

# 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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"On **Ash Wednesday**, the church marks an important transition, beginning the great cycle of Easter that extends from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. The season of **Lent** is not primarily a meditation on the suffering and cross of Christ; this is saved for Holy Week. Rather, it is a **season of penitence and prayer, reflection and renewal, all designed to prepare the worshiping community for the remembrance of Christ's death and celebration of his resurrection during Holy Week.** More specifically, Lent is preparation for baptism. For new Christians who are baptized on Easter, Lent is a time to prepare for their new identity in Christ. For those who have been baptized, it is a time of self-examination so that they might reclaim their identity as those who have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life.

Nearly everyone knows the clinches concerning Lent: we are to "give up" something as a kind of obscure penance. Such practices are not without merit, especially for those of us in economic conditions of abundance. Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, however, call for something else.

**Rather than a season for giving up something, let us consider Lent a season of taking on something.** At the very heart of the Christian faith is our common participation in the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and Spirit-giving of Jesus Christ. Such participation is sometimes referred to as sharing in the paschal mystery of Christ. St. Paul exclaims, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore, let us keep the feast" (1 Cor. 5:7-8). The church is thus called to remember and live out in communal form this graced power of new life. In speaking of the paschal mystery, we refer to an inexhaustibly rich set of meanings. Lent points us toward the narrative of passion-death-resurrection, celebrated in the three days which climax Holy Week and, hence, the whole season. At the same time the paschal mystery is encountered each Lord's day in Word and the Supper. Furthermore, the paschal mystery also refers to our continuing experience of living in the presence of the

Lord in daily use of the means of grace: prayer, the reading and meditating on Scripture, fasting as well as works of mercy. To such the journey of Lent invites us afresh every year.

Many persons in our society find it immensely helpful for personal discipline to have a season intentionally dedicated to "simplify" the way they live. So Lent can indeed be a significant period in learning to eat in less costly and indulgent ways. But merely giving up food in the name of self-improvement is hardly the essential motivation here. Rather, the point is to learn the connections between learning to live more simply for the sake of solidarity with the poor as well as for the sake of uncluttering our senses. We might then take on the discipline of relating prayer and restraint to our need to wait upon God.

The way of prayer is also a way of discipline. Fasting, almsgiving, and solidarity with all who hunger and thirst are the essence of Lent. These are means of confronting both the mystery of God and Christ and the human struggle within us against spiritual self-deception. This is precisely what the ancient church emphasized. **The journey of Lent is to deepen our participation in Christ by following him in disciplines of the soul and body.**" (Don E. Saliers)

We trivialize Lent when we give up something like sodas, candy or things like that. Fasting means doing without in order to better receive the blessings our God wants to bestow upon us in Christ Jesus. **Why not fast by giving up your habit of judging others, criticizing, complaining, gossiping, and talking negatively.** Then we will feast on the grace of God shining in and through us. **We will re-enact the ancient drama on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Come and be a part of this moving experience to begin the season of Lent. Wednesday Night Bible Studies will resume on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

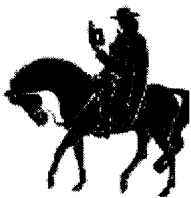
*Shalom,  
Mike*

**OLD FASHION  
SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
MARCH 30, 2003**



**KURZWEIL  
REPLACEMENT  
FUND**

As pastor, I realize that by following the lectionary through the seasons of the church year and its themes, we miss singing some of your favorite hymns. We miss times to enjoy a more relaxed atmosphere in worship where we just go with the flow and are led by the spirit. That is why I proposed the idea of **Old Fashion Sunday Worship** to the Church Ministry Council to be held on fifth Sundays throughout the year.



Long ago the old Methodist circuit riders would even stop at preaching places that didn't have a church building. They would meet outdoors several times a year and sit on pews made of logs split in half. If they were lucky they met under a brush arbor to shade them from the hot sun. Sometimes a tall stump served as the pulpit. Usually they had no hymnals and sang their favorite hymns from memory. Back before the church used printed bulletins down here in the Bible Belt, people would get together and worship by singing their favorite hymns, praying, give testimonies and hear the Word read and preached.

That's what we will do Old Fashion Sunday, March 30, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in Worship. Between now and then, go through your hymnal and pick out some of the old hymns you love to sing. If there is a tune from the old hymnal or old Cokesbury hymnal that you like, let us know by Sunday March 23, 2003 and we will find the words and sing it that Sunday too.

