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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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LEADERSHIP IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Have you every wondered why Jesus didn't choose one person to head up and lead the Church after his resurrection. The Roman Catholic Church considers Peter the first Pope. In reality Jesus' plan all along was to turn the leadership over to a group. This group was the twelve Apostles. Then he called St. Paul to be the Apostle to the Gentiles.

From the view of the Kingdom of God leaders are called by God for service. Remember how Jesus called each of the original disciples with the words, "Come follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) The group of disciples who followed Jesus grew larger and larger so he finally called out twelve disciples to be Apostles. These twelve men would assume leadership when Jesus ascended into heaven.

An individual doesn't really just decide to become a leader they a CALLED to be leaders. In scripture people are called by God to the position of leadership. Sometimes, like Moses, they do not want the responsibility. At other times they are like Sampson or David, and fail as leaders and then repent and learn from their mistakes. That is when they have a real chance at being a great leader.

In our world we often have people in places of leadership because they are called on by other people to assume positions of leadership. Sometimes these people become good leaders and sometimes they do not. Since the Nixon years America has had a hard time trusting our national leaders. We question the reason people are in places of leadership. **Power, money and self-interest seem to be motives for seeking positions of leadership today.**

The church has had this same problem throughout its history. People seeking leadership positions for their own reasons rather than being called of God for leadership for His purposes. In our own time we have seen TV preachers rise and fall

because they either failed to follow God or were in the ministry for their own reasons. I have seen the same thing happen in local churches, especially Mill Towns. Lay people seek positions of leadership in the church because they feel they have so little power and leadership in the mills. Rather than learning from the mistakes in the style of leadership used by mill owners, superintendents and supervisors, these lay people get into leadership positions in the church and use the same style they hated at work but now they feel they are the ones with power.

Jesus wanted the Church to operate by different standards. When brothers, James and John wanted to be placed in a position of leadership above the other apostles, the ten others were angry. Jesus said, "It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your **servant**, and whoever would be first among you must be your **slave**; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve." (Matthew 20:26-28) Servants and slaves don't have any real power other than service and humility.

Jesus did not use power over people but was a person of great power. **If we are to be great as leaders we must find the spiritual power to serve others in humility rather than trying to hold power over people.** In verse 25 Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them." As Gentiles we are still trying to lord it over one another to get things done.

I still hear people complaining about not having committees. They don't like the term Ministry Teams because it means sharing power rather than lording it over someone. Jesus called us to Servant Leadership. **We are called to be a team, HIS TEAM.**

Shalom,

Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Summer is quickly passing and St. Matthew's has had the typical "signs" of vacation days. I pray each of you have taken some time for yourself whether out of town or in town. I continue to revel in the memory of our Father's Day Worship Service and just how well the United Methodist Women worked together for the Lord and our church.

Continue to remember that we need names for **UMW Pins**, and that names may still be added to our **Candle - Burning List**.

As you "enjoy" these hot days of summer, why not be crafty and make some "extra crafts" for the "Fall Bazaar"? It's now just two months away.

I have received an update from the District UMW this week. Deadline for the **Mother/Child Retreats at Camp Don Lee and Chestnut Ridge is August 24th**. Dates for the Retreat are **September 6, 7, & 8**. See me for an application. Other important dates are below.

Mary Rozier, President UMW

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday & Saturday, August 9-10

UMW Retreat at Camp Rockfish

Monday, September 9

UMW General Meeting, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 5 - UMW Annual Mtg. at
Methodist College

Friday & Saturday, October 11-12

Fall Bazaar

Sunday, October 27 - Fayetteville District

Annual Mtg. at Clinton First UMC,
2:30 pm

Saturday, November 30 - Cumberland/Hoke

Sub-District Mtg. at Sandy Grove UMC,
2:00 pm

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm—UMW General Meeting

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "NUTTY FINGERS"

4 Tbsp Powdered Sugar
2 cups Down's Cake Flour
1 1/2 Sticks Margarine
1 cup Chopped Pecans
2 tsp Vanilla

Mix all ingredients together. Roll into balls.
Bake for 20 minutes or less at 350 degrees
until bottom is slightly brown. Remove from
oven and roll in powdered sugar. Let cool
and then roll again. Enjoy!!



