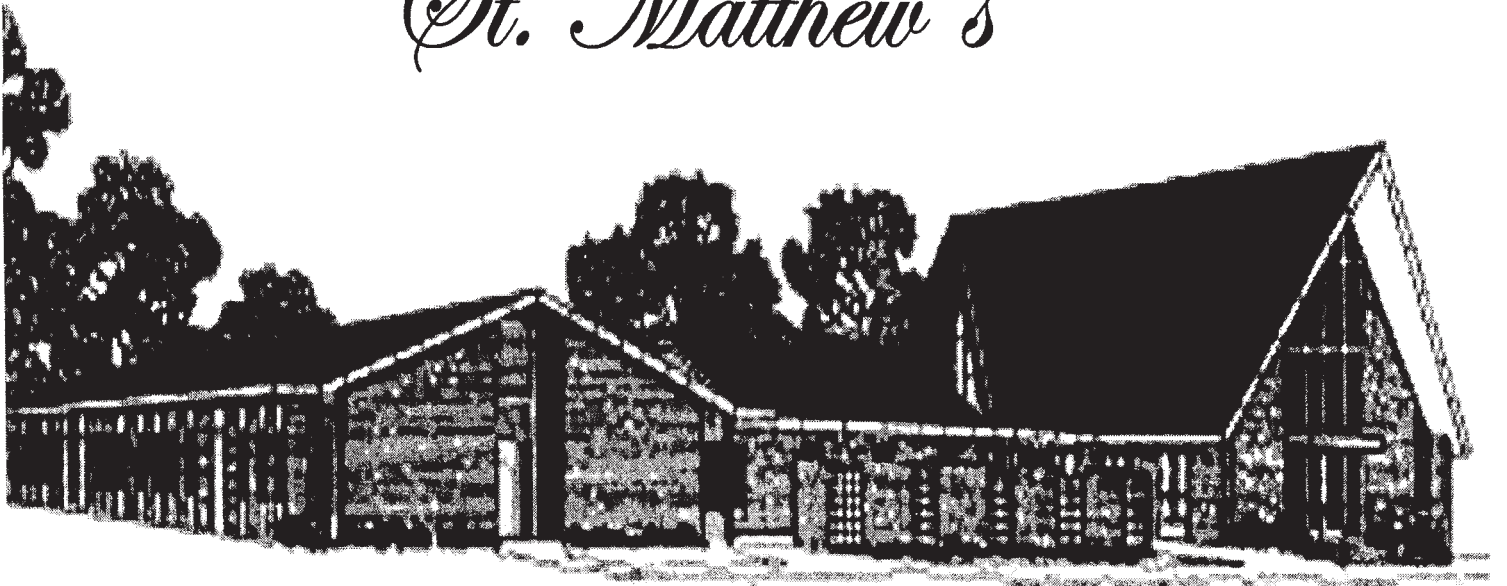


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*A Place to Belong.... A Place to Become....  
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I hope that some of you are feeling a little different lately and cannot put your finger on just what it is. Well, I asked Mary to take 3x5 cards and put three families from our roster on each card. Then I asked a few sweet Christians if they would take a card and pray for the families on that card, by name and each individually, every single day for a month. Each person I asked agreed to do it. So there are about 18 of you so far who has had some one lifting you personally up in prayer for a month now. More and more people will be given an opportunity to take a card and pray for those on the card every single day. Eventually we will have everybody on our roster being prayed for every single day. That will be exciting! Think of the possibilities! What marvelous things God will bring to our attention through the mystery of the Holy Spirit drawing, leading, empowering us as we become a praying church.

As we begin to pray more and spend more time listening to Our Father in heaven, we will grow in spirit and become spiritual leaders in our own right. Let me give you a “Spiritual Leader Checklist” for you to ponder over and work toward being revived in the spirit.

I say grace before every meal.

I set aside a time to pray each day.

At least once a week, I pray out loud with another person.

I read at least one verse of scripture every day.

I attend worship at our church at least three times a month.