This is your chance to sing that hymn you have been wanting us to sing. Make it a point to join us for **Old Fashion Sunday Worship, Sunday March 30, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.**

Back in 1992 Perry and Eva Smith made a gift to our church of the Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard we use every Sunday. The last time we had it serviced the technician was able to fix some things, but other parts still do not work as well as they should. On any given Sunday, Phyllis may push a button for a certain sound and she may or may not get the proper response. Phyllis and I were dreaming about the benefits of a new and better Kurzweil.

One day I was sharing our dream with a group of people and someone asked me the cost of replacement. I went to the local dealer who is a distributor for an estimate. When I shared this information with Joyce Christian, she decided to get us off to a good start by making a gift of \$5,000 toward replacing the Kurzweil in honor of her daughter Christy Barber Khondaker.

The Church Ministry Council voted to accept this generous gift and invite others to share in this project with donations above and beyond their regular giving. Our goal is to raise approximately \$9,500 to replace the Kurzweil. Scripture tells us that we have not really made a special gift or free will offering until we have exceeded the tithe. That means special gifts should be in addition to our regular financial support of Christ's Church. We have already received some memorial gifts toward this goal. Please mark your gift Kurzweil or Keyboard and if it is in memory or in honor of someone.

New keyboards are equipped with a disk drive that allows us to store music on disks and play them back when an accompanist is not available. The newer versions allow us to download music from the internet and other sources by way of a MIDI port and the sound boards are upgradeable. This will greatly benefit our Praise Team, Choir, Youth, Children and other ministries of our church

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Charles Lucas      | 13 - Ginger Sessoms |
| 3 - Stephanie Brackett | 19 - Amber Webb     |
| 6 - Gina Keller        | 24 - Wayne Hager    |
| 9 - Jeff Anderson      | Harold Taylor       |
| 11 - Dejah Anderson    | 29 - Carolyn Davis  |
| 12 - Dale Mitchell     | 31 - Brandi Makarov |



On Sunday, February 23rd our youth group led the spiritually uplifting service. We would like to thank **Justin Cole** for running the sound system during the service. We would also like to thank **Mrs. Donna Meixsell** for her help with our music for the service.

It was a blessing to have **Mr. Boyd Snyder & family** present to assist in the presentation of the "**Linda Snyder Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award**". Congratulations to **Mrs. Jean Lambert** on receiving this award and to **Mrs. Dawn Stone** who received the "**Unsung Hero Award**".

Our youth are planning to participate with the community-wide "**Operation-In-as-much**" working within our church family on March 15th. More details will be given during our next meeting. Our youth are planning to attend the **Youth Musical at Haymount UMC** on **March 23rd** at **7:00 p.m.**

God bless, Ms. Elaine

## NEWS FROM THE FFF

As we celebrate our first year, we want to **thank** everyone for their support. We have been so blessed to be a part of this ministry in the life of our church this past year. The outpouring of support that we have received from you through donations of containers, food items, moral and financial has been a blessing and a re-assurance to us that this ministry was directed by **God** and will continue to be to **GLORIFY OUR LORD**.

We meet the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall and invite anyone to join us. We have **fun** and **fellowship** while cooking, and we deliver food to the sick, shut-ins, or those that we hear who are under the weather. If you know of someone, please let us know. **Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are pleasing to Him. Hebrews 13:16**



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ from the Thrift Shop
- ◆ from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ in honor of Catherine Morgan's birthday (2-12) from her Secret Prayer Partner
- ◆ in honor of Ginger Sessoms birthday (3-13) from her Secret Prayer Partner

### POWER BILL from the Thrift Shop SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ from Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ from UMYF & God's Teens

### MEMORIAL FUND

- ◆ from St. Matthew's in memory of Charles Lucas' father

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### WHAT:

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

### WHEN:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

### TIME:

**2:00 P.M.**



**Donations of Candy or Stuffed Eggs can be placed in the office or given to Sandy Jones. If you would like to help, contact Sandy Jones at 867-5442.**

## CARD MINISTRY

*Our Card Ministry Team continues to grow in service and spirit.*

*We would love to have your help.*

*Join us on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Pizza Palace. We appreciate donations of cards,*

*stamps and money. We hope to see you next Wednesday at 5:00*

*Card Ministry Team*





We have just finished a "1/2 Price Sale" and are getting ready for *Spring. Easter* is just around the corner. Donations continue to arrive daily. Workers continue to give their valuable time to see that we stay open to serve those who frequent the shop. The Thrift Shop serves a great mission as they minister to those who come in on a daily or weekly basis. Support for the *Card Ministry* and the *Emergency Fund* continues on a monthly basis and items are given to the *Community Services* on a bi-weekly basis. *Thanks* for all your support!

