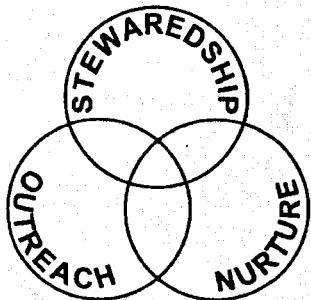


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40



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FATHER'S REFLECTIONS

With Father's Day just past and Mother's Day only a few weeks back, we think about family and family ties; parents and children. I consider the challenges and blessings of Fatherhood as an experience I have never regretted. God has truly enriched my life by giving me the opportunity and privilege to participate in his creative universe by entrusting two lives to my care and guidance. Scripture views parenthood as a calling of God for every member of the community of faith. Sadly, there are too many males who are fathers biologically and legally without the slightest inclination toward assuming their responsibility as spiritual fathers. I must admit the burden is a heavy one. As I have aged, I have looked back on the many mistakes I made through the years. God's grace had been evident in our family for our children to have grown into such special people raising families of their own.

I believe they take the responsibility of spiritual leadership seriously. I recently attended a two day Fatherhood Conference in Raleigh. It was exciting to think that men who took being fathers seriously would take off time from work on week days to attend such a conference. Surprisingly, 90% of the people there were African Americans. At least the African American community is addressing this important issue. There are higher percentages of absent and ineffective fathers in that segment of the population, but they are not alone. Fathers who provide financially for their families can often be absent from their children emotionally.

We had a discussion at one of our United Methodist Men's meeting a year or so ago about the absence of men providing spiritual leadership within the home and the church. Our oldest members could not remember a time when they recollected males being the primary spiritual leaders in the home or church. It is interesting that males traditionally want the roles of Trustees who care for church property, yet the greatest thing we are entrusted with is the faith that has been handed down for generations through the synagogue and the church. Fatherhood must be about the business of spiritual leadership.

I am honored that both of my children have taken their responsibility toward the Lord seriously. Lisa, up until recently, has served professionally in the music ministries of several churches. She now plans to serve as a volunteer at church and devote herself to her family and her career as an elementary school music teacher. Since John married and had a child he and his family attend Orange United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. He was one of the original members of their praise team that had leadership responsibility for a new 8:00 a.m. contemporary worship service which serves about two hundred people each Sunday. They are certainly a good reflection on their father and mother. Are we a good reflection on our heavenly Father? Are we fulfilling our responsibilities as spiritual leaders in the home, the Church and the world?

Shalom,

Mike



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

A special thanks to all of our volunteers who work so faithfully, and to everyone who donates items to our shop.

The Thrift Shop contributed to the following:

- ◆ Urban Ministry - Children's Achievement Camp
- ◆ Village Baptist Church - Gene Tyree - Bibles for Uganda
- ◆ Salvation Army - Kids-2-Kamp
- ◆ Church Power Bill
- ◆ Church Emergency Fund

Lee Anna Sproul, Chairperson

CARD MINISTRY:

Card Ministry has abbreviated their schedule to meet our Summer needs. We will continue to meet at the "Pizza Palace" every other week **July 13 & 27** and **August 10 & 24**. Come join us at 5:00 p.m. Card Ministry Team

NEEDED: OLD PHONE BOOKS!

Please bring your old phone books to the church by Wednesday, July 6th to help raise funds for "Pauline Jones School". Robert Jones will be picking them up. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks! Mary Rozier

ST. MATTHEW'S UMC DAY CAMP:

July 4 - 8, Ages 6 years - 12th grade

Come join the fun!!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, July 4th
NC Aquarium at Ft. Fisher



Tuesday, July 5th
Round-A-Golf & Skating

Wednesday, July 6th
Pope Bowling Lanes & Wilson Park



Thursday, July 7th
Fantasy Lake

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



Cost is only \$60.00 (Scholarships available). For more information, please contact Elaine Everts at 245-2281.

YARD SALE UPDATE:

Thanks to all who assisted in the "Trustees Yard Sale". Special thanks to *Lola, Gail, Lynwood* and *Julie*. Without your help it would not have been so successful.

Thanks again! Bob Pray



There were **24** men and **1** lady present at our UMM Breakfast on Sunday, June 19th. The meal was prepared by Randy and Troy. Calvin spoke to the men about **Lay Leadership** at St. Matthew's. There seems to be a need for a spiritual uplift from the men in our church. If it wasn't for the ladies, there would

not be any outreach missions. Concerning outreach, Calvin proposed a challenge to the men on "**Carrying Christ Love.**" He suggested that every first Sunday of the month whenever **Communion** is observed, that the men take communion to the homes of members who are unable to attend. Also to Nursing Homes where we have members. There were **16** men who signed up for this mission. **A SPECIAL THANKS** to **Calvin Rome** for doing an outstanding job on our "**Father's Day Booklet**". Proceeds went toward **Day Camp Scholarships**.

