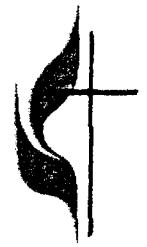


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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I have been working for over a year to help Grace UMC have a part time local pastor appointed for them so they could have an eleven o'clock service and try to grow as a predominantly Native American congregation. I was willing to take a 25% reduction in pay to help this happen and would free me up to be pastor of St. Matthew's only. We thought that would happen at Annual Conference next week. Due to the complicated process to become a local pastor in our denomination this goal has been held up.

Brother Henry Hunt, who preached here Native American Sunday, has been a local pastor in the past while working as a civil service accountant at Fort Bragg. Due to illness several years ago he had to stop his work as a local pastor and was not aware that he had to be re-certified annually by his district board of ordained ministry. Unfortunately he had to start the process all over again. Henry did his part but others involved in the process were unable to complete their part of the process. I thought it might be helpful for you know how complicated this process is for a person interested in becoming a minister. It is outlined in *The Book of Discipline* ¶ 305ff. :Entrance Procedures into Licensed and Ordained Ministry.

"The ordained ministry is recognized by The United Methodist Church as a called-out and set-apart ministry. Therefore, it is appropriate that those persons who present themselves as candidates for ordained ministry be examined regarding the authenticity of their call by God to ordered ministry. A person, upon hearing and heeding the call to servant leadership through licensed or ordained ministry contacts their pastor, another ordained deacon or elder, or the district superintendent to begin the process as an inquiring candidate."

"The Exploring Candidate is a member in good standing of The UMC for at least two years immediately preceding the application for candidacy, including a year of service in some form of congregational leadership, and apply to the district

superintendent in writing for admission to the candidacy studies. Then they are assigned as an exploring candidate to a candidacy mentor by the district committee on ordained ministry."

Unfortunately, Henry's mentor has been slow in completing this process although Henry was ready and willing.

"Once they complete the preliminary studies that will focus on the spiritual discernment of the call, they register through the annual conference candidacy registrar and the board of ordained ministry. Declared candidates are those who have completed the exploratory process and seek to become certified candidates examined and recommended by their charge conference and appear before the district committee on ordained ministry for examination. The progress of candidates is reviewed and candidacy renewed annually by the district committee on ordained ministry. At that point a candidate is eligible for appointment as a local pastor upon completion of License for Pastoral Ministry (¶ 340). All persons not ordained as elders who are appointed to preach and conduct divine worship and perform the duties of a pastor shall have a license for pastoral ministry and be recommended by the board of ordained ministry to the executive session of the annual conference."

Because this process has not been completed the appointment will stay as it is presently. Fortunately, our DS has offered Grace the option to use Henry Hunt as a Parish Assistant under my supervision and have him take over most of the roles of a local pastor at Grace if the people at Grace vote to have an eleven o'clock service and accept this alternative. I have offered to reduce my salary to help them financially since I will be free to be at St. Matthew's most of the time. I hope this will be best for all concerned.

*Shalom,
Mike*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees Meeting was opened with prayer by Chairman, Lynwood Griffin on Tuesday May 13, 2003. Those in attendance were - Dr. Michael Hale, Bob Lambert, Ken Shackelford, Raymond Gray, Perry Smith, Lee Anna Sproul, Jeanette Ward and Lynwood Griffin. Absent - Mike Johnston.

Old Business: Chairman advised that since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following improvements have been made. The Church has been incorporated with By-Law's, Roof at 203 Eucalyptus has been replaced, Motor Air Handler and Fan Motor have been replaced in the Education Wing, Safety Fence installed at back of church, Air Filters have been serviced, Light Bulbs replaced, Reviewed Insurance Policies and found them to be good, All Church Properties have been inspected for Termites per agreement, 8' Sink Hole in Parking Lot has been patched, Floors Stripped & Waxed, Carpets Cleaned, Supplies were bought, New Rules for Use of Church & Fellowship Hall have been adopted, and the ARP (Air Conditioner/ Roof/Painting) Fund has been set up.

The Trustees walked the Church and Rental Property to assess needed repairs, short term and long term. It was decided that we needed to start immediately Pressure Washing the Church and prepare to paint all windows and doors, as well other touch-ups and repairs. The Methodist Men voted to assist with labor. Lynwood began Pressure Washing week before last and 14 men showed up to paint on Memorial Day. The Trustees are exploring some long range options which are really exciting. As soon as we have more information, we will be sharing these proposals with you.

