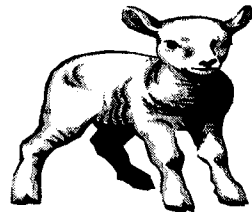


# ST. MATTHEW'S BELLWETHER



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A struggling writer once got up enough courage to ask a famous author to critique his story. Three days passed and the writer had heard nothing. He approached the celebrity and asked what he had thought of the piece. The old man looked up from his desk, tapping the manuscript, and said, "Is this the best you can do?"

Chagrined, the young writer took back his manuscript and agonized over every passage. This done, he left it with the author for several more days. Nervously, he approached the man and asked his opinion. "Are you sure this is the very best you can do?" asked the old man.

Distraught, the protege retrieved the story yet again and spent many sleepless nights perfecting the manuscript. Once again he braced himself for the onslaught as he stepped forward to get the famous man's opinion. "Hrumpf!" said the aged author, "are you *positive* that this is the best you can possibly do?" Disheartened but stubborn, the writer replied, "yes, sir, it is." "Okay," said the famous old writer. "Now I'll read it."

Everything depends on our being right ourselves in Christ. If I want good apples, I must have a good apple tree; and if I care for the health of the apple tree, doing all I can for it, the apple tree will give good apples. And it is just so in our Christian life and work. If our life with Christ is right, and I have given and done the very best I can, and I am *positive* of this, then all will come out right. There may be the need of instruction, suggestion, help and training in the different departments of the work; all that has its value. But in the long run the greatest essential is to have the full life in Christ; in other words, to have Christ in us, working through us. I know how much there is to disturb us or cause anxious questionings in our lives; but Jesus has such a blessing for every one of us and such perfect peace and rest and such joy and strength, if we can only come into and be kept in the right attitude toward him. It is, after all, having the "mind of Christ" (Philippians 2:5), the mind of humility and servanthood.

Larry



In our travels to Harkers Island, there are so many things to see and enjoy. Huge cotton, corn and tobacco farms that are really industrious acres. When we arrive at the drawbridge that leads to Harkers Island, it is a totally different world. There are many native people whose ancestors before came and settled the land which is 2 1/2 miles long and about 1 mile wide. The natives have a brogue all their own. We say "Outer Banks", and they say "OBX" with your tongue rolled. They still cherish the old way and fight to keep it that way.

One of the most enjoyable sights we have is to read all the church signs. I have to read them, write them down and study them in order to get the message. Below are some of them that I have seen:

- ◆ The rabbit foot didn't help the rabbit!
- ◆ Prevent truth decay-read the Bible daily!
- ◆ Tongues are light-can you hold yours!
- ◆ He's either Lord of all or not Lord at all.
- ◆ Good Ol' knee-ology is sometimes better than theology.
- ◆ This Sunday introduce your kids to a real super hero.
- ◆ No reduction in the wages of sin.
- ◆ Faith always has work to do
- ◆ That "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR THING"-I meant it! Signed God.
- ◆ Born to FISH-forced to WORK. (A car sign)
- ◆ When your knees wobble, kneel on them! (Must have been written by a minister that has no arthritis.)

Here is an ad for a Bed & Breakfast from the local paper:

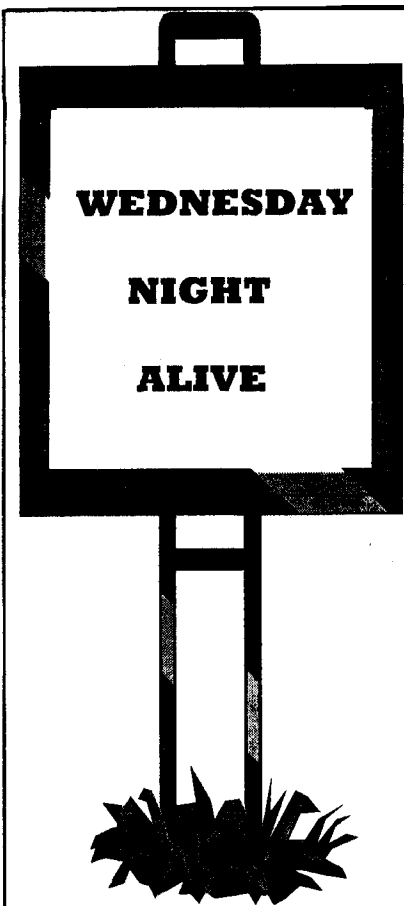
O'Prays to host Open House.