Mary Schneider, Chairperson

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Have you wanted to learn more about the *Bible*, but just can't make it to Bible Study on Wednesday night? Then come and join us at **9:45 a.m.** every Sunday morning to explore the greatest Book ever written and learn how to live more like Christ. We will begin studying *Ephesians* this month. *Everyone* is welcome and *Anyone* can attend from the youngest to the oldest, male or female. So come and enjoy learning about our *God's Word*.

### ONE-BY-ONE

Our existing program has some good news and some bad news. The really bad new is that we have a shortage of students. If there are any students who need help with schoolwork, **PLEASE** contact us!!! An addition to ONE-BY-ONE came about through God's Teens. Beginning the first Thursday in March, we begin **TEENS HELPING TEENS**. We will meet in the classrooms from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. each Thursday that we have One-By-One on Monday. If you are in **High School** and need help in any academic subjects, show up with materials in hand. If you are in **Middle School**, you may come if you need help in **Pre-Algebra** or **Algebra** only. (For other subjects, please enroll for Monday night class.) Any student who attends St. Matthew's Church is asked to come to either get help or to help others. This is a pilot program (trial) that we hope will be very successful. We look forward to continuing success.

May God bless each of you,  
Amy Eberhardt



The UMM met at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 16th with a delicious breakfast prepared by Lynwood & Julie Griffin. Our devotion was led by Lynwood which came from Exodus Chapters 7- 14.

"Bull-headed - stubborn as a mule". Moses proposed to Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. Ten times he refused; ten times God inflicted a plague on the nation. Being bull-headed and stubborn as a mule, sometimes applies to us when new and different ideas come to us.

We served New York Strip Steak, Baked Potato, & Salad to **75** people at our Sweetheart Banquet on Feb. 14th. **A special thanks to Chef, Dan Eberhardt, Wayne Everts, and Doug Stone** for the great meal, **Pam Thompson, Sandy Jones, and Elaine Everts** for preparing the delicious cakes for dessert, our **Youth** who did a great job as our servers, and **Fred & Mary Rozier** for decorating the fellowship hall and providing the door prizes.

There was an interruption during the evening by three men who called themselves "**The Soggy Bottom Boys**". They didn't look like boys, but more like old dirty men. They were promised food for a song, and they did sing. After singing and a few medical interpretations, they finally left. I don't know what happened after that, because they ran for their lives.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN CALENDAR:

- ◆ May 11 - UMM will be in charge of the "**Mother's Day Service**".
- ◆ June 22-26 - UMM prepare one meal for **VBS**
- ◆ May 13 - **Spring Church-Wide Family Picnic**
- ◆ Sept. 13 - **Fall Church-Wide Family Picnic**
- ◆ Oct. 10 - **UMM Barbeque Sale & UMM Bazaar**
- ◆ Nov. 16 - **Harvest Day Dinner** (UMM provide Ham & Turkey)

The UMM will clean the building behind the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be served and maybe another surprise. Cooks are asking all those who use the kitchen to not put mops in the sinks. There will be a mop rack built to hold brooms & mops.

The UMM will sponsor two youth to attend "**Summer Breakaway**" at Louisburg College on June 16-21. Cost is \$187.00 per person.

Our meeting was closed at 9:18 a.m. by Lynwood.

Respectively,  
Troy Willoughby, UMM Secretary



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

To the Women...

- ◆ who finds meaning in her church and is drawn to its fellowship
- ◆ who wants to combine fellowship with study, worship and outreach opportunities
- ◆ who feels she has gifts that are to be shared with others
- ◆ who seeks a supportive community to affirm her own sense of purpose and commitment to God

United Methodist Women invites you to “grow spiritually through Worship, Bible Study and Prayer, celebrate the person you are becoming in Jesus Christ, develop meaningful and lasting relationships, share who you are and your gifts, take action and make a difference in your community and the world.”

