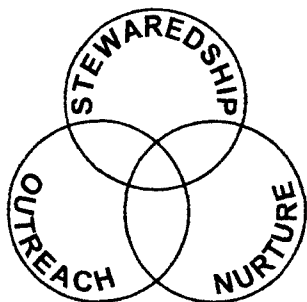


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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MORNING PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

After a number of delays, we are moving forward with registration for a Morning Pre-School Ministry. The Child Care Ministry Team has worked hard getting ready for this program. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to upgrade our equipment and furnishings in two of our children's classrooms, paint, and decorate. Donations of play equipment and our fencing have added much to our outdoor children's ministry.

We plan to have banners up the first full week in June to advertise Registration for this **Morning Pre-School Program** which will operate from **8 a.m. - 12:00 noon Monday's through Thursday's** each week. We will follow the Cumberland County traditional school calendar for starting, holidays and severe weather closings. The Registration Fee will be \$50 and a material fee of \$50 will be required to hold a place for the start of school. The Monthly fee will be \$160 which is mid-range compared to other similar programs. Ideally, we would like to serve about 30 children ages 2-5 through this new ministry. Our goal is to start a program that is self-supporting in terms of covering the cost of salaries and supplies.

People can call the church for more information about registration, forms, curriculum and employment. We will be advertising for a Director, Lead teachers, and Assistants. If you know anyone who would be interested in one of these part-time positions, have them contact the church or send a resume. We will be

scheduling appointment for parents who would like to come by and see the facilities throughout the summer.

We plan to offer a **developmental curriculum** which combines learning through play and age-appropriate academic hands-on activities utilizing resources from a multicultural heritage. These activities will promote the physical, social, emotional, intellectual, moral, and character development of each child.

On Early childhood educational practices we will emphasize:

- the child's developmental needs
- teaching through a well-organized classroom
- providing blocks of time for free choice play
- introducing a variety of educational materials
- asking open-ended questions to encourage thinking and problem-solving
- affirming children for their individuality and uniqueness in order to foster self-esteem
- coaching children to build social skills by the way they treat one another

Each area of the classroom is designed to motivate children to explore and learn through play in a variety of ways. On a daily basis, each child has a choice of participating in a variety of learning centers or areas such as:

- Children's books (reading /writing area)
- Art and other creative play materials
- Blocks and block building accessories
- Manipulative materials
- Housekeeping, and dramatic play materials.

Children will also participate in at least an additional once-a-month-activity that may include science and nature, music and multicultural rhythms, and sand and water play.

Our curriculum is based upon the belief that children should be actively involved in the learning process and that learning experiences are not isolated. Our curriculum will emphasize teaching children about the real world in order to maintain the integrity of early childhood education. Multicultural education includes teaching children about their own culture and ethnic heritage while exposing other children to different cultures in a comfortable and natural setting.

Parents are our most value partners at St. Matthew's Morning Pre-School Program. Our goal is to see our parents commit to family and community enhancement through a commitment to parent education and enrichment programs scheduled periodically throughout the year provided at no extra cost by our program. These activities are designed to enhance the quality of life for children, parents, and the community.

St. Matthew's Morning Pre-School Program believes children have a right to a nurturing, safe environment where they feel comfortable and secure. All employees and volunteers will be required to submit to a background check prior to employment or volunteering in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary commitment. We believe that all children are unique and special individuals that deserve an environment that allows them to meet their developmental needs by:

- The development of positive self-concepts based on an understanding of his or her uniqueness and worth.
- The development, acceptance and appreciation of differences in individuals and cultures.
- The development of positive attitudes and understanding that will enable them to function successfully in a diverse multicultural world.

We will need some additional funding for planning purposes to support a director and teachers for the two weeks prior to opening. If you are willing to make a donation please make your gift out to Child Care.

CHILD CARE MINISTRY TEAM

TRUSTEES EXPLORE USE OF SPACE PLAN

At their last meeting, the Trustee's Ministry Team examined several proposals submitted for consideration regarding the use of space within the church. The Trustees read the recommendations and took a site tour of the church to consider recommendations. It was decided to recommend to the Church Council to consider several reallocations of space.

One of the goals is to establish a Team to study and make recommendations about converting the large classroom next to the youth room into a **Church Parlor**. The Trustee's believe that a Church Parlor is needed, but if we are going to undertake the project, we need to do a first class job with nice furnishings and décor or not do it at all. They suggested that custom built bookcases across the wall separating the two rooms could mean that the church library books could be moved to the parlor. One by one material now in the library could be moved to appropriate Sunday School classrooms.

Easter Sunday, The United Methodist Men's group committed \$1,000 to the Trustee's toward the bookcases or the Parlor project in preparation for our 50th Homecoming.

