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*Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40*

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One of the most important ministries of the local Church is the care of our members. Once people make a commitment to join the church, we need to be sure we are caring for them so they become an active part of our church family. People unite with a congregation for many reasons. Sometimes it is loyalty to a pastor or a friend. If we do not care for them and help them to feel a part of the Christian family we could lose them. The ministry of caring for those who become a part of our flock is pastoral care or shepherding. Jesus was the good shepherd and called on us to care for his sheep.

This is not just a job for the minister. When we studied spiritual gifts last fall we discovered that God calls and equips quite a few of our active membership for this vital ministry. Several of our new ministries are designed to help us better care for our people. I have challenged Help 'N Hands to begin a care ministry, in addition to a fellowship and nurture ministry for senior citizens that meets monthly and plans special activities and trips. As a service to the church it will develop an Eldercare Ministry Team to monitor and visit senior citizens who cannot normally join the fellowship activities and also inform the pastor of special needs and circumstances among seniors.

Another new ministry called Care Cells is built around a number of people who are willing to serve the church by staying in touch with members who live in their geographic area or neighborhood. These Care Cell Leaders will be a personal link between these

members, the church's ministries and the pastor. Care Cell Leaders will also minister by contacting persons who may visit our church and live in their geographic area or neighborhood. Training will be provided for this new ministry.

Two other ministries have already been helpful in the care of our members. The Prayer Ministry Team is a group that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the church to review prayer needs shared on Sunday mornings and at other times in the life of our church. They engage in a half hour of intercessory prayer for the people and needs shared with them. They maintain and update a prayer list for the church. They work closely with the Card Ministry Team, an informal group that meets weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. at *The Pizza Palace* across the street from the church, to send cards to people with special needs and on special occasions. Both of these ministries let people know that the church cares for them. These ministries also keep the pastor posted when special needs arise.

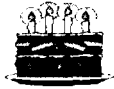
Jesus said people will know we are Christians by the way we love and care for one another. Someone recently shared, *"Things are getting better in our church because three different people visited me when I had a special need in my life."*

Please join me in this rewarding ministry of caring for our people. Join one of the new Ministry Teams.

Shalom,  
Mike

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Shirley Dominie  
 9 - Jonathan Hargraves  
 10 - Dorothy Brackett  
 12 - Mary Rozier  
     Ruth Caldwell  
 14 - Robin Lewis  
 15 - Frank Bagley  
 17 - Betty Probst  
     Darren Snyder



19 - Emma Spidle  
 22 - Betty Gray  
 23 - Lori Montaque  
 26 - Lee Anna Sproul  
 27 - Amanda Hughes  
     Rebecca Parker  
 30 - Heidi Snyder

## HELP'N HANDS



This is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to meet once a month for *food, fun, and fellowship*. It is open to everyone and you are invited to join us. We meet on the *4th Thursday* of the month in the church fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m. and a covered dish lunch is provided. We hope to have some trips and other things planned in the months ahead. Please join us!

Eva Smith

### Words To Live By:

1. Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
2. You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
3. All people smile in the same language.
4. Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.
5. It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.
6. Happy memories never wear out — relive them as often as you want.
7. Home is the place where you grumble the most, but are often treated the best.
8. The choice you make today will usually affect tomorrow.
9. If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.
10. Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.

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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- ◆ Emergency Fund
  - ⇒ in memory of W.A. Stewart from Ruth Caldwell
  - ⇒ from Betty Priest
  - ⇒ from Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Scholarship Fund
  - ⇒ in memory of W.A. Stewart from J.H. Britt
- ◆ Music Fund in memory of Cecil T. Jordan from St. Matthew's UMC
- ◆ Power Bill from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ Food Pantry in honor Betty Zielinski's birthday (Sept. 22) from her Secret Prayer Partner
- ◆ Building Maintenance Fund in memory of Mary Sue Grady's brother, Julia Agnew's sister, and W.A. Stewart from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

## EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM NOAH...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float for a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

-Author Unknown-

May God bless you and keep you safe.

