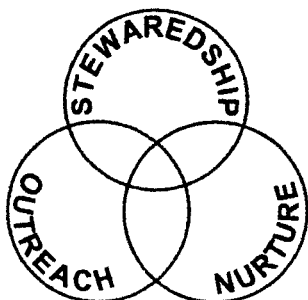


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40



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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH PILGRIMAGE

If you go back to English Literature class memories you may remember Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. This was an ancient tale of pilgrims on their way to Canterbury one of England's holy sites. Chaucer has his characters tell stories to pass the time on their religious pilgrimage. Religious or spiritual pilgrimages are a part of many faiths and has a long history within Christianity. My trip to the Holy Lands was such an experience for me twenty years ago.

According to *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2004*, states in ¶ 351 "Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth – 1. Throughout their careers, clergy shall engage in continuing education for ministry, professional development, and spiritual formation and growth in order to lead the church in fulfilling the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. This shall include carefully developed personal programs of study augmented periodically by involvement in organized educational and spiritual growth activities.

2. A clergy member's continuing education and spiritual growth program should include such leaves at least one week each year and at least one month during one year of every quadrenium. Such leaves shall not be considered as part of the ministers' vacations and shall be planned in consultation with their charges or other agencies to which they are appointed as well as the bishop, district superintendent, and annual conference continuing education committee."

On Wednesday, April 27, 2005 the Pastor-Parish Ministry Team met for their quarterly meeting and Dr. Mike presented his plan for a spiritual growth pilgrimage to holy sites in Ireland, Scotland and England related to Celtic Christianity and our Methodist heritage. As a part of this consultation the

team decided this would be a great opportunity for Certified Lay Speakers to preach the Sunday he is away between June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>. Pastor in Dr. Hale's weekly covenant group will cover for him while away. They include Dennis Sheppard-Hope Mills, John Woodard-Victory, Curtis Mull-Christ, and Teresa Lawrence-Cumberland. He also consulted with David Malloy-District superintendent and the Conference Continuing Education Committee.

Dr. Hale is presenting a training workshop at the *William Glasser International Conference* in Dublin, Ireland entitled *Choice Theory and Your Spiritual Journey*. A visit to John Wesley's home place in Epworth, England; Oxford University where he and Charles started the Holy Club; and a visit to the church on Altergate Street, London where John felt his heart strangely warmed are on the itinerary. Stops at Westminster Cathedral, and Canterbury in England, Notre Dame in Paris and the Vatican City in Rome are also stops on the spiritual growth pilgrimage.

Some people forget that pastors don't have a chance to take long weekends off like most church members. Fortunately we have a number of people in our congregation who see the pastor as a spiritual leader who is also in need of spiritual renewal. Those who view the pastor as hired help rarely understand this. I invite you to be in prayer for me as I make preparations for this pilgrimage and especially while I am away. I hope our Lord will renew and strengthen my faith and practice of Spiritual Disciplines through this rare experience. I pray that the church will receive spiritual blessing for this time apart.

Shalom,

Mike

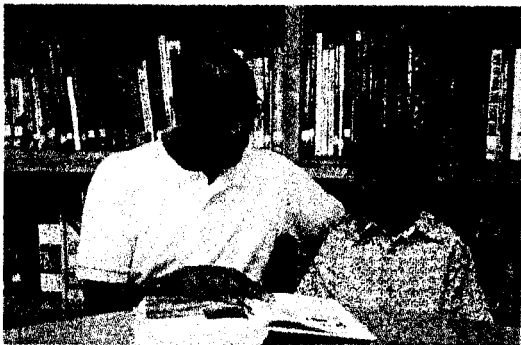
# SUMMER READING ROUNDUP

SATURDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 10am - 2pm

202 HOPE MILLS RD. 1 Block Off Raeford Rd.

*Free Registration! Free Books!*

*Free Cookout! Guest Arthur - Raz Autry!*



When  
Dads Read  
Kids Succeed!

Special Gift If Dad Comes!



Come meet Abby,  
Jetta, & Big Boy.

You can even ride  
a horse if your parent(s)  
are with you and say OK.



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Methodist Men  
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Come join us at the "Circle G. Ranch" for Vacation Bible School which will be held June 5 - 9. Supper will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Classes will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The "Circle G. Ranch" is "Where God is at the Center and the Love Never Ends."