We have been truly blessed during the hot summer months with Donations, Workers and Shoppers.

As a result, we have been able to make the following contributions:

- ◆ *St. Matthew's Emergency Fund*
- ◆ *Vacation Bible School*
- ◆ *Church Power Bill*
- ◆ *Children's Music Fund*
- ◆ *Card Ministry*
- ◆ *Afghanistan "Stop Hunger Now School Kids" through the N.C. Conference*
- ◆ *The Salvation Army*
- ◆ *Hinton Rural Life Center*
- ◆ *Andrean Rural Health Center*
- ◆ *The Medical Benevolence Foundation*
- ◆ *Better Health of Cumberland County*

THANKS TO EVERYONE for your loyal **SUPPORT!!!**

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson
Mary Schneider, Co-Chairperson

GOD'S TEENS

We are getting close to being ready to present "THE JOB PROJECT." Our efforts will provide you the entertainment during the "FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION" in September. Please support our months of hard work by attending. We are doing our best to make it a night for you to remember.

All of us have worked as a unit to make this possible. Until next month, we'd like to wet your interest a bit. Can you imagine a program in which our entire church can actively participate? Can you put your mind into the thoughts of another age group? Can you laugh and cry at the same time? Can you separate fact from fantasy? The "biggie". Can you put fact and fantasy together?

We leave you with this: Fifth Sunday is a "must see." It is two thumbs up. It is God-given and God-driven.

-GROUP-



HELP'N HANDS



SNAPPY COMBACKS

"Why do I have to take a bath? I'm only going to get dirty again."

"You're right. Come to think of it, why bother eating? You're only going to get hungry again."

"I don't want to read a book. Why do I have to?"

"Because I'm hoping that one day, you may learn that a thesaurus is not a type of dinosaur."

"Why can't you clean my room?"

"Because the Mommies Local #398 prohibits me from doing any manual labor after three o' clock."

"Why do I always have to eat these dumb peanut-butter sandwiches?"

"Because the smart ones were out of stock."

Roughhousing:

"Don't drop your brother on his head—he might need to use it one day."

Blasting music:

"Could you turn it up, please? If you make me just a little more deaf, I can get myself a hearing aid and turn it off whenever you turn on your music."

General naughtiness:

"If you don't knock it off, I'm going to call the maternity ward and ask if it takes returns."

"I'll never speak to you again?"

"That's too bad, I was hoping for another one of your informative, free seminars."

"There's nothing to do."

"What a coincidence. I still have sixty-seven things to do today, and the next item on my list is taking out the garbage."

"You're not my boss!"

"You're right, I'm your CEO, and if you're not careful, I'm going to downsize you, and I guarantee you won't like the severance package!"

By: Judy Gruen & Denise Koek





AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 2 - Dave Dominie Jeff Graham | 19 - Mary Bryne |
| 5 - Spenser Scruggs | 20 - Elinor Stewart Tommy Stewart |
| 6 - Christy Rome | 21 - Betty Nalls |
| 8 - Chris Strickland | 22 - Joyce DeBruhl Mary Ann Mitchell |
| 9 - David Dominie | 23 - Jeremy Anderson Barbara Thompson |
| 10 - Kenneth Merritt Sally Merritt | 25 - Reena Stone Cathleen Manship |
| 11 - Mary Morrow | 27 - Gudrun McDuffie |
| 12 - Ashley Stone Roberta Brown Lorri Shackelford | 30 - Katie Jordan Joanne Bland April Norton |
| 13 - Joan Foster | |
| 16 - Charles Couch Jeanette Ward | |

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The St. Matthew's Men met on Sunday, July 21st at 8:00 a.m. with 17 men present. A delicious meal was served by **Julie Griffin, Leigh Thomson** and **Lynn Graham** and was enjoyed by all. This makes two months in a row that our men were treated to breakfast by these ladies. Thank you very much, ladies!

Dan Eberhardt gave a very informative program on the history of the "**Middle East**" involving the conflicts, when and how they began. His history started in the 1940's and brought us up to the present time. All who missed this program missed a very informative history lesson.

