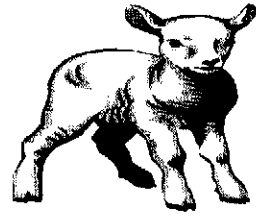


# ST. MATTHEW'S BELLWETHER



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

'Tis summer again and highways are filled to capacity it seems. God's people raised their voices and said, *"Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home; He maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; He leadeth me down the interstate each weekend. He restoreth my sultan; He leadeth me to state parks for comfort's sake. Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no reprimand, for thou art with me; my rod and reel they comfort me. I anointest my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry; Surely my trailer shall follow me all weekend this summer, and I shall return to the House of the Lord this fall."* But then it is hunting season and that's another psalm!



The word *"worship"* means *"worth-ship."* We come to God to see again his worth in Christ, to see our worth as his children, and to see the worth of our fellow worshipers. It's something we just can't do alone. We sing together; We lift our voices in praise; We feel our fellowship of sin; We confess our guilt. We have an atmosphere of forgiveness because we all need it. We feel a fellowship that sustains our faith. Evelyn Underhill said. *"In the long run, we come closer to God in common worship than in closet worship."*

There was a time when *church* was the rule of life; Today it seems to have become the exception to the rule. Church is where strong Christian relationships are formed; Support is available in times of need; comfort is at hand when we've experienced tragedy; And joy abounds from God's love through each of us. Won't you come and be a part of St. Matthew's Church each time the church doors are opened for worship?

Your Friend & Pastor,  
Larry

My New Address is:  
3821 Madison Ave. (04)  
Phone - 423-3739



## THE FOURTH OF JULY

What a privilege we have as Americans to live in a free country given to us by the Lord and our Forefather's. Do you appreciate what our country stands for?

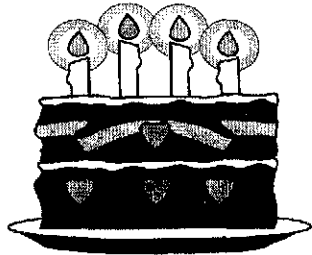
Here are some fascinating facts:

- ◆ Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
- ◆ John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
- ◆ Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
- ◆ John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- ◆ The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.
- ◆ Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
- ◆ Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.
- ◆ Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
- ◆ Both were shot in the head.
- ◆ Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
- ◆ Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.
- ◆ Both were assassinated by Southerners.
- ◆ Both were succeeded by Southerners.
- ◆ Both successors were named Johnson.
- ◆ Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
- ◆ Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
- ◆ John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
- ◆ Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.
- ◆ Both assassins were known by their three names.
- ◆ Both names comprise fifteen letters.
- ◆ Booth ran from the theatre and was caught in a warehouse.
- ◆ Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theatre.

Eva Smith,  
Adult Coordinator

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	W.A. Stewart
4	Jacob Gallimore
6	Gail Terwilliger
7	Danny Colon Peggy Williams
10	Rhys Trevathan Gertrude Schultz
11	Wayne Everts Christy Barber
13	Franklin Chapman
14	Dawn Shepherd
15	Eric Snyder
20	Jack Spakes
21	Margaret King Carter Manship Lisa James
25	Kenneth Manship
29	Juli Pray Wendy Johnson
30	Vickie Powell



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## ONE-BY-ONE TUTORING:

One-By-One will meet for its "**SUMMER SESSION**" on these dates: **July 19 & 26**, and **August 2 & 9**. Classes will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Churches One-By-One Ministry will provide materials.

This shortened session will be for carry-over skills and for planning for the next school year.

We are receiving calls for help from our whole community. Our Ministry in Reading is working! As of June 12, we've had 10 students enroll, some for tutoring and some for remediation. We will register as many students who has the need for our services.

For those of you who are glad that our church offers this program; would you like to donate an hour a week? There is a child or an adult out there who needs your help.

As God has blessed this program, so too, may God bless you!

Amy Eberhardt

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following into the St. Matthew's Church Family:

Jay & Barbara Thompson  
2812 Player Avenue  
Fayetteville, NC 28304  
Phone - 485-4263

Jessika & Mara Kivett  
826 Windingwood Place  
Hope Mills, NC 28348  
Phone - 425-5717

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ Music Fund
- ◆ Emergency Fund by Hazel Owen
- ◆ Emergency Fund by Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ Emergency Fund by the Boyd Snyder Sunday School Class
- ◆ Emergency Fund from the Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ Emergency Fund in honor of Jewel Sharpe's birthday from her Secret Prayer Partner
- ◆ Emergency Fund from Scott & Candice Wagoner
- ◆ Emergency Fund from Troy Willoughby
- ◆ Emergency Fund from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ Conference Apportionment

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Dear Church Members:

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer. I know that it is hard to thank beyond Summer Camps, Vacation Bible School, July 4th and Vacations, but we need too. Soon September will be here, and our Wednesday Night Programs will start again. We are starting a new children's program this fall. We are really excited about it. The new program is called **POCKETS**. This program is for grades **Pre-K** through **Sixth grade**.

