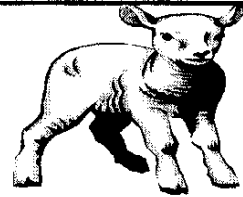


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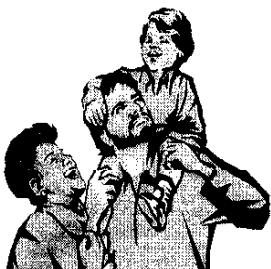
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is so much hoopla these days concerning the lottery. If you remember just a week or two ago, two won 350 million dollars. It appears that many people are trying as best they know how to win **BIG** and win quick. Listen carefully as I tell you a story about someone who won **BIG** and won often.

When Jimmy Haggerty lived in New York, he won the state's ten-million dollar lottery. Then he moved to New Jersey, where he collected an impressive eighteen-million as the solitary winner in that week's drawing. Then he moved to California, where for the third time in a row, he beat the odds collecting twenty-million from that state's lottery. When reporters frantically descended on him for an interview about these amazing coincidences, he shrugged his shoulders and said nonchalantly, "I didn't need to win any of them. I was wealthy from the start. I had, and still have a wonderful wife, and I get to be a father to my children. The winnings are a small miracle in the scheme of things. The greater miracle is that God loves me, has allowed me to be a husband and dad, forgives me, and saves me for a greater drawing."

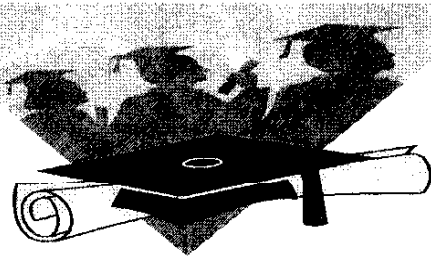
In a society driven by the "work ethic," we sometimes find it difficult to concede that a major component of success is sheer "luck" or "divine providence." Was what Jimmy experienced luck or divine providence or some of both? Some successes are what they are due to being in the right place at the right time. Now, some would say that is luck, and others would say that is divine providence—that God's hand moved them to that particular place at that particular time. In a way, though, it's a relief to accept that there's just so much we can do, and the rest is up to God. Therefore, it is our trust in God that is of the utmost importance.

The writer of Hebrews says it so well in Chapter 11:1, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see." Jimmy Haggerty was certain he was a winner before the millions of dollars, a winner in Jesus Christ, and his hope was in a resurrection that he has yet to see. Our fortunes, as fathers, are before us in our relationship with Jesus Christ, our wives and/or children/grandchildren. We are wealthy!



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY!**

**LARRY**



## "CONGRATULATIONS" 2000 GRADUATES

**Katie Jordan graduated from Walker-Spivey School. She will be joining the production team of C.R.E.S.T. Inc. here in Fayetteville.**

**Nicholas Unruh graduated from UNC Pembroke with a BA in History. He is going into the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant as a Communications Officer. He reports to Langley AFB on July 7th.**

**Brad Everts graduated from Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, N.C. After Basic Training for the Army Reserves in Fort Jackson, he will attend UNC Chapel Hill.**

**Cynthia Lindenmeyer graduated from Duke Divinity School. She is at the Chaplain's Office in West Point, N.Y.**

**Janet Wagoner graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College. She will further her education in Accounting.**

**Rhonda Miller received her Master's Degree.**



**THRIFT  
SHOP  
NEWS**



As school comes to a close, we wish everyone a *"Happy Summer"*. Some of our regular workers will be going on vacation and there is a need for more people to participate in the weekly hours of work. If you are called, please consider how much you are needed and give a few hours of your time. The Thrift Shop is a much needed way that our church can help the less fortunate in the area and benefit from the income that we take in.