**"It's almost finished,  
We've done our best,  
Our doors are now open,  
For a good nights rest."**

Terry and Nan O'Pray, proprietors of Carteret County Bed & Breakfast, and home of the grumpy hosts, bad food, lumpy beds and nasty cat! invite the public to attend an open house, Wednesday, August 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 299 Highway 101 in Beaufort. Telephone # 728-4611.

Hope you have enjoyed this as much as I did.

Eva Smith,  
Adult Coordinator



### HELLO EVERYONE!

My name is...O, it's irrelevant what my name is. Have you heard the good news yet? **Wednesday Night Alive** is the place to be on Wednesday evenings at St. Matthew's UMC, beginning **September 8, 1999**. Now that summer is past, we are ready to launch into another eight weeks of learning, games, music, and fulfilling friendships. This is your invitation to be a part of it all.

Supper will be held each week at **5:30 p.m.** followed by classes for **K-6th grades**. Classes will begin at **6:30 p.m.** each Wednesday for eight weeks. At 7:10 p.m. the children will move into the sanctuary, collectively, and learn songs. The music is under the direction of Candice Wagoner and Terry Jordan.

Everyone is invited to attend a study entitled, "**This is Christianity.**" The study will be for eight weeks:

**Week One : WHO IS GOD?**

**Week Two : WHO IS JESUS?**

**Week Three: WHAT IS SALVATION/WHAT IS SIN?**

**Week Four : WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT/WHAT IS THE TRINITY?**

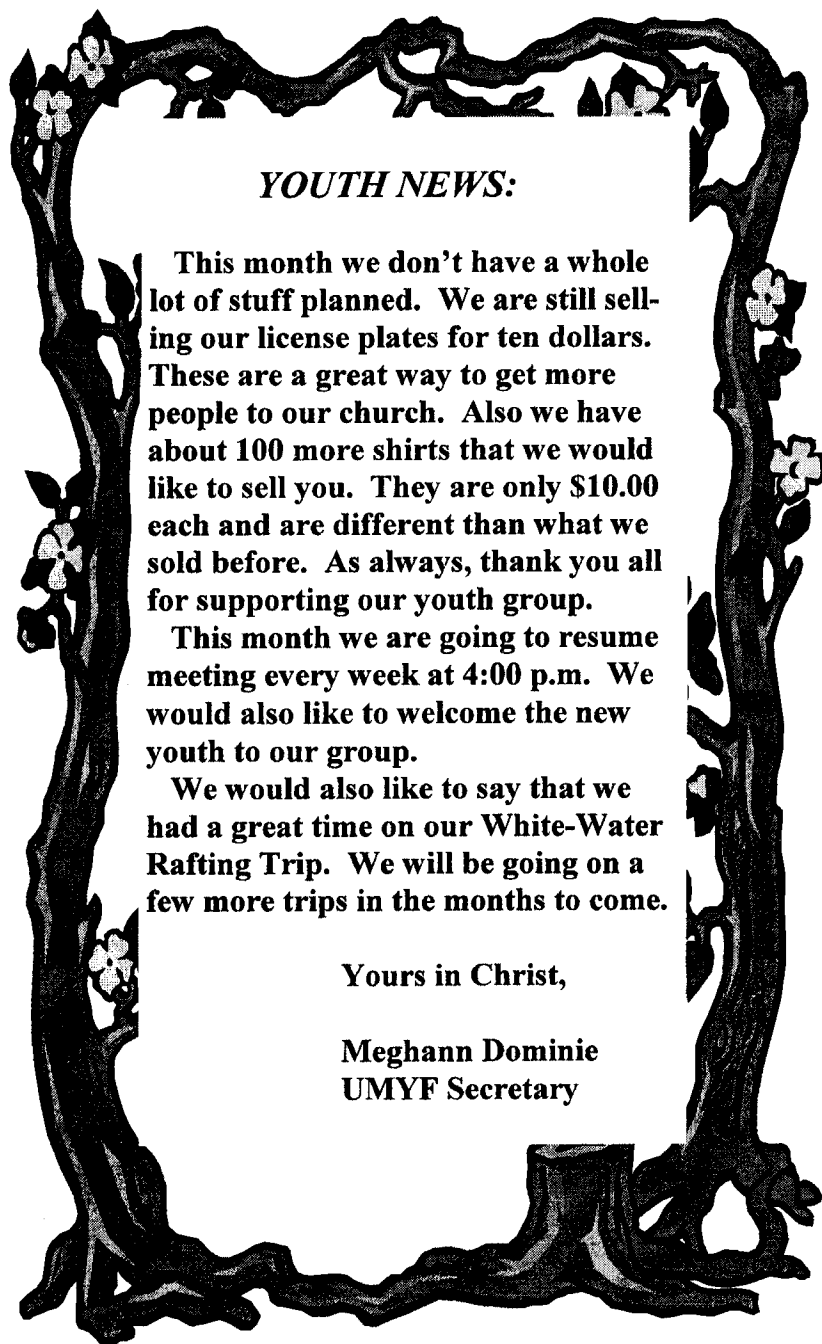
**Week Five : WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