We need teachers for this exciting new program. Please ask yourselves the following questions:

- ◆ Could I be that new teacher?
- ◆ Could I teach someone about God and how to live their lives?
- ◆ Do I like to spend time with children and have fun?
- ◆ Could I make a difference in a child's life?

I know that there are some very good teachers in this church. Could you be one of them? Please don't let it stop you, if you have not taught before—you would be surprised at how much you get in return by teaching our children.

Someone told me recently that God doesn't want us to be comfortable. He can use us better for his purpose when we just let go and let Him. I hope that you will pray about being a teacher and let God use you to teach His children.

After doing inventory of our clubhouse materials, the following items need to be returned as soon as possible:

1. Kids Song Praise, Volume 1 (cassette tape)
2. Friendship Teacher Book (1)
3. 5th Grade Teacher Books (2)
4. 6th Grade Teacher Books (2)

Sincerely,  
DeAnn Trevathan

# ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Well, hot weather is the long days of summer spouse (maybe)! It is for all the cool clothing we sometimes it is just a "wash n' wear"



surely here to stay for awhile! We look forward to when the backyard cooking is in the hands of the easier to choose our clothes for the day - we look have to wear. Hairstyles become more relaxed - hairdo we choose for the day.

With all of our plans for vacations and outings, we sometimes falter with all of our good intentions for our *church work*. As the United Methodist Women take the months of July and August as a time for a summer break, let us stay energized with enthusiasm for our work ahead for the remainder of the year.

The month of July will find plans being made for the Fall Bazaar. We want this event to be a project of both circles and suggestions will be helpful in all stages of the planning.

The Night Owl Circle will begin cleaning the Fellowship Hall kitchen this month, please call circle leader Millie Sessoms (485-2362) if you are not sure of your month of duty. Also, check the church calendar for events that would be held in the Fellowship Hall that could effect your schedule of cleaning.

Everyone be sure and read our UMW Bulletin Board for new articles and pictures that have been posted for your information.

I believe that I will sign-off for now, go to the kitchen for a cool drink, and turn the air-conditioner down a little lower. Whew!! Until next month,

Betty Patrick  
UMW President



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### POTATO CASSEROLE

20 oz. package frozen Hash Brown Potatoes  
1/2 Cup melted margarine  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 can Cream of Chicken Soup  
1 pint Sour Cream  
1/2 Onion, chopped  
2 cups Cheddar Cheese, shredded  
1 teaspoon Salt

Mix together all the ingredients and bake about 45 minutes at 350 degrees. It cooks well in a rectangular casserole dish.

## CIRCLE NEWS

The Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle met at Ryan's Steak House in June. Attendance was great! We enjoyed a great lunch and good Christian fellowship.

The highlight was an article called "A Child's View of Retirement" which was read by Rev. Larry Patrick.

Our meeting will resume in September. Please be thinking about our next project, and ideas for the Bazaar.

Our SHARE GROUP will continue to meet at the end of each month, and we will continue our visitation during our summer break.

Lola Smith,  
Chairperson

# YOUTH NEWS

## *A SPECIAL THANKS:*

Camp Rockfish was a great success this year. We had 25 campers, 10 youth counselors and 3 adult helpers from St. Matthew's. Four scholarships were provided: two from the Boyd Snyder Sunday School Class and two from the Peggy Pullman Sunday School Class. The Thrift Shop donated \$150.00 for snacks, Hot Dogs and First-Aid items. Thank you very much for your monetary support. Thanks to Barbara Brookshire for her help with transportation and to Sandy Jones, Cathleen Manship and DeAnn Trevathan for being at Camp to assist me. To all of the youth. THANK YOU for your support and help.

## *PLEASE RESPOND:*

St. Matthew's is in great need of Sunday School Teachers. We cannot increase Sunday School Attendance if we do not have teachers. There are two classes that need leadership, the 5th & 6th grade class and the 3rd & 4th grade class. Our children need our guidance. PLEASE, PLEASE, think and pray hard about this issue, we need help IMMEDIATELY!

Let us remember the greatest teacher of all...JESUS; Jesus loved the little children. Any age, man or woman, part or full-time teacher will do. Please let's do something about this need. Sunday School is the heart of the church. If you would be interested in filling these spots, please see me or call.

Leigh Thomson  
868-8010

## ***IT'S BUG SLAPPIN' - BIBLE SCHOOLIN' - TIME***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will begin Sunday, July 11th and run through July 15th. Every evening we will have a DONATION DINNER from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., and Classes for all ages (including adults) will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Our children will participate in singing, lessons, and crafts each night.

Everyone will have a great time. COME JOIN US!