Eva Smith, Chairperson

**HELP'N HANDS**

**HYMN & HISTORY**

**"AT CALVARY"**

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS**

*Hectic, rushed, frantic, and hurried are but a few of the adjectives used to describe the lifestyles most of us have grown to accept. In the midst of this climate, we often think that things of lasting and eternal value should take time and contemplation for discovery and birth. This is often, and perhaps most of the time, the case. But, some of this life's most enduring events come in a flash or a moment when, if the heart and mind are prepared, a person recognizes that moment as a:*

**PRECIOUS MOMENT.**

*For example: One day Professor William Newell was walking down a hallway, on his way to his next class of instruction. After years of study, meditation, preparation, the good professor was smitten with a thought, which he recognized as one of those:*

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS.**

*Having learned from experience, Prof. Newell stepped into a classroom and wrote his thoughts down on the back of an envelope. It was a poem. Upon leaving the room, he met Dan, director of music at their school, and gave him the poem. He asked Dan to set it to music. By the time the next class was over, Dan had written the music for the chorus words:*

**MERCY THERE WAS GREAT AND GRACE WAS FREE,  
THERE, MY BURDENED SOUL FOUND...LIBERTY,  
AT CALVARY!**

*The entire hymn, "AT CALVARY" words and music, took just over an hour to come to life, born out of what Professor Newell used as a:*

**PRECIOUS MOMENT.**

**MAY YOU TOO HAVE SOME PRECIOUS MOMENTS!**

*From all the Senior's of "Help'N Hands,*

*Eva Smith, Coordinator*

**RUTH/ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE**

**CHECK IT OUT!!!** Have you visited the Church Library lately?? There are so many good books available for all of us to read and enjoy. You will find the New Books on the bookshelf in the Library under the label of the **United Methodist Women**. Listed below you will find a few of the Books available:



1. **Aging in the Lord**
2. **To Be the Hands of God**
3. **Goodbye is not Forever**
4. **The Bluebird and the Sparrow**
5. **Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**
6. **Sit Down God...I'm Angry**
7. **Where is God When it Hurts**
8. **Too Blessed to be Stressed**

They sound real interesting, don't they? Use our wonderful resources in the Library. Read them and then return them for others to enjoy.

We were large in number at our May meeting and had a wonderful time. We agreed to go to the *"Olive Garden"* on June 14th at 11:00 a.m. I hope everyone can attend.

There will be **NO** Circle meeting for July or August. We will resume our meeting in September. During these two months off, please focus your attention to the *"Bazaar"* which will be held in October. Anything you can do to contribute to this cause will be appreciated. We have many talented members in our group, so put it to work and let's make this worthwhile project one of the best for 2000.

God Bless one and all,  
Catherine Morgan, Chairperson

**THANK YOU**

A Big Thank You to all my wonderful family and good friends for making my "90th" birthday such a special occasion. It is one I hope I'll never forget.

Thanks for all the beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and gifts of any kind. Special thanks to those who had card showers for me. I appreciate everything.

I enjoyed hearing from old as well as new friends. They made my 90th very special.

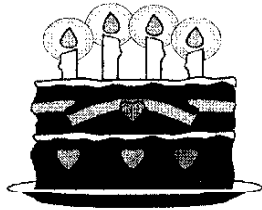
God Bless All Of You!

Sincerely,  
Gladys (Peggy) Pray



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	Grace Bland
11	Candice Wagoner
12	Rhonda Miller
14	Anne Alred
15	Troy Willoughby
16	Doug Stone
19	Jewel Sharpe
	Christine Brackett
20	Madison Manship
21	Pamela Lynn
	Peter Rome
	Glenn Warbis
26	Elise Chapman
28	Clarence Rice
30	Robert Trevathan



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### ONE-BY-ONE:

We made it through a whole year! Praise the Lord for all His blessings! We had a total of 21 students, four of whom were adults, during our last session. School-age children have the summer off. **(Have fun!)** We will continue meeting with our adult students in July.

**Thank you** to everyone who hung in there with us during this year. You and the Lord have made **ONE-BY-ONE** a great success. Your dedication would be hard to top. You have made a tremendous difference in many lives.

To everyone out there, **thank you** for your moral and material support. Please be thinking about personal service for next fall. We are going to need more teachers. We already know that. You are the ones who will help the program grow. My prayer is that God will touch several hearts.

With Christ's Love.

