
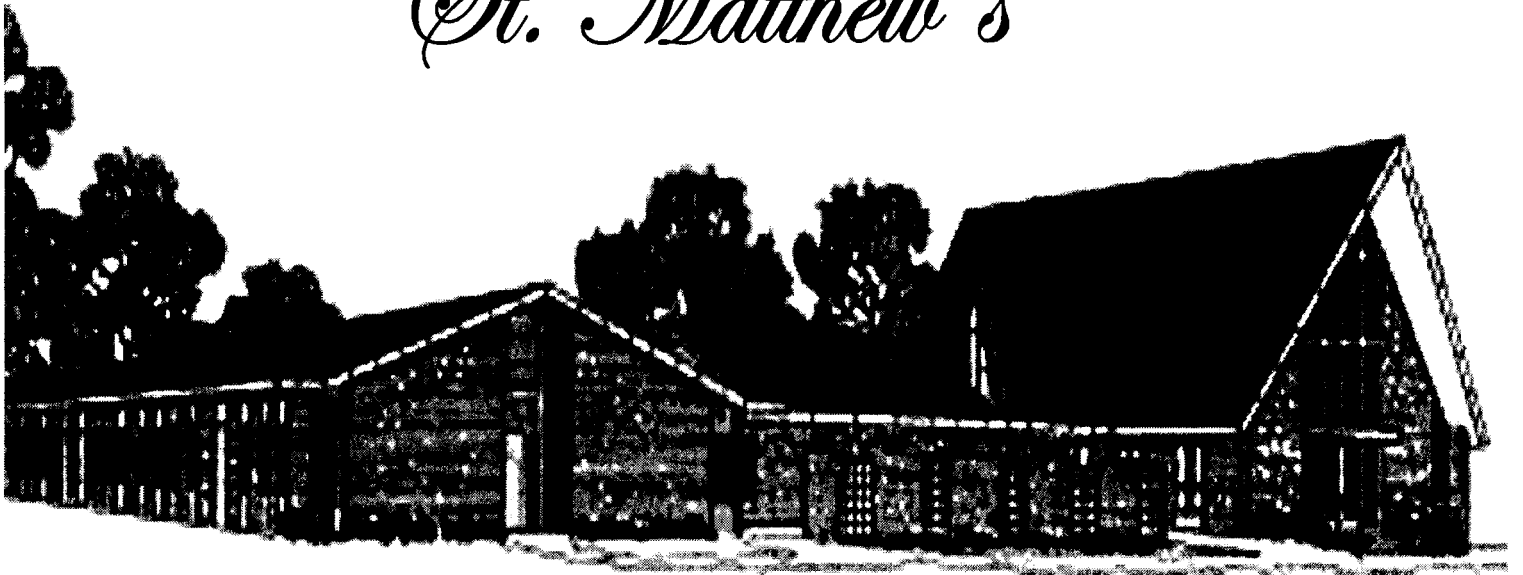
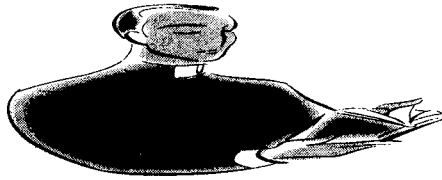


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*A Place to Belong.... A Place to Become....
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EX 8:20 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may **worship** me.

Wow! God made a special effort for us to be able to worship him. He freed us from the tyranny of the world, so I can worship him. What love! I can't wait to go to worship and lift up my praise and thanksgiving with all those others who were made free to worship him.

While we are exhorted throughout the Bible to worship our God, we sometimes take it to be an option. "Well, if I'm not too busy, too tired, have too many people at my house, too into my vacation, I'll go to worship service this Sunday." Most of us cannot imagine a Sunday without being in church. While others are not so faithful.

I think we look at worship like we do work or school. "I'd sure like a day off from work/school/worship." "Yeah, it's summer! I don't have to go to school/worship."

Ex 23:25 **Worship** the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, 26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span."

Oh, I do have so much to be thankful for. There are so many blessings in my daily life that I cannot wait to worship God and say, "Thank you." I count it a blessing to be able to go into his sanctuary and worship him.