Troy Willoughby, UMM Secretary

YOUTH NEWS:

Our youth had a spiritual fun-filled week and a fantastic time at **Summer Breakaway**. Thanks to all who supported this ministry enrichment opportunity for the youth. Peter is pursuing a way our youth can do some fundraising through recycling. We will let everyone know what items we will be collecting at a later date. As a mission outreach, the youth will be sending "**Care Packages**" to service members from our church. We will need a list of their addresses. We would like to start collecting them ASAP. The FFF has agreed to assist the youth with this mission project. Here is a list of items to be placed in the care packages:

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|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Homemade Cookies | Snack Bags | Hard Candy |
| Bar Soap | Magazines | Q-Tips |
| Waterless Hand Soap | Emery Boards | Deodorant |
| Hand Written Notes | White Socks | Toothbrushes |
| Disposable Razors | Toothpaste | Odor Eaters |
| Devotional Books | Bug Repellent | Lip Balm |
| Air Fresheners | Sunscreen | Combs |

At our next meeting on July 24th, we will be discussing topic number two. Lorri is leading the discussion with our youth: Do You Know...

1. If there is a Heaven and a Hell?
2. The Characteristics of Man?
3. The Characteristics of God?
4. Who Jesus Christ is?
5. How the Bible describes Faith?
6. What Salvation is?

May God bless each and everyone!

Elaine Everts



DAY CARE WISH LIST:

The Pre & After School Ministry Team has placed a poster of items needed for the Church Day Care on the bulletin board through the double doors. If you would like to help, please see Ruby Lucas.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Hilda Pena | 11 - Wayne Everts |
| 4 - Jacob Gallimore | Christy Khondaker |
| Jeff Brown | 20 - Jack Spakes |
| 5 - Marie Parker | 29 - Cindy Rogers |
| 6 - Gail Terwilliger | Juli Pray |
| 7 - Peggy Williams | Wendy Johnson |
| 10 - Gertrude Schultz | 30 - Vicki Powell |

“AMERICA”

“O beautiful for spacious skies”
How can we not sing of thee
You opened your arms to all the world
Giving people a chance to be free

“For amber waves of grain”
From our fields of corn and wheat
Our bounty is shipped to foreign shores
So the hungry of the world can eat

“For purple mountains majesty”
And cold clear mountain streams
People have room to move and grow
And seek their personal dreams

“Above the fruited plains”
Where the people work and play
This America, the Beautiful
As all the poets would say

What is this land we hold so dear
An idea of a few great minds
They pledged their lives and honor
The dream of freedom to find

From Bunker Hill to Vietnam
From jungles to the sea
Remember the Maine, The Alamo
We’ve fought to keep her free

From Kitty Hawk to Voyager II
And a man who walked on the moon
We are always reaching further
And you know we will be there soon

It is America, the Beautiful
It’s the people who walk this land
For when there’s time of trouble
We always lend a hand.

Written by:



Billy O. Wingo

SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FROM:

ARP FUND

- ◆ Perry Smith

CHURCH POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

DAY CAMP

- ◆ United Methodist Men
- ◆ Night Owls Circle
- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

DAY CARE LIGHTS

- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ Secret Prayer Partner in honor of Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Paul & Jewel Sharpe
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

FRAYED & FRAZZLED FLOCK

- ◆ Frank Bagley

MEMORIAL FUND

- ◆ Ruth Caldwell in memory of Michael Johnston
- ◆ Lou Johnston in memory of Michael Johnston

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

JULY FLOWER CHART

3 - In honor of Hilda Pena's birthday by Santos Pena

10 - In honor of Wayne Everts birthday & Wayne & Elaine Everts Anniversary by Elaine, Brad & Amy-Jo

17 - (1) In honor of Jason Caldwell & Candy Bone's birthday by Ruth Caldwell (2) in honor of Charles & Ruby Lucas' 25th Anniversary

24 - Available

31 - Available

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

This month I would especially like to say **"THANK YOU"** to all who helped in any way with the Father's Day Worship Service:

- ◆ **Doris Miles for the Father's Day Worship Bulletin**
- ◆ **Phyllis Jordan who went the extra mile to help the women choose music**
- ◆ **Elaine Everts for serving as Lay Leader**
- ◆ **Heather Shackelford for working the Sound System**
- ◆ **Connie Knight, Betty Jennings, Linda Webb, and Gail Terwilliger for serving as Ushers**
- ◆ **Amy-Jo Everts for the treats for Dad and for the special Offertory Music**
- ◆ **Mary Rozier for the Special Music**
- ◆ **Catherine Morgan and Karen Ogden for helping the other choir ladies (wish we had more of you to join us)**
- ◆ **Peter Rome for Acolyting and serving with all the women**
- ◆ **Roberta Brown for providing "Thanks Dad" a special sermon on the roll of Dad's in our lives**

Thank you all very much...If I have missed anyone, please know that it was not intentional. Thanks again to everyone.