If we let things terrify us, life will not be worth living.



The following contributions were made from the Thrift Shop:

- \$1000.00 to UMCOR
- \$150.00 to Emergency Fund
- \$100.00 to Church Power Bill
- Purchased Blinds for last six windows of Administrative Wing
- Gave Books to program at William H. Owen Elementary School
- Gave Toys to Handicapped Class at Pauline Jones School
- Donated Clothes to Community Services

The Thrift Shop has provided Craft Material for the Bazaar. Please feel free to check the box in the fellowship hall and use anything you need.

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson

### ONE-BY-ONE

We were able to enrich our ministry due to the great outpouring of volunteers who are giving their time and their hearts. *Thank you* to all those devoted to helping others with improving reading skills. St. Matthew's, we are reaching even further. Whole families are improving their ideals of education and spiritual fulfillment. Although we have seen this in the past, this year we are seeing more reaching out for "more." Parents are already expressing opinions of thanks, humility, and searching for sanctuary within a church. God is seeing to it that this mission is accomplishing His goals. We give praise to Him!

A bulletin board will be hung in the hallway across from the Church Office. On it will be postings regarding **ONE-BY-ONE**. Also, a portion will be devoted to the **Young Teen Bible Study**. Everyone is invited to read, look, and find information on what is currently going on. The participants are proud of their accomplishments. They deserve to be. Please, do not be shy with a "Thanks" or a "Pat-On-The-Back". All are faithful servants of the Lord.

In the Love of Christ,  
Amy

### YOUNG TEEN BIBLE STUDY

At present, we are studying "The Tower of Babel". We are finding out how this part of the Bible affected the people at the time. What we find to be amazing is the impact it was to have on the world in which we live today. We are going ahead with our studies about the universal language of God. As we learn, we grow in our faith.

Class Contribution



### LOOKING AHEAD:



#### OCTOBER

- 12-UM Women Bazaar, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- UM Men's Barbeque Sale, 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. & 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 13-UM Women Bazaar, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 23-Administrative Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 31-Fall Festival, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

- 7-Charge Conference, 6:30 p.m.
- 18-Harvest Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 21-Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

- 2-Chrismon Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 16-Christmas Cantata, 7:00 p.m.
- 18-Council on Ministries, 7:30 p.m.
- 24-Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:30 p.m.

**CARD MINISTRY**  
 You are invited to join us for prayer, signing cards and dinner OYO each Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. or so (we also take late-comers) at Pizza Palace on Hope Mills Road. Bring cards and names with addresses if you have any, otherwise sign the ones from others. Your presence will be appreciated.

Card Ministry Team



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Three months remain to accomplish our UMW goals for 2001. Our busiest month is here **OCTOBER!!** Backtracking for a moment, let us stop and thank Mike for a most thought-provoking Bible Study of Corinthians, and Fred for the delicious meal. Now, moving to fast-forward, October has arrived. Our meeting tomorrow night will give us a chance to put our heads together to make our last-minute plans for the **Bazaar**. Please continue collecting **White Elephant** items, making quickie **crafts** and selling **Barbecue** and **Quilt tickets!!** We'll vote for Candle-burning and Mission Pins tomorrow night. It's "**drafting time**" for October 12th & 13th, so be in prayer. God bless!

Mary Rozier

### RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

We met in the Fellowship Hall on September 12th and had a very productive meeting. We began discussing work hours for the **Bazaar**, and the distribution of **Quilt Tickets** which will be raffled off on Saturday. We are also selling **Barbecue Tickets** for the **UMM Barbecue Sale** on Friday. This should be the best **Bazaar** we have ever had. We're making **Crafts** and will have **Food** and a **White Elephant Room**. Anyone interested in helping will be welcomed. Items should be brought to the Church Fellowship Hall for the White Elephant Sale, Craft Room and Baked Goods on Thursday or very early Friday morning. We will be setting up on Thursday evening. If at all possible, please have your items priced. On Friday morning, we will have **Sausage** and **Ham Biscuits** for sale. Come early and have breakfast with us at 8:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be October 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to finalize plans for the Bazaar. **EVERY LADY IN THE CHURCH IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