The Trustees met again on Sunday May 25th following the Worship Service to review duties and responsibilities of the Trustees according to the **Book of Discipline**. Those present - Lynwood Griffin, Dr. Michael Hale, Bob Lambert, Ken Shackelford, Raymond Gray, Lee Anna Sproul, Jeanette Ward and Mike Johnston. Absent - Perry Smith. We clarified lines of communications for purchasing items for the church. The primary responsibility is ¶ 2532. **Board of Trustees' Power and Limitations. Subject to the direction of the Charge Conference, the Board of 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 therewith; provided that the Board of Trustees shall not violate the rights of any local church organization elsewhere granted in the Discipline.**

DESIGNATED FUNDS REPORT:

Old Organ Fund	877.73	Music Fund	767.73
Kerzweil Replacement Fund	9,192.00	One-By-One (Computers)	3,000.00
Parsonage CD	84,543.23	Future Repair CD	10,311.59
Future Repair CD	5,906.01	Rental Fund (Taxes & Repair)	8,518.12
Rental Mortgage Balance	53,844.53	Trustees Maintenance Fund	2,175.00
ARP (Air/Roof/Paint)	865.00	Vacation Bible School	100.00
Emergency Fund	885.83	Fireproof Filing Cabinet	800.00
Children's Music	147.82	Scholarship Fund	4,440.86
Camp Rockfish	100.00	2003 Gifts	840.00
Memorial Fund	445.00	Previous Balance	3,600.86
Youth Breakaway	1,783.00		
FFF	25.00		
God's Teens	20.00		

(The Book of Discipline ¶ 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.)



There is a **"Half Price Sale"** going on at the present time. We had another successful month due to all the support we received with donations and hard work done by the volunteer workers.

The Thrift Shop contributed to the following:

- * **Emergency Fund**
- * **Church Power Bill**
- * **Samaritan's Purse**
- * **Medical Benevolence Fund**
- * **Hinton Rural Life Center**
- * **St. Matthew's Card Ministry**
Mary Schneider, Chairperson
Lee Anna Sproul, Co-Chairperson

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A very special **Thank You** to all people who helped make the **Yard Sale** a success. An extra special **Thank You** to those not on the finance committee who worked so hard. Hopefully by the time you read this a date will be set for a follow-up Yard Sale.

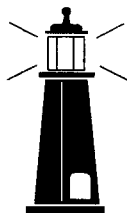
We appreciate your support for the extra money making projects that we have undertaken during the past 5 months, and your support for the church budget in general. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK - THANK YOU!**

Adella Pray - Leader

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
THEME: LIGHTHOUSE KIDS
"SHINING GOD'S LIGHT"
WHEN: JUNE 22 - 26
SUPPER: 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
CLASSES: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Classes will be held for **ALL AGES** including Adults. Supper will be provided by the following:

- Sunday, June 22 - Covered Dish
- Monday, June 23 - United Methodist Men
- Tuesday, June 24 - Frayed & Frazzled Flock
- Wednesday, June 25 - United Methodist Women
- Thursday, June 26 - Pizza from the Griffin's



There were **21** men present on May 18th. A delicious breakfast was prepared by Lynwood, Julie, Mark and Lynn. Dan Eberhardt presided over the meeting in the absence of Charles Lucas, who was on an Alaskan Cruise. Lynwood gave the devotion which was on Matthew, Chapter One. It was about Genealogy - the escape from Egypt to the birth of Jesus Christ and Jesus' ministry. Intelligence is important, but wisdom is greater. Read the first chapter of Matthew. There are many examples in that chapter. Dan announced that the men agreed to sing in the choir on the last Sunday of **June, July, and August** to give the ladies a break. There will be choir practice on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of each month. Our visitor was **John Stone** who was from Mansfield, Ohio. He is the Father of Doug Stone and was visiting for a few days. He and his wife, Shirley were overseeing the work at the Stone's house. The UMM will be cooking a meal for **Vacation Bible School** on Monday, June 23rd. Vacation Bible School will be held June 22 - 26. Our **"Father's Day Booklet"** is in the making. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Lynwood presented the men a work plan to paint the Fellowship Hall Wing. The areas need some repair work, pressure washing, scraping and painting. This project will save the church a great deal of money. Estimates from outside companies will range between \$8,500 - \$10,000. There are two crew leaders, Hank Zielinski and Lynwood Griffin who saw lots of hands raised to help. Let us show our love to the House of God and help make it a place we are proud to be a part of. Last, but not least, the "Spring Picnic" was held on Saturday, May 17th with only **45** people in attendance. There were Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and all the trimmings along with 2 freezers of Homemade Ice Cream. Someone started a rumor that there was going to be a \$5.00 charge for the picnic. The UMM **has not and never will** ask for a donation at a picnic or any other function unless it is an annual fundraiser. Our meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. for more coffee and Sunday School.

Respectively,
Troy Willoughby, Secretary

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Can't make it to Bible Study on Wednesday evening? Then please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. as we begin a study on **GALATIANS**. We would love to have you!