**Week Six : WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?**

**Week Seven : WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION?**

**Week Eight : WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE/WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?**

This is your personal invitation. Come and join us for eight evenings of **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND WORSHIP!**



### YOUTH NEWS:

This month we don't have a whole lot of stuff planned. We are still selling our license plates for ten dollars. These are a great way to get more people to our church. Also we have about 100 more shirts that we would like to sell you. They are only \$10.00 each and are different than what we sold before. As always, thank you all for supporting our youth group.

This month we are going to resume meeting every week at 4:00 p.m. We would also like to welcome the new youth to our group.

We would also like to say that we had a great time on our White-Water Rafting Trip. We will be going on a few more trips in the months to come.

Yours in Christ,

Meghann Dominie  
UMYF Secretary

### UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS:

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, August 15th for our regular monthly fellowship breakfast. Matt Jamison and Lynwood Griffin served up a terrific meal and the men enjoyed great fellowship. The majority of the business discussed was concerning job duties for the picnic that was to be held later that afternoon.

Our first annual picnic was a huge success and lots of fun was had by all. We had a great turnout. We served Hot-Dogs and/or Hamburgers to over **90 people**. What a wonderful afternoon which was spent having fun and sharing with our church families. Games were provided the children, teens and adults (older children) to play and have fun. We also had six different flavors of Home-made Ice Cream. Now what better way to top off the day than with a dish of home-made Butterfinger Ice Cream. Yum, Yum, that's tough to beat by itself, but when added in with the rest of the day, sounds like something we should do more often. I am proud of all the men who worked so hard preparing and planning for this day. Thanks to everyone of you!

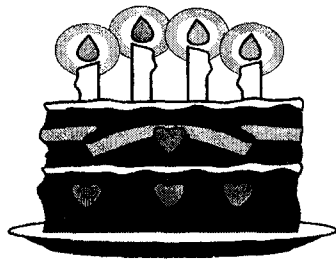
Ken Manship-UMM Secretary

### HELP WANTED!!

**ANYONE WILLING TO GIVE 15 MINUTES ON SUNDAY MORNING TO GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR, PLEASE CONTACT DOROTHY TAYLOR AT 425-1378 OR CONNIE KNIGHT AT 425-7003.**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS-

- 1 Dorothy Taylor
- 5 Doris Mayo
- 6 Matt Unruh  
Joann Terrier
- 7 Shawn Schultz
- 8 Rev. Larry Patrick
- 10 Skeeter Parker
- 11 Kay Warbis
- 14 Phyllis Jordan  
Dustin Powell
- 15 Karen Ogden  
Melvin Lynn
- 17 Ruby Lucas
- 18 Lyle Spidle  
Laura Gallimore
- 20 Bob Lambert  
Scott Wagoner
- 21 Julia Agnew
- 22 Betty Zielinski
- 23 Mary Kate Hawkins
- 24 Sam Hubbard  
Pam Thompson
- 25 Charlene DeLaVega
- 26 Greg Brown  
Lucky Cabeza
- 27 Andy Edge
- 28 Kristine Lewis



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## ONE-BY-ONE TUTORING:

Will your soul be touched today? Are you ready to take a leap of faith that will mean everything in one other person's life? Now is the time to dedicate yourself, your time, and your talents to help another in the name of Christ our Lord. Sometimes, we talk the big talk, but we do not take the big walk.

