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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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Wasn't our Laity Sunday Worship Service wonderful? The Praise Team did an outstanding job getting us ready for true worship. Our lay leader, Roberta Brown did her usual best in leading us. Young Catlin Hunt, an 8th grader at Fayetteville Christian, blessed us with her musical talent. Then Donna Meixsell, recently elected Lay Leader for 2004, shared her moving testimony with us. But the service wasn't over. The sharing of The Peace near the end was also an exciting and moving experience. It was good for me to celebrate as a member of the congregation and experience the joy of hearing our lay people share their gifts with the church.

I appreciate all the love and planning that went into this year's Laity Sunday by Donna and Roberta. I was especially moved by the **Affirmation of The Function of the Local Church.**

"The church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the world. It is primarily at the level of the local church that the church encounters the world. The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society. The function of the local church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to **help people to know Jesus Christ personally** and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. Therefore, the local church is to **minister to persons in the community where the church is located**, to provide appropriate training and nurture to all, to cooperate in ministry with other local churches, to defend God's creation and live as an ecologically responsible community, and to participate in the worldwide mission of the church, **as minimal expectations of an authentic church.**" ¶ 202 of The Discipline 2000

This passage reminds us of who we are as a church. This church and every church belong

to Jesus Christ. Some people get the mistaken idea that the church belongs to them as if it was a personal possession.

We exist in the world to be of benefit to the world around us by helping people to know Jesus Christ personally and to live their daily lives in light of their relationship with God. Not just to know about God, but to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Church is full of people who know about God, but have a poor personal relationship with him.

If we had a vibrant personal relationship with Christ, we would be doing everything we could to **minister to persons in the community where the church is located.** This would include training, nurture, cooperation with other churches, and involvement in the community and world where the good news is needed most. We are called to be a vital part of the worldwide mission of the church as well. The Discipline of the United Methodist Church states that these are **minimal expectations of an authentic church.**

An important issue that was being addressed on Laity Sunday was the question, "Are we even meeting the minimal expectations of an authentic church?" The alternative is seeing St. Matthew's as "our church", our private possession, which we use as we see fit. That is simply playing church. It's all about us: our wants.

Or we can show enough faith to trust Christ to lead his church out into the community around us to make a real difference. Then, we don't have to figure out how to make it work and how to pay for it. We must simply have enough faith to trust God in Christ to lead us forward and provide for our every need. **Are we an authentic church?** You decide!

*Shalom,
Mike*



We have certainly been blessed with donations during the past month. **Thank you!** There is a **1/2 Price Sale** going on at the present time, so you might want to check on all the great deals! The Thrift Shop has agreed to pay the **\$5.00** for each **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox**, so please put your boxes in the large box in the hallway by **November 9th** to be picked up on **November 10th**. Thank you!!

The Thrift Shop made the following contributions:

- * Better Health of Cumberland County
- * Church Honduras Mission
- * Church Emergency Fund
- * The Care Clinic

Mary Schneider, Chairperson
Lee Anna Sproul, Co-Chairperson

GOD'S TEENS:

God's Teens finished up the book of Leviticus on October 15th. We started on the **Book of Numbers** October 22nd and look forward to studying about some of the most interesting passages in the Bible. After our usual class on October 15th, we went into the sanctuary and had a **Candlelight Meditation in memory of Denise Gallimore**. We shared our thoughts, and we lifted up our prayers as we remembered Denise. We know she's in a better place. God's Teens is planning a **Retreat** after Christmas. We plan on going up to the mountains and also attending a Methodist Church while we're there. We are looking forward to meeting the youth from that church. We know that the retreat will be a fun and spiritual time.

