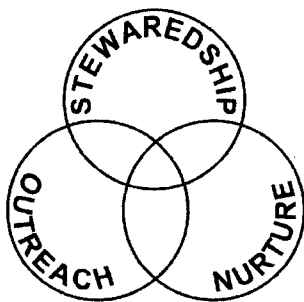


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40



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WORLDWIDE COMMUNION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church joins with all other United Methodist and countless denominations around the world in celebrating our unity through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is appropriate we begin Laity Month with such a celebration as this. We are all equal before the Lord when we are invited to our Lord's table.

COMMUNION MINISTRY



St. Matthew's United Methodist Men launched a new ministry for the members who are homebound or in nursing homes by serving Holy Communion to them. If you or a family member is interested in receiving Holy Communion in your home or at a nursing home call the church office at 425-0401 or Calvin Rome at 867-8031 before the first Sunday of each month.

EXPLORE

GOD'S PROMISES FOR YOU! Sunday Afternoon October 2 Beginning at 2:30 PM

Do you realize that God has made so many promises to you about your life lived in Christ Jesus? So often we come to church week after week without realizing that there can be so much more to the Christian life than worship on Sunday mornings. God has adopted us into his family and wants to bless us with way more than we can possibly imagine. All we have to do is ask him to show us where he wants us to go to receive all of these rich blessings.

We have discovered at our monthly fellowship connections that the time is gone before we know it. We have so much fun learning new things about ourselves and each other we are amazed. Come be a part of the St. Matthew's connection.

Join us Sunday afternoon October 2nd beginning at 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall as we begin to discover the promises God makes to all of us in the church and to you specifically. The Lay Leadership Team is excited about hosting this event and we believe this will be an experience you will treasure for a lifetime! Actually you will celebrate the blessings for an eternity!

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A delicious supper will be provided by FFF consisting of a Variety of soups and Salads at 5:30; Plenty to choose from. We will continue our time of exploring god's promises for you following supper and will finish by 7 pm.

TRUSTEES

Thank you seems to be inadequate to express our appreciation to Doug Stone and Wayne Everett for the fine job they have done in keeping the church yard mowed and edged. (It looks great!) Thanks to Bob Pray for keeping the flower beds and hedges in check. Our rental property is a continuing battle. Thanks to Bob for his time and efforts to keep the houses painted and in good repair for the rental market.

Trustees of the Month

Thanks to Raymond Grey for the month of July; Bob Lambert for the month of August and Charles Lucas for the month of September. These trustees have seen to our comfort and safety. They have locked, unlocked and adjusted the air in the church to keep us comfortable.

We continue to find the church unlocked. Please be responsible, if you unlock, please remember to lock. Chairperson of Trustees

THANKS TO ALL!

We would like to thank Rev. Neil Smith for his sermon on Homecoming. We would also like to thank Mr. Boyd Snyder for coming and taking our church family picture for us. Thanks to all who helped get everything ready for homecoming. A special "Thanks" to the Youth Group for clearing all the cobwebs and dust balls in the sanctuary. We hope you enjoyed the Mums in the sanctuary homecoming day.

There are always so many people to thank and I'm always afraid that I will miss someone so all of you who helped and you know who you are "THANKS A BUNCH."

On Oct. 2nd we will have the St. Matthews Connection, Exploring God's Promises for You, from 2:30- 7:00. Meal to be provided by FFF, which will consist of soups and salads. Come and get to know each other better.

Oct. 30th—Fifth Sunday—Stars and Stripes will be performing. Come and listen to a great group at 6:00. The concert will be about 30-40 minutes long. Immediately following the concert we will go to the fellowship hall for a COVERED DISH SUPPER. Immediately following the meal, we will have a Charge Conference.



The Methodist Men met 8:30 am on Sunday September 19 with 20 men present. They were served breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs, grits, toast and pancakes by Bill Stackhouse and Santos Pena.

Devotion was 1 John 3:22—Obeying and Praying—Whatever I Ask I Receive—When we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight, God hears our prayers. The secret to unanswered prayers—we are not listening to God's word, therefore He is not listening to us. Read, 'How to Pray', by R.A. Torrey.