What are the Fruits of the Spirit?





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

19 - Jewel Sharpe
20 - Madison Manship
21 - Peter Rome
Glen Warbis
Pamela Lynn

ONE - BY - ONE:

We give praise to God. Our precious Almighty continues to answer the prayer so that the dream comes true. There are so many with needs that St. Matthew's can serve. Our congregation and community have pulled together in order to meet those needs. One-By-One has received a donation from an "**Anonymous Friend**" with the stipulation that the donation would be used to purchase new computer's, accessories, and the materials to be used to enhance and meet basic needs of our students and church if we matched the gift. **The Thrift Shop** generously matched the donation, and we have been able to nearly double the equipment and place a new computer in the office. This all comes about at the same time that ONE-BY-ONE has had a request to double its efforts. We have already laid the ground-work with our pilot programs this year. Now that we have the proper necessities, we can go full-steam ahead in August! Students in school are required to write reports, research papers and complete class work or homework in typed format. Typewriters are dinosaurs. Students are not allowed to use school computers for the above stated reasons. For about one-half of our students, that means an "F" on work they simply have no way to complete. Our senior citizens who have requested help on the computer need to be on-line. We have a waiting list of older adults who are ready to learn new skills. We have begun a second night of ONE-BY-ONE. It is named **Teens Helping Teens**. This will be opened to area high schools, and initial contacts indicate that we may well have another waiting list. God does, indeed, answer prayers. It is beyond my comprehension as to how and why He lays out the path for ONE-BY-ONE. We just praise Him and do the work He sets before us. The computers are paid for. On-line access is in the process. **Folks, there is no cost to the church, except for your on-going volunteer support.** Our God is an awesome God!

Humbly, With Thanks To God,
Amy



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ from The Thrift Shop
- ◆ from Paul & Jewel Sharp
- ◆ from God's Teens for families with children
- ◆ in honor of Edna Parker's birthday from her Secret Prayer Partner

POWER BILL from the Thrift Shop

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ from Dan & Amy Eberhardt

ARP/TRUSTEE FUND

- ◆ from Dan & Amy Eberhardt
- ◆ from Lynwood & Julie Griffin
- ◆ from Perry Smith
- ◆ from Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ in memory of Ed Britt, Patty Pouche's brother from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

ONE-BY-ONE PROGRAM

- ◆ from The Thrift Shop
- ◆ from a Friend

FIREPROOF FILING CABINET from The Thrift Shop



5TH SUNDAY
JUNE 29TH

*Please join us for an
"Old Fashion
Worship Service"
11:00 a.m.
featuring our
United Methodist Men Choir*

*"Covered Dish Supper"
6:00 p.m.
followed by our own
"Terry Jordan"
who never fails to
leave us dazzled*



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting will be held *Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.*. We will finalize our plans for the *"Father's Day Worship Service"* and conduct business necessary before we take a vacation from our summer meetings. Hopefully during the summer, we will all continue the *Reading Program* and work on the *Bazaar*. Information on *Mission Studies* will be posted on the bulletin board as well as other information we receive. Hope to see each of you Monday evening. Have a safe and happy summer!

Adella Pray, President UMW

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE:

The Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle met on Wednesday, May 14th. We had two tables full of ladies. Our project was collecting money for the Youth Group to go to *"Summer Breakaway"* at Louisburg College. We will meet at the *"Old Chi Chi's Restaurant"* at 11:00 a.m. on June 11th. Ladies, come hungry! They serve an *"All-You-Can-Eat-Buffer"* for only \$6.99. This will be our last meeting until September.

Joyce Christian

YOUTH NEWS:

Our youth group will meet June 1st & 8th to discuss *Summer Events*. We will be traveling to *Louisburg College* June 16 and return on the 21st. *Joshua Hager* will be our *Youth Representative* to *Annual Conference* at Methodist College in June. We will be having a *Dinner/Dance/Lock-in* on August 8th to display the dance & etiquette skills we learned at our *Camp Rockfish Retreat*. We are also planning to clean the Nursery as a *Service Project*.

God Bless, Ms Elaine

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONDAY, JUNE 2

- ◆ 7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- ◆ 11:00 am - United Methodist Women in charge of "Father's Day Service"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- ◆ 7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting

FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCTOBER 10-11

- ◆ UMW Bazaar

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

"PARMESAN CHICKEN"

- 4 Boneless Chicken Breast
- Parmesan Cheese
- 1 Tube Ritz Crackers (crumbled)
- 1/2-1 stick Butter (melted)

Wash chicken. Melt 1/2 stick butter in bowl, mix crumbs & cheese (salt & pepper if desired.) Dip chicken in butter then coat with crumbs. Place in deep baking dish & seal with Saran Wrap. Be sure chicken does not touch wrap. Cook in microwave on high for 15 minutes. Beware of steam when removing Saran Wrap.

