Examples may be things like a chat room or interactive database.

In order to give a better picture of all the activities and ministries in our church, each activity/ministry should establish their own web page. A youth page and a ONE-BY-ONE page were recently set up. There could be pages for the UMYF, UMW (and circles), UMM, Trustees, Thrift Shop and others. To set up a web page, it should work similar to the procedure for submitting articles to the Bellwether. The "webmaster" for the activity/ministry develops the content, which can be hand written or a computer file, and gathers other items such as pictures. The content is provided to the St. Matthew's webmaster, Calvin Rome, to put in web page format and post to the web. Let's show the full picture of the activities and ministries at St. Matthew's UMC by expanding our web site content.

One of the new features that may be very useful is the option of establishing up to 200 email accounts using our web space. If you want a St. Matthew's UMC based email account, just notify the webmaster, Calvin Rome, to set up your account. The email address will be yourname@stmattnc.org. This email account can be configured for use on your own computer like any other Internet email account. It can also be checked from any computer connected to the Internet by using a web browser and accessing the account through the web address: <http://www.stmattnc.org/up>. Upon accessing this web address, you will be prompted to provide your user name and password that was created by the St. Matthew's webmaster. Now members of the church who do not own computers can obtain an email account and then check their email through any friend's computer. A church email account can also be configured to relay mail. For instance, an account can be set up as yourname@stmattnc.org to relay all mail to your real email address of (for example) yourname@worldnet.att.net or yourname@aol.com.

Visit your church's web site today and consider how you can use the web to expand the outreach ministries of St. Matthew's UMC.

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JUNE

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2 March for Jesus-9am Fish Tales Party at Griffin's-12-3pm
3 GRADUATE SUNDAY	4 UMW General Mtg. - 7pm	5 Prayer Group - 7pm	5 Card Ministry - 5pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	7 ← ANNUAL →	8 CONFERENCE →	9 METHODIST →
10 COLLEGE	11 6:00 - 6:30 pm	12 BIBLE	13 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 10:30am CLASSES NO Card Ministry NO Choir Practice	14 SCHOOL 6:30 - 8:00 PM	15 Night Owls go to Moose Lodge - 6pm	16 Jodie Brown Jeff Nance Wedding Fayetteville Community Church - 2pm followed by Reception at Moose Lodge
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EVERY
SUNDAY
SCHEDULE:
9:30 AM
YOUTH
CHOIR
9:45AM
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
(ALL AGES)
11:00AM
WORSHIP
SERVICE
(NURSERY
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