Our BBQ ticket chairman J. A. Sessions spoke to the men and distributed tickets. We will be selling tickets for the October 14th BBQ. As we are expecting a good day for the BBQ, the men agreed to donate part of the profits to UMCOR Hurricane Relief. A \$250.00 advanced payment was approved with the expectations of doing more at the end.

The Calvin and Santo Communion Team spoke on their 1st time to take the sacraments to shut ins. Also the team of Troy and Wayne gave a description of events on their visits. 'To be involved in a mission such as the communion mission is an experience I will not soon forget. The people Wayne and I visited was rewarding to us as it was to them. They commented how good it was to be remembered. May God bless this mission and get more men involved.'

By the time you read this the church wide picnic will have already taken place at Lake Rim Park. I can attest all had a good time and good food. Hot dogs—hamburgers and all the trimmings.

Dr. Hale spoke on the Day Care progress. Applications will be taken soon for the children as well as the workers. More about this in another article in the Newsletter. Stop by the classroom and see what has been done.

A committee has been formed to select new officers for 2006.



Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives

Merci will coordinate Early Response nationally!

By Bill Norton

NC Conference Director of Communications

The MERCI Center, the disaster response hub for United Methodists in eastern North Carolina, is serving as the national coordinator for the denomination's Early Response Teams going into the hurricane impacted areas in Florida and the Gulf Coast region.

Tom Hazelwood, executive director of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), made the announcement late Tuesday, August 30th.

"Early Response Teams must be self sufficient with housing and food. They should be trained in clean-up procedures, chain saw safety and operation, cultural differences, and sensitivity to victims," said Barbara Tripp, MERCI executive director.

Tripp who will be in Mississippi on Friday as an UMCOR representative assisting with United Methodist response said, "No one should go into these devastated areas on their own. Individuals or teams should only go into the areas as part of an affiliated response agency, such as UMCOR or one of the other denominational groups."

That Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives, MERCI, was formed following devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd in 1999 to house materials used for recovery response. The center, named in honor of North Carolina Conference Bishop Marion Edwards, has two warehouses with 46,000 square feet of indoor space and 22 acres of land. It is located near Goldsboro, NC.



United Methodist Committee On Relief

UMCOR begins three-stage response to Hurricane Katrina How You Can Help?

Give:

Your generous gift to UMCOR Advance #982523, Hurricanes 2005 Global, will help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. You can give online at www.methodistrelief.org, at your church, over the phone at 1-800-554-8583, or by mailing a check directly to: UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.

Send:

Flood Buckets filled with cleaning supplies that people use to clean their homes after floods and hurricanes.

Go:

Volunteers will be needed to help in Hurricane Katrina recovery. To find out how you can help with hurricane cleanup, contact your United Methodist Volunteers in Mission jurisdictional and annual conference coordinators.

Extra Mile:

We have received word that more than 50 Methodist Churches have been destroyed in the Gulf area as a result of the recent Hurricane. The Southeastern Conferences have been asked to go the second mile and help these pastors and churches who have lost everything. They have no church building left to hold services and no school buildings available either. Their congregations have been dispersed leaving no means to provide the salary of pay the insurance for their pastors. Conference has asked that each church take an offering to help meet the needs of these pastors.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Gayle E. Lesure; PO Box 36, Marlinton, WV 24954, is our missionary of the month. Her birthday is Thursday Oct. 6, Please remember to pray for her and to send her a note if at all possible.

A very special thank you to everyone that helped with Friday night dinner. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for the co-operation and work. To everyone that had any part — THANK YOU — This will allow us to do more for missions.

As we get back to fall routines, please remember the circle meetings. There are many things coming up—the first of which is the Bake Sale in connection with the Men's BBQ. Please plan to bake something and remember to bring desserts to go with dinner or to use for a later event.

Hope you enjoyed your summer break. The annual meeting of the Fayetteville District United Methodist Women will be held on Sunday October 23, 2:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Clinton. This meeting gives celebration to the works and accomplishments of individuals and units in the district. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please let me know.

