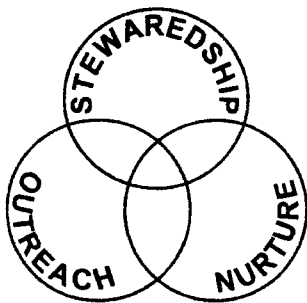


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Men launch a new ministry for the members of our church who are homebound or in nursing homes by serving Holy Communion in teams of two. A training session was led by Dr. Hale, Sunday morning, August 7th at an 8:30 am breakfast meeting. Instructions and a simple scriptural communion service were reviewed by members followed by a question and answer session.

It was decided that communion would be taken to the homes and nursing homes of those who requested the ministry on the same first Sunday when we have communion in morning worship. The elements will be blessed during the congregational Communion Services. UMM Communion Ministry Teams will go out that afternoon. Calvin Rome volunteered to coordinate the ministry and collect names with the help of Doris Miles, the church secretary. If you or a family member is interested in receiving Holy Communion in you home or at a nursing home call the church office at 425-0401 or Calvin Rome at 867-8031 before the first Sunday of the month.

HOME COMING

September 25, 2005

It has been forty-nine years since St. Matthew's United Methodist Church got its start in the little cinderblock building now used by our Thrift Shop Ministry. We have almost reached the half century mark. Many people have worked to build this church and minister to this community. We will gather to celebrate the founding of this Methodist Church in the LaFayette community in 1956.

We want to extend a special invitation to all our former members to come celebrate this time with present members and visitors. We will begin our morning with a **continental donation breakfast sponsored by our United Methodist Youth at 9:15 a.m.** The proceeds will go to a special youth outreach project to meet the needs of others.

A Musical Praise Service lead by our Praise Team will follow the breakfast at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to come and sing some of your old favorites and maybe discover some new ones.

Our guest minister at 11:00 a.m. Worship is the Reverend Neil Smith, United Methodist Chaplin at McCain Hospital. Neil is no stranger to us. He and his family live in Hope Mills. Following worship we will have our Church Family Portrait and a covered dish lunch. Make plans now to join us for this celebration.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Family Picnic

**COME JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF ST.
MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**WE'LL MEET FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP,
FEATURING SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND
PLENTY OF HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS!!!**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME, BRING YOUR
SOFTBALL GLOVES AND A FRIEND!!!**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

LAKE RIM PARK

2 P.M. – 6 P.M.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5

**LET'S CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE FOR EACH OF
US WITH SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED
FELLOWSHIP.**

**SPONSORED BY ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED
METHODIST MEN**

What happens each summer?

I have been the Financial Secretary for a total of seven years. And each year the financial situation of our church looks pretty good until summer... The faithful givers at St. Matthew's continue their normal giving throughout the summer months and some even "pay ahead" for those weeks and months that they will be gone. But without fail our offerings diminish during the summer. What is different this year is that we have pared down each budget line item to where we have no "fat" in the budget. In years past we could handle a modest deficit in the budget because there were some budget items that we really did not have to fund... but not any longer. Our Treasurer (who pays the bills) is having to delay payment of some bills hoping each week there will be enough money in the offering to pay the "must pay now" bills.

Last year we stopped publishing the deficit in the bulletin out of concern for visitor's reaction. The purpose of this brief article is to bring you up to date on our corporate giving. To meet our 2005 budget goal, each of the 52 weeks we need \$3,107. Of course if we fall short one week, we need more the next to make up the shortfall. During the summer our deficit has climbed from less than \$1,200 to over \$5,500. That amount represents real commitments that we are not meeting. This chart illustrates how we have fallen behind this summer.

		Needed		
Sunday	Offering	Weekly	Difference	Deficit
Jun 5	\$4,192	\$3,107	\$1,085	\$1,144
Jun 12	\$2,829	\$3,107	-\$278	\$1,422
Jun 19	\$2,005	\$3,107	-\$1,102	\$2,524
Jun 26	\$3,031	\$3,107	-\$76	\$2,600
Jul 3	\$3,589	\$3,107	\$482	\$2,118
Jul 10	\$4,102	\$3,107	\$995	\$1,123
Jul 17	\$2,216	\$3,107	-\$891	\$2,014
Jul 24	\$1,809	\$3,107	-\$1,298	\$3,312
Jul 31	\$1,697	\$3,107	-\$1,410	\$4,722
Aug 7	\$3,872	\$3,107	\$765	\$3,957
Aug 14	\$2,807	\$3,107	-\$300	\$4,257
Aug 21	\$1,836	\$3,107	-\$1,271	\$5,528

Our pastor recently made the commitment of having his tithe taken out of his church salary as a payroll deduction. In other words, give God's share first. In what ways can we show our resolve to continue the ministry of Christ's church through our financial gifts? We are truly a blessed people.

CALVIN ROME
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. Luke 12:48b

FFF NEWS:

We will be **"Cooking"** Saturday, September 17th at 8:30 a.m. at the church. Come and join us for fun and fellowship while cooking.