An Adult Class will be held each evening. The following positions are open for "Ranch Hands" to herd the little buckaroos each evening:

- ◆ Chuck Wagon Master (Snacks)
- ◆ Song Leader
- ◆ Pre-School
- ◆ Middle & Young Elementary
- ◆ Pre-Teen & Teen
- ◆ Storyteller



If you would like to help, please call Julie Griffin at 425-4269.

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**ST. MATTHEW'S UMC DAY CAMP**  
**(6 years - 12th grade)**  
**July 4 - 8**  
**Come join the fun!!!**

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

**Monday, July 4, 2005**  
**NC Aquarium at Ft. Fisher**



**Tuesday, July 5, 2005**  
**Round-A-Golf & Skating**

**Wednesday, July 6, 2005**  
**Pope Bowling Lanes & Wilson Park**



**Thursday, July 7, 2005**  
**Fantasy Lake**

**Friday, July 8, 2005**  
**Chuck-E-Cheese**  
**(9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**



### PRE-REGISTRATION AT THE CHURCH:

**June 18, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**June 19, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Cost \$60.00**  
**(Scholarships available if needed)**

For more information, please contact Elaine Everts at 245-2281.

A special **THANKS** to all our volunteers and to everyone who donates items to our Thrift Shop.

We made the following contributions:

- ◆ Curamericas
- ◆ The Care Clinic
- ◆ Card Ministry
- ◆ Emergency Fund
- ◆ Church Power Bill
- ◆ Hinton Rural Life Center
- ◆ Christian Appalachian Project
- ◆ Better Health of Cumberland County

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson



The UMM met Sunday, May 15th and had **20** men present. Breakfast was prepared by Randy, Doug and Troy.

Calvin gave a devotion from *Hebrews 10: 22* "**Spiritual Intimacy**".

Where are you in your Christian walk? God is faithful to us. Are we faithful to God? The problem is with man. You cannot serve two Masters. Choose God or the World.

The Mother's Day Service was mentioned and all who contributed were thanked. We are looking forward to next years service. We discovered the need for a speaker in the choir area. This will be handled by the Trustees. The Father's Day Booklet forms will be inserted in the bulletin for your convenience.

Elaine asked for financial aid for **Day Camp**. The UMM will donate **\$400.00** along with the proceeds from our Father's Day Booklet to help sponsor kids to Day Camp. The UMM also voted to give **\$50.00** toward the "**Funeral Meals Fund**".

**Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 5-9**. It will have a "**Western Theme**" this year. Different groups will be preparing meals each night. The UMM will have Thursday night and will have a "**Western Cook-Out**".

Dr. Hale spoke to the men about "**A Reading Rodeo**" to be held on **Saturday, June 11th**. A need for men to read to children was accepted as a project and all the men supported this event.

It was mentioned that Cumberland UMC was broken into on Friday, May 13th. We at St. Matthew's need to be very concerned about our church and to make sure it is locked when we leave after every function.

Troy Willoughby, UMM Secretary

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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

17 - Bob Galliera  
 19 - Jewel Sharpe  
 21 - Peter Rome  
 Glen Warbis  
 Pam Lynn

### FFF & BOOK CLUB:

We will continue to meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. during the summer for our **Bible Study**. We are in **Deuteronomy** and anyone is welcome to join us. We meet at the picnic tables until it gets too hot.

FFF will be cooking for the first night of **Vacation Bible School** on **Sunday, June 5th**. The menu will be **Shepherds Pie, Beef Pinwheels, Beenie Weenies, and Baked Macaroni & Cheese**.

### SUMMER MEETING DATES:

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 a.m. - Cook @ church  
 11:30 a.m. - Book Club @ Pizza Palace  
 (Book 1 of Mitford Series)

#### SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:30 a.m. - Cook @ church  
 11:30 a.m. - Book Club @ Pizza Palace  
 (Book TBA)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 a.m. - Cook @ church  
 11:30 a.m. - Book Club @ Pizza Palace  
 (Book TBA)

### FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION

&

### TACO NIGHT

(Totally, Awesome, Christian Opportunity)

**WILL BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FROM:

### ARP FUND

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

### CHURCH POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

### DAY CAMP

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ Peggy Pullman Sunday School Class

### EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ Night Owl Circle IHO Mary Rozier
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ John & Carol Rosney IMO Joseph Murphy

### MEMORIAL FUND

- ◆ Dr. Michael Hale

### JUNE FLOWER CHART

- 5 - Glory of God by Marty & Linda Webb
- 12 - In memory of Margaret C. Walker by Ruth Caldwell
- 19 - In honor of Jewel Sharpe's birthday by her family
- 26 - In honor of Doug Stone's 40th birthday by Dawn, Ashley, Reena & especially "Skooter"

The 2005 Flower Chart still has spaces available if you would like to recognize a friend or loved one. Effective May 15th the cost of flowers are only \$22.00. Please make your check out to St. Matthew's UMC and put "flowers" in the memo section and place in offering plate.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Judith Fowler** is our missionary contact for the month of **June**. Her birthday is **June 24th** and her address is **7 Queensdale Ave. Beverly, Kentucky 40913**. If you get a chance drop her a note and wish her Happy Birthday.