Peter Rome

Senior Citizens Computer Class:

"Calling all occupants of the 21st century"

If you happen to be a senior citizen who has the desire to learn more about this new **"Confusing Technology" (also called computer)**, and have about an hour of free time on Monday or Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., and don't mind being instructed by younger teachers, then this is the class for you! The first **"official"** Computer Class was Monday, September 29th, however, some were too excited to wait so they showed up a week earlier (when One-By-One started). That class was on how to turn the thing on, how to get into it to use the programs, and how to use the mouse and keyboard. Some other topics that have been covered since then are how to use **Microsoft Word, Paint, Play Games** (everyone loves that!), and what is the **Internet** and how to use it. There are currently 6 student teachers and 3 students waiting for teachers. If anyone is interested in either becoming a student or a teacher please contact Mrs. Amy Eberhardt. I hope everyone is having a good Fall Season.

God bless,
Dejah Anderson



The UMM met for their regular Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, October 19th at 8:30 a.m. There were 15 men present, including a guest, **John Gray** from Hickory, N.C. Breakfast was prepared under the supervision of Charles Lucas by Jack Spakes and Wayne Everts. Devotion was presented by Calvin Rome on Discipline. **Old Business:** President Charles Lucas named **Wayne Everts** as **Vice-President** after an extensive search was conducted.

Treasurer's Report: Lyle Spidle gave the monthly report:

Beginning Balance - \$1,256.75
Barbecue Gross - \$3,943.00
Barbecue Expenses - \$1,541.00
Current Balance - \$3,664.75

New Business: A motion was made by Wayne Everts to ask the UMM to donate **\$300.00** towards the purchase of one **TI-83 Plus Calculator** and one **TI-86 Calculator** along with **Ink Cartridges for Printers** which are used by the youth during Teens Helping Teens, One-By-One and Senior's Computer Class. Wayne will purchase these items after finding the best place to buy them. This motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Dr. Hale presented a proposal to buy or make signs that can be used for special events at the church. A short discussion followed with no motion presented. This item will be looked at during our next meeting. A discussion was held in reference to the UMM donating **Turkeys** for our annual **Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner** to be held on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. It was agreed upon to support this endeavor as we have in the past. The closing prayer was given by Calvin Rome and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Wayne Everts, Acting Secretary

CARD MINISTRY

Please join us for Card Ministry and fellowship any Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. We meet at the Pizza Palace to send cards to those who have celebrations as well as those who have concerns. Thank you for all contributions of money, cards and stamps. It greatly helps with this Ministry.

*God bless,
Card Ministry*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 3 - Elaine Everts | 15 - Hank Zielinski |
| 5 - Justin Cole | 17 - Kristen Royal |
| 6 - Lynwood Griffin | 19 - Jessica Powell |
| 8 - Lynn Hiner | 23 - Irma Evans |
| 10 - Jack Byrne | 25 - Mary Sue Grady |
| 11 - Bob Pray | 28 - Christopher Rome |
| 12 - Gudrun Arnold | 30 - Amanda Yencsko |
| - Darrell Collins | |
| - Glyndetta Hubbard | |

YOU ARE INVITED!!

"W.A. STEWART BIBLE STUDY CLASS"

If you are not now attending Sunday School, you are invited to attend the **W.A. Stewart Bible Study Class**. We now meet in the former Middle School Classroom. There have been some changes in the classroom. We have outgrown the space that was available in the church library... AND this class, that was formerly all men has recently gone "CO-ED". Yes, we now have several women attending. Wives get your husband started or husbands get your wife started and attend Sunday School together.

The **W.A. Stewart Bible Study Class** has been in existence for about 16 years. Originally it was named in honor of the class founder **Lea Harper**, but upon the passing of our long time **Class President, Mr. W.A. Stewart**, the name was changed in his memory. The class has gone through the Bible once from Genesis to Revelation verse-by-verse, and now we have started over again. Many people find that studying the Bible verse-by-verse gives them a better understanding of the Bible as a whole because you are "forced" to look at some passages of scripture that you otherwise would not study.

