
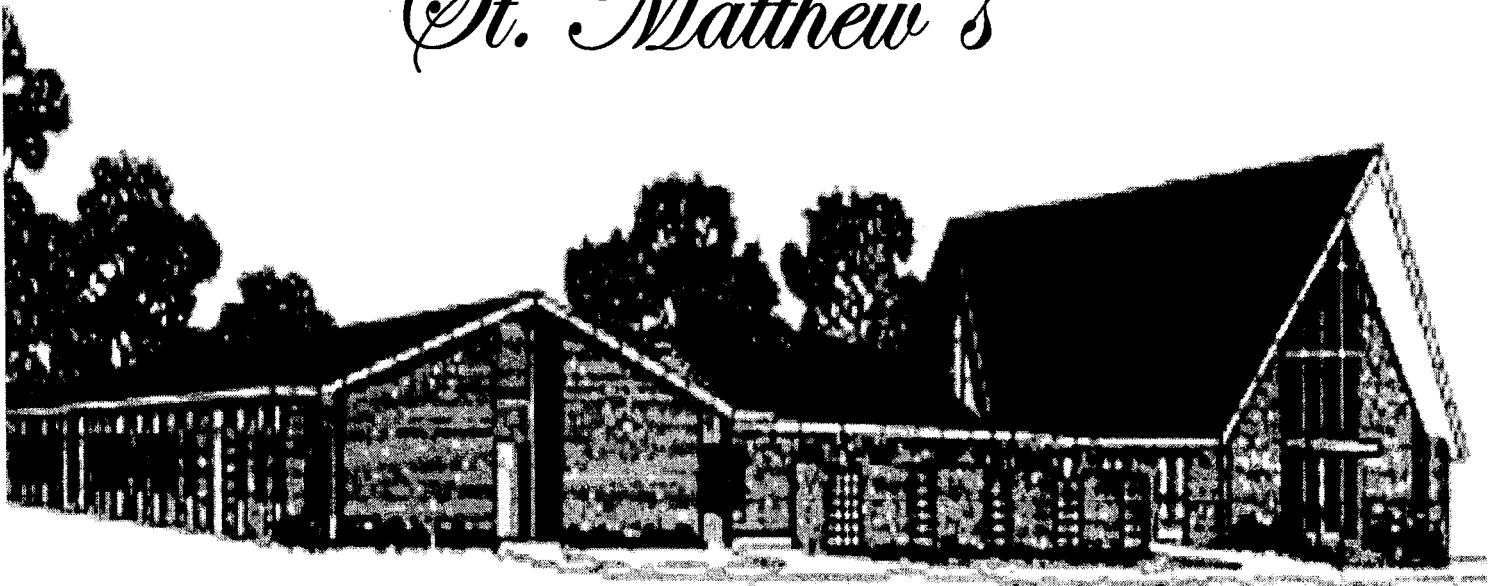


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A Place to Belong... A Place to Become...
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“Our Father, who art in heaven...Give us this day our daily bread...”

Have you ever really thought about what The Lord’s Prayer says to us? What does starting the prayer with, “Our father, which art in heave...” say about God? Well, he is our father. He lives in heaven, but I know he is close to me wherever I am.

PS 139:7 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”

Because he is in heaven and sits on the throne of all of creation, all that is known and all that is not known, he is a powerful father who is able to speak creation into being. And yet I know him to be a loving, giving father.

Mt. 7:11 “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

I could go on and on, but I leave that for you to contemplate. Take a piece of paper and pencil and write down what that first phrase of the Lord’s Prayer says about God, what it says about you, and what it says about your relationship with God.

Then we come to the part that says, “Give us this day our daily bread...” We ask God to wake us up new and refreshed in his love each and every day. We also pause here to recognize our faith in him to provide for our every need, one day at a time.

Ex. 16:15b-16 “Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’ ”

They were to gather no more than they needed for the day. On the day before the Sabbath, though, they were to gather two days worth so that they could honor the Sabbath. God provided for the Israelites in every way while they wandered around the desert. Not even their shoes wore out.

