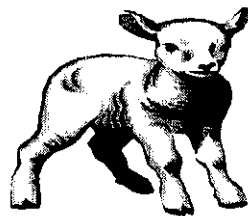


ST. MATTHEW'S BELLWETHER



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The natural inclination for all of us is to return deed for deed. But, Jesus has a plan of *turning the other cheek* and *doing more than is required*; some would call this a plan of *foolishness*. In Jesus' day, as well as ours, a strike on the cheek was an insult. It is our Lord's departure from the customary way of handling injury which makes this seem as a gospel of foolishness. How can we do more than the normal expectations or **can we go the second mile?** Doing more than is required or expected has yielded, in many forms or ways, great rewards of successful living. What are the reasons we do those things, *things beyond expectation*, that make our communities better? Why do you give of your time and money to help our institutions? Maybe because you have that desire to go *second mile*. Somewhere side our hearts is the do that which is good and we resolve to do all we can to help with those concerns.

**GOING
THE
SECOND
MILE**

Matt. 5:38-41

Our Bibles are filled with examples of those who have done more than was expected of them; we are called to follow those examples. We must keep faith in human possibilities. So often, we are tempted to lose faith in people. We loan money and never get repaid; we do a kindness and get no thanks; we give our best and many times the worst returns to us. No wonder we hesitate in our attempts as we only remember the kicks and forget the pats on the back. We can go the *second mile* only as we keep our faith in God alive. As to turning the other cheek, God says, "vengeance is mine, I will repay" and "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap." Let God punish the evil-doer. There is the other side: God knows what good you are doing, everytime you turn the other cheek, and the times you go the extra mile. During those times we move a little closer to God and become more like his Son who practiced what He preached!

P.S. Four ways of God's Blessings:

1. All we give, He accepts
2. All He accepts, He uses
3. All He uses, He fills
4. All He fills, He blesses.

Think on these things.
Your Pastor,
Larry



The Senior's Group, along with Rev. Patrick, enjoyed a trip to the airborne Museum in February. If you have not toured the museum, the new building downtown will be something to look forward to seeing.

We invite anyone 55 years or older to join us in our monthly meetings. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:30am.

We really were Help 'N Hands in March when Julie Agnew broke an ankle bone and was on a walker. Help'N Hands cleaned her house, did the laundry, fixed dinner for her every day, and in general watched out for her welfare. To all who helped "Thanks". That is what we are all about! If you need a little, just give me a call and I will see if it can be arranged. This is a small example of things done for persons in need within the church family.

Eva Smith (425-2979)

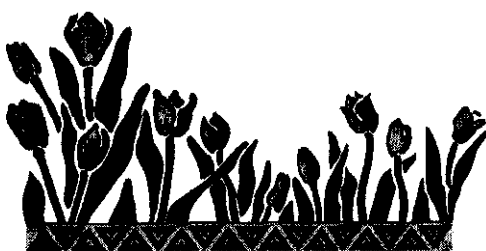
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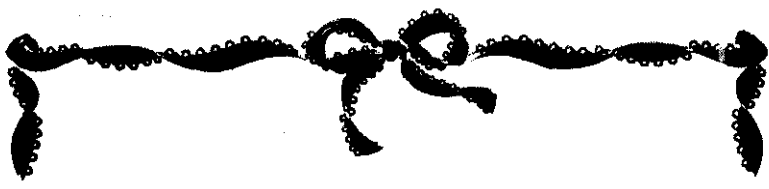
The UMM had their monthly fellowship breakfast on March 21st. Plans were mad for the pre-Easter clean-up of church property. We discussed the water & soil erosion problems at the parsonage. A motion was made and accepted to help with this problem, but monies for the project was donated from an individual and the UMM will not fund this project.

The next meeting of the UMM will be on April 18th. All men of the church are invited and welcome to attend. Ken Manship - Secretary

SPECIAL GIFTS

- . Building Maintenance Fund
- . in memory of John Appoloney
- . Repairs of Rental Houses
- . Garden Improvement Fund
- . For Power Bill for Thrift Shop
- . Organ Fund
- . In Memory of Miles Thomas
- . Eagle Scout Project
- . To the Parsonage
- . Garden Improvement Fund in memory of Linda Snyder





(A letter received in the church office)

February 28, 1999

Dear Preacher- Preacher,

I hope you don't mind me calling you what my sister use to call you. I would like to start a few lines thanking you and your wife. And also, to let you know that you did a beautiful sermon; the words you spoke about my sister Linda, when she went home.

I would like you to please read this letter on Sunday to everyone, because my brothers Marshall and Johnny and my daughter Liz and I would like to thank everyone. All the friends and family that were there for Boyd and his family. Please tell everyone that I will always remember and keep them in my heart. Also, I would like to thank everyone for being such good friends to my beloved sister Linda - whom I loved so dearly and will miss so very much.