PS 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; **worship** the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Yes, Lord, your name is set above all others. You loved us so much you came down from heaven to show us your unconditional love. How can we thank you? How can we repay you for your constant interaction in our lives? I can't wait to go to worship, so that I can give to you all the glory you deserve.

REV 14:6 "Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

From beginning to end, the Bible tells us to worship our LORD. Yes, Lord. I do hear you knocking. Yes Lord, I do hear you calling me by name. Come Lord Jesus. Come.

Come dear Christians. Come. Come worship your God. Don't be so busy or preoccupied or at rest that you fail to come to worship God.

Know God's love. Know the joy that comes from gathering the church together to worship him and to give him the glory he deserves. Know the joy that comes from sharing his love with all you meet.

Marc



Did You Know???

Did you know that Pam and Barry Gallimore are the Chairpersons of our Worship Committee? They make sure our sanctuary is ready for worship on Sunday morning. If the altar colors need to be changed, they change them. They are responsible for the acolytes and to make sure they are trained on how and when to take the cross and light the candles on the alter. (Wow how beautiful they make it for us) Pam made the nail crosses and Palm crosses we were blessed with at Easter. They prepare the elements for Communion and ready the Baptismal Font for Baptisms. On the fifth Sunday they plan programs after our Fellowship dinners.

As if

that is not enough they both have fulltime jobs! Pam works at the County Board Of Education and Barry works for the County at the Bus Maintenance Shop. They have two children at home, Laura and Jacob and one young adult, Justin. Barry and Pam both sing on the Praise Team and Barry sings in the choir and controls the sound system. Just one more thing for each! Pam is also our financial secretary and Barry serves on the Board of Trustees. We are fortunate they serve in our church and are such willing servants for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pam and Barry we love you and thank you very much.

Thrift Shop

By

Julie Griffin

Have you noticed the new appearance at the Thrift Shop? The new windows make the difference. These new windows will keep cold out during the winter and heat out during the summer. Speaking of summer, it is almost here, school will be out and the regular help will be going on vacation and we need replacements during this time. Please, if you could give 4 hours one day a week or month please contact me, Julie Griffin at 425-4269. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday is from 10:00 to 2:00 and 10:00 to 4:00 on Friday. Monday is a workday and you will be most welcomed to help price and stock the shelves. You just might enjoy the fellowship with the other workers and get a few bargains in the process. The Thrift Shop makes many donations to church programs and to community outreach. Contributions from the Thrift shop enabled the roof project to get a good start. I invite you to become a part of the Thrift Shop Ministry. A few hours of your time will enable us to continue the ministry in the community.

Just give me a call 425-4269!!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16 through 20, are the dates for 2008 Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's UMC. Every night begins with dinner at 6:00 pm for ages 0-99. We then go off to the sanctuary at 6:30 for songs, Bible lesson, and a visit from Chaddar. At 7:00 the adults will gather for the Bible Study "God is Closer than You Think" while the kids break off in three categories.

We've got the *Squeaky Beakers* for pre K, K, and 1st grade; the *Neon Neutrons* for 2nd & 3rd graders; and the *Brainyaks* for 4th & 5th graders all Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power with Sonic Song, Test Tube Lab Crafts, Daily Challenges, and the UMYF is helping with Hyper-speed Games.

Pastor Marc will be leading the adult Bible study: God is Closer Than You Think. This is one of the most **EXCITING and REWARDING** studies you will ever have the opportunity to be involved in.

This is a week you don't want to miss. **Plan NOW** to be there and invite your friends and neighbors and their friends and neighbors!

COOKS DURING VBS

MONDAY:

FFF will be stirring up Sloppy Joe's

TUESDAY:

The Ruth /Ethel Smith Circle "mex"ing up Taco's

WEDNESDAY:

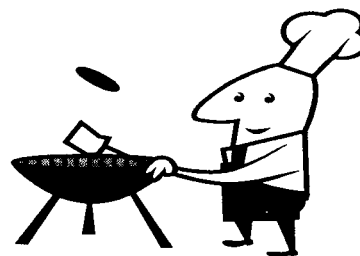
The Night Owl Circle is "WHOOOOO"ing something special

THURSDAY:

UMM with the ever popular Italian night with Spaghetti

FRIDAY:

The UMYF will close the week with a cookout celebration for everyone and their families.