God bless all, Catherine Morgan

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

September./October - Ticket Sales & Crafts for Bazaar

October 1 - UMW General Meeting, 7:00 pm (Covered Dish)

7-11 - Bring White Elephant items to church

11-12 - Bring Baked Items to church

12 - UMW Bazaar, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

UMM Barbecue Sale, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm

13 - UMW Bazaar, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

November - Shoe Box Ministry



#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

##### "Applesauce Bread"

2 eggs	1 tsp baking soda
3/4 cup sugar	1 cup applesauce
1/3 cup milk	1 tsp vanilla
3/4 tsp cinnamon	1/2 tsp salt
2 cups all purpose flour	
1/2 cup chopped nuts, if desired	
1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened	



Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottom only of 9x5 or 8x4 inch loaf pan. Beat in eggs. Add applesauce, milk & vanilla; blend well. In small bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, nuts, baking soda & salt; mix well. Add to mixture; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely. Wrap tightly & store in refrigerator. Yield: 1 (16 slice) loaf.

# FAMILY FIRST FAITH TEAM

**Families First** is a way for congregations to help Work First families (families on welfare receiving assistance) move to employment, maintain a job, and increase family stability by providing extended family support (services plus encouragement, faith, love, & hope). Although our congregations already serve families in various ways, **Families First** can extend what we are already doing. We serve the entire family at one time – adults & children and focus on more than one problem or issue at the same time, such as day care, finding a job, and the emotional well-being of all family members. This ministry builds on family strengths – things the family already does well and/or things the family identifies as goals.

As important as the activities and responsibilities above are in helping Work First families, there are other roles, or commitments, undertaken by Faith Team members that help families establish a real foundation for eventual independence and fulfillment. Among these are helping families restore their sense of self-respect, self-reliance, and hope as well as helping them reclaim their dreams of a better life. Helping families assess their own strengths and needs, reflect critically on how they arrived where they are, and determining what will help them move toward self reliance is a major goal. We can help families develop their own long-term and short-term goals and gain access to the services they need to reach these goals.

