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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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PASTOR AND PARISH

According to the Book of Discipline, 258.2. (1), one of the functions of the Pastor-Parish Ministry Team is "To confer with and counsel the pastor to interpret the nature and function of the ministry. In consultation with PPR Team Leader Troy Willoughby, we thought these two articles would be helpful.

"Where in the world is the pastor?" is an often asked question. As a professional person, the minister of a church has to do a balancing act most of the time. When serving a church the pastor is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Although generally in the office during the hours listed in the column to the right, there are frequent issues that prevent the minister from always being there at those times. Emergency situations, hospital visits, church and community meetings, and occasionally personal issues or sickness can disrupt the schedule.

Often the pastor has to respond to some of these same situations on their day off or work to prepare for an upcoming church event. That may mean taking Monday off, instead. **John Wesley said, "The World is my parish."** Methodist pastors see the parish as more than their church members and neighborhood. We are expected to be involved in Conference and District events, as well as involvement with the larger community. If you would like to talk with me at a time other than usual hours, I will be glad to set up a special time to meet with you. That's where in the world the minister may be!

*Shalom,
Mike*

PASTOR-PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

If you need the Pastor's assistance in case of sickness, death or any other emergency after office hours, please contact any member of the Pastor - Parish Ministry Team or call the Pastor at his home.

Doris is in the office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Pastor's office hours are Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Pastor is at Grace UMC on Thursday, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. The office is closed on Friday and the Pastor does not normally come into the office on Saturday.

Please feel free to use any of these numbers at any time.

Troy Willoughby, Team Leader
 Pastor - Parish Ministry Team

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- Church Office ----- 425 – 0401
- Grace UMC ----- 424 – 0894
- Troy Willoughby ----- 424 – 6913
- Ruby Lucas ----- 424 – 0756
- Frank Bagley ----- 425 – 9289
- Shirley Dominie ----- 425 – 7758
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APRIL



BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 - Shannon Gibson | 25 - Lola Smith |
| 8 - Barry Gallimore | 27 - Connie Miller |
| 9 - Joe Bledsoe | 28 - Jean Lambert |
| James DeBruhl | 29 - Edna Parker |
| 17 - Josh Hager | 30 - Mary Harfst |
| 20 - Clarice Edge | John Williams, Jr. |
| 21 - Margaret Lewis | |

HELP'N  HANDS

We met on Thursday, March 28th and enjoyed our trip to Hudson Bay Seafood. The food and fellowship was great. Next month we have a trip to the Botanical Gardens planned along with a picnic. We would love to have you join us.

Eva Smith, Leader
Charlie Lucas, Co-Leader

HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?

One evening a boy was talking to his grandfather about current events. He asked what grandpa thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. His final question was: "How old are you, Gramps?" Well, let me think a minute, grandpa replied. I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, they were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, 'Sir' and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir". Sundays were set aside for going to church as a family, helping those in need, and visiting with family or neighbors. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living here was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends - not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day, 'grass' was

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- ◆ EMERGENCY FUND
 - ⇒ from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
 - ⇒ from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
 - ⇒ from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
 - ⇒ in memory of Karen Ogden's parents, Lenora & J. Harold Meyncke
- ◆ POWER BILL from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ MUSIC FUND from Brad & Mary Lynn Jordan
- ◆ MAINTENANCE FUND
 - ⇒ from Lynwood & Julie Griffin
 - ⇒ from Perry Smith

'mowed', 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your grandmother cooked in, and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby. And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap and how old do you think I am? The answer can be found on the Bulletin Board in the hallway.

By: Mary Brenner

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

"FRAYED & FRAZZLED FLOCK"

If you are not a member of a Circle, please consider joining our "Flock". We will meet Saturday morning April 13th & 27th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. On April 13th, our guest speaker will be Julie Griffin of Cumberland County Mental Health. She will discuss "Child Abuse Prevention". Please plan to attend and invite a friend!

HAPPY EASTER!
FROM
ONE-BY-ONE
GOD'S SEEKERS
GOD'S TEENS

FOR THE LOVE
OF CHRIST!

AMY EBERHARDT





We have just finished a **1/2 Price Sale** and are in the process of changing things from **Winter** to **Spring** and **Summer**. **Thanks** to everyone who helps the Thrift Shop in any way.

During the past month we have given to the **Emergency Fund** and the **Church Power Bill**.

Due to generous giving of goods and services, we are doing exceptionally well. **Thanks** and keep up the good work!