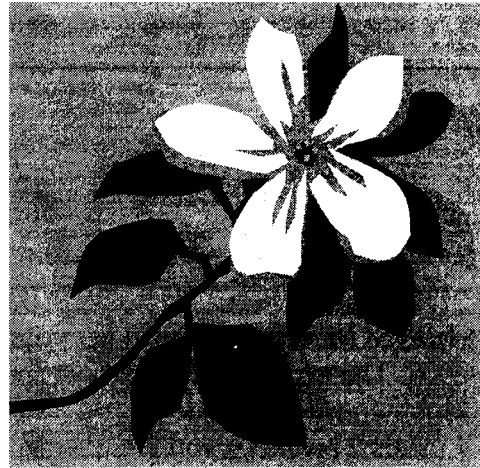


YOUR TIDE OF LOVE

Your tide of love flows on our
Shore.
and gentle waves refresh, restore.
You touch our lives beyond the
shoals
with faith to harbor in our souls.
The smile of God shines on each
crest:
The rhythmic breakers calm our
stress:
the waters dance and clap their
hands,
then run to us across the sands.
And when we see your tide recede
and flow to meet some other need,
the treasure you have brought
ashore
Remain to bless us ever more

—**David A Robb**

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Dalton, GA



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF GOD'S KIDS

A mother scolded her young son for being so unruly and the boy rebelled. He got some of his clothes, his teddy bear and his piggy bank and proudly announced, "I'm running away from home!"

The mother calmly asked, "What if you get hungry?"

"Then I'll come home and eat!" the boy replied.

"What if you run out of money?" she asked.

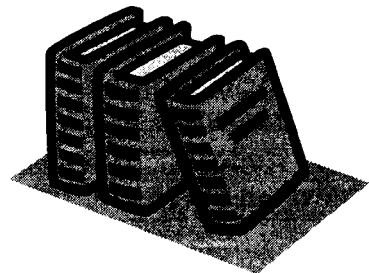
"I'll come home and get some!"

"What if your clothes get dirty?" she asked.

"Then I'll come home and let you wash them."

The mother shook her head and told her concerned Husband, who had come in to see what the hassle was about; This kid is not running away from home—he's going to college."

—**from the Joyful Noiseletter**





Trip To Myrtle Beach

Hello St Matthews, time to get your reservations in to go to Myrtle Beach on November 10th, 2008. The trip will be for 3 days and 2 nights. Transportation provided by Diamond Tours on Motor coach to include:

4 meals 2 breakfast and 2 dinners. The magnificent LE Grande Cirque at the Palace Theater One Dinner Show Dolly Patron's Dixie Stampede Dinner Show, Visit to Broadway at the Beach (for some Shopping).

Visit **Beautiful Brookgreen Gardens** and Barefoot Landing (more shopping).

The total trip will be \$339.00. It will start at 8:00 on Monday November 10 and return on Wednesday night.

\$ 75.00 will be needed to reserve your place.

30 people will be needed to book the trip...so hurry and make your plans to go. Invite your friends for this entertaining trip .A good time to fellowship and visit with friends while enjoying a safe, cozy trip.

If you book and are unable to go, insurance may be purchase for a minimal amount from Diamond Tours to guard your investment, secure your luggage and provide medical needs, should they arise... Want to know more get a brochure from the church office.

Call Julie Griffin for more information and to book your trip!

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To lead is to struggle: In a world such as we know it, to choose the path of leadership is to be on a collision course with conflict.....Leighton Ford, Transforming Leadership
.....

A STUDENT OF THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Resurrection is not just a story about a dead man who got up and walked. It is the story of a mystery so compelling that it has changed and challenged minds for generations.... Someone said to a college professor, "I understand John Jones was one of your students.....The professor answered, "He may have sat in my classes, but he was not one of my students." It is one thing to sit in the sanctuary; it is quite anther thing to be a student of the risen Christ.

Rev. Felix A Lorenz, Jr.