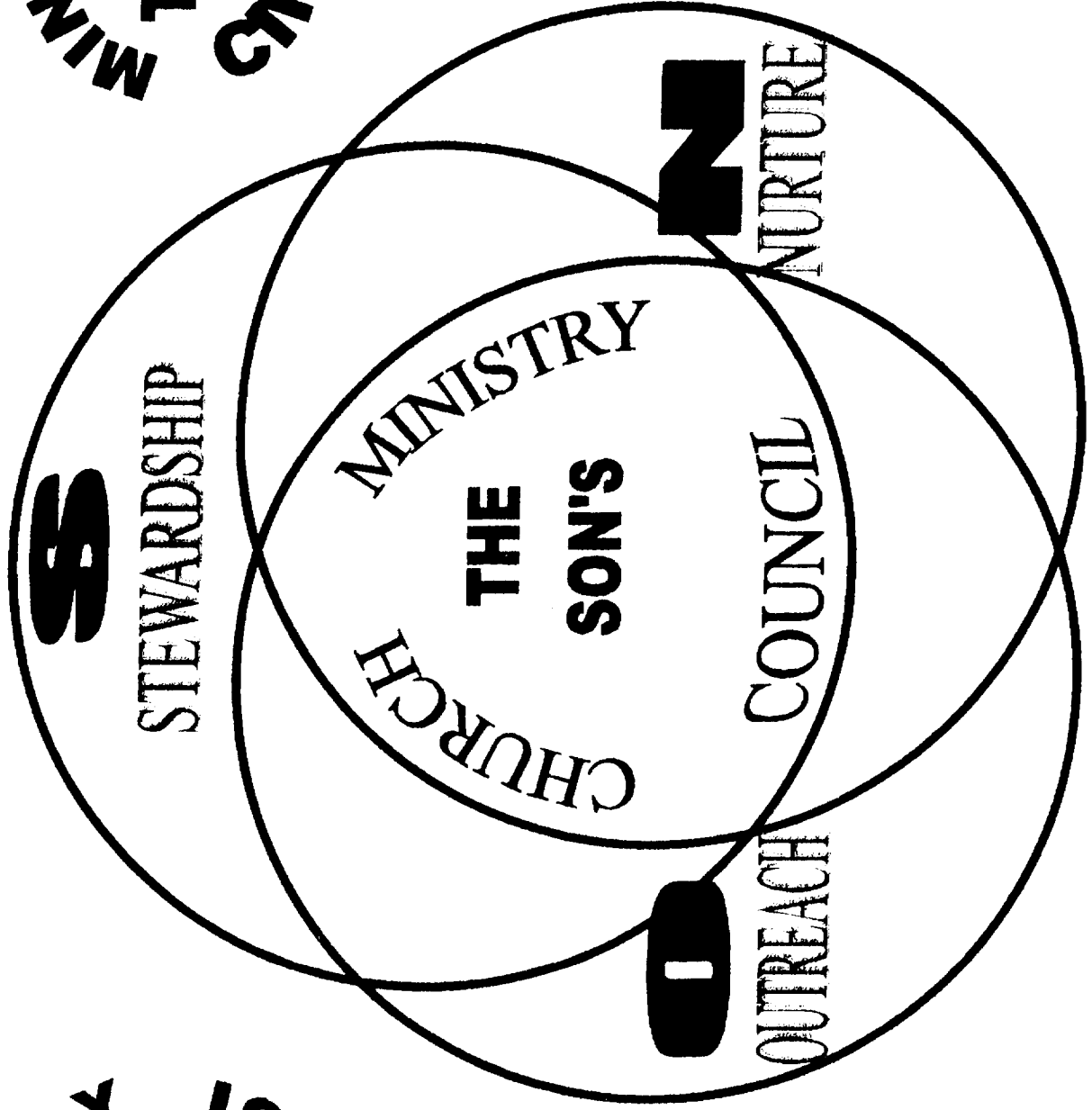
Faith Teams typically have 4 – 8 members, including all or some of the following. The **Faith Team Coordinator** is the general communicator/coordinator. They convene/coordinate meetings, keep records and submits periodic reports on the family's progress. They also communicate with the congregation about the team's activities, about items family members need, and about the family's progress as well as with the Families First Coordinator and Work First case manager.

The **Family Liaisons**, two people, maintain primary contact with the family. They make weekly contact with the family in person and by phone, help the parent take action toward goals she established in the DSS Responsibility Contract and access needed resources, such as food stamps, housing, legal assistance, job support groups, etc. They communicate with the parent's Work First case manager to coordinate plans for the family, report to the Faith Team about the family's progress, problems, and crises. Then the Faith Team helps with solving problems and planning upcoming steps with the family.

A **Special Events Coordinator** acknowledges special occasions with activities around special events in the family's life – birthdays, holidays, new job, start of school, etc. A **Transportation Coordinator** recruits volunteer drivers, organizes a transportation schedule for a parent seeking or going to work, advises or secures advice on transportation issues and purchases, etc. This may involve providing bus schedules, carpool information, transportation schedule, etc. to Family Liaisons so they can help the family learn about and use transportation resources. A **Budget/Financial Planner** may help the family develop a realistic budget, monthly finance plan, and a strategy for saving money. Other individual or group roles (housing, tutoring, etc.) can be developed or appointed as needed. Each team member keeps in touch with the Faith Team Coordinator. **BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN THIS EXCITING AND MEANINGFUL NEW MINISTRY.** Training will be provided for team members and the pastor is always willing to provide guidance. Contact the Pastor, Amy Eberhardt, or Julie Griffin if you are willing to serve.