Another proposal concerned two recommendations concerning **Storage Space** inside the church. A team can work with the Trustee's on this project.

Another recommendation submitted to the Trustee's concerned a **Prayer Room** of some sort. Since the Trustee's meeting, there have been several suggestions concerning this project. Chairperson, Lynwood Griffin, believed that this project needed to be included in the recommendation to the Church Council meeting following lunch Sunday April 30th.

We need volunteers who are interested in these projects to let us know if they are willing to serve on these Design Teams. Plans and money will have to be made and raised for each project.

Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board or you can call the church office to volunteer.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 3 - Grace Bland | 17 - Bob Galliera |
| 12 - Rhonda Miller | 19 - Jewel Sharpe |
| 14 - Anne Alred | 21 - Peter Rome |
| 15 - Troy Willoughby | Glen Warbis |
| 16 - Doug Stone | Pamela Lynn |

NURTURE

The Year of Jubilee at St. Matthew's UMC

A very special **"Thank You"** to **Pam Gallimore** for all her hard work with our **50th Anniversary Church Directory**. Our **Jars of Jubilee** have been displayed for the last three Sundays and we have collected \$15.00 plus some change. We are still working on other ways in which we can raise money for homecoming events. We are collecting items of our church history to be displayed during the month of September. If you have any items of our history which you would like us to display, please contact Elaine Everts or Pam Gallimore. The **Homecoming Committee's** next meeting will be **Sunday, June 11th at 3:00 p.m.** at the home of Wayne & Elaine Everts. All members of the committee and their family are invited to attend. At this meeting, we will be finalizing as many events as we can for our week long celebration.

LEVITICUS 25: 11 - 12



11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. **12** For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field.

In Christ, Elaine Everts

5TH SUNDAY CELEBRATION JULY 30TH

We will have **Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. followed by a **Talent Show**. If you or your group would like to participate, please see Amanda Call. She will be placing a sign-up sheet in the hallway very soon.

We have promised to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

BUDGET - \$167,846.48	AS OF MAY 21, 2006
Needed Weekly \$3,227.82	Needed To Date \$67,784.16
Average Weekly \$3,228.64	Received To Date \$67,801.61
Avg. Weekly Deficit \$ (00.82)	Deficit \$ (17.45)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

ARP FUND

- ◆ Jack & Dorothy Spakes
- ◆ Doug & Dawn Stone
- ◆ Lee Anna Sproul

DAY CAMP

- ◆ Wayne, Elaine & Bradley Everts

EMERGENCY FUND

- ◆ The Thrift Shop
- ◆ Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
- ◆ Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Wayne & Elaine Everts

HOMECOMING FUND

- ◆ IMO Berrae & Donna Meixsell's Stepfather by the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
- ◆ Wayne, Elaine & Bradley Everts
- ◆ United Methodist Men

MEMORIAL FUND

- ◆ IMO Elinor B. Stewart by Walter M. Bullard, Jr.

PRAYER PARLOR

- ◆ Gail Terwilliger

RAINBOW COVENANT

- ◆ W.A. Stewart Bible Study Class

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ◆ Wayne & Elaine & Bradley Everts

THRIFT SHOP

- ◆ IMO George & Ruby West by Phyllis & Bill Reaves
- ◆ IMO George & Ruby West by Kristy D. Chitwood
- ◆ IMO George & Ruby West by Richard & Pamela Falter
- ◆ IMO George & Ruby West by Phyllis & Bill Reaves

YOUTH BREAKAWAY

- ◆ Thrift Shop
- ◆ Bill & Maria Stackhouse

JUNE CHURCH FLOWERS

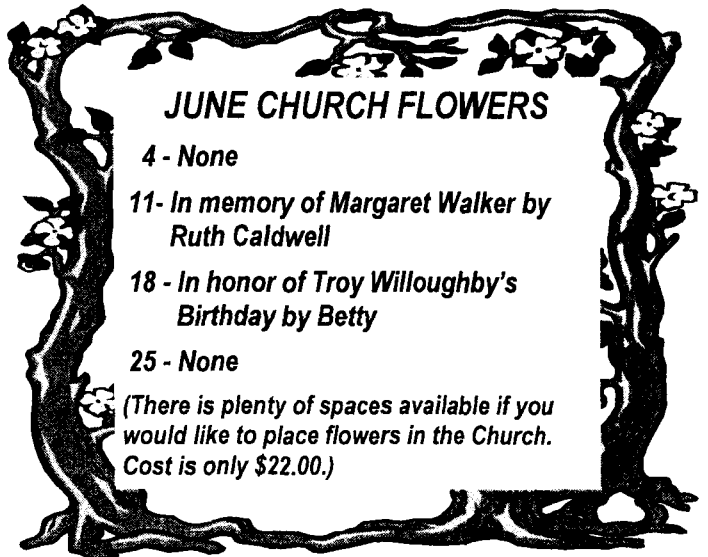
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11- *In memory of Margaret Walker by Ruth Caldwell*

18 - *In honor of Troy Willoughby's Birthday by Betty*

25 - None

(There is plenty of spaces available if you would like to place flowers in the Church. Cost is only \$22.00.)