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson
Mary Schneider, Co-Chairperson

WORDS OF WISDOM

My hands were busy through the day, I didn't have much time to play the little games you asked me to play. I didn't have much time for you.

I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook, but when you'd bring your picture book and ask me please, to share your fun, I'd say, "A little later son."

I'd tuck you in all safe at night, and hear your prayers, turn out the light, then tiptoe softly to the door. I wish I'd stayed one minute more.

For life is short, and years rush past. A little boy grows up so fast, no longer is he at your side, his precious secrets to confide.

The picture books are put away, there are no childrens games to play. No good-night kiss, no prayers to hear. That all belongs to yesteryear.

My hands once busy, now lie still. The days are long and hard to fill. I wish I could go back and do the little things you asked me to.

Anonymous

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee, or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O gracious and blessed
God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM met on March 17th for its regular monthly meeting. A delicious breakfast was prepared by Raymond Gray and Jack Spakes and enjoyed by all. We had 19 men present. Dr. Hale had an inspirational topic on Matthew 25, our Church Newsletter's name. The scriptures in Matthew 25 offers us a challenge and Dan Eberhardt gave us one. "**Operation Inasmuch**" took place on Deep Creek Rd. Saturday, March 16th and 8 men volunteered for this work day. Jack Spakes, Raymond Gray, Perry Smith, Dan Eberhardt, Fred Rozier, Dr. Hale, David Gibson, and Troy Willoughby. We worked with the First Presbyterian Church and painted the outside of a house. St. Matthew's crew boxed in a front porch. There was alot of work involved, but the best part was helping someone who couldn't help themselves. Kenny Shackelford was in the area to help us, but couldn't find us because there were 400 people with trucks and trailers. Kenny, we will give better directions next time. This event is scheduled twice a year. Our Spaghetti Dinner on March 17th was a huge success. Fred, Dan, David and others prepared the meal, served and cleaned up. The proceeds were around \$400.00 after expences which was donated to the Youth. This entire function was the idea of Fred Rozier. So Youth Group, don't forget who your friends are. There will be a **Fried Chicken Dinner** on Friday, April 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold by the UMM and UMW. The proceeds will support families in need. The UMM will be in charge of the Mother's Day Service. Don't miss it! Dan Eberhardt is Head Usher for April and is using youth and families. See Dan if you would like to help.

P.S. If you are bored on Tuesday & Friday mornings, come to McDonald's at Raeford Rd. & Ireland Dr. around 8:30 a.m. There is always a lively discussion in progress.

Troy Willoughby, UMM President





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

With **"Mother's Day"** a month away, please be aware that names will be taken starting April 7th to be placed in the **"Mother's Day Booklet"** which will be available on **Mother's Day**. Please **PRINT** all names and give them along with \$1.00 to Catherine Morgan or Mary Rozier. Deadline for submitting names is Monday, April 29th.

Our **"Mother/Daughter Banquet"** (covered dish) will be held Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend. If you would like to help decorate on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., please be there. We should be finished by 12:00 p.m., if not sooner. The decorations are "made" and just waiting to be put in place. We are still looking for entertainment for the evening. If you have any names that might be available, please get them to me **ASAP**. We would also like to try to get a "head count", so watch for further news in the bulletin.

We will be attempting something new this year which is leading the **"Father's Day" Service** on Sunday, June 16th. If you have ideas, please get them to me by Sunday, May 5th. We hope to have several UMW participate in this endeavor.

Keep up the prayers for our mission.

Mary Rozier, UMW President

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

Our Circle in on Marth 13th with 18 present. At that meeting, we brought the **"We Care Bears"** which were taken to the New South River Association. They will be given to the Law Enforcement Association for distribution to abused children and adults. Our Circle took approximately **75 Bears**. The Night Owl Circle joined us in using it as one of their projects. Their Bears were also delivered. **Thanks Night Owls!** The Bears receive a tag identifying the Church from which they came from. Oh, by the way, someone in the congregation left two yellow bears at the Church. I want to **thank you** for supporting this project, whoever you are. We will meet April 10th in the fellowship hall. Come and join us. You will have a warm feeling when you take part in reaching out to give someone a smile, if only for a short period of time.

God's blessing to all!
Catherine Morgan

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 29—Deadline for submitting names for the Mother's Day Booklets

Saturday, May 4—Mother/Daughter Banquet, 6:00 p.m. (Decorate 10:00 a.m.)