PS 23:1 “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want...”

What am I trying to say? I want to remind you that, “God is good. All the time.” “All the time. God is good.” He promises us to provide all that we need. He tells us not to worship other God’s; like money, sleeping in on Sunday morning, our jobs, etc. He begs us, Jn.15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Sweet Christians, even through these historic economic times, God is in our midst. He will provide our daily bread. Don’t be afraid to honor God with your prayers, your presence, your service, your gifts, and your witness.

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

Marc

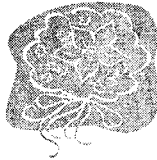
Make this pledge with me. Father, I commit my future, and the meaning
And significance of my life to you. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit Amen.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

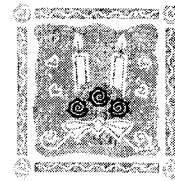
JULY

1-Hilda Pena
4-Jacob Gallimore
 Jeff Brown
5-Marie Parker
6-Gail Terwilliger
7-Peggy Williams
10-Gertrude Schultz
11-Wayne Everts
 Christie Khondaker
18-Verena Wright
 Lisa Davis
20-Jack Spakes
29-Juli Pray
 Wendy Johnson
 Cynthia Rogers
30-Vicki Powell



AUGUST

2-Dave Dominic
6-Christy Rome
 Dakota Haggerty
8-Chris Strickland
9-David Dominic
10-Kenneth Merritt
11-Mary Morrow
12-Roberta Brown
 Ashley Stone
 Lorri Shackelford
16-Charles Couch
 Jeanette Ward
 Megan Harrison
19-Mary Byrne
20-Tommy Stewart
21-Betty Nalls
 Betty Jennings
22-Joyce DeBruhl
23-Barbara Thompson
25-Reena Stone
30-Katie Jordan
 Joanne Bland



LAY READERS

5-Gail Terwilliger
12-Steven Davis
19-Open
26-Open

USHERS

Bill Stackhouse
Dave Norris
Cliff Morgan
Raymond Gray
Lee Mayle

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

12- Sandy Jones
19-Cheryl Cone
26-Robyn Shields

FLOWERS

5- Honor of Jason Caldwell and
 Candace Boone by Ruth Caldwell.
12- Vickie Powell
19-Honor of Jack Spakes' birthday by
 Dorothy Spakes
26-Honor of Bob & Betty Probst's 68th
 Anniversary

“Mother, tell me who is God
 That makes the congregation nod
 That never lets them sneeze or sigh,
 Just cross-their-heart-and –hope-to-die.
 And can we find God if we search
 Or does he always stay in church?”
 My Baby, God is near to call,
 And sometimes not in church at all,
 (Especially if the doors are wide
 And many shiny hats inside.)
 God leaves the chants and flags unfurled
 To guide the workings of His world –
 To stain the peach its rosy hue
 And scatter diamonds on the dew,
 To fill the rich veins of the earth
 And blow the gentle winds to birth,
 To wrap the young corn in the husk,
 To close the curtains of the dusk,
 To sow the seed, to swell the pod –
 This, little son of mine, is God.”

Lysbeth Boyd Borie



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 The United Methodist Men will meet at 6PM. Steak, mashed potatoes,
 green beans, bread, and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

Happy summer everyone! It is officially time to get out of the house and enjoy the sunny weather!! What a great way to fellowship and spread God’s word with others! That is just what the Outreach committee is doing. In June the Outreach committee organized a luau which Julie and Lynwood Griffin hosted at their house. The luau was a huge success and a lot of fun too! We had a potluck dinner and Lynwood’s barbeque, which I must say was some of the best eating I’ve had! There was swimming, fishing, boating, and games for entertainment. And for those like me, there was sitting around with good conversation and fellowshiping. What a great time we had! I want to thank Julie, Lynwood, and their family for all their hard work in hosting the luau. A big thanks goes out to everyone who came out and participated in the luau. I hope everyone had as good of time as I did!