We are currently in the book of "**Numbers**". We go just as fast or as slow as we feel like it during each class period. Some Sundays we may cover two or three verses and some Sundays two or three chapters. It helps to be there each Sunday to know where the class will pick-up the following Sunday, but you would not be lost if you visited for just one Sunday. We try to make each class both a building block on previously covered scripture and a lesson that can stand on its own. Please give us a try!

Calvin Rome - Sunday School Teacher



SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FROM:

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ Betty Priest
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Paul & Jewel Sharpe

POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ Jeff & Julie Anderson

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

- ◆ Jeff & Julie Anderson
- ◆ Sandy Jones
- ◆ For Josh by Wayne & Debbie Hager
- ◆ For David by David & Shirley Dominie
- ◆ For Ashley by Doug & Dawn Stone
- ◆ For Heather & Lorri Shackelford
- ◆ For Justin & Krystle Horlebein
- ◆ For Lisa by Cynthia Rogers
- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

DOOR FUND

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Hank & Betty Zielinski
- ◆ In honor of Lyle Spidle's 85th Birthday by Patricia Hendrickson

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

- ◆ Dejah Anderson, Joyce Christian, Robert & Hilda-Parker, Mary Morrow, Jack & Jo Ann Seymour, Fred & Mary Rozier, Jose & Rebecca Ramirez, Night Owl Circle & Karen Ogden

UMCOR

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Marie Parker

YARD MAINTENANCE FUND

- ◆ Jeff & Julie Anderson

FOOD PANTRY

- ◆ Jeff & Julie Anderson

MUSIC FUND

- ◆ In memory of Denise Gallimore from Gail Terwilliger





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A very special **THANKS** to everyone who helped, worked, donated, organized, priced, cooked, crocheted, sewed, quilted, counted money, or “all of the above” with the Bazaar. It’s always a lot of hard work, but we have determined that it is well worth our effort. We made **\$1,374.00**.

Don’t forget the “**Shoebox Ministry**.” We need help from everyone to get our boxes filled so that they may travel around the world to share God’s love and let others know that we care as well! **The Thrift Shop Committee** has agreed to pay the **\$5.00 Shipping & Handling Fee** for each box. Pamphlets and boxes are available outside the side door of the sanctuary. Please have your shoeboxes at the church on **Sunday, November 9th** so that they may be picked up on **Monday, November 10th**. Don’t forget to attach the **Age Group and Boy or Girl Label** on top of the box. Thanks for your support!!!

RUTH-ETHEL



SMITH CIRCLE:

This year we will have a **Mailbox** for your **Christmas Cards**. You can place the cards in the mailbox matching the first initial of the family’s last name. There will be a **Donation Box** on top of the mailbox. Please update your Church Address and Name List. The **Mailbox** will be available on **November 23rd** and removed on **December 28th**. Check the mailbox every time you are at church.

FAMILIES FIRST:

The **Families First Team** has been working with our family of four. Things are going well for this family. We have assisted with replacing a blown out tire and transportation to work in case of emergencies. We also helped supply diapers for the nine month old when money ran short. Mom has a job and things are going well with her. In fact, she may max out of the program shortly. Continue to keep this family in your prayers as they grow in their Christian faith and stand on their feet in their day to day living.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH “SCOTCH SHORT BREAD”

- 2 sticks Butter, softened
- 1/2 cup Confectioners’ Sugar
- 2 cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- Granulated Sugar
- Chopped Pecans (optional)



Sift confectioners’ sugar and flour together. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter; gradually add flour mixture. Stir in vanilla extract. On a cookie sheet, roll out dough 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Sprinkle with sugar. Top with chopped pecans if desired, lightly pressing nuts into dough. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes or until light brown around the edges. Remove from oven; cut immediately.