Amy



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ Power Bill from the Thrift Shop.
- ◆ Emergency Fund ...
  - ...from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
  - ...from the Boyd Snyder Class in memory of Eva Smith's mother
  - ...from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
  - ...from the Boyd Snyder Class
- ◆ Organ Fund from Bob & Adella Pray
- ◆ Scholarship Fund in honor of Cynthia Lindemeyer from Gail Terwilliger
- ◆ Music Fund
- ◆ Building Fund from Perry Smith
- ◆ UMYF from Calvin & Christy Rome

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men held their monthly breakfast on May 21st. Thanks to Kenny Shackelford and Bobby Lambert for preparing a delicious breakfast that was enjoyed by all.

Hank Zielinski will be our Head Usher for June, and Spike and J.A. will be our Thrift Shop workers.

Our Second **Annual Picnic** will be held on September 10th. It was changed for the return of Doug Stone and Rick Webb. They will be back home the first week in September. We will have **Hot Dogs and Hamburgers** with all the trimmings. We will gladly accept any donations of any kind.



The United Methodist Men purchased a "**Cooker**" to be used for future barbecue's or any type of cook-out's.

The United Methodist Men donated \$100.00 for uniforms for an unsponsored "**Ball-Team**" in Hope Mills.

There will be an invitation for the "**wives**" to share breakfast with their husbands on "**Father's Day**", June 18th.

Troy Willoughby,  
UMM President

Greetings to all in Christ's name. Most of you know that Larry and I have just returned from spending some time in Mississippi. We stayed with some very close friends for several days. We spent most of the days just sitting on the patio, feet propped up, drinking coffee and watching the cows graze. This was a great time for us to just take it easy and enjoy each day. Gene and Elsie are friends that have become family over the many years of our knowing them - I know you have friends like this too.

When it was time for us to come home, Gene, a great lover of flowers and plants, filled our car with some of this plant and that plant and before long I had a great assortment of plants to bring back to North Carolina. These plants will take root and grow - so far from their original beginnings, but they will do what they were created to do - grow and make the space around each more beautiful. That is how plants and trees get spread over the country - people giving away a small piece to be rooted somewhere else. Is not that the way we are supposed to be as a people? We are to give away a small piece of ourselves to those that we, United Methodist Women, come in contact with as we do our monthly projects. Many projects are done, but let us not just do projects to say we are doing good works, but with a renewed depth of caring - let us get involved with our whole spirit and body and not with just our pocketbook. Let us spread ourselves so as to take root outside the walls of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Just a few notes about upcoming dates:

**June General Meeting:** June 5th, 7:00 p.m. - a covered-dish meeting with door prizes to be held in the church fellowship hall.

**The School of Christian Mission:** August 2-5 at Methodist College. (Study themes will be: Paul's Letters to the Corinthians, Children of Africa, and God's People In an Urban Culture.) Applications are on the UMW Bulletin Board.

**Mother/Child Retreat:** September 22-24 at Rockfish Outdoor Center. Applications are on the bulletin board. No classes for kids under 2.

**Reading Report Due:** This report is due on August 15th. I will need the information by August 1st. The minimum amount to be read is 4 books — one from each of the Mission Work Areas.

**Unit Picnic:** On July 15th, both circles of the UMW will meet at the parsonage for a cookout. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. We invite the spouses of the unit members to join us. Dress very casual as we hope to be outside.

Remember, everyone has a special place in the UMW organization and when you are not with us you are missed. Please consider giving away a little bit more of yourself and you will take root in the most surprising ways and places.

Until next time,  
Betty Patrick - UMW President

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This recipe has already run, but I had so many to request it again and the strawberries are perfect for this salad. Try it - it is great!



**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**SPECIAL STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD**

- 9 cups torn fresh spinach
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, halved
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted

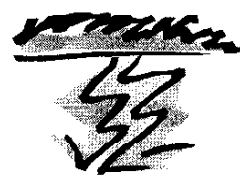
**DRESSING:**

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, strawberries and almonds. Place dressing ingredients in a blender; cover and process until combined. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

**Yield:** 6-8 servings.

## EMERGENCY — LIGHTNING!



Take these precautions before and during thunderstorms:

### TAKE ACTION NOW:

- \* Protect yourself and family by following this advice. Keep it handy on the fridge or by the phone.
- \* Check with your local authorities for advice on lightning conductors for homes and other buildings.

### IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

If you hear thunder 10 seconds after a lightning flash, it is only about one and one-half miles away. The shorter the time, the closer the lightning, so find shelter urgently as follows:

- \* Seek shelter in a "hard top" vehicle or solid building - avoid small structures or fabric tents.
- \* Never shelter under small groups of (or single) trees.
- \* If far from shelter, crouch (alone, feet together), preferably in a hollow. Remove metal objects from head/body. Don't lie down (avoid being highest object).
- \* If your hair stands on end or you hear "buzzing" on nearby rocks, fences etc., move immediately. At night, a blue glow may show if an object is about to be struck.
- \* Don't fly kites or model planes with control wires.
- \* Don't handle fishing rods, umbrellas or golf clubs etc.
- \* Stay away from metal poles, fences, clothes lines etc.
- \* Don't ride horses, bicycles or drive in open vehicles.
- \* If driving, slow down or park away from trees, power lines etc. Stay inside metal-bodied (hard top) vehicles, but don't touch any metal sections.
- \* If swimming, surfing etc., leave the water immediately.
- \* If boating go ashore to shelter as soon as possible. (A bridge or high jetty may offer immediate protection.)
- \* Be sure the mast and stays of a sailing boat are adequately "grounded" to the water.

### IF YOU ARE INDOORS:

- \* Before the storm arrives, disconnect external aerial and power leads to radios and television sets. Disconnect computer modems and power leads.
- \* Draw all curtains and keep clear of windows, electrical appliances, pipes and other metal fixtures (eg: don't take a bath or shower).
- \* Avoid use of telephones. In emergencies, make calls brief, (don't touch any metal, brick or concrete) and don't stand barefoot on concrete or tiled floors.

### FIRST-AID:

- \* Apply immediate CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to lightning victims until medical help arrives and they will have a good chance of survival. (You won't receive a shock from the victim.)

### LIGHTNING FACTS AND MYTHS:

- \* When struck, people do not glow or "fry to a crisp", but the heart and breathing are often affected.
- \* Only about 30% of people struck, actually die, and the incidence of long term disability is low, particularly when first-aid is applied promptly.
- \* If your clothes are wet, you are less likely to be seriously injured if struck, as most of the charge will conduct through the wet clothes rather than your body.
- \* Average lightning bolts carry a current of 10,000 to 30,000 amps.
- \* Lightning can, and often does, strike more than once in the same place.
- \* Worldwide, thunderstorms are producing approximately 6,000 lightning strikes every minute!
- \* North Carolina ranks second only to Florida in lightning deaths.

Stay safe,  
Disaster Response Committee

**JUNE**

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**2000**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study & Breakfast - 9:00am Administrative Bd-7pm Grace Bible Study-7pm	2 Davis/Phelps Wedding Rehearsal - 6pm	3 Davis/Phelps Wedd- ing - 2pm (Sanctu- ary only) 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - 4pm in F.H.
4 Graduates Honored-11am	5 United Methodist Women General Mtg.- 7pm in F.H.	6 Prayer Group-7pm Vision Team-7:30pm	7 Card Ministry-5pm WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Chancel Choir-7:30pm	8 Bible Study & Breakfast - 9:00 am Grace Bible Study-7pm Night Owls Circle-7pm In F.H.	9	10
11	12	13 Prayer Group-7pm Trustee's Mtg.-7:30pm	14 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle meets at Olive Garden-11am Card Ministry-5pm WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Chancel Choir-7:30pm	15 Bible Study & Breakfast- 9:00am Grace Bible Study-7pm	16	17 Family Birthday Party in F.H.
18	19	20	21 Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry-5pm	22 Bible Study & Breakfast- 9:00am Help-N Hands-11:00am	23	24
←	VACATION	BIBLE	SCHOOL	→		
25	26	27 Prayer Group-7pm	28 Card Ministry-5pm WNA & Bible Study-6:30pm Chancel Choir-7:30pm	29 Bible Study & Breakfast- 9:00am Grace Bible Study-7pm	30	

**EVERY  
SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE:**

**8:30AM  
EARLY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
(NO  
NURSERY  
PROVIDED)**

**9:45AM  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
(ALL AGES)**

**11:00AM  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
(NURSERY  
PROVIDED)**