"Since I am not the only one thinking about getting old, I want to share my experience. Each stage in life forces us to leave something behind in order to discover something new. Two events inspired me to be hopeful. I saw a jade plant in bloom and learned that the plant has to reach a ripe old age before it will blossom and then I visited a dear friend manifesting beautiful new blossoms after a long career by overseeing the plans for a series of books for children in the countries once part of the Soviet Union. Her patchwork training over the years reveals that God's spirit was leading her to an invisible goal."

### **Beverly Moon, Taiwan, Missionary** **Scripture for the Month - Psalm 33**

We will have a General Meeting on Monday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m. A light Lunch will be available. Please note change in time. Those of you who are not working, please join us. There will be no night meeting this month. A very special **THANK YOU** for making the "**Mother's Day Booklet**" a success. We earned approximately **\$350.00** for **Mission Work**. The UMW will be in charge of the "**Father's Day Worship Service**" on **Sunday, June 19th**. Ladies we need your help in the choir!!

### **RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE:**

Our Circle met on Wednesday, May 11th and had a great turnout. Our guest speaker was **Deborah McMillan, Director of Volunteers for Mental Health**. It was very informative concerning the many needs of the less fortunate in our county. We all need to thank God for our many blessings each day. Our next meeting will be **June 8th at 10:30 a.m.** instead of 11:00 a.m. The reason for the time change is that we are having a speaker, **Ms. Evans**, from **Cumberland County Public Affairs** who will talk to us about **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**. She has new information on this program and wants to share it with us. If there is anyone in the church (men or women) who needs to know more about this program, you are more than welcome to come and hear Ms. Evans speak. **Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner. It sounds like a lot of fun this year, and I hope there will be a big turn out of children and adults. We will be serving a donation dinner on **Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m.** It was decided since the **Enchilado Pie** with all the trimmings was enjoyed by so many, we would serve this again. Come and let's have a good time together. I pray that everyone will have a Blessed and Safe Summer.

Catherine Morgan

### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH** **"CHOCOLATE BERRY SHORTCAKES"**

2 cups Baking Mix	2 Tbs. unsweetened Cocoa Powder	1/4 tsp. ground Nutmeg
3/4 cup Low-Fat Vanilla Yogurt	2 cups sliced Strawberries	3 Tbs. Honey
2 Tbs. Vegetable Oil	1 Tbs. Sugar	
1 1/2 cups sweetened Whipped Cream or non-dairy Whipped Topping		

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Combine baking mix, cocoa and nutmeg in a medium bowl; mix well. Add yogurt, honey & oil, stirring until a soft dough forms. Drop dough by large spoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet, 1 inch apart, forming 6 shortcakes. Bake shortcakes until a toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Place baking sheet on a wire rack and cool for 20 minutes. Combine strawberries and sugar in a small bowl. Slice each cooled shortcake in half horizontally; place bottom halves on individual plates. Divide whipped cream & strawberries among shortcake bottoms. Top with remaining shortcake halves. Serve immediately. YUM! YUM!



**JUNE**

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

**2005**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	<b>2</b> Night Owl Circle - 7:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> ←	<b>6</b> UMW - 11:00am VACATION Supper 5:30-6:30pm	<b>7</b> BIBLE	<b>8</b> Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 10:30am SCHOOL Classes 6:30-8:00pm	<b>8</b> ← ANNUAL →	<b>10</b> CONFERENCE	<b>11</b> →
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> FFF - 8:30am Book Club at Pizza Palace - 11:30am
<b>19</b> UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am Father's Day Service UMW-11am	<b>20</b> ←	<b>21</b> YOUTH Prayer Group - 6:30pm	<b>22</b> AT	<b>23</b> SUMMER Help-N-Hands-11am	<b>24</b> BREAKAWAY	<b>25</b> →
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Prayer Group - 6:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
Fellowship Connection & Taco Night - 6pm		Prayer Group - 6:30pm				