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS:**

It seemed fitting that *Father's Day* would fall on June 20th, which was also the date for the United Methodist Men to join together for their monthly breakfast. Spirits were up as the men enjoyed a delicious morning meal which was served by Clarence and Jack.

The UMM would like to thank all those who helped in the preparation of the Father's Day Booklet as well as those who supported us with their contributions. A portion of the proceeds from this booklet were used to buy baseball shoes for two financially challenged children who would not have been able to play ball without our support.

As additional news, Ike was able to acquire a wheelchair for the UMM which is being donated to the church. This is an asset that we have needed for some time and should be a great benefit for assisting individuals with difficulty walking. Also, Raymond and Hank will be planning a cleanup day to take care of the church grounds and cleanup along the fence row. If you would like to help, please let them know.

The UMM will meet next on July 18th. All men are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Ken Manship  
Secretary



## A DIME

The little seven year old boy stood on the sidewalk shifting from one bare foot to the other. It was summer 1938 in High Point, North Carolina and the cement sidewalk was still hot. The time was just after 7:00 p.m. on a Wednesday evening. After supper he had taken a walk up town. He lived only about five blocks from the center of town. On the way back home he found himself on Willowbrook Street across from a Tabernacle Church.

Due to the hot day and the lack of air conditioning all the windows in the church were up. The boy stood there listening to the people sing gospel songs. The sounds were better than he had heard on the local radio. When the singing stopped, he ran along home.

The boy noted that every Wednesday night the people would be at the church. He started arriving early and would stand across the street and watch the people go into the church. He saw that there were a lot of boys and girls his age. He wondered if his mother would allow him to go inside the church.

When he got home, he told his mother about the Tabernacle Church that was a few blocks away up the street. He asked his mother if he could go to the church the next Wednesday. She gave her permission.

The little boy was excited and could hardly wait till next Wednesday came around. Finally, it was time to go to the church. He dressed up in his best clothing and put on his 79 cent tennis shoes. Yes, that's right 79 cents, remember this is 1938. He was happy and almost ran to the church. He did not want to be late.

He entered the church and looked around for a minute. This was his first time in a church. He saw rows of seats. He went down near the front and took a seat. Soon a man seated on the platform got up and said a few words. A person started to play the piano and the people reached for books in the back of the seats. The singing started and it was just beautiful. The boy did his best to sing along. It was much better being on the inside instead of on the sidewalk.

The singing stopped and the man on the platform got up once again and talked for awhile. Two men came down to the front near the platform. The man reached under a stand and gave them what appeared to be pie pans. They turned around and started handing them to the people row by row. The boy noticed people were putting in money, bills and coins. The pan came to the little boy and he did not know what to do, for he had no money to give. Someone reached for the pan and kept it moving. The boy turned red in the face, because he was embarrassed and felt bad. During the rest of the time he felt uncomfortable. He vowed that he would not return to the church without something for the pan.

The next weekend his Uncle John came to visit. While there he gave the little boy 15 cents. Now he thought, I have some money for the church. He decided to save 10 cents for the church and spend 5 cents on himself.

It is Wednesday night and the boy is seated near the front of the church. Next to him is a young couple, he is seated next to the young lady. The singing started and was just great. Now, once again two men came down to the platform. They received their pie pans and started handing them to the people. The little boy watched as the pans moved down the row in front of him. He was just busting with pride that he had a dime to give. The pan finally was passed to him and he dropped in his dime. He felt good giving that money. The young lady next to him looked down at him and placed her arm around his shoulders and pulled him close and smiled at him approvingly. The little boy thought what a reward for a dime. He was convinced it was good and rewarding to give.


The boy attended the Tabernacle Church often during that summer. Although, he was never again able to give a dime, he always had a few pennies he would place in the pan.

When school started in the fall, he could not attend the church, because he had to study. However, he never forgot the Tabernacle Church and what he learned about giving

By: Boyd E. Snyder

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

**1999**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10 Youth Car Wash 9am - 12 noon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
** Vacation Bible (July 11-15) 5:30pm supper (donation) 6:30 - 8:00pm Classes	School Week	Prayer Group 7pm	No Day Circle Meeting Card Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
18	19	20	21	22		24
UMM Breakfast 7:30am COMMUNION-11:00am Reception for our new D.S. Rev. David Malloy - Hay St. UMC 3-5pm.	One-By-One 7pm	Prayer Group 7pm Trustees Mtg. 7:30	Card Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	Youth Outing No Night Circle Meeting	Water Rafting	Activities
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Donation Luncheon: by The Finance Committee 12:00pm	One-By-One 7pm	Prayer Group 7pm	Card Ministry 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal	UMW School	Of Christian (Methodist College)	Mission

EVERY  
SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE:

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

9:45AM  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
(ALL AGES)

11:00AM  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
(NURSERY  
PROVIDED)