



St. Matthew's 25 Challenge

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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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YOUTH & GROWING PAINS

Do you remember what it was like when you were a teenager? I remember going through those years and wondering why things seemed to be changing all the time. The expectation of adults and parents were always changing. I was going through a lot of physical, emotional, social and spiritual changes as well. I had a lot of questions too? Sometimes I asked question of my parents, teachers and adults at church. At other times I asked questions of my teenage friends. But there were times I had questions I would not dare ask anyone. And when I questioned why there were so many questions and changes in life, I was told I was just going through "growing pains" and that was just a part of life.

If you ever want to have your brain stimulated and your mind boggled, just spend a little time with some teenagers and let them ask you a few questions. The wonderful teens we have here at St. Matthew's can really ask you some challenging questions about life, God, church and human nature?

It has been such a joy to see our Wednesday night youth bible study grow from two to around twenty in a little over a year. They call themselves "God's Teens." Their dedication to learning more about God through bible study and willingness to grow in their understanding living out their faith are inspiring. They have grown in their appreciation of the mission of the church to make disciples by nurturing one another, demonstrating their stewardship of time, talent and financial support to underwrite outreach ministries to families with children in need.

Our youth are setting an example of discipleship that many of our adults would do well to follow. I hope the adults in our church do all in their power to encourage and support these youth in their Christian journey. I know that some of our younger

children are already being positively influenced by their example.

As in any growth situation our youth have recently been going through some growing pains along the way to becoming what God is calling them to be. Just as the church is going through a transition period with our new structure for ministry we need to encourage our youth to explore ways of developing a ministry of youth that makes sense to them and their calling.

These youth have proven themselves as young Christians over the last year and I trust that they will be able to create a more vital comprehensive youth ministry within our church if we allow them to examine a variety of options with the advice and support of caring parents and adults. There is no "one size fits all" way to do youth ministry in the church.

Sue Ellen Nicholson, youth specialist on our Conference staff, shared with me that; "the UMC encourages youth to see themselves as Christians in ministry within the local church and design a structure that fits their call and for adults to serve as advisors." In a recent training event with Chris Hughes, our Jurisdictional Youth leader, he shared that; "the church is moving away from a program model for youth to a mission/ministry model for youth.

In the coming weeks I will be meeting with our youth to assist them in looking at a variety of options for structuring youth ministry within our church. If this ministry is to grow and allow our youth to mature spiritually, we need to trust them to identify their mission and the best way they believe they can reach that ministry goal. As adults we are here to provide resources for them to consider, encouragement, support and advice when they are open to it. This is the way young Christians grow, "growing pains" & all.

Shalom,

Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Let's begin with a great big **"THANK YOU"** to all who helped set-up, clean-up or cook at our Mother-Daughter Banquet May 4th. As usual, this annual function met with great success. A few of our "regulars" were unable to attend. We'll pray for their return next year. Following our delicious meal, we thoroughly enjoyed being entertained by **Lisa Packer** (Dr. Mike's daughter)

who in addition to sharing her vocal talents, also led our children who sang a special Mother's Day song and participated in a **"Kindermusic Class"**. Thanks again Lisa!

Joann reported that we made about **\$200.00** on our **Mother's Day Booklets**. Thanks to **Glyndetta Hubbard** for typing the names, **Doris Miles** for running it off, all who submitted Mother's Day prayers and poems, and the **Night Owl Circle** for its final assembly. It is always a special occasion when we honor our mothers. Night Owls, don't forget to bring your recipe cards that you received at our May meeting to be compiled in a **"Night Owls Recipe Box"** for Christy Barber.

Again, let me remind you to see the Bulletin Board for news from our District President, **Alice Smith** concerning **Annual Conference** and **School of Christian Mission**. We have also received an invitation to a **"UMW Retreat"** at Camp Rockfish on Friday & Saturday, August 9-10. We will discuss how many women are interested in going at our General Meeting on June 3rd. It is also time to be thinking about **UMW Pins** and **Candle-Burning**.

Didn't the men of our church do a great job during the Mother's Day Worship Service? Our turn to reciprocate is **"Father's Day"** on June 16th. Make plans now to "step forward" and show our Father's and men that they mean as much to us as we do to them. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

As vacations begin, don't lose track of being a United Methodist Woman. God bless!

Mary Rozier, UMW President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 2—Shower for Christy Barber hosted by the Night Owls Circle, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in fellowship hall

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

Friday-Monday, June 7-10—Annual Conference

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

Friday & Saturday, August 9-10—UMW Retreat at Camp Rockfish

Friday & Saturday, October 11-12—Fall Bazaar

RECIPES OF THE MONTH "BEST CHOCOLATE SYRUP BROWNIES"

1/2 cup Butter	1 cup Sugar
Dash of Salt	3 Eggs
1 cup All Purpose Flour	3/4 cup can Chocolate Syrup
2 tsp Vanilla Extract	3/4 cup Chopped Walnuts or Pecans
Pecans or Walnut for garnish	

In a bowl, cream together butter, sugar & eggs until very creamy & well blended. Add salt. Stir in flour & mix well. Add chocolate syrup, vanilla & chopped nuts. Pour mixture into well greased & lightly floured 9-inch square pan. Smooth top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes or until toothpick is inserted and comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack but loosen cake at edges. Cut into squares. Garnish with pecans or walnuts or dust with powdered sugar. Makes 16 to 18.