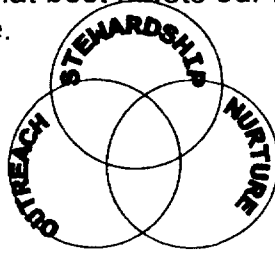
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You Are  
OF CHRIST'S

MINISTRY  
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# NEW STRUCTURE

When the combined Council on Ministries and Administrative Board met June 19, 2001 we voted to try a new structure for doing ministry at St. Matthew's UMC. Year before last the Conference went to a new structure based on Circles of Ministry. Circles are a more appropriate symbol for the church than business-like organizational charts. The Discipline allows us to structure the local church in any way that best meets our needs. (§ 243 ¶ numbers refer to the location of information in the Discipline.



The new structure consists of three circles forming an ancient Christian symbol called the trefoil, which represents the Holy Trinity. There will be only three main ministry circles; Stewardship, Outreach and Nurture. A Church Ministry Council made up of representatives from each of these ministry areas will be the decision making body to carry out the administrative, scheduling and programming functions of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries in our old structure. We believe this is a more simple structure and hopefully much more biblical.

When Jesus sent the disciples out on their mission he sent them in teams. Many of the same tasks that existed in our previous structure will be cared for in a different way through ministry teams. Teams exist to accomplish ministries to fulfill God's mission for our church. The goal is to spend more time in direct ministry and less time in formal meetings. Teams are made up of two or more people who feel called to a particulate area of ministry. Hopefully we will have co-leaders for each team so one person does not feel that all the responsibility for the ministry rests on them. The team may have as many members as it needs to carry out the ministry. Team members may simply volunteer to work in certain areas of the ministry while those willing to be team leaders will coordinate the activities of the ministry. Once each ministry team has established and presented its goals, schedules and budget needs to the Church Ministry Council, the team can meet formally or informally, as the members desire, to best carry out their ministry.

## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship will combine all those areas of ministry that are responsible for our material (buildings, property), financial (giving, budget) and personal resources (staff, leadership and volunteers).

### FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

¶ 258.4. Is elected annually by the charge conference upon recommendation by the lay leadership ministry team or from the floor, composed of the chairperson; the pastor(s); a lay member of the annual conference; the chairperson of the church ministry council; the lay leader; the financial secretary; the treasurer; the chairperson or representative from pastor-staff; trustees; and other members to be added as the charge conference may determine. Where there is no stewardship ministry area, stewardship shall be the responsibility of a subgroup of the finance ministry team or shall be assigned to a task group that shall report to the church council. All financial askings to be included in the

annual budget of the local church shall be submitted to the finance ministry team to compile annually a complete budget for the local church and submit it to the church council for review and adoption. They shall develop and implement plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the church council. It shall administer the funds received according to instructions from the church council. They shall carry out the church council's directions in guiding the treasurer(s) and financial secretary. a) The financial secretary shall keep records of the contributions and payments. b) The church treasurer(s) shall disburse all money contributed to causes represented in the local church budget, and such other funds and contributions as the church council may determine, including World Service and conference benevolence, and make regular and detailed reports on funds received and expended. c) Shall make provision for an annual audit of the records of the financial officers of the local church and all its organizations and shall report to the charge conference. e) Contributions designated for specific causes and objects shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor and shall not be used for any other purpose. g) The committee shall prepare annually a report to the church council of all designated funds that are separate from the current expense budget.

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY TEAM**

¶ 2532. 1. Subject to the direction of the charge conference, the trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church or by any society, board, class, commission, or similar organization connected to the church. 2. shall review annually the adequacy of the property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church-owned property, buildings, and equipment and personnel insurance. 3. grant permission to an outside organization to use church facilities, 5. shall receive and administer all bequests made to the local church; shall receive and administer all trusts; and shall invest all trust funds of the local church in conformity with laws of the country, state, in which the local church is located. 6. in cooperation with the health and welfare ministries representative, shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual accessibility audit of their buildings, grounds, and facilities to discover and identify what physical, architectural, and communication barriers exist that impede the full participation of people with disabilities and shall make plans and determine priorities for the elimination of all such barriers. The Accessibility Audit for churches shall be used in filling out the annual church and/or charge conference reports. ¶ 2549. Trustees Report to the Charge Conference with a written report in which they include items 1-10 required by the Discipline.