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!!



The FFF is sponsoring a reception for all graduates immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 4th. Finger Foods will be served.

A SPECIAL NOTE!

We would like to **CONGRATULATE** our daughter and sister **Ashley Nicole Stone** for graduating on June 8th. We will be having a small **Graduation Party** at our house on June 10th from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come and go as you please. An announcement and invitation has been placed on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office.

Douglas, Dawn & Reena Stone

FFF NEWS

Our **Book Club** has been reading the **Sun Coast Chronicles** by **Terri Blackstock** the last three months. Terri writes Christian Mysteries that will have you trying to figure out which way the story is going to go. We will meet June 21st at 6:30 p.m. at **MiCassita's** on Grove Street because of some scheduling conflicts. Please come and join us for food and fellowship. We will be doing our cooking on June 17th. This date may change, so ask any of us girls if we are still meeting. Come and join us for fun and fellowship. We have a really good time and you don't even have to know how to cook. We will tell you that the best part is delivering the food to our church family.

THE LORD SEEKERS 5TH - 8TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School Class has embarked on a challenging project to raise money for special organizations. This project is called **"Seven Miles of Pennies"**. This project commemorates the 7-mile walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus that two disciples took on their way home on Easter Day. In order to achieve our goal, we must raise a total of **591,360** pennies or **\$5,913.60**. We plan to have posters charting our progress. If you have spare change, pennies, or other amounts that you would like to donate to help us help others, please see Elaine, Wayne, Reena Stone, Christopher Rome, Amanda Jones, Jacob Gallimore, William Shields, or Morgan Edwards. Our class is currently discussing which organizations we want to assist. We are looking at donating one mile of pennies to 7 different organizations. We thank you in advance for all of your support for this project.

Elaine & Wayne Everts

CARD MINISTRY



Card Ministry would like to thank everyone who has been so faithful and supportive to our ministry. We will not meet on the following dates during the summer:

Mary Rozier

June 21

July 5

July 19

August 2

August 16

Resume August 23



The UMM met on Sunday, May 21st with 23 present. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by **Chef Doug Stone** and **Master Chef Troy Willoughby**. Thanks guys! We had two first time visitors, **Joe Hazelett** and his son, **Jarrod**. We were also glad to welcome back **Brad Everts** from Iraq and **Randy Caldwell** from a long illness. Welcome back and may God continue to bless you.

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Mother's Day Service an awesome success. Without the help of so many people it would not have been possible. A special thank you to **Donna Meixsell, Lorri Shackelford, Elaine Everts, Adella Pray** and **Ruth Caldwell** for sharing their motherhood stories with us.

We look forward to putting together the **Father's Day Booklet**. If you want to honor a Father or Special Man who made a difference in your life, here is your chance. For only \$1.00 per name, we will list them in our booklet. More details will be forthcoming. The money raised for this project will be donated to assist with Day Camp expenses. Thank you **Calvin Rome** for volunteering to head up this project.

The UMM continue to serve **Communion** to our home-bound members. If you know of someone desiring to be served Communion, please notify Calvin Rome or call Doris in the church office. This ministry continues to be a blessing to all involved.

Ushers for the month of June are **Bob Lambert, James DeBruhl, Kenneth Merritt, Frank Bagley & Perry Smith**.

Wayne Everts, UMM Secretary

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY CAMP JULY 3 - 7 (6 yrs. - 12th grade)

This year due to the rising cost of fuel, all events will be scheduled in our local area. We plan on having **"Praise & Worship"** along with lots of fun activities scheduled for this week. Cost is only \$60.00 per child. Scholarships are available if needed. Please contact Elaine Everts at (919) 499-5806 or 494-2427 for more information. As of now this is the tentative schedule.

Monday, July 3rd	Round-A-Bout Golf & Skating
Tuesday, July 4th	Family Day at Lake Rim Park
Wednesday, July 5th	Bowling & Pope AFB Park
Thursday, July 6th	Fantasy Lake
Friday, July 7th	Chuck-E-Cheese

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER OR YOU WILL NOT GO!!!