**From: “You Belong Here” Women’s Division**

**Our Purpose:** *The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

Joining this group of committed women is a unique opportunity—no matter who you are or where in your life you are at this moment—to move in harmony with other women who have been responding to this Purpose for over one hundred years. The Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m., The Night Owls Circle meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and our UMW General Meeting is April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for one or all!!!

Adella Pray, President UMW

### RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

The Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle met on February 12th. We had a short business meeting after we collected money for the Frayed & Frazzled Flock. This ministry does a great service to the sick & shut-ins members of our church family. We applaud them for their contribution. After the meeting, we had a **Guest Speaker** from the **Dept. of Social Services** who talked about abuse and what resources the community had in the event of spousal or child abuse. It was very enlightening. Our next meeting will be **March 12th** and all women are welcome to attend. We then enjoyed a delicious covered dish luncheon.

Joyce Christian

### NIGHT OWLS CIRCLE

We welcome our new members **Elaine Everts & Ruby Lucas**. It's great to have you join us. We've been busy this year with some great projects. **January**, we helped **Re-Stock the Food Pantry**, and **February**, we collected money for the **Heifner International Project**. We collected enough money to buy a **Goat**. That is just wonderful. Our March project is to collect **Care Packs** for the **Battered Women's Shelter**. They include Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb/Brush, Washcloth/Hand Towel, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, etc. These items can be placed in a large Ziploc Bag or Shoebox. Our next meeting will be **March 13th**. Our host will be **Lee Anna Sproul** and the program will be given by **Mary Rozier**. Looking ahead, we're having the Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 3rd. I'd like to say **thanks** to all of you who helped me. I really do appreciate it.

In Christ Name, Shirley

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, April 7
  - ◆ 7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting
- Saturday, May 3
  - ◆ 6:00 pm - Mother-Daughter Banquet
- Monday, June 2
  - ◆ 7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting
- Monday, September 8
  - ◆ 7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting
- Friday & Saturday, October 10-11
  - ◆ UMW Bazaar

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH “Banana-Graham Cracker Cake”



Place 3-4 Graham Crackers on platter or large plate. Slice Bananas lengthwise (1/4' - 1/2' thick) and place on top of crackers. Top bananas with another layer of crackers. Continue until you have 5 layers. Frost with Boiled Icing (below). Let set overnight. Graham Crackers will absorb moisture from bananas. Texture will be cake-like - very moist.

**BOILED ICING:** Beat 4 Egg whites and 1/2 tsp. Salt until stiff peaks form. In saucepan, mix together 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup light Karo syrup and 1/4 cup water. Boil until strings form off spoon. Add to egg whites. Continue beating until icing is thick. Add 1 tsp. Vanilla. Beat well.

## TRUSTEES UPDATE:

We find it necessary to inform our congregation of the possibility of having to **(1) Replace the Roof on our Sanctuary; (2) Replace the Heating & Air Conditioning System which services the Education Building, and (3) Paint the Exterior of the entire Church.** At the present time we do not have the money to do this should any of these repairs need to be done immediately. Right now, everything is in good working order and in good repair. We have been extremely blessed that we haven't had any major problems with the roof. However, the shingles are becoming hard and brittle, and the life expectancy is 20 years, and we are well passed that. At present to replace the Roof on the Sanctuary the cost would be **\$14,000.**

To repair the Heating & Air Conditioning in the Education Wing, we would have to replace the entire system because there are no parts available to replace worn or broken parts. The entire system would have to be replaced if it should fail. The cost would be **\$11,000.** We are on borrowed time since this has been operating for almost 38 years. We continue to keep our fingers crossed and pray that it holds up, but we know that it is just a matter of time.

To have the exterior painted needs to be evaluated as soon as possible. It has been a number of years since we last painted. The cost to paint would be **\$5,000.**

At the last Church Ministry Council Meeting, we established a **Fund** for Roofing, Heating & Air, and Painting called "**ARP FUND**". Anyone wanting to contribute to this fund, just mark it "**ARP**" and we will know where to put it. Every 5th Sunday, we will have a "**Covered Dish Dinner**" at which time we will accept donations which will be put in the "**ARP FUND**" for maintenance of the church.

As you can see, we have a financial challenge before us which is a total of **\$30,000.** Over the past 34 years, I have been a member of this church and St. Matthew's has always risen and met every challenge presented. As a member, we ask you to join us to meet this challenge.