### **VISION MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall assist the trustees, church ministry council and church membership by developing a vision for the church that considers long range plans for site development, building and program needs of the church and sharing these ideas in a dialogue with members of the church to excite members and the community about our ministry.

### **MEMORIAL MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall assist the trustees, church ministry council and church membership in meeting the needs of the church by promoting special giving for memorial gifts by providing a wish list of items which will enrich the churches ministry and providing oversight of the funds designated for these gifts. ¶ 258.4. e) Contributions designated for specific causes and objects shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor and shall not be used for any other purpose.

### **PASTOR-STAFF-PARISH MINISTRY TEAM**

¶ 258. 2. elected annually by the charge conference to identify and clarify its values for ministry. It shall engage in biblical and theological reflections on the mission of the church, the primary task, and ministries of the local church. The committee shall reflect biblically and theologically on the role and work of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities. The committee shall assist the pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts and setting priorities for leadership and service. It is the responsibility of the committee to communicate with the committee on lay leadership and/or the church council when there is a need for other leaders or for employed staff to perform in areas where utilization of the gifts of the pastor(s) and staff proves an inappropriate stewardship of time. e) The committee shall meet at least quarterly f) The duties shall include the following:

(1) To confer with and counsel the pastor(s) and staff on the matters pertaining to the effectiveness of ministry; relationships with the congregation; conditions that may impede the effectiveness of ministry; and to interpret the nature and function of the ministry. (2) on matters pertaining to priorities in the use of gifts, skills, and time and priorities for the demands and effectiveness of the mission and ministry of the congregation. (3) To provide evaluation at least annually for the use of the pastor(s) and staff in an ongoing effective ministry and for identifying continuing educational needs and plans. (4) To communicate and interpret to the congregation the nature and function of ministry in The United Methodist Church regarding open itinerancy, the preparation for ordained ministry, and the Ministerial Education Fund. (5) To develop and approve written job descriptions and titles for other staff members in cooperation with the senior pastor. (6) To consult with the pastor and staff concerning continuing

education and spiritual renewal, to arrange with the church council for the necessary time and financial assistance for the attendance of the pastor and/or staff at such continuing education and spiritual renewal events as may serve their professional and spiritual growth, and to encourage staff members to seek professional certification in their fields of specialization (8) To interpret preparation for ordained ministry and the Ministerial Education Fund to the congregation (11) To recommend to the charge conference, when the size of the employed staff of the charge makes it desirable, the establishment of a personnel ministry team. This team shall be composed of such members of the committee on pastor-parish relations as it may designate and such additional members as the charge conference may determine.

#### **PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM**

(11) This team shall be composed of such member(s) of the committee on pastor-parish relations as it may designate and such additional members as the charge conference may determine. The committee shall assist the staff in assessing their gifts and setting priorities for leadership and service. It is the responsibility of the committee to communicate with the committee on lay leadership and/or the church council when there is a need for other leaders or for employed staff to perform in areas needed. (3) To provide evaluation at least annually for the use of the staff in an ongoing effective ministry and for identifying continuing educational needs and plans. (5) To develop and approve written job descriptions and titles for other staff members in cooperation with the senior pastor.

#### **LAY LEADERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

¶ 258.1. elected annually, by the charge conference to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the local congregation. They shall engage in biblical and theological reflections on the mission of the church, the primary task, and ministries of the local church, identifying the spiritual gifts and abilities of the membership, and diverse ministry tasks of the congregation and the skills needed for leadership. a) They shall advise the church council on matters regarding the lay leadership; guide the development and training of spiritual leaders; recruit, nurture, and support spiritual leaders; and assist the church council in assessing the changing leadership needs. b) recommend to the charge conference the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of designated ministries of the church council. c) co-led by the pastor and the lay leader. d) the membership shall be divided into three classes, e) In the identification and selection process, care shall be given that the leadership of ministries reflects inclusivity and diversity.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY TEAM**

¶ 258.5 shall have a consultative relationship to all ministries of the Church and shall give leadership to the local Church in the field of communication in a holistic way by meeting the communication, public relations, providing resources and services, and promotional needs of the Church by informing members and the community of the churches mission and activities. The team shall assist in creating a positive image of the church locally and denominationally.