Contributions made last month were the following:

- ◆ *Stamps for the Card Ministry*
- ◆ *Church Power Bill*
- ◆ *Picnic Table for Church*
- ◆ *Emergency Fund*
- ◆ *Methodist Home For Children*

As summer arrives, our regular Thrift Shop workers are in need of a couple of days vacation. If you would like to help out, **PLEASE** contact Lee Anna Sproul. We are in desperate need of some volunteers in order to keep things open for the summer. **PLEASE** help us out for a day or two.

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson
 Mary Schneider, Co-Chairperson

GOD'S TEENS

We continue to study and learn. We are beginning to learn what being a teen for God really is. It is hard enough to be a Christian teenager in today's world. Our study and our faith are growing, so we are able to fight the tough stuff. Our guest speaker this past month was **Mr. Dan**. He explained what was going on between Israel and Palestine today. We had many questions about how today's acts and the Biblical facts worked together, and mostly, if they did go together. We thank him for telling us about the history of the land, the people and the religions. **Thanks, Mr. Dan!** We belong to God. And that means we are to do Godly things. We are preparing a big project. It's called "**The Job Project**." We hope to share it with you in the near future. We continue to give to the **Emergency Fund** for families with children. We are also discussing how we, as teens, can do more and give more of ourselves in God's Name. Our group will divide into Middle and High School this month. *We have grown so much in numbers that we need smaller groups to help us discuss the Bible more thoroughly. We will stay as one unit...* God's Teens. Mrs. Julie and Mrs. Amy will continue to lead us.

UMYF NEWS

The summer months are rushing upon us. Most of the youth are counting the days left of school and a few have already finished. The end of the year is always an exciting time for the youth group, and this year we are celebrating it in a special way. We are having an "**Out-Of-School Lock-In**" on **June 14th**. Everyone is excited and we are busy making plans. The theme of our Lock-In is "**Hawaiian**". Anyone with ideas on decorating, see Meghann Dominie. If you are a rising "**Sixth Grader**", let me know because you get to participate in the Lock-In, and new members will be welcomed in a traditional "**UMYF Welcoming Ceremony**". I hope each youth member can attend. We're looking forward to a whole lot of fun. God bless!

Meghann Dominie, UMYF President



ONE-BY-ONE

WOW! What a year! Just as we thought we'd be wrapping up for this year, we've been nudged by the Lord to speed up in another direction. A grant from the Cumberland Community Foundation has made an additional function of **ONE-BY-ONE** possible. We have been *working for some time to get computer skills for seniors going. Well, now, we are open for business.* Our teens are prepared, ready, and able to help senior citizens learn basic computer skills. Thanks to some very open-minded seniors, the teens have had practice in training. *If you are interested, please let me know.* Schedules will be flexible, but each class will last about one hour. You will set your own pace, according to your personal needs and interests. Believe it or not, you may be entering an exciting new world!

On May 20th, we held "**Last Night**" activities. Each person who participated in the program, plus students and parents, had the opportunity to evaluate **ONE-BY-ONE**. In the ceremony, **certificates, plaques and trophies** were awarded. We have been so proud of accomplishments made! A reception followed. It was a glorious way to wrap up the vast work done this year. The night was filled with **happiness, pride and love.**

For your information, the following numbers indicate just what we did. From August, 2001 through May, 2002, we had **39** total volunteers, **35** students were taught and the total number of volunteer hours equaled **3,763**. The calculation of money spent indicates that **\$1.59** was used to help each student for each class. Such a small cost for such an enormous return, money was well spent! **ONE-BY-ONE** and **St. Matthew's** received many awards and accolades this year. God has guided us in so many ways. The very best thing He did was to touch the hearts of all those who volunteered. The next best thing was to see the joy in learning that took place. The dream has come true, because the prayer has been answered. **Thank you** all for your dedication and support. Thanks also to God for allowing St. Matthew's to reach out and help each other.

With the Love of Christ,
 Amy



JUNE



BIRTHDAYS

3-Grace Bland
12-Rhonda Miller
14-Anne Alred
15-Troy Willoughby
16-Doug Stone

21-Pamela Lynn
Peter Rome
Glen Warbis
28-Clarence Rice
30-Robert Trevathan

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM met on Sunday, May 19th with 15 men present. Breakfast was prepared by Troy Willoughby and Doug Stone. It consisted of Bacon, Eggs, Grits, Biscuits, Fruit and all the extra's.

The Pastor gave a devotion on "**Musical Worship**" which tied in with the Mother's Day Service that the men were in charge of. There were 19 men in the choir and many thanks to **Calvin Rome, Marty Webb** and **Dan Eberhardt** for their part in making it a memorable event. The UMM will fill the choir once a month throughout the summer months.

Three Picnic Tables were built by the Youth with Dan and Troy supervising. Don't examine these tables to close and find a few errors; we are still maintaining our amateur status and passing our knowledge on to the youth. **The Thrift Shop** purchased the materials for one of the tables. We appreciated their donation.

A **Freezer** has been purchased for the "**Frayed & Frazzled Flock**" to store their prepared meals. If you didn't know, these ladies come on Saturday mornings to prepare meals for the sick, shut-ins, and out-patients who need a token of Christian Love. If you know of anyone who fits this category, let these ladies know. The UMM gave these ladies **\$50.00** to purchase food containers for the frozen meals.

The "**Church Family Picnic**" on May 18th was held as planned. About 50 or so came and enjoyed Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans and all the trimmings. **Thanks** to those who came to welcome **Doug Stone** home. The event was topped off with Homemade Ice Cream.

That's all for now!
Troy Willoughby

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- ◆ **EMERGENCY FUND**
 - from God's Teens for families with children
 - from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
 - from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
 - from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ **POWER BILL** from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ **CAMP ROCKFISH**
 - from the Peggy Pullman Sunday School Class
 - from Kenneth & Lorri Shackelford
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S MUSIC FUND** from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ **UMYF PROJECT** from Clarice Edge

FRAYED & FRAZZLED FLOCK

Our next meeting will be **June 15 & 29** from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** **Bible Study** will begin on the 15th and material will be provided.

We will continue to prepare meals as our **Mission Project**. If you know someone who is a sick or shut-in, please notify Lorri Shackelford or anyone in the FFF.

Thanks to all who have made donations!

CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will continue to meet during the Summer, however, on two-week intervals. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Pizza Palace as usual. We will not meet on the following Wednesdays: June 19, July 3, 17, and 31. Please continue to supply us with names and addresses via the offering plate or in person. God bless you and please keep our ministry in your prayers.

Card Ministry Team



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 2 - Graduate Sunday (followed by Reception)
 - Shower for Christy Barber, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (hosted by the Night Owls Circle)
- 3 - UMW General Meeting
- 9 - Promotion Sunday
- 15 - UMYF Lock-In
- 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 Night Fellowship
(Covered-Dish Meal will be a 5:00 p.m. with a "Beach Theme". Entertainment weather permitting will be an "Outdoor Drama" that's sure to keep you in stitches.) So mark your calendars now and make plans to attend!)

JULY

- 15-19 - Camp Rockfish Day Camp

AUGUST

- 16-17 - Pictures will be taken for the new "Church Pictorial Directory". (Please mark your calendars now & watch for more information to come.)
- 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.



TODAY GRADUATE SUNDAY

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

PROMOTION SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Teachers will be honored for their faithfulness and leadership, and children moving up a grade will be recognized



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23 - 27

THEME: "GOD'S GREAT GALLERY"
(Exploring God's wonderful works. Come and see what God has done. Psalm 66:5a) Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. & Classes 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please call Sandy Jones at 867-5442.

CAMP ROCKFISH DAY CAMP JULY 15 - 19 COST: \$50.00



For ages 5-12 yrs. Registration is June 1-30. Registration forms are available in the church office. Activities include Canoeing, Paddle Boats, Archery, Swimming, Crafts, Nature Hikes, Outdoor Games & more. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. & return at 3:00 p.m.

JUNE

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 GRADUATE SUNDAY Children's Choir - 9:30am Bridal Shower for Christy Barber - 2:00-4:00pm UMYF - 4:00pm	3 UMW General Mtg. - 7:00pm	4 Prayer Group - 7:00pm	5 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	6 Night Owls Circle - 7:00pm	7	1 <hr/> 8
9 PROMOTION SUNDAY Children's Choir - 9:30am UMYF - 4:00pm	10	11 Prayer Group - 7:00pm	12 Ruth-Ebel Smith Circle - 10:30am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	13	14 UMYF Lock-In	15 FFF - 10:00am
16 FATHER'S DAY UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:00am Children's Choir - 9:30am	17	18 Prayer Group - 7:00pm	19 Home Extensions-9:30am NO Card Ministry WNA & B.Study-6:30pm NO Choir Practice	20 Pastor _____	21 at _____	22 Lake _____
23 Junaluska Children's Choir - 9:30am	24 VACATION (Supper 5:30-6:30pm)	25 BIBLE _____	26 SCHOOL (Classes 6:30-8:00pm)	27 Help'n Hands-11am	28	29 FFF - 10:00am
30 5 th Sunday Fellowship - 5pm						