At 11:30 a.m. we will move over to the **Pizza Palace** for our **Book Club**. We will be reading **"Beyond Tuesday Morning"** by Karen Kingsbury. In August, we read **"Tuesday Morning"** by the same author. It's a fictional, but yet real account of the tragedy of September 11th. Even if you can't join us, this is an excellent book to read.

Our **Wednesday Evening Bible Study Group** has been meeting all summer long, and had a few visitors. We are real excited about learning the work of God. We will be starting the book of **"Joshua"** in a couple of weeks. Check your Sunday Bulletin each week to see what we will be studying each Wednesday.

ONE-BY-ONE PROGRAM COORDINATOR NEEDED:

I have decided not to run the One-By-One Program this year. I seriously need to do some pruning in my life.

As Jesus said in **John 15: 1-2**, **"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."**

God bless all of you who has helped me during this past year. If you would be interested in coordinating this important outreach ministry, please contact Dr. Hale.

Dawn Stone

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CLASSES AND GROUPS FOR CHOOSING RAINBOW COVENANT PROJECTS



The UMM met twice during the month of August. The first meeting was held on August 7th for **Breakfast** and the **Communion Mission Workshop**. There were **17** men present to aid and assist in Communion Service for the **Shut-ins**, **Homebound** or anyone unable to attend

Communion Services. The men will perform the same service in their home as is performed in the church. Dr. Hale has provided **Communion Service Programs** to be left in the home after the service. The men will go in pairs to everyone who wants communion. For more information, please read Dr. Hale's article.

At our meeting on August 21st, we had **20** men present and enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by **Calvin** and **Peter Rome**. Calvin gave a devotion from **2 Chronicles 31: 20-21**, **"Steps To Take To Seek God."** Seeking after God means wanting to learn more about His Character, His Purposes, and His Plans for our lives. Seeking God requires several attitudes. **(1) Wholeheartedness, (2) Diligence, (3) Persistence, (4) Confidence, and (5) Humility.** Let us all commit to having Apostle Paul's attitude as in **Philippians 3: 8**. They are good words. Look them up and set your goals toward Christ. Our **Church Family Fall Picnic** will be held **Saturday, September 24th 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.** at **Lake Rim Park**. Bring your gloves for softball and your lawn chair. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m. We will have the same shelter that we had last year. You will enjoy good food and great Christian fellowship. Our **UMM Barbeque Sale** will be held **Friday, October 14th** from **10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** There will be Delivery, Drive-Thru or Eat-in Service available. **Charles Lucas** and **Rock Merritt** will be in charge of this years event. **J.A. Sessoms** will handle Ticket Sales. We hope all members will help sell tickets.

Troy Willoughby, UMM Secretary

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION

A special time for new or perspective members and those who want to discover ways to be more connected to our church, its people and our ministries invites you to a casual time of fellowship Sunday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 - Dorothy Taylor
 6 - Joann Terrier
 Matt Unruh
 7 - Shawn Schultz
 10 - Hilda Parker
 11 - Kay Warbis
 14 - Phyllis Jordan
 Dustin Powell
 15 - Karen Ogden
 Melvin Lynn
 16 - Dr. Michael Hale
 17 - Ruby Lucas

18 - Lyle Spidle
 Laura Gallimore
 20 - Bob Lambert
 21 - Julia Agnew
 24 - Pam Gallimore
 Santos Pena
 Sam Hubbard
 26 - Lucky Cabeza
 28 - Kristine Lewis
 30 - Amanda Jones
 Jerry Brown



We have enjoyed our summer activities and want to thank everyone at St. Matthew's very much for their continued support of all the youth activities.

We started out our summer with a meaning and enriching week at **Summer Breakaway**, we participated in fun activities during the week of **Day Camp**, we sent one youth representative to **ACS**, we continued our meetings throughout the summer and started a new study of searching our Bibles for answers, we started a **Mission Project** of collecting items to send to members of our church who are in the Armed Forces and are deployed, a **Recycling Program** was started with George and Sherry Van Wert to recycle aluminum cans to raise money to pay for the postage for shipping boxes, and we brought our summer to a close by having a **Youth Lock-In** on Friday night August 19th at the home of Dawn Stone. We enjoyed swimming and baked cookies to include in our packages. We packed boxes for three of our members with the items that were donated by you, our church family, and sent them to **Bradley Everts**, **Gidget Borst**, and **Bill Coleman** for them to use and share with others in their unit. We also shared in a time of devotion, played games and had our traditional scavenger hunt.

As summer comes to an end, the youth have already started making plans for the upcoming months.