On June 20th St. Matthew’s hosted a CPR training course that was open to the congregation. There were 12 members who attended from all ages, including two youth. The attendees were instructed on basic CPR and life saving skills. The Outreach committee believes it is important that our congregation be educated in life saving skills and healthy well-being. How else are we supposed to serve our Lord and spread the word if we ourselves are not healthy or equipped to help our brothers and sisters in Christ? The Outreach committee is continuing to look into offering more healthy and life saving educational activities for our congregation for the fall months.

Summer time is a very busy time for everyone. May you all have a safe and happy summer. And while you are out enjoying the sunny weather or on vacation, remember to stop and tell someone that Jesus loves them! In God’s Love.....**Amanda Call**

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM met on Sunday, 21 June 2009 @ 0830hrs in the fellowship hall at St. Matthews. There were 18 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. **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE 19 JULY 2009, 0830 HRS.**

After prayer from Pastor Marc, our President, Charles Lucas opened the meeting. It was great having Hank Z's son, Danny visiting with us as well as having Steven Davis join us again. Thanks, Charles, Jack and Troy for a delicious breakfast. Our cooks for July will be Bill S. and Steven Davis. Bill S. gave the devotion "Happy Fathers Day". The minutes and treasures report were read from last months meeting and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Thanks for everyone's support of our Fathers' Day Booklet. We believe that it turned out very nice, if you have any suggestions to improve our booklet, please let us know.
- 2) The UMM annual Bar-B-Q will be held 16 October 2009. If you would like to help with this event, please see Charles Lucas, we are in need of a chairperson. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Bill S. made a motion to support a July UMM Bowl-A-Thon in the amount of \$200.00. Lloyd Miller seconded the motion, after discussion, the motion passed. On July 18th, the 3rd Saturday, the UMM will host a Bowl-A-Thon for financial support of St. Matthews. Sign up rosters for bowlers and pledgers will be posted in the hallway. We appreciate everyone's support for this event in advance. Please see Bill or Maria S. for more information.
- 2) Bill S. and Charles L. volunteered to cook for the VBS dinner on 30 June 2009. The dinner will be at 6pm. **WE WISH TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN OF ST. MATTHEWS, THE FATHERS DAY SERVICE WAS GREAT AND WE MEN FELT SPECIAL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.** UMM reminder cards will start coming out to remind us of the UMM Meeting, be sure and mark your calendars. **JUST A REMINDER: ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY CUT OFF DATE WILL BE 12 JULY 2009 AND PICK UP DATE WILL BE 18 JULY 2009, 9:15-10:30 AM** **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS GREAT MINISTRY.**

A new usher roster is posted on the UMM Board, be sure and check it out.

The Usher schedule for July is as follows: *Bill Stackhouse - Cliff Morgan - Lloyd Miller - Troy Willoughby. Thanks, gentlemen for volunteering to Usher and ensuring that we all enjoy a safe, secure service. **The communion teams for July are:** 1) Santos P. & Charles L., 2) Troy W. & J.A. Sessoms, 3) Bill S., Steven D. and Pastor Marc

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.

THAT IS ALL, UNTIL NEXT MONTH, TAKE CARE AND KNOW THAT **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.** THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 19 July 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**

When we cannot find contentment in ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

-- La Rochefoucauld

DID YOU KNOW

THIS MONTH THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE (ORC) SAT DOWN WITH MS. EVELYN PAVAL FOR A LITTLE CHAT TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THIS WOMAN FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA. EVELYN CAME TO FAYETTEVILLE IN 1957 WITH HER PARENTS VIA THE U.S. ARMY AND HAS LIVED HERE EVER SINCE. AS STATED ABOVE, EVELYN IS FROM THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OF AUSTRIA. SHE STILL HAS HER ACCENT. EVELYN STARTED ATTENDING ST. MATTHEWS UMC IN 2004 BY WAY OF BETTY AND HANK ZIELINSKI. THEY LIVED IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD AND INVITED HER TO SEVERAL ACTIVITIES HERE AT ST. MATTHEWS AND THE REST IS HISTORY. ANOTHER MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH (IKE HUFFMAN) ALSO INVITED HER TO ST. MATTHEWS.

EVELYN HAS TWO GREAT CHILDREN, A BOY AND A GIRL. SHE ALSO HAS THREE WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN OF WHOM SHE IS VERY PROUD.

EVELYN WORKED AT M.J. SOFFE OVER 25 YEARS AND WHEN THEY HAD TO DOWN SIZE, EVELYN DECIDED TO GO TO FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND BECOME A CNA (CERTIFIED NURSES ASSISTANT) AND TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE. THIS WAS A DREAM OF EVELYN'S FOR A LONG TIME, DUE TO THE FACT THAT SHE CARED FOR AN OLDER FRIEND AT HOME AS WELL AS HER MOTHER BEFORE HER PASSING. SHE HAS ALOT OF COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR PEOPLE, SO THIS WAS THE PERFECT JOB FOR HER.

EVELYN IS A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR, IN 2007 SHE HAD BREAST CANCER (BOTH BREASTS) AND TO THIS DAY, SHE IS CANCER FREE, WAY TO GO, PRAYERS AND A GREAT ATTITUDE REALLY DO WORK. SHE LOVES HER HOME AND HER FAVORITE PASTIME IS HER FLOWERS AND GARDEN. WHEN EVER THE WEATHER PERMITS AND HER KNEES, SHE IS OUTSIDE IN HER GARDEN WITH HER DOG MENDING FLOWERS AND HER FROGS. IN BAD WEATHER, SHE LOVES TO BE INSIDE CROSS-STITCHING. SHE LOVES COLLECTING FROGS, HER FAVORITE HYMN IS "IN THE GARDEN", HER FAVORITE FOOD IS ICE CREAM AND SHE LOVES TO DRINK SWEET TEA OR DIET COKE.

SHE RECENTLY HAD A TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT (RIGHT SIDE) IN FEBRUARY 2009 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR THE OTHER KNEE REPLACEMENT IN JULY 2009. GOOD LUCK EVELYN AND ALL OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT ARE WITH YOU.

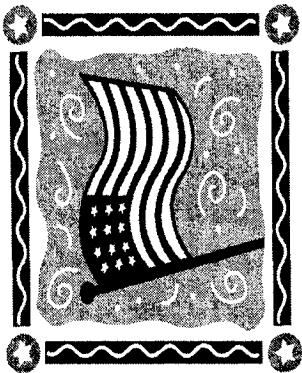
EVELYN SAYS SHE HAS NEVER MET A STRANGER AND LOVES TO TALK WITH PEOPLE WHETHER SHE KNOWS THEM OR NOT. SHE STATED SHE HAS EVEN HELPED STOP BABIES FROM CRYING WHILE SHOPPING AT THE GROCERY STORE. SHE SAYS SHE IS TOTALLY HONEST WITH PEOPLE AND DOES NOT SUGAR-COAT THINGS, WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET IS HER MOTTO, OVER-ALL EVELYN ENJOYS LIFE, HER HOME, HER FRIENDS, HER CHURCH AND SHE WANTS US TO REMEMBER WHY SHE LOVES/COLLECTS FROGS.

F=FULLY
R=RELY
O=ON
G=GOD

THANKS EVELYN FOR THE GREAT SIT-DOWN, MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. AS STATED EARLIER, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR KNEE REPLACEMENTS, YOUR GARDEN AND YOUR FROGS. GOD LOVES YOU.

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We should not judge of a man's merit by his good qualities, but by the use he can make of them. -- La Rochefoucauld




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| 5 Witness 5PM | 6 UMW 6:15PM | 7 Prayer Ministry 6PM Worship Service 6:30PM Bible Study 7:15PM | 8 Ruth/Ethel Smith 11AM Card Ministry 5PM Praise Team Practice 6:30 | 9 Night Owls 7PM | 10 | |
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