Monday, June 3—United Methodist Women General Mtg., 7:00 p.m. (salad supper)

Sunday, June 16—United Methodist Women lead Father's Day Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

"PEACH & BANANA CREAM PIE"

1 9-inch Baked Pie Shell
1/4 Cup Sugar
1 pkg. Vanilla Pudding & Pie Filling
1 1/2 Cup Milk
2 peeled, sliced Fresh Peaches
1 Banana, sliced
Whipped Cream, or Non-Dairy Whipped Topping

Blend sugar, pudding & pie filling mix & milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Cool slightly. Fold sliced fruit into filling. Pour into baked pie shell. Chill. Top with whipped cream.

"PEACH FLUFF SALAD"

1 16-oz. small curd cottage cheese
1 pkg. (6-oz.) Peach Jello
2 cups Whipped Topping
8 chopped med. Fresh Peaches
1 can (8-1/2 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained

Mix cottage cheese with dry Jello. Fold topping into Jello mixture with fruit. Spoon into mold or dish.



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 6 - Move clocks ahead one hour before bed
- 7 - Donation Dinner, 12:00 p.m. (sponsored by the Finance Ministry Team)
- 13 - Doorstep Outreach Training, 1:00 p.m.
- 14 - Care Cell Ministry Team, 12:00 p.m.
- 28 - Heritage Sunday
 - Youth Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

MAY

- 4 - Mother-Daughter Banquet, 6:00pm
- 5 - Native American Ministries Sunday
- 12 - Mother's Day (UMM lead Worship Service)
- 19 - Call To Discipleship, 2:00-7:00 p.m. (light meal)
- 26 - Peace With Justice Sunday

JUNE

- 2 - Graduate Sunday
- 9 - Promotion Sunday
- 16 - Father's Day (UMW lead Worship Service)
- 23-27 - Vacation Bible School
 - (Donation Dinner 5:30-6:30pm, Classes 6:30-8:00pm)
- 30 - Fifth Sunday Service

JULY

- 8-12 - Camp Rockfish Day Camp

AUGUST

- 25 - Church-Wide Family Picnic (sponsored by UMM)

SEPTEMBER

- 22 - Homecoming
- 29 - Fifth Sunday Service

OCTOBER

- 6 - World Communion Sunday
- 11-12 - UMM Barbecue Sale & UMW Bazaar
- 20 - Laity Sunday
- 25 - Youth Lock-In
- 31 - Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- 10 - Honor Veterans
- 17 - Harvest Dinner/Children's Program, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 - UM Student Day
 - Angel Tree
 - Community Thanksgiving Service
- 27 - Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 - Hanging of the Greens & Chrismon Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Christmas Cantata
- 24 - Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.



GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 2

Graduates will be honored during the Worship Service and followed by a Reception in the Fellowship Hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23 - 27
DINNER - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
CLASSES - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Classes for all ages)

If you would like to help, please call Sandy Jones at 867-5442.



CAMP ROCKFISH
DAY CAMP
JULY 15 - 19
COST - \$50.00
AGES - K-12
PRE-REGISTRATION
JUNE 1 - 30

ACTIVITIES:
Swimming, Crafts,
Nature Hikes & more

DONATION DINNER NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 12:00 P.M. SPONSORED BY THE FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM. MENU: SALAD, CHICKEN WITH STUFFING & GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, SWEET POTATOES, HOT ROLLS, DESSERT & BEVERAGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ← PASTOR CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NO One-By-One	2 Prayer Group – 7:00pm	3 ON Card Ministry – 5pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	4	5 RETREAT	6 → MOVE CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME!
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Donation Dinner – 12:00pm	8 One-By-One – 7:00pm	9 Prayer Group – 7:00pm	10 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle – 10:30am Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	11 Night Owl Circle – 7:00pm	12 Fried Chicken Plate Sale – 11am-7pm	13 FFF – 10:00AM Doorstep Outreach Training – 1:00pm
14 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY Care Cell Ministry Team Mtg. – 12pm	15 One-By-One – 7:00pm	16 Prayer Group – 7:00pm	17 Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	18	19	20
21	22 One-By-One – 7:00pm	23 Prayer Group – 7:00pm	24 Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	25 Help'n Hands Senior Group – 11:00am	26	27 FFF – 10:00am
28 HERITAGE SUNDAY Youth Pancake Breakfast – 8:30am	29 One-By-One – 7:00pm	30 Prayer Group – 7:00pm				