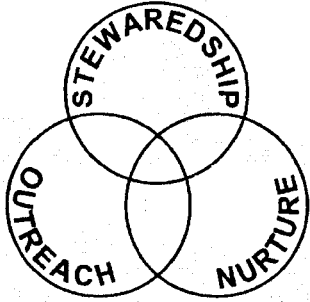


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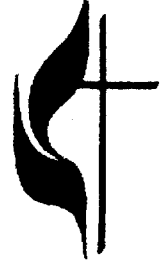


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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40



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Many thanks to all those who have made our transition to St. Matthews UMC such a smooth and joyful experience. For fear of leaving someone out, we won't list you by name, but you know who you are, and please know Donna and I are grateful. We look forward to meeting you all, learning your name, and being a part of this great family. Our address is 232 Wildlife Way, and the phone there will ring if you dial, 867-4716. We welcome your visit or telephone call any time. We especially welcome your prayers. I am excited about serving with God's people here at St. Matthews.

We have met many of you and appreciate your patience with us as we continue to learn names to go with all those smiling faces. We look forward to

serving you and serving with you in this community as we grow in spirit and grow in sharing God's love with all we meet. You are doing some wonderful work in ministry, and I look forward to those things continuing as we continue to grow and move forward. We want to be in tune with what God's vision is, and how we fit into his plan.

I am excited about the opportunities that are here for St. Matthews to grow in Spirit, in discipleship, in God's love, and in service to "even the least of these..." Come Lord Jesus, come.

Know God's love and the joy of sharing his love with others.

Marc

KNOW THE GOD YOU PRAY TO

August 1-4

Psalm 73
2 Corinthians 6.1-13
Revelation 19.1-8
Hebrews 10-.19-39

August 5-11

Psalm 28
Luke 20.38-42
Romans 8.18-25
2 Samuel 12.15b-24
Ephesians 4.1-6
2 Kings 13.14-20a
Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

August 12-18

Psalm 127
Isaiah 54.9-17
Hebrews 10.1-10
2 Peter 1.1-11
1 Peter 3.13-22
1 Peter 4.12-19
John 17.1-19

August 19-25

Psalm 145
Matthew 8.1-4
Matthew 8.5-13
Matthew 8.14-17
Matthew 9.18-26
Matthew 9.27-34
Mark 10.46-52

August 26-31

Psalm 18.1-19
John 1.19.28
John 14.1-11
Colossians 1.15-23
John 6.66-71
John 12.20-36



TRUSTEE MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Look for these changes at St. Matthew's in the near future:

- ◆ *New Landscape around the church*
- ◆ *Large Tree next to the Fellowship Hall entrance will be removed due to the roots causing problems in the Parking Lot*
- ◆ *Removal of Pipe Organ*
- ◆ *Fence next to the Education Wing will be moved to define the property lines along the property next to the church*
- ◆ *Existing fencing material will be used as we have the house removed from 207 Eucalyptus Road behind the Fellowship Hall*
- ◆ *New St. Matthew's Sign will replace the old sign on the front lawn. We envision a larger marquee which will be more visible and contain more space for church information. It will be at eye level with decorative landscape stones around the base*

The project of replacing the lights throughout the church is almost complete. We only need to install **28** more lights. We continue to struggle with the need to replace the Roof, and Heating and Air-Conditioning in the Education Wing. We also need to replace the rotten wood on the Soffit on the Education Wing. We will need to enlarge the Parking Lot in the near future. All of these projects require funds and we are asking for your continued support. If you would like to assist with these needs, please make your check out to St. Matthew's UMC and at the bottom put for **ARP Fund**. It would be greatly appreciated.

Lynwood Griffin, Chairperson Trustees



THANK YOU to everyone that has worked to make the Thrift Shop successful this month. This continues to be a great mission program for our church, ourselves, and our community. If you would like to be involved, please see Julie Griffin or any of the workers.

The Thrift Shop contributed to the following during the month of June:

- ◆ **Emergency Fund**
- ◆ **Church Power Bill**
- ◆ **The Care Clinic**
- ◆ **Salvation Army (Kids-2-Kamp)**
- ◆ **Better Health of Cumberland County**
- ◆ **Council On Older Adults (Fans for Needy)**

NURTURE

A special thank you to **Pam Gallimore** for overseeing our **Fifth Sunday Covered Dish Dinner**. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and worship with music by **Kia Walker, Jazz Vocalist-Guitarist**.

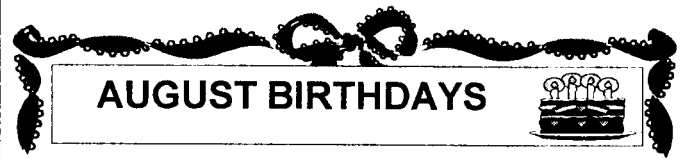
On August 5th, immediately following worship service, the **Homecoming Committee** will meet to try to finalize our Homecoming events for this year. Homecoming is September 23rd.