The church belongs to us, **THE CHURCH FAMILY**, and we are responsible for its repair and security. Doors have been left unlocked and open which poses a threat to us for vandalism, theft and personal safety. **PLEASE HELP TO MAKE ST. MATTHEW'S A SAFE PLACE TO WORSHIP AND RAISE OUR CHURCH FAMILY. REMEMBER TO CHECK ALL DOORS WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE CHURCH ESPECIALLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH KEYS.**

Lynwood Griffin,  
Chairperson Board of Trustees



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**EVERYONE IS INVITED  
TO OUR 5TH SUNDAY NIGHT  
COVERED DISH DINNER  
& TALENT NIGHT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH  
AT 6:00 P.M.**



We will begin with a "Covered Dish Dinner" at 6:00 p.m. followed by our very own "Church Family Talent" to be performed on March 30th. Young and Old and all those in between, the talented and the not so talented, music, voice, instrument, comedy, drama, solo's, duets, groups, etc. If you've got a talent, we want you to share it with us. A Sign-Up Sheet has been placed outside the Pastor's office. Join us for a night of "FUN & FELLOWSHIP"!!!

-Nurture-

20-4-4  
IRAQ CRISIS APPEAL

Dear Friends:

Because you care, **STOP HUNGER NOW** is on the forefront of the fight to end world hunger. Today we have a unique opportunity to lessen the impending humanitarian disaster in Iraq. But we must act now. Working together, we can help save the lives of thousands.

I have just returned from Iraq. The situation is grim. The entire population receives food rations from the government. According to the UNICEF officials with whom I spoke, almost 80% of Iraqis are now totally dependent on these government rations for their survival.

Should war commence, the government infrastructure supporting the food distribution system will collapse within days. That means that over 80% of Iraq's population are under imminent threat of malnourishment, hunger and even famine. We can get "in front" of this disaster-in-the-making, but we must act **NOW**. We cannot delay our help.

**STOP HUNGER NOW** is already providing emergency food aid in this region. We are working to prevent a major human catastrophe. **STOP HUNGER NOW** has already established working partnerships with two humanitarian organizations to begin stockpiling emergency food aid.

We are working with the Middle East Council of Churches to provide food stockpiles in Jordan at the most likely sites for refugee camps, and we are also working with the Islamic Relief Association to provide emergency food boxes within Iraq. We are fighting to prevent thousands of unnecessary deaths. Your help in this effort is critical.

Emergency food boxes can be prepared for only \$20.00. Each of these food boxes will feed a family of four for four weeks. Think about it. Twenty dollars will prevent hunger for a family for an entire month. It's simple. It's cost effective. And it will help stop hunger for thousands of innocent people caught in a tragic situation beyond their control.

Please help us feed the hungry in Iraq. Once again, demonstrate the caring and compassion that has helped to feed the hungry around the world. Your rapid response to the 20-4-4 Iraq Hunger Appeal will help save lives.

Iraq will need emergency food aid even if war can be prevented. Malnourishment is already at critical levels in Iraq, and the emergency food boxes will be used to help in areas where the need is the greatest.

We know you care. That's why you have helped in the past and that's why I have written you with this appeal for help. We can prevent unnecessary deaths in Iraq, but your help is critical. Working together, we are saving lives around the world. Thank you for being a part of helping end world hunger. God bless you.

Grace and Peace,

Ray A. Buchanan  
President and CEO

CHOIR  NOTES:

Plans and preparation continue for our "**Dinner Theater**" fund-raiser on March 15th. We will begin to gather at 6:45 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres served. Seating will commence at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment by the "**Ramblers Three**" followed by "**Door Prize Drawings**". Tickets are limited, so buy now.

The choir is working on new music for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will not be doing an Easter Cantata this year. Join us at choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Praise Team continues to grow and learn new songs and signing. Their schedule for practice is March 2, 16 & 23rd at 6:00 p.m. No rehearsal on March 9th and 30th.

Until next time, God bless you and thanks for your continued support.

Phyllis Jordan

LUNCH TIME

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic Elementary School for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray, "**Take only one. God is watching.**" Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "**Take all you want. God is watching the apples.**"

Author Unknown

THE POWER OF WORDS

A careless **word** may kindle strife

A cruel **word** may wreck a life

A bitter **word** may hate instill

A brutal **word** may smite and kill

A gracious **word** will smooth the way

A joyous **word** will light the way

A timely **word** will lessen stress

A loving **word** will heal and bless

- George Knight -

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2003

- MAR.** 1 – Youth Baking for Tomorrow, 1:00-3:00 pm  
2 – Donation Continental Breakfast, 9:00-9:45 am (sponsored by UMYF)  
5 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm  
8 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
15 – Operation-In-As-Much & Dinner Theater, 6:30 pm (sponsored by Chancel Choir)  
22 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
30 – Old Fashion Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 am & Talent Night & Covered Dish Supper, 6:00 pm followed by a Program (sponsored by Nurture Ministry Team)
- APR.** 4 – Barbecue Plate Sale, 11:00 am-7:00 pm (sponsored by Finance Ministry Team)  
5 – Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm  
12 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & Rain Date Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm  
13 – Palm Sunday  
20 – Easter Sunrise Service  
26 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
27 – Conference Youth Rally at NC Wesleyan College
- MAY** 3 – UMYF Bake Sale, 1:00-3:00 pm & Mother/Daughter Banquet, 6:00 pm  
4 – Donation Continental Breakfast, 9:00-9:45 am (sponsored by UMYF)  
10 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
11 – Mother's Day Worship Service by UMM, 11:00 am  
17 – Yard & Bake Sale, 8:00 am-1:00 pm & Church Family Picnic, (Games-3 pm & Food-5 pm)  
24 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- JUNE** 1 – Graduate Sunday  
8 – Promotion Sunday  
14 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
15 – Father's Day Worship by UMW, 11:00 am  
16 – 21 – UMYF Summer Break-Away at Louisburg College  
22 – 26 – Vacation Bible School (Supper 5:30-6:30 pm & Classes 6:30-8:00 pm)  
28 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
29 – Old Fashion Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 am & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Covered Dish Supper, 6:00 pm followed by a Program
- JULY** 12 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
21 – 25 – Camp Rockfish Day Camp  
28 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- AUG.** 9 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
23 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
31 – Old Fashion Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 am & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Covered Dish Supper, 6:00 pm followed by a Program
- SEPT.** 13 – FFF, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & Church Family Picnic, (Games-3 pm & Food-5 pm)  
27 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
28 – Homecoming
- OCT.** 4 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
10 & 11 – UMM Barbecue Sale & UMW Bazaar  
25 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
31 – Fall Festival, 6:00-8:00 pm
- NOV.** 8 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
16 – Harvest Dinner & Can Food Drive (sponsored by UMM)  
22 – Frayed & Frazzled Flock, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
23 – Community Thanksgiving Service & Angel Tree & Old Fashion Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 am  
27 – Community Thanksgiving Luncheon, 11:00 am-2:00 pm (sponsored by Nurture Ministry Team)
- DEC.** 7 – Cantata at St. Matthew's  
13 – Breakfast With Santa (sponsored by FFF)  
14 – Cantata at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

**MARCH****ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH****2003**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>2</b> Donation Continental Breakfast – 9am  UMYF – 5pm Praise Team – 6pm	<b>3</b>  One-By-One – 7:00pm	<b>4</b>  Prayer Group – 7:00pm	<b>5</b>  Card Ministry – 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00pm	<b>6</b>  Teens Helping Teens – 7:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> Youth Bake for tomorrow – 1-3pm  <b>8</b> FFF-10am-12pm
<b>9</b>  UMYF – 5pm Praise Team – 6pm	<b>10</b>  One-By-One – 7:00pm	<b>11</b>  Prayer Group – 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle – 10:30 am  Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	<b>13</b>  Night Owl Circle & Teens Helping Teens – 7:00pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Operation In-As-Much  Dinner Theater – 6:00pm
<b>16</b> UMIM Breakfast Mtg. – 8:30am  UMYF – 5pm Praise Team – 6pm	<b>17</b>  NO One-By-One	<b>18</b>  Prayer Group – 7:00pm	<b>19</b> Home Extensions-9:30am  Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> FFF – 10am-12pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO Teens Help Teens Help'N Hands-11am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Old Fashion Sunday Morning Worship Service – 11:00am  Covered Dish Supper & Talent Night – 6:00pm	<b>31</b>  One-By-One – 7:00pm	<b>Prayer Group – 7:00pm</b>	<b>Card Ministry – 5:00pm WNA &amp; B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm</b>	<b>Teens Helping Teens – 7:00pm</b>		