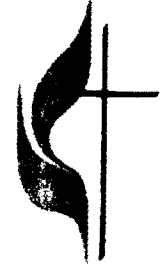
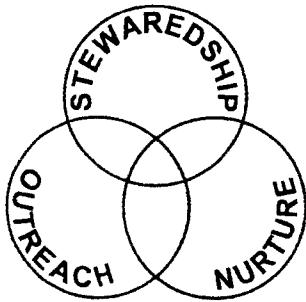


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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ALWAYS CHASING RAINBOWS

There is an old Joseph McCarthy song sung by Barbara Streisand, that talks about always chasing rainbows. Rainbows are certainly beautiful heavenly sights to behold. Scripture tells us that the rainbow is a sign of God's covenant not to destroy the world by flood again. The only problem with chasing rainbows is that they often disappear when we move toward them and change our position.

Here at St. Matthew's UMC we have been chasing rainbows the last few of years. We have been a Rainbow Covenant Church for the last three years. That means we have not only paid our apportionment commitment to conference and world missions, we have also contributed to five advance lanes of giving including national, international, jurisdictional, conference and missionary support.

We have a right to be proud of our mission outreach the last several years. This year several groups have given more gifts to these areas of mission than ever before. I am so proud of your response to this challenge.

Unfortunately, we will not qualify as a Rainbow Covenant Church unless we meet our apportionment goals for the year. These funds for mission work beyond the local church are **apportionment for others**. We are behind in our mission giving about \$10,000. I see no reason

why we can't take this goal seriously and meet the commitment we made over a year ago. **You have done such a great job responding to the needs of suffering people devastated by storms this year.**

But if our giving to all these worthy causes results in not meeting our apportionment commitment for missions a number of other worthy causes will suffer. How many children in the care of our Methodist Home for Children will suffer? How many missionaries will not be sent to witness for us in the name of Jesus or be recalled because of inadequate funding? How many deserving students will be unable to attend one of our Methodist schools because funds are not available to assist them? These are just a few of the many worthy ministries we support when we meet our apportionment commitment.

I hope we will do all in our power to meet this challenge and make up this deficit by December 31, 2005. If we are going to chase the rainbow covenant for the fourth year in a row we must make this a priority. Since we have already met our rainbow covenant giving goals all we need to do is meet our apportionment goals. You may choose to designate your giving apportionment or missions to help meet this goal. It's good that we are always chasing rainbows.

Shalom,

Mike

A CHURCH WITH VISION

On Monday, October 17, 2005 I was delighted to read a story in The Fayetteville Observer that is a perfect example of a church with vision. It was about the congregation of CrossPointe Church that opened 18 months ago with folding chairs inside an old warehouse. It soon swelled to about 200 people who fill the sanctuary and park their cars in the grass on well-attended Sundays. The church had to find a larger home this summer. The nondenominational church, which has a contemporary service with upbeat music, now rents space on Doc Bennett Road across from Fayetteville Regional Airport. Its daycare center has about 30 children..

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CrossPointe’s pastor and founder, Tracy Pounders.

But the members have a still grander vision. The church has bought 46 acres of land along the planned Hope Mills bypass where it wants to build a sprawling campus that would be unique to Cumberland County and cost almost \$20 million in four phases through 2012. “We are turning our hearts toward community service,” said CrossPointe’s pastor and founder, Tracy Pounders. The church has activities nearly every day, from ballet lessons for children to karate classes for women wanting to learn self-defense

The plan includes a larger sanctuary, a gymnasium, a park, a women’s shelter, apartments for older people, a community center, an entertainment complex and retail shops. “The church is trying to think outside the box and build some of the business that would ultimately feed the ministry,” he said. County Planning Director Nancy Roy said the county wants to see more developments that blend homes, offices, shops and entertainment on the same tract. “It’s an excellent plan,” she said. “It’s senior-friendly. It’s people-friendly. It’s walkable.”

The site is located on the Hope Mills bypass now under construction a short distance from Legion and Camden Roads. The site has been graded, even though that portion of the four-lane by-pass is not scheduled to open until next summer. The pastor said the church got a great deal on the 46-acre site. The church paid \$460,000 for the site, plus money on the sale of dirt from the site. “Our church family are tremendous givers,” Pounders said. So church members plan to break ground under a tent one Sunday in November.

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Pounders said.

The first phase of construction will include a temporary 500-seat sanctuary and a daycare center that holds 120 children, as well as a ball field, a bicycle racing track, skateboard park, a tennis court and volleyball court. That phase is expected to cost \$3.1 million. One goal, Pounders said, is to attract children and teens to church. Pounders expects his church to continue to grow rapidly. He said a private investor will help build the retail portion of the plan, which in turn will generate more revenue for the church. Church officials will apply for federal grants for some of its plans, such as a shelter for battered women. A sanctuary that seats, 1,500 would be built at a later stage as the church grows.