At least twice a month I meet with a group of people so we can pray, reflect on Scripture, and build one another up (a small group, a Sunday school class, a prayer group).

I take communion at least once a month.

At least once a month I give of myself to others (service to others).

As part of every meeting, we spend 10 – 15 minutes praying together and reflecting a Scripture passage.

I support my church financially each month.

Which of these are the most attractive to you? Which of these practices can you add to the ones you are already doing? What areas do you see you need to improve? Do you want to grow in spirit and become, by your witness, a spiritual leader?

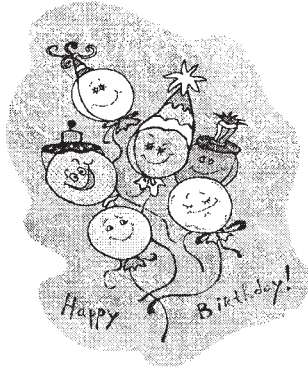
Know God’s love and the joy of sharing his love with others.

*Marc*

# JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

- 1-Randy Lytle
- 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  
Alice Kornegay
- 25-Kimberly Clark



## USHERS

- Frank Bagley
- Bob Lambert
- James Debruhl
- Kenneth Merritt

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**Most people prefer sermons that go  
over their heads and hit their neighbors!**

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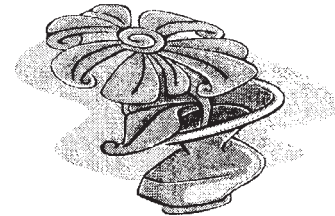
## LAY READERS

- 7-Gail Terwilliger
- 14-Open
- 21-Father's Day (UMW)
- 28-Open

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**"I never read in the Bible where God retired  
anybody" (Billy Graham)**

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## FLOWERS

- 7-Open
- 14-Mrs. Margaret Walter  
By Ruth Caldwell
- 21-Open
- 28-Open



## KNOW THE GOD YOU PRAY TO

Before you begin each day's reading of the Word, begin with prayer. You may find it necessary to read verses before and or after the selected verses so that you can understand what the scripture is saying. Ask questions of the text, i.e. "What does this say about God? What does it say about me? What does it say about my relationship with my God?"

### June 1-6

Acts 2.1-4  
John 14.25-31  
2 Corinthians 12.1-10  
Luke 24.44-45  
Ephesians 3.20-21  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11

### June 7-13

Isaiah 6.1-8  
John 17.11-24  
Matthew 18.15-20  
John 10.22-30  
Romans 12.3-5  
Ephesians 2.11-21  
Galatians 3.23-29

### June 14-20

1 Samuel 3.1-10  
Acts 2.14-21  
Acts 4.1-12  
Acts 4.13-22  
Acts 4.23-31  
Acts 4.32-37  
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

### June 21-27

1 Samuel 8.4-11, 16-20  
Acts 1.21-26  
1 Samuel 16.1-13  
Matthew 4.18-22  
Acts 6.1-6  
Exodus 18.13-27  
Acts 16.11-15

### June 28-30

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13  
Acts 2.37-42  
Luke 3.10-14  
Hebrews 10.32-39

**The Christian is tallest when on his knees.**



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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

John Bell

## THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM met on Sunday, 17 May 2009 @ 0830hrs in the fellowship hall at St. Matthews. There were 15 men present. If there are any men that would like to come and join in fun, fellowship and a business meeting for the men of the church, we welcome you. The UMM meeting is the 3rd Sunday of each month at 0830 hrs. Even if you have joined with us before and its been awhile, it would be great seeing you.

After prayer from pastor marc, our President, Charles Lucas opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked our cooks, Bill S. and Lloyd M., for a great breakfast, Bill S. gave the devotion "How Do You Want To Be Remembered?". The minutes and treasures report were read from last months meeting and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1) The UMM Donation Bingo that was held on Sat, 16 May 09 went very well and we appreciate everyone for their support. Through the Bingo players donations, we raised \$150.00 to help support St. Matthews Outreach ministries. Exactly what ministry will be supported will be announced at a later date. Thanks again for everyone who turned out to support UMM Bingo, we will be having another UMM Bingo soon, date to be announced. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Dave N. made a motion to send a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the UMM Foundation in support of Scouting Administration. Lloyd M. seconded the motion, after discussion, the motion passed.