The Christian Church, Dearborn Heights, MI





Outreach May Newsletter:

Happy June to everyone! Another month has quickly gone by. Before we know it, it will be Christmas again! The outreach committee continues to be busy reaching out to the community. We have begun advertising to the community for Vacation Bible School. You will see us in the newspaper, on our sign, a banner is hung in front of the church, and the youth will be handing out invitations to the local neighborhood. We need your help too! Please support our Vacation Bible School by attending and inviting guests. It will be for all ages, so the more the merrier! It will be held June 16-20, from 6:00-8:30. It will be good food, fun, fellowship, and learning about our Lord.

Our food pantry continues to be a great success. Currently, the pantry is pretty well stocked, but we always need your help! Please continue to support the church food pantry. I would like to thank the ladies that keep the food pantry up and running. This leads me into a new activity that the Outreach committee is beginning: "The Did You Know of St. Matthew's". This is going to be a monthly recognition of the wonderful outreach activities that go on in our church and the faithful people who are behind these activities. You will be seeing a special recognition of these individuals, a little bit about them, and how they outreach in our church. The Outreach committee is excited about this project because it will give us a chance to show you how much our church does outreach to the community.

I hope everyone has a great month and I would like to thank everyone who supports the activities that go on in our church!! Until next month, **God Bless!!**

Amanda Call

The Hard Questions About Sunday School

Which gets you more excited: a sports event, or a Sunday School event?

Which is where you think you might find discussions that can bring you closer to Jesus: at Sunday School with other disciples, or watching television by yourself?

Which do you talk about most with friends and colleagues: issues you heard Jesus talk about at Sunday School, or the gaff some politician or Hollywood idol just came out with.

Which are you most likely to invite someone to: meet you for a meal, or meet you for Sunday School.

Which are you most likely to read throughout the week: the newspaper, text messages or the Bible and your Sunday School lesson?

Which has more priority in your life: Sunday School, or having a lazy morning. There is a saying; the things you complain about most often within the church are usually the things God is calling you to do. Is He calling you to come to Sunday School? Or is it more? Is He calling you to TEACH? Pray about it—you might be surprised!

.....
We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to devote ourselves to the good deeds for which God has designed us." (Ephesians 2.10)
.....

NURTURE

We have a lot of exciting events coming up at St Matthews so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. **June 6, 2008** is Graduation Sunday. We will honor Heather Shackelford who is graduating from Cape fear High School. June 16-20 we will have vacation bible school for all ages from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening. **On June 29, 2008** starting at 6:00 pm we will have a covered dish dinner followed by musical guests **TR and the Boys**. **June 30-July 3** are the dates for day camp. We need adult volunteers to help supervise and drive. Contact Sandy Jones or Amanda Call if you would like to help.

MAY YOUTH LETTER

During the month of may we didn't seem to have a chance to really get out and do much. It was an extremely hectic month for several of the youth plus prior plans that Ms. Amanda and Mr. Doug had, but we did get several meetings in where we had some time to fellowship with one another and to learn more about our faith through are devotion time. If you haven't noticed we have gotten our bulletin boards up and running with new pictures of what we been doing.

We are planning several fund raisers for the year because we are trying to plan a weekend trip to Myrtle Beach this summer so we can all work on a good suntan and also we are looking forward to the winter where we are planning a ski trip up north. Our first fund raiser will be on the 1st of June after church. We will have a donation spaghetti luncheon and after the meal you will have a chance to buy the youth members for any types of odd jobs you might have around the house. This will be a first "Youth Labor Auction" . Additionally we are still collecting aluminum cans, so please remember to save your cans and bring them to the church. Also remind your neighbors and coworkers about recycling it not only helps us to raise a few dollars but helps our environment. We would like to Thank Mr. Troy for crushing our cans and turning them in for us every month.

Finally, we just want to thank everyone in the congregation for there support.

Youth Secretary,

Reena Stone

.....**God has a brand new future for us, we need to keep moving forward.....**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2—David Norris
3—Grace Bland
12—Rhonda Miller
14—Anne Alred
15—Troy Willoughby
16—Doug Stone
19—Jewel Sharpe
21—Peter Rome
Glen Warbis



PRAYERS:

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED, "NOW, JOHNNY, TELL ME, DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," HE REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE TO, MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!"

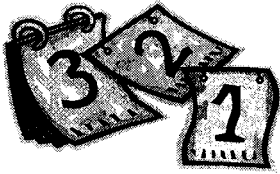


RUTH /ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE met May 14, 2008. Thirteen attended. Remember ones unable to come and sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY SPAKES. Minutes read from last meeting and treasurer's report given. Voted and agreed on mission for fund. Connie Knight and Marie Parker were hosts. This will be our last meeting until we meet again In September. So please try and come to lunch at Sammio's.

**LOLA SMITH
Chairperson**

——The problem is not that God hasn't spoken, but that we haven't listened.——

(God is preparing us for What God is preparing for us.)



YESTERDAY, TOMORROW AND TODAY

There are three days in the week about which I never worry. One is yesterday: Yesterday with its cares and worries, pains and aches, its mistakes and failures, has passed forever beyond my recall. It was mine, now it is God's

The second is tomorrow: Tomorrow with all its possible blunders, its burdens, its dangers, and promises, is as far removed from me as its dead sister, yesterday. Tomorrow is also God's, because it is still in his keeping.

There is left for myself one day in the week. Today. anyone can carry the burdens or resist the temptations of one day. It is only when we add the burdens of those two eternities, yesterday and tomorrow that we break under the pressure of daily living. It isn't the experiences of today that bring frustration. It is the remorse for what happened yesterday, and the fear of what tomorrow might bring. These are God's days. Let's leave them to Him.

Submitted By
Pegi Lineberger

**..... If Christ lives in us, controlling our personalities, we will leave glorious marks on the lives we touch. Not because of our lovely characters, but because of His
—Eugenia Price**

DON'T HIDE YOUR JOY

My friends, do not be afraid to let God see
Your joy and your wonder at all His works,' And let
The people around you see it, too.
“ God raised Jesus from the dead and conquered death.
“Come to church and celebrate.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.”

—Rev. John Bolton
Atlanta, Ga in the Anglican Digest
From the Joyful Noiseletter

SIGNS & WONDERS

Sign outside Covenant Moravian Church, York, Pa

Life is happiest when were on good terms.”

God

—via Pastor Dean Jurgen

CHANGED LIVES PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

More than 2,000 years later, we we're still spreading the Message that Christ lives. Long after the books like The Da Vinci Code and The Jesus Family Tomb go out of print, the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection will continue making an impact on people around the world. The early disciples didn't need a modern day PR machine to convince people that they had seen the risen Lord. Their changed lives were evidence enough that something earthshaking had happened.

“The most convincing evidence of the resurrection is not likely to be found in some Jerusalem cave, but in the transformed lives of those still encountering the risen Christ.

—Eva Stimson, Editor
in Presbyterians Today

FIRST TIME USHERS:

A LITTLE BOY IN CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME WATCHED AS THE USHERS PASSED AROUND THE OFFERING PLATES. WHEN THEY CAME NEAR HIS PEW, THE BOY SAID LOUDLY, "DON'T PAY FOR ME DADDY. I'M UNDER FIVE."

**To Lead is to struggle:
in a world such as ours, in history
as we know it, to choose the path of
leadership is to be on a collision course
with conflict.**

**—Leighton Ford
Transforming Leadership**

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Your prayer on earth activates God's power in heaven, and "God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven.".....

GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

The central promise in the Bible is not "I will forgive you." The most frequent promise is "I will be with You."

Once you see God in an ordinary moment at an ordinary place, you never know where he'll show up next.

The soul is pierced by beauty and suffering. But each moment that we live outside the awareness of God's presence is a kind of sleepwalking. Paul wrote, "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Spiritual growth, in a sense, is simply increasing our capacity to experience the presence of God.

This will be our Adult Vacation Bible School class this year. This is a wonderful Bible study that you will not soon forget. The bible is filled with examples of an intimate God, a God keenly interested in connecting with ordinary people. This class will reveal the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. John Ortberg shows you God's hand stretching toward you. He illustrates the ways in which you can reach toward God in return and complete the connection — to your joy and his.

Mark your calendar for this bible study! You will be so glad you did. Bring your friends and your neighbors. GOD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

Know God's love and the joy of sharing his love with others.

The UMM met 0830 am on Sunday 20 May 08. Pastor Marc gave the invocation, and thanked everyone for attending. (there were 23 present) Lloyd and Bill made breakfast, thanks Lloyd for being part of the "I'M CALLING ON YOU MINISTRY". I will be "calling" for our next months cooks soon and thanks in advance.

After reading a "Thank you" card from the Linebergers', Calvin gave the devotion:
"A STORY FROM THE STRENGTH IN MINISTRY BOOKLET".

After our great breakfast and devotion, Our vice-president, Dave Norris, opened the meeting in absence of our president, Andy Hewitt, who is recovering at home. Andy, know our prayers are with you and your family and we hope to see you back soon. (Thanks Dave for filling in for Andy)

The UMW sent us a thank you card for the Mothers' Day service. You are welcome, it was our pleasure and the least we could have done for our wonderful mothers here at St. Matthews and in our community. Happy Mothers' Year !!!!!

The minutes were discussed and approved from last month. The treasurer, Troy Willoughby gave the financial report and went over the income/expenditures regarding the UMM account. The report was approved.

New Business:

1) Lynwood brought up "clean up/auction day", Saturday, 24 May @ 8am. By the time is newsletter comes out this event will be done, thanks to everyone involved, Church beautification looks GREAT !!!!!

2) A request was made that the UMM prepare dinner/supper during VBS (Jun 16-20). The UMM will prepare the meal on Thursday 19 June 2008 @ 6pm. Thanks, Troy, Dave, Charles, Jack S, Santos and Bill (anyone else I may miss) for volunteering to help with this meal.

3) Discussion was made in regard to Fathers' Day Service and the Fathers' Day Booklet. Sunday, 15 June 2008. More information will be coming out soon or by contacting Calvin, thanks Calvin for taking this project on. Be sure to honor/memory that special "DAD" in your life. HAPPY FATHERS'DAY

NOTEWORTHY: Church wide Picnic (@St Matthews) Saturday, Sept 27th
Homecoming: Sunday, Sept 28th

Andy welcomes new and old ideas alike, if you need to speak with Andy you may call him at 910-717-5057.

REMINDERS:

June Communion members: Bill & Maria Stackhouse
Santos & Hilda Pena
Troy Willoughby & Raymond Gray
*Alt: Calvin Rome

Thanks UMM for volunteering for this great ministry, the feedback that is being received in regards to the Communion Ministry is overwhelmingly positive and it brings the UMM great joy in being able to provide this ministry. If you know of anyone who would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Calvin Rome or the church office.

June Ushers: *Bob Lambert James DeBruhl

Kenneth Merritt Frank Bagley
*Head Usher and UMM representative at Nurture meeting

We hope to see all the men of the church at our next meeting, which will be Sunday, 15 June 2008 at 0830 am. We are trying to fill the fellowship hall with men for our UMM meeting next month so, bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even a stranger to share in a great breakfast and fun fellowship. Just a reminder, we welcome the men of the church (member or not) to join us for United Methodist Men each month, even if it has been awhile since we have seen you, come, fellowship and break bread (or biscuit) with the other men of the church.

Please check out the UMM Board located in the front hallway for valuable information, upcoming events and member information.

REMEMBER: Smile, God Loves You
Talk with you soon,

Respectfully submitted by Bill Stackhouse, UMM Secretary





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Youth Luncheon 12:15 Fayetteville Lay Conference Meeting 3-5 PM	2.	3. Prayer Ministry 6 PM Worship 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	4 Card Ministry 5PM	5	6	7
8 Finance 8:30 AM /Outreach 9:00 Graduation Recognition 11:00 Choir Practice 12:15 UMYF 4 PM Witness 5 PM	9 UMW 6:15 PM	10 Prayer Ministry 6 PM Worship 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:15 PM	11 Annual Conference 11-14 Card Ministry 5 PM	12 Night Owls 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 VBS—6:00-8:30	17 VBS—6:00-8:30	18 Ruth /Ethel Smith Circle 11 AM VBS—6:00-8:30	19	2	21
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29 5th Sunday Fellowship 5:00	30					

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