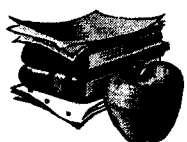
Come, take a walk with us on a journey that will carry you to heights of giving that you never knew you had. The rewards will be given to you - ones that you may have never experienced. Be prepared to feel like a changed person. God is busily at work at St. Matthew's. He needs you, and we need you. The children, older teens, and adults must have someone like you by their sides so that they may learn and grow.

This coming year is the "BIG ONE" for our ONE-BY-ONE program. We will have the students. We must have teachers for them. Preparations show that we are ready to help in three areas: Remedial, Educational, and Advancement. This means tutoring, helping with special needs and reviewing for the G.E.D.

A TEACHER'S WORKSHOP will be held Thursday, September 2 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the church library. We will show you how to help in the above areas. A commitment of one hour a week for six weeks is all that is asked. Please contact me ASAP (As Soon After Prayer) if you plan to attend the workshop.

Students, or anyone who wants to learn to read better, our Fall Session starts Monday, Sept. 13 and ends Monday, Oct. 18. Please Register! Either call me or pick up a form in the church office. Parents, make sure that the R.E.A.D. form is filled out completely.

ONE-BY-ONE, the only way to self-improvement in reading is here for you. God has made it happen. He has opened this door. Let us not shut Him out.



Thank you all in the name of Christ,

Amy Eberhardt (425-5115)

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### DONATIONS GIVEN TO:

- ◆ Music Fund
- ◆ Emergency Fund by Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ Emergency Fund in memory of Linda Snyder by Boyd Snyder
- ◆ Emergency Fund from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ Emergency Fund by Dee Parker
- ◆ Conference Apportionment
- ◆ Emergency Fund in memory of Annie Rue Hill by Mrs. G.M. Graham and Troy Willoughby
- ◆ Emergency Fund in memory of Sadie Willoughby by Charles & Ruby Lucas
- ◆ The Food Pantry by Bob Lambert
- ◆ Emergency Fund by Betty Priest
- ◆ Card Ministry by Sam & Glyndetta Hubbard
- ◆ Garden Fund
- ◆ Maintenance Fund in memory of Annie Rue Hill, Sadie Willoughby, Dot Spakes sister, & Betty Huffman.
- ◆ Emergency Fund in memory of Lonnie Hubbard & Annie Rue Hill by Marty & Linda Webb.
- ◆ Emergency Fund in memory of Betty Huffman by Gail Terwilliger.

## GO TELL A FRIEND

My friend, I stand in the judgment now  
And feel that you're to blame somehow;  
On earth I walked with you day by day,  
And never did you point the way.

You knew the Lord in Truth and Glory,  
But never did you tell the story.  
My knowledge then was very dim.  
You could have led me safe to Him.

Though we lived together on earth,  
You never told me of the second birth.  
And now, I stand this day condemned,  
Because you failed to mention Him.

You taught me many things, that's true,  
I called you "friend" and trusted you.  
But I learn, now that it's too late,  
You could have kept me from this fate.

We walked by day and talked by night,  
And yet you showed me not the light,  
You let me live, and love, and die,  
You knew I'd never live on High.

Yes, I called you "friend" in life,  
And trusted you through joy and strife  
And yet, on coming to this end,  
I cannot now call you "My Friend."