2) Bill made a motion for \$100.00 to be sent for 20 copies of "Strength for Service to God and Country" for service members. These booklets will be sent overseas and will have a note stating that these booklets are donated by the UMM of St. Matthews UMC. Dave N. seconded the motion, after discussion the motion passed.

3) Bill made a motion that \$100.00 be donated to support the Hawaiian Luau that will be held on June 13, 2009 at the Griffins' house. Troy seconded the motion, after verbally asking each member, the motion passed. For more information on this event, see the bulletin board or the Sunday bulletin.

4) The Fathers' Day Booklet is in full swing. If you would like to Honor/In Memory a father or a special man that has been a part of your life, please add their name to this annual booklet. The cost is only \$1.00 per name and the proceeds will go to support UMM Ministries. Just fill out the bulletin insert and along with your fee put it in the offering plate, if more info is needed please see Bill S. or Charles L. Cut-off date for name addition will be 14 June 2009.

5) Just a heads up !!!!!!!

The UMM annual Bar-B-Q will be held late September 2009. More information will be coming out soon. If you would like to help with this event, please see Charles L. Tickets prices are going to remain the same as last year, \$6.00 a big plate. Here is a great way to say thanks to someone and they won't have to cook that day. More information will be coming out soon.

**The Usher schedule** for June is as follows:\*Frank Bagley - Head Usher Bob Lambert, James DeBruhl, Kenneth Merritt. Thanks, gentlemen for volunteering to Usher and ensuring that we all enjoy a safe, secure service.

**The communion teams for June are:** Santos P. & Lloyd M., Dave N. & Charles L., Bill & Maria S.

We have had great feedback on Communion Ministry and everyone involved receives a special feeling for being able to provide this ministry to our shut-ins and we appreciate everyone's help with communion ministry, again, if you would like to become a part of this wonderful service or know anyone who would like to receive communion, contact Bill or the church office. **Charles L and Dave N. will cook breakfast for next months meeting. Thanks guys for volunteering to make breakfast for the UMM, your help and talents are greatly appreciated.**

THAT IS ALL, UNTIL NEXT MONTH, TAKE CARE AND KNOW THAT **GOD LOVES YOU** AND SO DO WE. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 17 MAY 2009, 0830 HRS. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH. COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT BREAKFAST AND FUN FELLOWSHIP AS WE DO GODS' WORK.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Bill Stackhouse, UMM Secretary**

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop needs you! We need your donation true, but we need you to become a part of the mission and operation. This summer would be a perfect opportunity. Many of our faithful workers will be on vacation and we need individuals to fill in during these times. We also need workers during the year. On Monday we have a work day . Tuesday though Saturday we open at 10:00 closing at 2:00, except Friday we close at 4:00. Please call me, Julie Griffin at 425-4269 to schedule a time for you to work. This is a wonderful way to fellowship , be in mission in the community and to meet new people.

This year we have contributed clothing to a downtown mission on Wilmington Rd. We have donated money to the Care Clinic, Better Health, Methodist Children's Home, Salvation Army, Battered Women's Shelter and many more community charities.

For our church we have assisted with the roof, the new iron work in the prayer garden , mailing of the Christmas Shoe boxes , Money for the van rental and several other projects. Come support the work of the church through the gift of your hands and heart in services with and to others. As you read this , know I have prayerfully submitted to God the request your heart will be touched to reach out and make the difference.

## OUTREACH NEWS

Happy June everyone! Summer is right around the corner! Time to get outside and fellowship! The Outreach committee continues to be busy little workers coming up with ideas to outreach to the community. During our May meeting, we discussed, "How about reaching out to our congregation?" And that is what we are doing!! On June 13, from 4-7 pm, the Outreach committee will be hosting a church wide Hawaiian Luau at Lynwood and Julie Griffin's house. This Luau is for all St. Matthew's attendees. If you plan to attend, we ask that you bring a swimsuit and towel for swimming, sunscreen, a lawn chair, and a side dish or dessert. Most of all, bring a friend or your neighbor. Directions to the Griffin's home will be available in the church bulletin. This will be a great time to have fun, fellowship, and get to know members of our congregation. What a fun and easy way to invite a friend to a church function! And just maybe, they will want to "hang 10" with us again!! Please see me or Julie Griffin for any questions concerning the Luau.

We will also be hosting a CPR training course for anyone who would like to attend. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway on the church bulletin board. A date, the CPR training will be held, will be announced. Along with the Luau and CPR training, we will have more fun and learning activities for the congregation in the future months.

Wow, did you ever think that Outreach could be so fun? That is the Outreach committee's vision is to reach out to others in our congregation and community with Christianity, love, and healthy wellbeing, while having fun at it! Have a great June and see you at the Luau!

With God's Love,  
Amanda Call

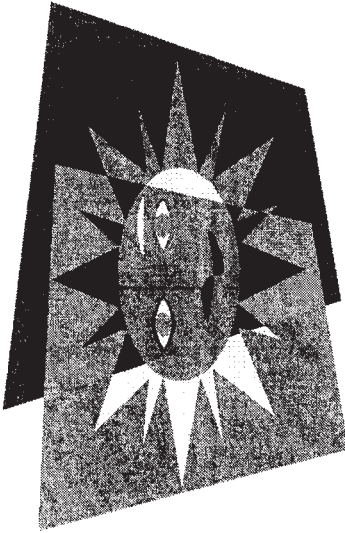
## DID YOU KNOW

This month the Outreach Committee sat down with Steven and Lisa Davis (we all know them as the young couple that sits on the right side with the two beautiful children) for a moment to learn a little bit more about two of the newest members of St. Matthews, UMC. Steven and Lisa have been married for 5 years and have an anniversary coming up next month, June 5th, so congrats early you two on number 6, we all wish you the very best and many more happy years together, God Bless. They do have two wonderful children, Jacob who is 3 1/2 years and Elizabeth, 18 months, Jacob is already in preschool at Lafayette Baptist. Steven and Lisa loves their children very much and loves that they are surrounded by good influences, they live for their children, (it is great listening to them talk about their children, you can tell they are very proud parents) Steven and Lisa went to high school together and through their parents Navy careers, they met and got married in 2003. They chose to move to Fayetteville, NC in 2006, because it is a centralized point for their families. Steven is from Virginia, raised in the Methodist Church and Lisa was born in Hawaii, raised in the Catholic Church.

Steven works for Fed Ex, we all know how hectic that job is and Lisa is a stay at home Mom, (she states that she doesn't work), **yea right**, we all know how hectic that "job" is as well. You can always find pasta in their fridge as well as milk, (wonder why) Coke and Dr. Pepper. Steven also says he loves Italian food.

They attended St. Matthews for a period of time while looking for a church home and went to another church for a few Sundays. They came back to "us" because of the family orientated congregation and have been attending ever since, they say they just love our congregation, we thank you and we love you all as well.

Well that about wraps up the "sit down" with the Davis's, Steven kind of lives by the New Hampshire motto, "Live Free or Die" and Lisa lives for her children, just the few minutes spent with these two, you could tell they love each other very much and that their wonderful children are their lives. (Great to hear) They are looking forward to being involved with our activities and programs here at St. Matthews, so when you see Steven or Lisa, be sure and say hi. We are glad that you all chose us as your church family and we look forward to serving God with you. Thanks for your time and remember God Loves You.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Children's Choir 9:30AM Choir Practice 12:15PM	8 Outreach 6:30PM	9 Prayer Ministry 6PM Worship Service 6:30PM Bible Study 7:15PM	10 Ruth/Ethel Smith 11AM Card Ministry 5PM Praise Team Practice 6:30 Annual Conference	11 Night Owls 7PM	12	13 Hawaiian LUHU Annual Conference
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