Sunday, July 17th is **Christine Louise Denman's** birthday. Please drop her a note and let her know that you are praying for her and her work at the **Red Bird Mission**. Her address is:

**The Joy Center
P.O. Box 29
Big Creek, Ky. 40914**

Thank you for your support and I trust that you will have a great summer.

Adella Pray, UMW President

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27 - 30

**School of Christian Mission
Methodist College**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

"BLUEBERRY STREUSEL COBBLER"

1 pint fresh or frozen blueberries
3/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp cold butter or
margarine
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Blueberry Sauce (Recipe follows)



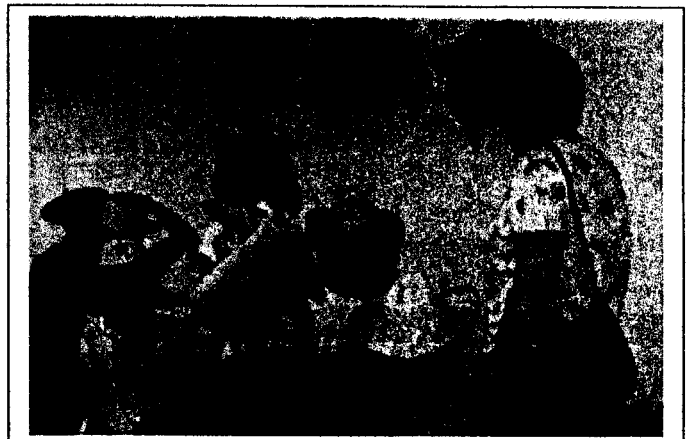
1 14oz can Eagle Brand Sweetened
Condensed Milk
2 cups biscuit baking mix, divided
2 tsp grated lemon peel
Vanilla Ice Cream

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In bowl, combine blueberries, Eagle Brand and peel. In large bowl, cut 3/4 cup butter into 1 1/2 cups biscuit mix until crumbly; add blueberry mixture. Spread in greased 9-inch square baking pan. In small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup biscuit mix and sugar; cut in remaining 2 tablespoons butter until crumbly. Add nuts. Sprinkle over cobbler. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes or until golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream and Blueberry Sauce. Refrigerate leftovers.

(BLUEBERRY SAUCE) In saucepan, combine 1/2 cup sugar, 1 Tbsp cornstarch, 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon and 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg. Gradually add 1/2 cup water. Cook and stir until thickened. Stir in 1 pint blueberries; cook and stir until hot.

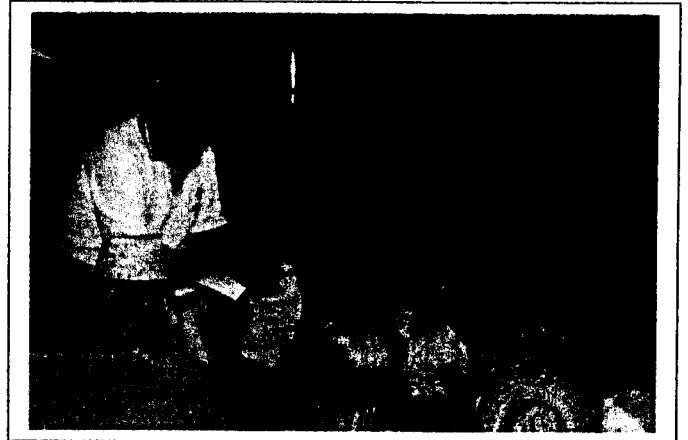
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-9



READING ROUNDUP

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH



General Information

Cost:
Resident Student:
 Meals Included..... \$110.00
Non Resident Student:
 Commuters (per day)..... \$10.00
 Meals..... Extra cost

Refunds
 A 7-day notice is required for refunds.

Roommates must mail forms together.

Child Care will be available if guaranteed registration received by July 13th. Send childcare information to Mary Eleanor Pulver, Registrar along with registration.

Housing will be in College Dormitories. Bring bed linens, including a light blanket, pillow, towels, clothes hangers, grooming items, study lamp, and any other item that you feel necessary for your comfort away from home.