Every church needs a vision and goals its members buy into which helps them fulfill the Lord’s mission to go make disciples and minister to the needs of the community. When that happens and people really believe they too will become tremendous givers. Members must be committed to the vision as something written in their hearts and minds, not just words on a piece of paper that sounds good. I read a phrase in a prayer recently that challenged me. **“Lord remove the selfishness that blurs the vision of faith”** How clear is your faith vision: our church vision?



A special thanks to all of our volunteers and to those who donate items to our shop.

The following contributions were made during the month of September:

- ◆ St. Matthew's Power Bill
- ◆ St. Matthew's Emergency Fund
- ◆ UMCOR (Hurricane Katrina)
- ◆ Medical Benevolence Foundation
- ◆ The Care Clinic

PLEASE NOTE!

We would like to **"Thank" Stars & Stripes** for entertaining us on the 30th of October. It was a fun evening for all.

The month of November has been designated as **"Can Food Drive"**. During the month, please help us stock our Food Pantry. The Lord will bless you for helping us feed the hungry in our neighborhood. Here is a list of the most requested items: **Can Peas, Green Beans, Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Can Fruit, Can Soup, Box Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Small Bags of Dried Beans & Can Meat**

Our **"Harvest Dinner"** will be November 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please come and join in the fellowship. Don't forget to bring a covered dish.

We will have a **"Chrismon Service"** on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. and with finger foods afterwards. Come join us in celebrating the season of our Lord's birth.

FFF NEWS:

We met on October 29th for cooking and fellowship. We discussed the book of the month **"Oceans Apart"** by Karen Kingsbury. As of the writing of this article, we do not know the name of our next book. Our next meeting will be November 19th for Cooking and the Book Club.

A Special Thanks to Gail Terwilliger for introducing us to **"The Stanton Hospitality House"** which is a home here in Fayetteville that houses families that are not from this area who have sick children at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. It's very much like the Ronald McDonald House. We have started preparing meals for them. God has expanded our work outside of the church.



The UMM met for their regular monthly meeting on October 15th at 8:30 a.m. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast of Eggs, Potatoes, Sausage, Grits and Biscuits which was served by Randy, Ike and James.

Calvin led the Devotion from 1 Corinthians 1: 27-28 concerning **"The Character of the Man God Uses"**. God always uses an ordinary man and makes him extraordinary. One thing sets them apart, each man had a responsive heart, ready to hear and obey God. Where do we stand in the character of the man God uses?

We discussed the Barbecue Sale and Chairman Lucas and Rock Merritt thanked all who helped. **A SPECIAL THANKS to J.A. Sessoms** for his special effort in ticket and plate sales. Without J.A., the Barbecue Sale would never have reached the success that the UMM now enjoy. Thanks again, J.A.!

Other business was electing 2006 Officers. If any man would like to seek an office, please contact Troy Willoughby, Wayne Everts or Doug Stone. The following nominations were made:

President - Fred Rozier
Vice-President - Doug Stone
Secretary - Wayne Everts
Treasurer - Lyle Spidle
Chaplin - Calvin Rome

There will be a **"Harvest Dinner"** on Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. The UMM will provide the Turkeys and Hams.

The **"Church Family Picnic"** at Lake Rim Park was another UMM sponsored event and enjoyed by all. There were around **70** people who enjoyed the fellowship. One thing reported was that Wayne Everts may be retiring from his softball career. Justin Cole is an up & coming rising star. Keep your eyes on him. He will make a large softball look small.

ATTENTION LORRI & DAWN!
I NEED YOUR LETTER!

Troy Willoughby, UMM Secretary

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---|-----------------------|
| 3 - Elaine Everts
Christina Pauk | 13 - George Van Wert |
| 5 - Justin Cole | 15 - Hank Zielinski |
| 6 - Lynwood Griffin | 17 - Kristen Royal |
| 8 - Lynn Hiner | 19 - Jessica Powell |
| 10 - Jack Byrne | 23 - Irma Evans |
| 11 - Bob Pray | 25 - Mary Sue Grady |
| 12 - Gudrun Arnold
Glyndetta Hubbard | 28 - Christopher Rome |
| | 30 - Amanda Yencsko |



Our youth were very busy preparing for their "**Youth Worship Service**" on October 30th. We pray that everyone was inspired by our future leaders

messages. We would like to thank "**all**" who have assisted in the preparation of our service.

In November, we will be attending "**Pilgrimage**" at the Crown. Each year we look forward to this time of praise and worship. The theme for Pilgrimage this year is "**Tuning In To God**".

The youth would also like to thank the **Shackelford, Stone, and Gallimore Family** for providing our lunches for the month of October. Our youth has a wonderful team of adults who work with them and they appreciate all the hard work this team provides.

We would also like to thank the **Snyder Family** for attending our service and presenting "**The Linda Snyder Life-Long Service Award.**" Congratulations to all of our honorees. Thanks everyone for supporting our youth program and for all you do for us in Christian Love.