Thanks again for everything!
Adella Pray

FFF

We met at JK's Deli for breakfast on Sept. 17, to discuss the book, "Beyond Tuesday Morning" by Karen Kingsbury. This book is by far one of the best books we have ever read. We all decided that we were all going to start keeping a journal and hold each other accountable at our next meeting. Why? One of the characters in the first book did this and because of that, it helped his wife get through losing him and bringing her near to God. Our next book will be, "Oceans Apart." by Karen Kingsbury. We will meet on Oct. 29th at 11:30 at the Pizza Palace. Come and join us even if you haven't read the book, just come and fellowship with us for lunch. If reading is not your thing, but you enjoy cooking, come and join us in the morning at 8:30 for some cooking. We will be making something to take to our shut-ins and sick within the church.

UPCOMING DATES:

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

"SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS WITH CHEESE GRITS"

4 4oz boneless, Pork Chops
1/2 cup fat-free, low-sodium
Chicken Broth
1/4 cup Shredded Sharp
Cheddar Cheese
3 Tbsp All-Purpose Flour
1 Vidalia Onion, thinly sliced
Dash of ground Red Pepper
1/8 tsp Garlic Powder

2 2/3 cup Water
1/2 tsp Salt, divided
1/2 tsp Garlic Powder
1/8 tsp Black Pepper
2 tsp Butter
1/4 cup Water
2/3 cup Quick-Cooking
Grits (uncooked)

Bring water to a boil; stir in grits. Reduce heat and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/8 tsp garlic powder, and red pepper. While grits cook, sprinkle pork with 1/4 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp garlic powder, and black pepper. Dredge in flour. Melt butter in a large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork chops and onion; sauté 6 minutes, turning over after 3 minutes. Add broth and water; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 4 minutes. Serve with grits. Makes 4 servings.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 4 - Shirley Dominie | 18 - Amy-Jo Everts |
| 5 - Bill Leggett | 19 - Emma Spidle |
| 12 - Mary Rozier
Ruth Caldwell | 21 - George Van Wert |
| 14 - Robin Lewis | 22 - Betty Gray |
| 15 - Frank Bagley | 26 - Lee Anna Sproul |
| 17 - Betty Probst | 27 - Rebecca Parker |



The Youth will be leading the worship on Sunday October 30th. Come and support the future leaders and worldchangers for Christ. It will be a wonderful experience for all.



"Trunk or Treat"
Oct. 31st
6-8 PM

Come and join us for a safer alternate for Halloween night. Dress up is not required of either you or your vehicle. Just come and enjoy meeting our neighbors in the community. Trunk or Treat will be from 6—8. We will be accepting candy all month. Just place in the box that is in the hallway marked, 'candy'. Thank you for your support.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

CHURCH POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ James & Joyce DeBruhl
- ◆ In honor of Joann Terrier's birthday from her Secret Prayer Partner
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

2 - In memory of Wayne Fortner by Brian, Sandy, Melanie & Amanda Jones

9 - Available

16 - In honor of Amy-Jo Everts 20th birthday
By Wayne, Elaine & Brad

23 - In honor of Aaron Smit's birthday by Ruth Caldwell

30 - Available



OCTOBER-LAITY MONTH ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 World Communion Sunday St. Matthews Connection 2:30 - 7 pm Dinner served	3 UMW General Mtg. - 6:30pm	4 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	5 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	6	7	1 <hr/> 8
9 Exploration Sunday	10	11 Finance Ministry Team 7:00 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 Night Owls Circle - 7:00pm	14 UMM BARBECUE SALE 11AM - 7PM	15
16 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am Gideon Sunday	17	18 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	19 Home Extensions - 10am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	20	21	22
23 Lay Missionary Sunday Gary Locklear	24	25 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	26 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:00pm	27 Help-N-Hands - 11am	28	29 FFF - 8:30am Book Club at Pizza Palace - 11:30am
30 Youth Sunday Stars & Stripes Singers - 6:00pm Potluck Dinner- 6:30 pm Charge Conference - 7:30pm	31 TRUNK OR TREAT 6:00-8:00 PM					