Pre-registration will be held at the Church:

June 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

June 18th, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY TEAM

A special thanks to **Santos Pena** for being **"Trustee of the Month"** in May. Our **"Trustee of the Month"** for June will be **Doug Stone**. We appreciate everything the men of our church do to make our church a safe and attractive place to worship.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

As I sit on my porch reflecting on the past month and looking ahead to June, I realize just what a special group of women we have at St. Matthew's. We have had some special events. Seven people met on April 29th to begin work on "*The Prayer Shawl Ministry*". We had a great time and will be meeting again in late June or July. Thanks to all groups our *Mother-Daughter Banquet* was a success. The stories by Robert Brown and Mary Rozier remind us how important "*the little things in life are*" and that we need to take time to appreciate life and those around us. The special *Gift to*

Missions in honor of *Ann Mulvaney* was a big surprise to her, and a way to let her know how much we appreciate the things that she does to help St. Matthew's. We thank *Gail Terwilliger* for this gift. The FFF did a great job of setting up the fellowship hall and the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle did a great job of cleaning up. On the rotation schedule for 2007, the FFF will do the program, the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle will set-up and the Night Owls will clean-up. So you may want to begin thinking about this schedule now. Twelve women met to put the final touches on the "*Mother's Day Booklet*". There are some extra copies in the hallway. We had a fun couple of hours and appreciate the help. Without you it would not have been done. The FFF has been busy working on the *Father's Day Service* for Sunday, June 18th. Choir practice for this will be held on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. and June 14th at 7:30 p.m. We need many of you to come help us out so that we can fill the choir. The men filled the choir and we should also. It is especially important as we go into the summer months that you remember our purpose "*to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*" Remember **COME TO THE POTTER FOR STRENGTH** "*they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*" *Isaiah 40: 31.* May God be with you and lead you in the days and weeks ahead.

Adella Pray, UMW President

RUTH-ETHEL SMITH CIRCLE

Our circle of friends met Wednesday, May 10th in the fellowship hall. We had **14** members present. Connie Knight was the Hostess with Catherine Morgan assisting. It was a very informative meeting with guest speakers *Martha Goetz* and *Carolyn Owens* from *The Care Clinic* on Robeson St. A 10 minute video was shown and a talk was given by Martha. We then had a discussion and question period. At the Care Clinic, physicians from Womack and Fayetteville volunteer their time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to help people who cannot afford insurance and health care. Some Churches and groups such as our circles feed these doctors a light supper because when leaving their medical office to go to the clinic, there is no time to go home for a meal. I think it would be a great mission outreach for us to do this occasionally. The need in this county is so great. Think and pray about it and if you think our circles can do this, let us know. I think we can prepare a dish to help those who are so willing to help the poor. One more thing, I want to say a special **THANKS** to everyone who had a hand in planning and presenting the *Mother's Day Service*. We were all touched. You men did a fantastic job in the choir. Aren't we blessed to have Phyllis Jordan? Hooray for our Church Family. Have a great and safe summer and God Bless You All!

Catherine Morgan

PLEASE NOTE: A special thanks to Catherine Morgan for filling in for our Chairperson, Lola Smith who had surgery and was unable to be at our meeting.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "STRAWBERRY CAKE"

1 Box Yellow Cake Mix
1 16 oz. Package Frozen Sliced
Strawberries with Sugar, divided
3/4 Cup Oil
*Icing Recipe Below



1 3 oz. Package Strawberry Gelatin
3 Tablespoons Flour
1/2 Cup Water
4 Eggs

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray two 9-inch, round cake pans with cooking spray. Mix all ingredients. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until middle springs back when touched. Cool 20 minutes, and remove from pan. While layers cool completely, prepare icing. Place one layer of cake inverted on serving plate. Frost the top and place the remaining layer of cake upright on top of icing. Frost sides and top of cake. Makes 12 servings.
*For icing, blend remaining strawberries, 1/4 stick softened butter, and 1 16 ounce package of powdered sugar with an electric mixer.

JUNE

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 District Pastor's Luncheon for new DS Carol Goehring - 12:30 pm	2	3
4 Graduates & SS Teachers Recognition District Superintendent David Malloy Reception at Salem UMC - 5:00 pm	5 UMW - 6:30 pm	6 Prayer Group - 6:30 pm	7 Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle - 11:00 am Card Ministry - 5:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	8 Night Owls - 7:00pm	9	10
11 Promotion Sunday UMYF - 12:00pm	12	13 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	14 ANNUAL Card Ministry - 5:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	15 CONFERENCE	16 GREENVILLE	17 FFF - 8:30am
18 Father's Day UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am Father's Day Service (UMW) - 11:00am	19	20 YOUTH Prayer Group - 6:30pm	21 SUMMER Home Extensions-10am NO Card Ministry Bible Study - 6:30pm NO Choir Practice	22 BREAKAWAY	23	24
25	26	27 Prayer Group - 6:30pm	28 Card Ministry - 5:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	29	30	