Special Needs: If you have any physical conditions that require consideration in room and class assignment, please explain on registration form or on separate sheet of paper stapled to your form. Please specify if you are on a special diet or if you have any needs for refrigeration of medicines.

Emergency Phone Numbers:
 College Switchboard: 910-630-7000
 Campus Security Night: 910-630-7098

A registered nurse will be on duty at all times.

Resident room numbers will be given to campus security for emergency calls.

Friday Night Special
 6:15 PM Reeves Auditorium
 { Don't Miss It! }

Registration Form

Studies:
 Thursday _____ Public Education
 Friday _____ India - Pakistan
 Saturday _____ Children of The Bible
 Saturday _____ Youth Leaders

Resident, meals included 110.00 _____
 1 night - 1day student breakfast and lunch included 40.00 _____
 Commuter (each day) 10.00 _____
 (no meals)
 Lunch extra (each day) 7.00 _____
 Dinner extra (each day) 8.00 _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Make Checks Payable to:
 North Carolina Conference
 School of Christian Mission

Mail check and registration form(s) to:

Mary Eleanor Pulver
 208 Briarcliff Road
 Rocky Mount, NC 27804
 252-442-6368

MEPULVER@nrms.k12.nc.us

Deadline for all registrations:
 July 13, 2005

**CORNERSTONES
 OF
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 North Carolina Conference
 July 27 - 30, 2005

Studies
 Children of The Bible
 India - Pakistan
 Public Education

Methodist College
 5400 Ramsey Street
 Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311

Helen McDonald, Dean
 Doris Wade, Assistant Dean

Classes and Leaders

Public Education

The purpose is to identify and examine systemic issues related to public education in the US. Celebrate models of church/public school partnerships and provide a framework where individual transformation can result in actions that transform communities.

Text: Public Education: Issues and Challenges, by Mary Grace Lyman
Leaders: Dr. Robert C. Frazier Sr., Dr. Melba McCallum, and Reverend Steve Taylor
Session: Thursday, July 28, 8:15 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00 PM

India and Pakistan

The mission study will present the richness and diversity of the cultures of India and Pakistan. It also explores selected current key issues affecting both countries including gender issues, poverty, child labor, religions, extremism, and population. The study will be used in 2005 and 2006, and is a fitting reminder of mission that is global and local.

Text: India and Pakistan by Glory Dharmaraj with Study Guide by Diane Miller.
Leaders: Sivas Chinis, Sandra Croom, and Reverend Robin Mitchell
Session: Friday, July 29, 8:15 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Children of The Bible

The purpose is to invite you into the stories in the Bible from which we can glean the place of children in ancient times. Stories from both the old and new Testaments will call us once again to both love in the face of challenge and yes, to become like a child so that we too enter into the Kingdom of God where the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed and the children are whole people in Jesus Christ.

Text: Children of The Bible by Stephanie Biggs-Scribner, Maggie Biggs-Scribner and Linda Hollies
Leader: Reverend Laura G. Early
Session: Saturday, July 30, 8:15 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00

Youth Leader Study

The study provides adults with information and ideas for teaching a youth study in your District. The youth study connects with both Public Education and Children of The Bible.

Text: Public Education: I Dream of a School by Martha Bettis Gee
Leader: Annette Wright
Session: Saturday, July 30 8:15 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Program Highlights

Registration

Wednesday - 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
(No Program tonight)
Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Displays Daily Schedules
Resources Daily Schedules
Audio Visuals Daily Schedules

Classes: Each study will be offered in its entirety in a one-day setting.

What to Bring: Bibles, pens, notepad etc.. Textbooks are for sale from the Service Center, at all Conference/District events and the Resource Room at School of Christian Mission.

Who Should Attend

Local Officers & Members of UMW
District & Conference UMW Officers
District Chairpersons of Outreach Ministries

All men, women, and youth of the Church who would like to worship God, learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship of Christians.

Registration Form

2005 North Carolina School of Christian Mission

Please Check One

Resident Student _____ Female

Commuter _____ Male

_____ 1 night - 1 day student

Child Care Yes _____ No _____

CEU Credit Yes _____ No _____

First Timer Yes _____ No _____

Please Print or Type:

Name: _____

District: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Special Needs (Please be specific: Handicap, Luggage, Diet, etc.): _____

In Case of Emergency Notify: _____

Age Level

16 - 19 _____ 20 - 29 _____

30 - 39 _____ 40 - 49 _____

50 - 59 _____ 60 & over _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24	25	26 Prayer Group – 6:30pm	27 Card Ministry – 5:00pm Bible Study – 6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm	28	29	30 FFF – 8:30am Book Club-11:30
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