Please tell Boyd that he will always have family here in New Mexlco and he will never be alone. I know how very much he misses Linda but he will hold her within his heart forever. Boyd has such a beautiful family and he is blessed with beautiful grandchildren who love him dearly.

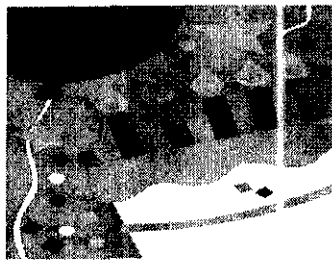
Last but not least, a thank you to all the good cooks who made food for all of us.

Writing to you seems like I am writing a good friend. Well, Preacher-Preacher, thank you again, please watch over Boyd for us. May God Bless you all, always. Say a prayer for us down in New Mexico.

A Friend That Wishes You The Very
Best Always,
Dorella Anaya & Liz Montano

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8- Barry Gilmore
- 9- Joe Bledsoe
Mark Hawkins
James DeBruhl
- 10- Millie Sessoms
Maria DeLa Vega
- 17- Callie Strub
- 19- Glen Biggs
- 20- Clarice Edge
- 21- Margaret
Lewis



- 25- Lola Smith
Cynthia Lindenmeyer
- 26- Boyd Snyder
- 27- Connie Miller
- 28- Jean Lambert
- 29- Edna Parker
- 30- John Williams, Jr.
Pegi Lineberger

SUIT-UP FOR SUMMER

The UMYF will begin selling T-shirts today, March 28 through April 25th. These shirts are very well made, durable, 100% (preshrunk) cotton shirts in a variety of colors and Christian designs.

This fund-raiser is offered to us by *Witness Wear Incorporated*. The youth will be in the vestibule of the church before and after each worship service with sample T-shirts and order forms. Please come by to visit and shop with us. The money raised will help our youth group afford van rentals, trips, social events and service projects. Your support is greatly needed and very much appreciated. By purchasing a shirt, you are not only helping the UMYF, but also promoting Christianity. Thank you,

Leigh Thomson

YOUTH NEWS

This month, we plan to attend the annual Youth Rally Day in Rocky Mount, NC on the 25th of April. We will leave the church at 1:00pm and return to the church about 8:00pm. If any youth are planning to go, please let our youth counselors know. Also, as a reminder to all youth, we meet every Sunday afternoon at the church at 4:00pm. If you are in grades 6th - 12th, we invite you to join us each Sunday.

We will begin selling T-Shirts this month; so we want everyone to buy one from us. As always, we encourage you to check out our Youth Bulletin Board to keep informed of upcoming youth events and happenings. We had a great time at Lake Juneluska and we wish to thank everyone that supported us in the fund-raising activities for this trip.

ClassChats!

Our deep thought of the month: Do the angels of heaven call God, "Father"? How about the fallen angels with Satan - do they call God, "Father"? . . . Time is up for your answer. If you don't know the anwer to these questions, check out our UMYF Bulletin Board in the hallway for the answer. And keep thinking deeply!!!
Meghann



**THE
THRIFT
SHOP**

To be dependable to a non-paying job takes faithful dedication. This is what it takes to keep the Thrift Shop Open.

This month, I will feature the "week-day workers" from Tuesday through Friday -10am,2pm -4pm. Our faithful -dependable workers are:
 Tuesday: Lola Smith & Ruth Caldwell
 Wednesday: Shirley Pitchford, Mary Sue Grady, Clarice Edge, Jewel Sharpe & Betty Zielinski
 Thursday: Edna Parker, Julie Agnew, Eva Smith
 Friday: Jean Lambert, Dorothy Spakes, Connie Knight.

These ladies can be counted on to be there. Friendly, courteous to our customers - pricing merchandise and fixing displays of clothing and other items. The Thrift Shop is a community tool that helps many people.

As you clean your closets or kitchen cabinets to with to summer living - REMEMBER US! Your discards or trash could be someone else's treasure.

Eva Smith, Chairperson

THANK YOU — THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you for helping with the Fish Fry to raise funds to restore the Rental House #207.

Here is a list of items accomplished:

- ◆ New carpet for living room & hallway
- ◆ New vinyl floor for the kitchen
- ◆ Reworked & painted kitchen cabinets
- ◆ Painted all walls, ceilings and trim
- ◆ Stormdoors reworked
- ◆ Storm windows installed (donated by Ike Huffman)
- ◆ New stove and refrigerator installed

The house is rented and occupied at this time.

The second Rental House #209 became empty after six years of occupancy and needed the same treatment.

- ◆ It was painted outside and inside
- ◆ Carpet was cleaned
- ◆ Refrigerator and stove (Ike Huffman)

This is also rented and to be occupied by April 1.

Many hours of hard work was done by Ike Huffman, Hank Zielinski, Jack Spakes, Charles Lucas, Troy Willoughby, Raymond Gray and Lynwood Griffin.

Lynwood also supplied three of his employees.

Money donated by the Methodist Men and the Thrift Shop was greatly appreciated. Thanks again to all the church family.

Perry Smith (the boss man)



Card Ministry

Beginning April 7th, the Card Ministry Group will meet each Wednesday at the Pizza Palace #2 on Hope Mills Rd. at 5pm. See you there. Mary Rozier



Daylight Savings Time Begins:

Easter Sunday: April 4th

DON'T FORGET!!!

Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle

The Circle met March 10th with (22) in attendance. Our UMW President, Bet Patrick discussed 1999 Budget recommendations. The Mother-Daughter Banquet for May 3rd and Health Kits for Migrant Workers was also discussed. The Circle will buy a plaque "in memory of Linda Snyder" as they have done in the past for circle members. Our March program was on Diabetes by Heidi Mohn. She gave out handouts and instructed us in how to eat healthy. Our next meeting will be April 14 - 11:00am. See you there!

Circle Leader: Lola Smith

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

As Spring bursts forth everywhere in the form of new flowers and budding trees, it's time for all UMW Ladies to roll up their sleeves for another busy month.

- ♦ *In March, the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle bought four books that are on the recommended reading list for United Methodist Women. These books will be placed in the Library ready for you to check-out and read.*
- ♦ *The Nite Owl Circle bought Turbans for the Cancer Center in March for their project.*

Both circles will make Health Kits for Migrant Workers; this will be the April project for each circle. Please bring your list of items for the kits to the April 5th General Meeting. We will assemble the kits after our meeting. If you need a list of the items to purchase, look in the back of your UMW Directory and there you will find the needed items.

Thanks to all who supplied food and their service for our UMW Meal at Wednesday Nite Alive on March 24th. Good job!

Our General Meeting, April 5th - 7:00pm, will begin with a covered-dish meal (bread & tea provided) and our program by Roberta Brown, then, our business meeting. Some items on the agenda for the meeting are:

- ♦ *approve the 1999 Budget (if you have not turned in your Pledge Card, please do so at this meeting)*
- ♦ *Menu or Covered-dish for Mother/Daughter Banquet*
- ♦ *Finalize plans on Mother's Day Booklet - Coordinator: Mary Rozier*
- ♦ *Recommend names for "Gift in Memory" and "Gift to Mission." If you need more information on these two areas, check the bulletin board -there will be a leaflet posted on each category.*
- ♦ *Set dates for our Mission Study (suggested dates are: May, 12, 19, 26, & June 2 at 7:30pm for one hour each week)*

If any of you are still confused about matters concerning our UMW Unit, then, I encourage you to be sure and read the newsletter where, as I have today, tried to give out information on coming events and expected needs.

The church bulletin has notices; your UMW Directory has dates and information; the UMW Bulletin Board has information and you can always call me with your questions. I give out handouts at both circle meetings.

In March, I gave out information leaflets and labels concerning two individual offerings that are to be collected by November: World Thank Offering and A Penny & Prayer Offering. Everytime you feel "blessed" drop in some change in your containers for these offerings; by November you should have a tidy sum in each container.

Thanks for using your Food Lion Community Way Days coupons in March. A little effort from each of us goes a long way toward helping the Methodist Children's Home. Thanks again for all that you do.

Maybe you are reading this article and thinking that you missed out or didn't participate in some of these events of the unit; well, let's change that. I'll see you at our next meeting April 5th.

**UMW President
Betty Patrick**

April 1999

Religion in American Life Month—April

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| 4 Easter Day Daylight-Saving Time begins 7:30am - Church Breakfast 8:45am Early Easter Service 11:00am Easter Service | 5 UMW General Meeting Fellowship Hall 7pm (---) Pastor/Revival | 6 Prayer Group 7pm Revival-Codwin Presbyterian/Black's Chapel, UMC | 7 NO BIBLE STUDY Choir - 7:30pm | 8 Administrative Board 7pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:45am - Early Service 11:00am Service 4:00pm - UMF 4:00pm - Finance Committee 5:30pm - Council on Ministries | 12 6:00pm - Staff Mtg. | 13 Prayer Group 7pm Worship Committee 7:30pm | 14 Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle - 10:30am (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study - 6:30pm Choir - 7:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 3rd Sunday of Easter 7:30am United Methodist Men 8:45am - Early Service 11:00am Service 3-6pm UMF Spring Fling/Methodist College | 19 | 20 Prayer Group-7pm | 21 Bible Study-6:30pm Choir-7:30pm | 22 Help'n Hands-11:30am Pastor/DCOM - 10am (Clinton) | 23 Barbecue Dinner 11am - 7pm. \$5.00/plate | 24 |
| 25 4th Sunday of Easter Heritage Sunday 8:45am - Early Service 11:00am Service 1:00pm - UMF to Conference Youth Rally at NC Wesleyan | 26 (---) Pastor leaves on vacation | 27 Prayer Group - 7pm | 28 NO BIBLE STUDY Choir - 7:30pm | 29 | 30 | |

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:30pm
 Holy Week, March 28 - April 4