## **OUTREACH**

Outreach deals with all the ministries that reach out beyond the local church to the community and world. In addition to the specific ministry teams listed below the outreach ministry area will consider and promote outreach ministry issues including missions, social concerns, etc. designated by the Discipline or the Annual Conference. We will encourage all age levels in the church to be involved in outreach, especially our Sunday School, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Youth.

#### **THRIFT SHOP MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall have oversight of the day to day operations of the Thrift Shop and determine the projects it will sponsor with its earnings.

#### **FOOD PANTRY/EMERGENCY FUND MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate the collection and distribution food for needy individuals and families and distribute emergency funds for those in need.

## **ONE BY ONE MINISTRY TEAM**

**ONE-BY-ONE, (R.E.A.D.) R.E.A.D.** is an acronym for the separate areas of help that the program offers: remediation; education; advancement and diversity. We have reached so many within our limited space and presently serve 26 students, with volunteers and back ups on Monday evenings. St. Matthew's is a Partner in Education with **J.W. Coon Elementary School**, which has a waiting list of forty – for **ONE-BY-ONE**. Parents and teachers say they prefer our results over other available tutoring programs. A leadership team gives oversight to the program and is always open to training new volunteers.



## **EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate efforts to reach out to the community to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to make disciples of the unchurched through revivals, witnessing programs, DOOR STEP EVANGELISM MINISTRY, and HOSPITALITY MINISTRY.

### **DOOR STEP EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate a simple visitation ministry to reach out to our community by training teams to go out two-by-two to share with people about our church and our concern for people in the community. We do not want these visitors to go into homes and lead people to salvation or talk about religious and biblical issues. Such concerns can be referred to a follow-up team. Door Step Evangelism Teams will simply meet people on their door steps, tell them who we are, where the church is located, offer to pray for any needs the residents may have, and invite them to check us out with a visit. Only one of the team members needs to be comfortable enough to pray a simple prayer with people. The other team member is there for support.

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall develop and coordinate ways to make everyone feel welcome and at home when they come to our church. We will explore ways to help our congregation be more friendly and help visitors feel more at ease when they attend. The team will also consider ways we can attract people to our church and insure that they come back. This team will work closely with our Door Step Evangelism, Communications, Worship, and Care Cell Ministry Teams on the ministry of hospitality.



## **FAMILIES FIRST MINISTRY TEAM**

Families First is an outreach ministry by a faith team who has committed to guiding a Work First Family referred to us by Fayetteville Urban Ministry and Cumberland County DSS.

The goal is to assist this welfare family in becoming more self sufficient over a period of twelve months. By befriending this family and guiding them in using personal, church and community resources we help them become responsible citizens in our community. (see newsletter article for more detailed information)

## **NURTURE**

Nurture is the ministry area that cares for the people who are a part of our church who want to participate in the life of our church and learn more about becoming faithful disciples.

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate and develop ways to make worship an exciting and joyful experience in the life of our church by working with our Hospitality, Music, Usher, Alter and Acolyte Ministry Teams. May expand to include drama, liturgical dance or multi-media worship teams.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate, develop and expand our music program in consultation with our Music Director. Explore ways to make worship more exciting through the ministry of music.

### **USHER MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate, recruit and train ushers to be an active and vital part of our hospitality and worship ministry.

#### **ACOLYTE MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate, recruit and train Acolytes to be an active and vital part of our worship ministry.

#### **ALTER MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate and develop creative alter settings around seasonal and church year themes to strengthen our worship ministry and the celebration of Holy Communion.