LOOKING AHEAD:



NOVEMBER

- 9 - Deadline for Shoeboxes to be turned in at church
- 7 - Church Women United World Community Day

DECEMBER

- 1 - UMW General Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 7 - Cumberland/Hoke Sub-District Mtg. Victory UMC, 2:00 pm

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:

This will be held on **Thanksgiving Day** from **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** for those who are **Alone, Needy, Sick or Shut-in.** **Free Tickets** are required and will be available at the **Church Office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or at the Thrift Shop Friday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Afterwards, the volunteers and their families will share a meal and at 3:00 p.m. they will decorate the **Chrismon Tree** together. Anyone can join us. Bob and Adella will head this project. If you cannot help, but would like to be a part of this dinner, you can do so by contributing money to help purchase the following: **Field Peas (can size #10) - \$2.99, Sweet Potatoes (can size #10) - \$3.69, Green Beans (can size #10) - \$1.50 and Cranberry Sauce - 60¢ a can.** You may also prepare **Desserts.** If you would like to give money to help purchase food, make your check out to **St. Matthew's UMC** and at the bottom put for **Thanksgiving Dinner.** Place your check in an offering envelope and write **Thanksgiving Dinner** on the outside and place in offering plate.



SAFETY TIPS:

1. Do not ride in an automobile (or get in the way of one) as automobiles cause 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay at home; that's where 17% of all accidents occur.
3. Do not walk across the street; pedestrians are victims of 14% of all accidents.
4. Do not travel by air, rail or water; 16% of all accidents are the result of these activities.
5. Only 1% of all fatal accidents occur at church and almost none of these during Worship & Sunday School.

Obviously the safest place to be is in Worship & Bible Study with your family and fellow Christians.

Submitted by - Calvin Rome

"OF COURSE YOU CAN"

Following are ten "Of Course You Can" principles that, when applied, will help you to have the 100% faith necessary to achieve your goals in life.

1. **Stamp your goal indelibly on your mind.**
2. **Always see yourself as succeeding with God's help.**
3. **When a negative thought enters your mind, immediately cancel it out with a Faith thought.**
4. **Mentally minimize difficulties, maximize your strengths.**
5. **Deny the power of difficulty over you. Affirm the power of faith to overcome.**
6. **Believe in yourself.**
7. **Don't think too much about yourself.**
8. **Always learn, grow, and improve yourself.**
9. **Every day practice the greatest of all positive affirmations: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**
10. **Put yourself completely in God's hands.**

A SPECIAL INVITATION:

*THE FAMILY
OF
MARY SUE GRADY
REQUESTS
THE HONOR OF
YOUR PRESENCE
AS WE CELEBRATE
HER LIFE & BIRTHDAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
IN THE ST. MATTHEW'S
FELLOWSHIP HALL
NO GIFTS PLEASE!*



NOVEMBER ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 UMYF - 5:00pm Sun. Night Sing at Hay St. UMC - 5pm Supper at 6:15pm	3 One-By-One & Senior Computer Class-7pm	4 Covenant Group - 9:30- 11:30am Prayer Group - 6:30pm	5 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	6	7	1
9 PILGRIMAGE →	10 One-By-One & Senior Computer Class-7pm	11 Covenant Group - 9:30- 11:30am Prayer Group - 6:30pm	12 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 11:00am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	13 Help'N Hands Seniors go to Rudy's Theatre Night Owls Circle & THT - 7:00pm	←	8 YOUTH FFF - 10am-12pm 15
16 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am UMYF - 5:00pm Harvest Dinner & Can Food Drive - 6:00pm	17 One-By-One & Senior Computer Class-7pm	18 TRIP TO Covenant Group - 9:30- 11:30am Prayer Group - 6:30pm	19 LAKE JUNALUSKA & Home Extensions-9:30am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	20 BILTMORE HOUSE →	21	22 Book Discussion Group meet at Pizza Palace - 11:30am Mary Sue Grady's 85 th Birthday Party - 2:00 - 4:00pm
23 Old Fashion Worship Service & Angel Tree - 11am Community Thanksgiving Service - 4:00pm	24 NO One-By-One	25 NO Prayer Group	26 NO Regular Services	27 Thanksgiving Day Community Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00am-1:00pm	28	29
30 UMYF - 5:00pm						