In Christ,
Elaine

AUGUST CHURCH FLOWERS

- 5 - In honor of Breena & Livia's 1st birthday by David & Beverly Norris
- 12 - In honor of Doug & Dawn Stone's 18th Anniversary & Ashley Stone's 19th birthday
- 19 - In memory of Betty Huffman by Ike Huffman
- 26 - (1) In honor of Reena Stone's 14th birthday by Mom & Dad (2) In honor of Katie Jordan's 29th birthday

(The "2007 Flower Chart" is available for you to sign and place flowers in Honor or Memory of a loved one. Cost is only \$22.00.)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 - Dave Dominie | 19 - Mary Byrne |
| 6 - Christy Rome | 20 - Tommy Stewart |
| 8 - Chris Strickland | 21 - Betty Jennings |
| 9 - David Dominie | 22 - Joyce DeBruhl |
| 10 - Kenneth Merritt | 23 - Barbara Thompson |
| 11 - Mary Morrow | 25 - Reena Stone |
| 12 - Ashley Stone | 30 - Katie Jordan |
| Roberta Brown | Joanne Bland |
| Lorri Shackelford | |

MOSES MATHIS MINISTRY

The Bicycle Man is extremely happy with our continuous contributions to his ministry. Since January 1st, I have delivered the following:

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| 1 Scanner | 3 Tricycles |
| 2 Towers | 8 Printers |
| 6 Speaker Sets | 15 Bicycles |
| 5 Monitors | |
| 85 Children's Books | 3 Extra Keyboards |
| 2 Word Processors | 8 Complete Computers |



If you would like to donate any of the above items, please contact Bob Pray at 864-1207 or 309-1788 to make arrangements for pick-up.

Thanks & God bless you!
Bob

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Do you want a closer relationship with your God? Are you interested in knowing more about how God intervenes in our lives? Do you want to be in fellowship with other Christians who are seeking the same things as you? Be a part of a **Disciple Bible Study Class**. We will offer **Disciple 1** this year. We are looking for a few good Christians to be a part of one of these studies. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 people for each class will be required. We can have as many classes as it takes so that everyone can participate in this dynamic and powerful Bible Study.

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

A special thanks to **Frank Bagley** for filling in for Santos Pena as "**Trustee of the Month**" for July. Our "**Trustee of the Month**" for August will be **Doug Stone**. We appreciate everything the men do to make our church a safe and attractive place to worship our Lord. God bless you all!

CELEBRANT SINGERS WRAP-UP

The July 4th concert by the Celebrant Singers was a resounding success. Without the help of so many, the concert would have been disastrous.

Let me start off by thanking the following. I hope no one is left out.

- ◆ **Food Preparers: The FFF (Dawn, Elaine, Lorri, Pam and Sandy), Gail, Adella and anyone else.**
- ◆ **Ushers: Barry & Pam**
- ◆ **Hosts: Elaine Everts, The Jerry Brown Family, Gail Terwilliger, The Marty Webb Family, Sherrie Haan and Kim Simpkins who was a former Celebrant who played the violin.**
- ◆ **Kitchen Help: Elaine, Gail and Sherrie**
- ◆ **The Congregation for your attendance and the generous giving to the Love Offering (\$543.02). St. Matthews should be justly proud of this accomplishment.**
- ◆ **Rev. Werner for his prayers and love. We know you had a rough first week and we truly welcome you and Donna and pray that our church will continue to grow under your tutorage.**

I have received a "Thank You Letter" from **Jon Stemkoski** for all that was done and the financial support. In addition he states "we'll be sure to touch base with you concerning a prospective date for 2008." Please let us know if you support a return visit.

Thanks again to all,
 Bob Pray (H) 864-1207
 (Cell) 309-6933

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

ANNUAL BUDGET - \$171,027.91		AS OF JUNE 22, 2007	
Needed Weekly	\$3,289.00	Needed To Date	\$95,380.95
Average Weekly	\$3,342.46	Received To Date	\$96,931.41
Avg. Weekly Deficit	(\$53.46)	Deficit	(\$1,550.46)

(Please note that the "deficit" lines have the numbers in parenthesis which indicates that it is a surplus on the deficit line.)



The UMM met Sunday, July 15th and had **30** men present. Calvin Rome gave our invocation and afterwards we enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Troy, Charles, Jack and Frank. Bob Galliera and friends volunteered to cook breakfast at our August Meeting. Thanks Bob!

Our President, Raymond Gray, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for all their support during his time of recovery. It's great having you back Raymond, we missed you! Calvin gave the devotion which was titled "**Too Busy**" from **1 Kings 19: 9-13**. The minutes from last months meeting were read and approved by Lloyd Miller. Our Treasurer, Troy Willoughby, gave the Financial Report. We thanked Lloyd Miller for his generous donation to the UMM Fund. "**Thank You Cards**" from Mrs. Wright and the Miller Family were read. It was great to have Hilda Pena, wife of Santos, join us. We are glad that she is feeling better. She thanked the UMM for the flowers.

A motion was made by Troy that a plaque be given to the recipient of the **UMM Lifetime Member Scholarship**. It was seconded by Calvin Rome. Charles Lucas made a motion to have a **Church-Wide Picnic** on September 22nd (Homecoming Weekend). Doug seconded the motion. Both motions were passed. Please make plans to attend our annual **Church-Wide Picnic**. You will have great fun, food, and Christian fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Bill or Maria Stackhouse. Thank you in advance!

Information regarding the **UMM Annual Barbecue Sale** will be coming out soon. This event is scheduled for **October 13th**. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Raymond Gray or Doris at the church office.

It was great having our new pastor, **Rev. Marc Werner** join us. We are looking forward to sharing Gods work and ministry with him, and are happy to have him and his family at St. Matthews.

August Communion Members: Calvin Rome, Raymond Gray, Troy Willoughby, Bill Stackhouse, Bob Lambert, Dave Norris and Santos Pena (Alternate).

August Ushers: Head - Robert Parker, Calvin Rome, Santos Pena and Jack Spakes. A list of Ushers for 2007 & 2008 has been posted on the UMM Bulletin Board.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Even a mosquito doesn't get a "PAT" on the back until he begins to work.

Bill Stackhouse, UMM Secretary



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION MOMENTS....SUN SOOK KIM - MAKATI:, METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Arlene was born and raised in a fishing village, married a fisherman, and was helping her husband, but she had a secret desire to teach the village children. It seemed like a far-fetched dream for someone who stopped schooling at 5th grade, but she became the only college-educated resident in the area. When the Tambak UMC was being built four years ago, the goal was to utilize the building for church activities and education for the community. Now the growing number of children in Tambak cannot obtain proper education. The nearest kindergarten is two hours walking distance. We've been waiting for Arlene to graduate because absolutely no one wants to come here to work.

Rico worked very hard for the community and began getting involved in the politics. He was busy trying to get support from the people. He was becoming prideful as he was getting more powerful, and he only hoped and trusted in money and fame. He had heard of Jesus, but didn't know him as Savior, and didn't even care. Then one day he collapsed from high blood pressure. After fighting the disease for a long time, he can now freely get around in the neighborhood, although his movement is slow. We have been meeting for Bible Study in the area for over eight years, yet this was Rico's first visit. He came voluntarily.

As we pray daily this month, remember to pray for Arlene, Rico, and Sun Sook Kim as they grow in their Christian faith and minister to others.

A very special **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped to make the receptions for Dr. Mike and Rev. Marc a success. As usual when asked to do something you always come through.

Remember each other, the church, its mission, and others as needed in your daily prayers.

Adella Pray, UMW President

RECIPE OF THE MONTH "LEMON-APRICOT CAKE"

1 box Yellow Cake Mix	1/2 cup Cooking Oil
3/4 cup Apricot Nectar	1 tsp Lemon Extract
3 Tbsp fresh Lemon Juice	Pinch of Salt
1 box Lemon Jell-O	4 Eggs



Mix all ingredients with spoon until well-moistened. With a mixer set at medium speed, blend the ingredients until they are smooth and well-mixed. Pour into a greased Bundt pan, and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

Glaze: Mix 3/4 cup powdered sugar and 3 tablespoons lemon juice. Drizzle over warm cake for a nice finish.

Yield: 20 servings

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 pm - UMW General Mtg. in the Fellowship Hall (light supper)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 - Last day to complete reading program for this year. If you have been reading, but not signing the books, please let me know.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Mother/Child Retreats at Camp Chestnut Ridge & Camp Don Lee. If interested, see Adella Pray

AUGUST

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO Card Ministry FFF Bible Study-6:30pm NO Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 Homecoming Committee Mtg. 12:00pm	6 UMW General Mtg. - 6:00pm	7 Prayer Group - 5:00pm	8 Card Ministry - 5:00pm FFF Bible Study-6:30pm Choir Practice - 7:30pm	9 Church Ministry Council Mtg. - 7pm	10	11
12	13	14 Prayer Group - 5:00pm	15 NO Card Ministry FFF Bible Study-6:30pm NO Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 UMM Breakfast Mtg. - 8:30am	20	21 Prayer Group - 5:00pm	22 NO Card Ministry FFF Bible Study- 6:30pm NO Choir Practice	23 Help-N-Hands Senior Group - 11am	24	25 FFF & Book Club - 8:30am
26	27	28 Prayer Group - 5:00pm	29 NO Card Ministry FFF Bible Study-6:30pm NO Choir Practice	30	31	