Author Unknown

# ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Well, here we go again. Time to gear up for the last four months of 1999. The heat seems to be easing up a little, and we have gotten a few good rain showers that should have made us all feel much better. Now is the time to really do some good planning for our "mission" as United Methodist Women. Just a few notes about things that have been happening during our time of summer break: The Nominations Committee has met and they will present to you, on October 4th, a slate of officers for the year 2000. They are:

*President - Betty Patrick*  
*Vice-President - Dorothy Taylor*  
*Secretary - Glyndetta Hubbard*  
*Treasurer - Joann Terrier*  
*Communications - Amy Eberhardt*

At the October 4th General Meeting these names will be placed in nomination, and then there will be a time for you to offer other names for nomination if you so desire. Please come prepared to cast your vote! Remember this meeting is a "covered-dish dinner" in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

Our circles resume their monthly meetings this month with the *Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle* meeting in the fellowship hall on September 8th at 10:30 a.m., and the *Night Owl Circle* meeting September 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Caldwell. *Circle Leaders*, please remember to elect your new *circle officers* for the year 2000 at this September meeting. I have to have the new names in order to complete the *UMW Directory 2000*, also, if the circle leaders change, please include that name and get all the names to me as soon as possible. If there were mistakes in the addresses or telephone numbers of any UMW member in the 1999 Directory, please make sure your circle leader gives me the correct information.

Our *Fall Bazaar Planning Committee* has met, and we have some wonderful ideas for this year's event, and we hope everyone will help or contribute in some way. This year's bazaar will have a new schedule. The bazaar day is *Friday, October 15th* from *8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.* The bazaar will not be held on Saturday October 16th as previously stated. Everyone will make a great effort for our "one day bazaar" and I'm sure we will have lots of fun and fellowship as we work on this fund-raiser. It will be here before you know it. If you are making craft projects or baking items for the Food Table, please let me know; this information will be helpful in our planning times. You may call me at home (423-3739) anytime with the information. If I am not at home, just leave your message on the answering machine.

I hope everyone is trying these easy recipes for much good eating!!!

Your UMW President,  
Betty Patrick

## HEARTY MACARONI SALAD

2 cups cubed cooked ham  
or chicken  
4 cups cooked elbow macaroni  
1 cup frozen cooked small  
shrimp, thawed  
1/4 cup each chopped onion, green  
pepper and sweet red pepper  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

### DRESSING:

1/3 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
4 teaspoons vinegar  
1 teaspoon snipped fresh dill  
or 1/4 teaspoon dill weed  
1/2 teaspoon salt, optional  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon sugar

In a bowl, combine the ham, macaroni, shrimp, celery, onion, peppers and cheese. In another bowl, combine the dressing ingredients until blended. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and chill for several hours before serving.  
Yield: 8 servings.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	EVERY SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
			1 Card Ministry-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm	2 Administrative Board-Mtg. - 7:00pm One-By-One Teacher Workshop-7:00pm	3	4	
5 UMYF-4:00pm	6 LABOR DAY	7 Prayer Mtg.-7:00pm	8 Ruth/E.Smith Cir.-10:30am Card Ministry-5:00 pm WNA Supper-5:30pm Classes-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm	9 Night Owls meet at Ruth Caldwell's-7:00pm	10 Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary Only) - 7:00pm	11 Wedding at Grace - 1:00pm Dennis Wedding - 5:00pm Lloyd Willis, Jr. Wedding-5:00pm (St. Matthew's)	<b>8:30AM EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE (NO) NURSERY PROVIDED</b>
12 Grace UMC Homecoming UMYF-4:00pm	13 Church Staff Mtg. - 6:00pm Worship Com. - 7:00pm One-By-One-7pm	14 Prayer Mtg.-7:00pm Trustees Mtg.-7:30pm	15 Home Ext.-9:30am Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA Supper-5:30pm Classes-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm	16	17	18	<b>9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)</b>
19 UMM Breakfast-7:30am UMYF-4:00pm	20 One-By-One-7pm	21 Prayer Mtg.-7:00pm	22 Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA Supper-5:30pm Classes-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm	23 Help'N Hands-11:00am	24	25	<b>11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE (NURSERY PROVIDED)</b>
26 Homecoming-Robert Poulk Guest Speaker-11:00am Covered Dish Lunch-12pm UMYF - 4:00PM Grace Administrative Board Mtg. - 4:00pm	27 One-By-One-7pm	28 Prayer Mtg.-7:00pm Council on Ministries-7:30pm	29 Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA Supper-5:30pm Classes-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm	30			