Submitted by: Adella Pray



DO YOU ENJOY READING?!!!!

THEN WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
IN A **GROUP DISCUSSION BOOK CLUB.**

AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH
MONTH A BOOK WILL BE SELECTED
TO READ AND AT THE END OF EACH
MONTH A TIME AND PLACE WILL BE
SELECTED TO MEET AND DISCUSS
THE BOOK.

THIS IS OPEN TO **ALL AGES AND
GENDER.** OUR BOOK FOR JUNE IS:

"A TIME TO DANCE"
BY: **KAREN KINGSBURY**

THIS BOOK IS A CHRISTIAN FICTION
BOOK OUT OF **THE WOMEN OF FAITH
SERIES.** IT CAN BE FOUND AT:

FAMILY CHRISTIAN STORE	\$12.99
BOOKS-A-MILLION	\$12.99
BARNES AND NOBLES	\$12.99

NO LUCK AT THE USED BOOK
STORE AT THE TIME WE CHECKED;
HOWEVER, THERE IS AT LEAST ONE
COPY AT THE HOPE MILLS LIBRARY.

SHORT SUMMERY OF THE BOOK:

A COUPLE WHO HAS BEEN MAR-
RIED FOR 21 YEARS REALIZE THAT
THEIR MARRIAGE IS OVER. THEY SIT
DOWN TO INFORM THE FAMILY, BUT
BEFORE THEY CAN, THEIR DAUGHTER
ANNOUNCES THAT SHE IS GETTING
MARRIED. THEY DECIDE TO HOLD
OFF ON THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL
AFTER THE WEDDING. WHAT HAP-
PENS TO THIS COUPLE? READ THE
BOOK TO SEE HOW MUCH WE TAKE
OUR MARRIAGES FOR GRANTED.

WE WILL MEET AT **"PIZZA PALACE"**
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
CHURCH ON **JUNE 28TH AT 11:30 A.M.**
FOR LUNCH (*BUY YOUR OWN*) AND
OUR DISCUSSION. SO GRAB A BOOK,
GRAB A FRIEND, AND JOIN US.

SPONSORED BY: FFF

GOD'S DIRT

God is sitting in heaven, when a scientist says to Him: "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning." ***"Oh, is that so? Tell me," replies God.*** "Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus, creating man." ***"Well, that's very interesting...show me."*** So, the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man. ***"No, no, no," interrupts God, "get your own dirt!"***

GOD'S WILL

The will of God will never take you...

where the grace of **God** cannot keep you,
where the arms of **God** cannot support you,
where the riches of **God** cannot supply your needs,
where the power of **God** cannot endow you.

The will of God will never take you,

where the spirit of **God** cannot work through you,
where the wisdom of **God** cannot teach you,
where the army of **God** cannot protect you,
where the hands of **God** cannot mold you.

The will of God will never take you,

where the love of **God** cannot enfold you,
where the mercies of **God** cannot sustain you,
where the peace of **God** cannot calm our fears,
where the authority of **God** cannot overrule for you.

The will of God will never take you,

where the comfort of **God** cannot dry your tears,
where the Word of **God** cannot feed you,
where the miracles of **God** cannot be done for you.
where the omnipresence of **God** cannot find you.

- Author Unknown -

Submitted by: Calvin Rome



JUNE ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 GRADUATE SUNDAY UMYF - 5:00pm Praise Team - 6pm	2 UMW General Mtg. - 7:00pm	3 ANNUAL Prayer Group - 7:00pm	4 CONFERENCE Card Ministry - 5:00pm God's Teens - 7:00pm NO Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 PROMOTION SUNDAY UMYF - 5:00pm Praise Team - 6pm	9	10 Prayer Group - 7:00pm	11 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 11:00 am Card Ministry - 5:00pm God's Teens - 7:00 pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	12 Night Owls Circle - 7:00 pm	13	14 FFF - 10am-12pm
15 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am Father's Day Worship Service by UMW - 11am	16 YOUTH	17 SUMMER Prayer Group - 7:00pm	18 BREAKAWAY Home Extensions-9:30am NO Card Ministry NO God's Teens NO Choir Practice	19 LOUISBURG	20 COLLEGE	21
22	23 VACATION Supper - 5:30-6:30pm	24 BIBLE	25 SCHOOL Classes - 6:30-8:00pm UMM Choir Practice - 8pm	26	27	28 FFF - 10am-12pm
29 Old Fashion Morning Worship Service - 11:00am Covered Dish Supper - 6:00pm followed by Terry Jordan	30					