### **EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM**

Shall coordinate the educational activities of our church to nurture persons who want to participate in the life of our church and learn more about becoming faithful disciples. Education and fellowship will be carried out through the following activities, groups and organizations in our church. Age level teaching teams will include those who teach in any of our programs and will coordinate their activities formally and informally as needed. Two or more persons who want to address a need may form age level and special interest learning and activity teams. The educational ministry team will be made up of at least one representative from each ministry listed below.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM**

#### **WEDNESDAY'S ALIVE MINISTRY TEAM**

#### **FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM**

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

##### **CHILDREN'S TEACHING TEAM**

##### **CHILDREN'S MUSIC TEAM**

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

##### **YOUTH TEACHING TEAM**

**UNITED METHODIST YOUTH** open to any middle or high school youth in the church.

#### **ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

##### **ADULT TEACHING TEAM**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** open to any man in the church.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** open to any woman in the church.

##### **HELP'N HAND MINISTRY TEAM**

Is a fellowship and nurture ministry for senior citizens that meets monthly and plans special activities and trips. As a service to the church it will also have an Eldercare Ministry Team to monitor and visit senior citizens who cannot normally join the fellowship activities and inform the pastor of special needs and circumstances among seniors.

**CARD MINISTRY TEAM** an informal group that meets weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. at The Pizza Palace across the street from the church to send cards to people with special needs and on special occasions to let them know that the church cares about them. They work closely with the Prayer Ministry Team

**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** a group that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the church to review prayer needs shared on Sunday mornings and at other times in the life of our church. They engage in a half hour of intercessory prayer for the people and needs shared with them and maintain and update a prayer list for the church. They work closely with the Card Ministry Team.



### **CARE CELL MINISTRY TEAM**

A care and nurture ministry built around a number of people who are willing to serve the church by staying in touch with members who live in their geographic area or neighborhood. These care cell leaders are a personal link between these members, the church's ministries and the pastor. Care cell leaders will also minister by contacting persons who may visit our church and live in their geographic area or neighborhood. Training will be provided for this new ministry.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pastor at Bishop's Day Apart in Raleigh UMW General Mtg. & One-By-One-7pm	<b>2</b> Prayer Group - 7:00pm	<b>3</b> Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA & BS - 6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> World Communion Youth Choir-9:30am Sun. School-9:45am Worship-11:00am	<b>8</b> Pastor at Methodist College	<b>9</b> Prayer Group-7:00pm Finance Committee Mtg. - 7:30pm	<b>10</b> Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 10:30am Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA & BS-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	<b>11</b> Night Owl Circle - 7:00pm	<b>12</b> UMW Bazaar 9:00am-8:00pm UMM Barbecue Sale - 10:30am - 2:30pm & 4-7pm	<b>13</b> UMW Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm
<b>14</b> Youth Choir-9:30am Sun. School-9:45am Worship-11:00am	<b>15</b> Pastor at _____ NO One-By-One	<b>16</b> Convocation Prayer Group-7:00pm	<b>17</b> _____ in Durham Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA & BS-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Wolford Wedding Rehearsal - 6:00pm Rehearsal Dinner - 7:00pm in F.H.	<b>20</b> Wolford Wedding - 6:00pm Sanctuary
<b>21</b> UMM Breakfast-8am Youth Choir-9:30am Sun. School-9:45am Worship-11:00am	<b>22</b> One-By-One-7:00pm	<b>23</b> Prayer Group-7:00pm Administrative Board Mtg. - 7:30pm	<b>24</b> Card Ministry-5:00pm WNA & BS-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm	<b>25</b> Help'n Hands - 11:00am Youth Lock-In	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> DON'T FORGET! Move clocks back one hour before bed!!
<b>28</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends Youth Choir-9:30am Sun. School-9:45am Worship-11:00am	<b>29</b> NO One-By-One	<b>30</b> Prayer Group - 7:00pm	<b>31</b> Card Ministry-5:00pm Fall Festival - 6:30pm			