- ◆ **Send boxes for our soldiers in early November to include little wrapped gifts for the Holidays along with needed items.**
- ◆ **Clean the Sanctuary for Homecoming on September 18th.**
- ◆ **Youth Pilgrimage November 11-13.**
- ◆ **Donation Breakfast for Homecoming on September 25th.**
- ◆ **Please continue bringing your Aluminum Cans**

Please continue bringing your aluminum cans for recycling. Again, we want to say **"Thank You"** for your continued support! A special **"Thank You"** to George and Sherry Van Wert for all the work they do recycling cans for us.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING FROM:

ARP FUND

- ◆ Wayne, Elaine & Bradley Everts

CARD MINISTRY

- ◆ Bradley Everts

CHURCH POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

DAY CARE

- ◆ Marie Parker

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Bradley Everts
- ◆ Paul & Jewel Sharpe

WESLEY FOUNDATION FOR UMC CAMPUS MINISTRY

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ W.A. Stewart Bible Study Class

YOUTH PROJECT

- ◆ Marie Parker

DAY CARE WISH LIST:

The Pre & After School Ministry Team has placed a poster of items needed for the out-reach ministries of our Pre & After School Day Care on the Bulletin Board through the double doors. If you would like to help, please see Ruby Lucas.

SEPTEMBER FLOWER CHART

- 4 - In honor of Reed Rozier's grandparents Jean Rozier & Helen Undersood, & in memory off W.G. Rozier & Carl Underwood
- 11 - In memory of Betty Zielinski by her family
- 18 - In honor of Ruby Lucas' birthday by Charles Lucas
- 25 - Available

The 2005 Flower Chart still has spaces available if you would like to recognize a friend or loved one. 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

Laura Skiba, P.O. Box 8122, North Kenai, AK 99635, will celebrate her birthday on September 30th. Please let her know that we care for her and appreciate her service by sending her birthday cards.

Mission Moment this month is shared by **Marilyn Benson**, in West Virginia who is a Church and Community Worker and Deaconess. **"Baby's Life Week Workshop"** was designed by Mary's Cradle so that mom's and dad's could have the opportunity to give a baby book to their child or children. We provided them with the raw materials and ideas. We took pictures and did hand and footprints for their books, etc. The parents were very proud of their accomplishments. Childcare was provided by Youth Workers, and a healthy lunch was provided with a grant from the **UM Appalachian Ministry Network**. It was a cooperative and productive effort and one that created lots of smiles.

The UMW met for lunch on August 1st. A motion was made for Doris to call Jewel Sharpe in the event of a death in the church family. She will be responsible for calling circle members to notify them and to let them know what arrangements are needed for food. Catherine Morgan will assist with getting food delivered to the house at the appropriate time.

We voted several months ago to do **Friday Night Meals** on **September 16th** and **October 28th**, but we need volunteers to help with this or we will need to cancel due to lack of interest. Our next meeting is scheduled for **October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** Since we met, we had a request from the **Faith Action Coordinator** and the **Dept. of Social Services** to sponsor a 16 year old male for back to school clothes and a book bag. After talking with most of the circle members, Gail took care of getting a Gift Card to the Faith in Action Coordinator who was responsible for seeing that the money will be used appropriately. I trust each of you have had a productive and yet restful summer and are looking forward to getting back in full swing. Remember to continue to use your prayer calendar. See you soon! Adella Pray, UMW President

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE:

Summer is almost gone for the year **2005**. It has certainly been a hot one, and I hope everyone is ready for a cool **Fall** and to getting back to work in our Circle. Even though the UMW will not be having a Bazaar this year, we have plans for the rest of the year. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m.** Please bring a **Covered Dish** and lets all get back to business rounding out 2005. All women in the church are invited to join us for a fun time and reaching out to touch someone less fortunate.
God bless everyone, Catherine Morgan

UPCOMING DATES:

SEPTEMBER 16-18
Mother/Child Retreat
Camp Chestnut Ridge

OCTOBER 15
UMW Annual Mtg.
Methodist College

OCTOBER 23
Fayetteville District Mtg.
Grace UMC, 2:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4
Church Women United
World Community Day

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "BROWNIE PUDDING CAKE"

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
3 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder, divided
3/4 tsp baking powder
1/4 cup milk

1 Tbsp cooking oil
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup sugar
3/4 cup boiling water



In a medium mixing bowl, stir together flour, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cocoa powder, and baking powder. Add milk, oil, and vanilla; stir until smooth. Stir in walnuts. Transfer batter to a 1-quart casserole dish or 4 8-ounce ramekins. Combine the remaining 2 tablespoons cocoa powder and 1/3 cup sugar. Gradually stir in boiling water. Pour evenly over batter. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near center of cake comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

SEPTEMBER ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>TIME TO PREPARE FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 7:15 P.M.</p>						
4	5 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 Prayer Group-6:30pm Pastor-Parish Ministry Team Mtg. - 7:00pm	7 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	8 Night Owls Circle -- 7:00pm	9	10
11	12	13 Prayer Group - 6:30pm Lay Leadership Ministry Team Mtg. - 7:00pm	14 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 11:00am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice	15	16	17 FFF - 8:30am Book Club - 11:30am
18 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am	19	20 Prayer Group - 6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Mtg. - 7:00pm	21 Home Extensions-10am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	22 Help-N-Hands Senior Group - 11:00am	23	24 Church Family Picnic at Lake Rim Park - 2:00- 6:00pm
25 Donation Breakfast HOMECOMING	26	27 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	28 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	29	30	