There was little business discussed because there was no business to be discussed. The Thrift Shop workers were assigned for the last week in July.

The **Men's Choir** sang at the July 21st Worship Service. We were as good then as we will ever be, but speaking for the men; we enjoyed it! You don't want to miss our final debut which will be on **August 18th!**

Troy Willoughby,
UMM President



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 Night Owls Circle
 - from Marty & Linda Webb in honor of Wendy & Mark and in memory of Steve Skinner
 - from Wayne, Elaine & Bradley Everts
- ◆ MEMORIAL FUND
 - from Paul & Jewel Sharpe in memory of Dee Parker
 - from St. Matthew's UMC in memory of Dee Parker
- ◆ SCHOLARSHIP FUND from Wayne, Elaine, & Bradley Everts
- ◆ MAINTENANCE FUND from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class in memory of Dee Parker
- ◆ FRAYED & FRAZZLED FLOCK from Irma Evans



CARD MINISTRY

We will resume our regular schedule in August. Please join us every Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the "PIZZA PALACE" for dinner (optional) and "card signings". Even if you can't come every week, we love to have "new signatures on cards.

Mary Rozier

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 10 - CPR Class, 1:00-5:00 pm (Church Fellowship Hall)
- 16-17 - Take Photo's for New Church Pictorial Directory
(Friday, 2:30 - 9:00 pm & Saturday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm)
- 19 - One-By-One Teacher-Training Workshop (7 - 9 pm)
- 25 - Church-Wide Family Picnic (sponsored by UMM)

SEPTEMBER

- 22 - Homecoming
- 29 - Fifth Sunday Service (Covered Dish Supper followed
by "The Job Project" by God's Teens)

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.

ONE-BY-ONE

Hello, Good Friends!!!!

That time of year is here again! **One-By-One** will have a "Teacher-Training Workshop" on **August 19th** from **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Due to normal turn-over, we are in need of **six** new teachers. Search your hearts and decide if you can help. The Lord will truly bless you.

If you are a first-timer or if you are a peer tutor (grades 6-10), your attendance is required. For those adults who have been with the program for a least a year, your presence is optional. The training program will focus on teaching students who have special needs.

A few students and teachers have not notified me if they are returning. **Please** let me know **ASAP**. Right now, we cannot accept any new students into One-By-One.

The "**First Night**" will be **September 23rd**. With our giving the teachers at school more time for evaluation, we will not have the turn-over we had last year. Already, we are getting questions. The September Challenge Newsletter will contain the year's dates for classes.

May the rest of your vacation be relaxing. As always, go with God.

With Love Through Christ,
Amy Eberhardt



NEW

ST. MATTHEW'S

PICTORIAL

DIRECTORY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
2:30 - 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.



MISSING YOU!

Our strength is not in numbers,
Although its nice to know
That day by day and week by week,
Through the years we grow.
Yes, often as we count the heads
A new ones comes to view,
And thus encouraged by the gain,
Our efforts we renew.
But now and then, to our dismay,
We find an empty pew
And with the aid of memory,
We note our loss is you.
We know its not intentional,
You'd be here if you could,
But just to set your heart at ease,
"We miss you." — as we should.
We pray that you're not troubled
With a load too much to bear,
But if perchance that is the case,
Just call and we'll be there.
We trust and hope a minor ill
Is all that's ailing you,
And that there'll be no emptiness,
When next we check your pew.

Duane D. Huntley

AUGUST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2002

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 UMYF - 4:00pm | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 FFF - 10:00am CPR Class - 1:00 - 5:00pm |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| UMYF - 4:00pm | | Prayer Group - 7:00pm | Card Ministry-5:00pm God's Teens-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:00am UMYF - 4:00pm | One-By-One Teacher Training Workshop 7:00 - 9:00pm | Prayer Group - 7:00pm | Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry-5:00pm God's Teens-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm | | ← CHURCH PHOTOS 2:30 - 9:00 PM | → DIRECTORY TAKEN 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| CHURCH - WIDE FAMILY PICNIC 3:00 PM | | Prayer Group - 7:00pm | Card Ministry-5:00pm God's Teens-6:30pm Choir Practice-7:30pm | | | |
| | | Prayer Group - 7:00pm | | | | |