May God Bless each and everyone!
Mrs. Elaine

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Nov. 6 - UMYF meets following worship service**
11 - 13 - Pilgrimage at the Crown
20 - UMYF meets following worship service
Dec. 3 - UMYF Babysitting at the church
10 - UMYF serve for Singles Dinner at church
11 - UMYF meet briefly following worship service
18 - UMYF Christmas Caroling and Party

SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

ARP FUND

- ◆ Lee Anna Sproul
- ◆ Bradley Everts
- ◆ Doug & Dawn Stone
- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

CHURCH POWER BILL

- ◆ The Thrift Shop

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ IMO Billy Bachelor & Hazel McLaurin by Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ Bob & Betty Probst
- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts
- ◆ Amy-Jo Everts
- ◆ IHO Gudrun Arnold's birthday by her Secret Prayer Partner
- ◆ Doug & Dawn Stone

MEMORIAL FUND

- ◆ IMO Billy O. Bachelor by Carleen T. Monroe

MUSIC FUND

- ◆ IMO Denise Gallimore

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ Bradley Everts
- ◆ Amy-Jo Everts
- ◆ Doug & Dawn Stone

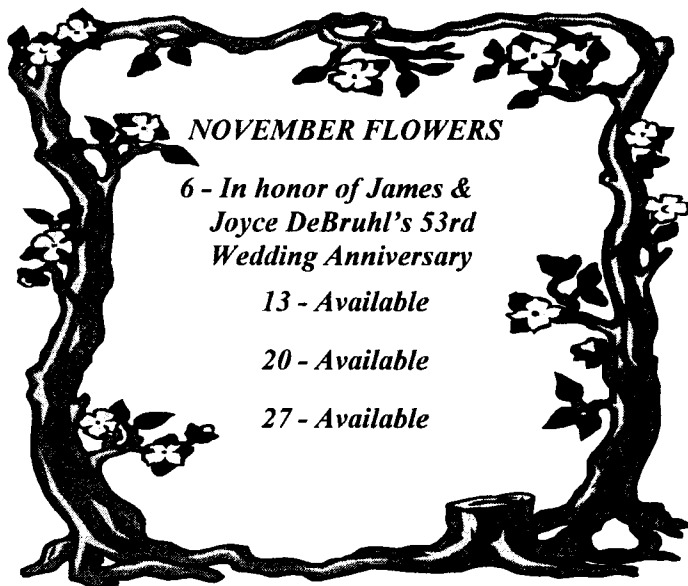
NOVEMBER FLOWERS

6 - In honor of James & Joyce DeBruhl's 53rd Wedding Anniversary

13 - Available

20 - Available

27 - Available



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MISSION FUNDRAISER:

The Church Ministry Council has approved a “*Christmas Poinsettia Mission Fundraiser*”. For only \$20.00 each, you may place a Poinsettia in the church in Honor or memory of a friend or loved one. Call the church office at 425-0401 or fill out the insert in the Sunday Church Bulletin as soon as possible.



THE RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

Our group of ladies met on Wednesday, October 12th in the Fellowship Hall. We had our regular business meeting and then went out for a delicious lunch and great fellowship at *Sammio's*. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting which will be on *Wednesday, November 9th*. We have several important items to discuss and to make plans for 2006. Please be in prayer concerning the coming year. We need new officers to keep our circle going for God's work. Also, November is our month to stop and reflect on what God has done for us this past year and also search our hearts on what we have done for God. Keep this focused on your mind and join us at our next meeting.

God's blessings upon all, Catherine

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "TURKEY DRESSING PIE"


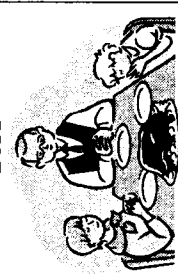
3 1/2 cups cooked turkey dressing
2 Tbs dried parsley flakes
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
4 slices process American cheese,
optional
1/2 cup turkey or chicken broth
3 cups diced cooked turkey
2 Tbs diced pimientos



1 egg, beaten
1 cup turkey gravy
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup peas, optional
2 Tbs butter, melted
1 Tbs vegetable oil
1/2 tsp dried thyme

In a large bowl, combine dressing, broth, butter, and egg; mix well. Press into the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 10-inch pie plate; set aside. In a large skillet, sauté onion in oil until tender. Stir in turkey, gravy, peas if desired, parsley, pimientos, Worcestershire sauce and thyme; heat through. Pour over crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden. If desired, arrange the cheese slices on top of the pie and return to the oven for 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Yield: 6 servings

NOVEMBER ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CAN FOOD DRIVE						
						
6 UMYF - 12:00pm	7	8 Prayer Group - 6:30 pm	9 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm Ruth/Ethel Smith Circle - 11:00 am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30 pm	10 Night Owl Circle -- 7:00 pm	11 YOUTH	12 PILGRIMAGE
13 CROWN COLISEUM	14	15	16 Home Extensions - 10am Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	17	18	19 FFF - 8:30am Book Club-11:30am
20 HARVEST DINNER 6:00 PM	21	22 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	23 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	24 THANKSGIVING DAY 	25	26
27 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am UMYF - 12:00pm	28 ANGEL TREE	29 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	30 Card Ministry - 5:00pm WNA & B.Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm			