

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Bellwether



February 1999



From the Pastor's Desk

January - a time to look to the future. But can we look to the future without contemplating the present.

- I am overjoyed with the church growth we have experienced: our numbers have pleasantly increased since July, 1998, so much so as to warrant an early service on Sunday. The early service (8:45am) begins a new era for us at St. Matthew's.
- Noticeably in the 11:00am worship service is Cynthia Lindenmeyer, a Duke Divinity Intern, assisting me in this particular service. This will fulfill part of her training and school requirements at the Divinity School. Cynthia will, on occasion, be preaching in order to further her experience in the parish setting, as well as working alongside me in visitation one day per week. Cynthia was working with our UMYF ministry until now. I will replace her in that area of ministry for awhile and it is a joy for me to be able to minister alongside our youth.
- We, at St. Matthew's, are investigating the possibility of a new ministry. R.E.A.D.-ONE BY ONE is a reading and comprehension program designed to help anyone improve his/her reading and comprehension skills. Our hope is to have this in place by mid-February and I believe this to be one of the most beneficial ministries in which we at St. Matthew's can participate.
- These are just a few of the new ideas in ministry we already have in place and we hope to have in place for this new year. Along with the ministries that are already strong and working, these new ministries will make us even more viable for God.
- With the Holy Spirit's guidance, we are bound to be a beacon in a dark world, and that, in turn, will make our church's future brighter. Want you join us on this journey? If so, I will see you in church at every opportunity.

Your servant,

Larry

FROM THE UMYF:

On the youth bulletin board the youth have asked, "Where is Judas now?" A very good and deep question has been asked, especially since this was teens asking. But this is one reason this group is special--they like to think deep theologically. It is a joy for this pastor to be working with the UMYF as leader and counselor.

The UMYF has met and planned for most of the year with a trip to Lake Junaluska in February as a highlight, and ministry among the people during the upcoming year as a priority.

The UMYF asks your support with your prayers, your presence at fundraising events, and of course, your financial contributions when possible.

They have asked, "Where is Judas now?" What do you think? Share with us.

Larry & The UMYF



WEDNESDAY NITE ALIVE!!

Wednesday Nite Alive starts back February 3rd. Supper will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Menu for Wednesday Nite Alive is as follows:

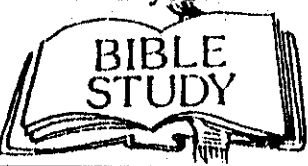
- Feb. 3--Youth--Spaghetti
- Feb. 10--Young Adults--Taco Salad & Hot Dogs
- Feb. 17--United Methodist Men--Spaghetti
- Feb. 24--The Manships--Baked Potato Bar
- Mar. 3--Eva Smith & Julia Agnew--Stew Beef over Rice
- Mar. 10--Bob Pray's Special
- Mar. 17--The Griffin's--Pizza
- Mar. 24--United Methodist Women
- Mar. 31--Open

Classes will start at 6:30 p.m. Larry Patrick, our Pastor, will be leading the Adult Bible Study Class. The theme of his class will be "VIRTUES & THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT". The following is a list of the subjects for each class:

- Feb. 3 - Predicament and Promise
- 10 - Wisdom & Courage
- 17 - Justice & Temperance
- 24 - The Theological Virtues: Faith & Hope
- Mar. 3 - The Fruit of the Spirit: Love
- 10 - Joy & Peace
- 17 - Patience, Kindness, Goodness
- 24 - Faithfulness & Gentleness
- 31 - Self-Control and Wrap-up

The Youth will continue to meet. There will be a Clubhouse for Pre-K through 6th grade. We hope you will come and join us. We are in need of someone to teach the 5th & 6th graders, and to work with the youth. Do you feel like helping children learn more about God? Will you please pray about this and for the teachers that we already have?

Thank you!



God bless!
DeAnn Trevathan,
Clubhouse Director

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Linda Webb
- Sue Rutledge
- 4 - Mark Webb
- 6 - Denise Gallimore
- 10 - Leigh Thomson
- 11 - Jean Biggs
- 12 - Catherine Morgan
- 13 - J.A. Sessoms
- 14 - Connie Knight
- 16 - Gary Bretz
- 17 - Toni Terry
- 18 - Tyler Manship
- 19 - Naomi McDuffie
- 20 - Marty Webb
- Loren Scruggs
- Calvin Rome
- Bob Probst
- 21 - Phillip Powell
- 26 - Al Hildreth
- Bill Parker
- Diego De La Vega
- 27 - Raymond Gray

PRAYER CONCERNS

Amie Rue Hill	Dr. Phillip Rizzo	Kristen Miller
Dee Parker	Andy Edge	Mary Roth
Virginia Townsend	George Mauldin	Miles Thomas
Dorothy Clements	Mary Visy	Marilyn Lipstruer
Katie Sandrock	Jacqueline Hafler	Alma Griffin
Unspoken Requests	Carley Harris	Our Country
Elsie Bullard	Fran Lynn	Susie Harding
Christopher & Beth Ducker	Betty Gray	Eva Bullard
Betty Nalls	Helen Underwood	Melissa Thaler
Hazel Owen	Mayor Dawkins	Ronnie Combs
Lonnie Hubbard	Ruth Lance	Lee Lowe
Christy Barber	Pauline Sprinkle	Pearl Howell
Cathy Faircloth	Charles Lucas' parents	Floyd Carpenter
St. Matthew's Mission	Frank & Frances Bagley	Joe Currie
Paul Delph	Doris Miles (not secretary)	Dr. & Mrs. Morrison
W.A. & Elinor Stewart	Carlton C. Knight	Juanita Fruzzetti
Lynwood Griffin	Joyce Christian	

U M W News

Greetings from St. Matthew's UMW. This is the beginning of the second month of our new year. Along with the new year comes the making of "New Year Resolutions." Did you make any for this year? If you did, have you kept any of them? Well, if you haven't been very good with your "good" intentions, it is not too late to begin again. The new year gives us permission to start over with a clean slate and to do better the rest of the year.

This year in our UMW Circles will be another good one because we are all committed to one purpose--TO KNOW GOD BETTER AND TO BE IN MISSION.

If you are a woman in our church and you have not joined the United Methodist Women, please consider it for this new year. The Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle meet in the daytime and the Night Owls meet in the evening. If you need more info about the day circle, call Lola Smith(867-2388). If you need info about the Night Circle, call Millie Sessoms(485-2362). We would love to have you with us in 1999.

Speaking of information, there will be a Cumberland/Hoke Sub-District meeting at Haymount UMC, 9:30am, February 13, 1999. I will be attending this meeting and I hope there will be members from both circles to attend as well; we can travel as a group.

If there is anyone 39yrs. and under who would like to attend the "39 & Under Event" in Greenville, NC, registration forms are available in the church office. The event is February 19-20, 1999. Please see the UMW bulletin board in the hallway for more information.

The next scheduled meetings are:
NIGHT OWLS - February 11, 7:00pm(Hubbard Home).
RUTH/ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE - February 10, 11:00am (Fellowship Hall)

All members are encouraged to attend, to fill out their Pledge Cards and turn them in to your circle treasurer as soon as possible.

See you at the next meeting,

Betty Patrick



RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE NEWS

The Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle met on January 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Our up-coming projects will be purchasing four (4) new books for the library (which was paid for from the Christmas Mail-Box), and putting together items in 27 brown bags for Hospice patients. The bags will be decorated by our Children's Sunday School Class in a Valentine Motif and given out on Valentine's Day.

PLEASE NOTE: A change has been made in our meeting time. On February 10th, we will meet at 11:00 a.m.

We are still giving our service once a month for the SHARE program.

Lola Smith,
Chairperson

HELP'N HANDS

That's our new name! Senior Citizens who are joined together once a month for fellowship, fun, and a share time together. We meet together each month on the 4th Thursday. January 28th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall was our first meeting. Bring a Senior friend, husbands, non-members can also join us. Anyone is invited! **BRING A SANDWICH!**

Eva Smith,
Adult Coordinator

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Enthusied--Challenged--Friendly--Cheerful--that's the attitude of your Churches Thrift Shop Workers. Have you visited us lately? Would you volunteer one day, four hours a month to be a worker? That's us and we need you!

We have made changes in leadership, and so far this year, we are doing well. A special "THANK YOU" to Lee Anna Sproul and Shirley Pitchford for their hard work in the past year.

We are planning on a $\frac{1}{2}$ PRICE SALE February 2 - 13. We still need all your donations, and we invite you in for a visit.

Eva Smith
Chairperson for '99

UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

The United Methodist Men would like to invite all men to attend our Regular Breakfast Meeting on February 21st at 7:30 a.m. We had 18 in attendance for our last meeting which was held on January 17th, where we enjoyed a delicious breakfast and fellowship.

Troy Willoughby was elected as the new President and Ken Manship was elected as Secretary.

The Methodist Men are hosting a FISH FRY on February 5th at 4:00 p.m. and will last until all have been served or the fish runs out, which ever comes first. The proceeds from this meal will be used for repairs and renovations of the church rental properties. We will also be hosting our annual "SWEETHEART BANQUET" February 14th at 5:00 p.m. The dinner menu will be announced later. Updates and reservation slips will be included in the upcoming bulletins.

Ken Manship, Secretary

"ONE-BY-ONE"

St. Matthew's will be offering "READING & TUTORING CLASSES" to students in grades 6-12. We will have two six-week sessions. Each student will receive Two, One-Hour Classes per week for six weeks. Session I will be February 22-April 1. Session II will be from April 19-May 28th. We will also have one six-week session during the summer to be announced later. At this time, Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. are scheduled.

If you need help, PLEASE CALL! These are free classes. All you need is the willingness to learn, your subject materials and transportation.

If you have the time and talent to assist us in this mission, please call!

Thank you,
Amy Eberhardt
425-5115

WEIGH DOWN NEWS

PRAISE THE LORD!! We have just finished up our 1st Weigh Down Session, and through Obedience to God our group lost a total of 198 lbs. He has sought to let me lose 18 lbs. and through His Grace I am hoping to lose even more through the 2nd Session of Weigh Down. Any of you who are thinking of starting or would like to continue to the second session, please let me know. We will be letting you know when the next session will begin. The first session is \$106.00, the second session is only \$53.00, all other sessions are free after the first two. Please call me at 860-8209 for any questions you have about the program or to sign-up.

Yours in Christ,
Cathleen Manship

KITCHEN NEWS

One of the things we are doing this year is supplying certain things from the kitchen for you and your groups. If you are having a dinner or luncheon, or a get-together that would involve food or snacks, please let me know so I can make sure you have everything you need. The things that we will provide are paper plates, paper napkins, plastic forks, spoons, knives and plastic or foam bowls. All food left in the kitchen after the event will be thrown away or taken to a shelter. Please remember not to leave any supplies in the kitchen that are for a special event that you don't want used. Anything in the kitchen before the event will be considered for the good of the Church and used if necessary. If you have any questions or need something for the kitchen, please call me at 860-8209.

Thank you,
Cathleen Manship



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Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, January-March (Choose any period in these months.)
 Black History Month—February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 5th Sunday after Epiphany UMF - 4pm Pastor meets with youth and parents (confirmation) 5pm in the fellowship hall	8 1 Pastor's in Durham (Intern Supervisor Mtg)	9 2 Prayer Group - 7pm	10 3 Wednesday Nite Alive 5:30pm - Meal 6:30pm - Classes 7:30pm - Choir	11 4 Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle- 11:00am Wednesday Alive Meal - 5:30pm Classes 6-8:30pm	12 5 Lincoln's Birthday Donation Fish-Fry 4pm until...	13 6 Cumberland/Hike Sub-District UMW Mtg. Haymont UMC - 9:30am
14 Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration of the Lord Boy Scout Sunday (Scouting Ministries Sunday) UMF - 4pm UMI - Sweetheart Dinner - 5:00pm	15 Presidents' Day HHC Mtg. /:40pm	16 Prayer Group /pm Worship Committee 7pm	17 Ash Wednesday Services 7pm NO WEDNESDAY NITE ALIVE WEDNESDAY NITE ALIVE MEAL - 5:30 CLASSES 6:30	18 Nite Owls 7pm	19 UMW 39 & Under Event UMF to Lake Junaluska	20 27
21 1st Sunday in Lent Youth return from Junaluska	22 Washington's Birthday	23 Prayer Group 7pm	24 Wednesday Nite Alive 5:30pm - Meal 6:30pm - Classes 7:30pm - Choir	25 Help'n Hands 11:30am	26 27	27 28
28 2nd Sunday in Lent UMF - 4:00pm	Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, Feb. 21-27					

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