



## From The Pastor's Pen



*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way..."*

*Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV*

**Brothers and Sisters, Spring Has Sprung!**

*Let each of us do an inventory of our lives and make the necessary adjustments.*

*Now is the time to ask God to clean us up where we are messed up. Now is the*

*time to ask God to prune the areas in our lives that need the most growth. Let us*

*forget the things that keep us living beneath the privilege God has for us. Don't*

*dwell in the past. Forget the anger. Forget the hurt. Forget the pain. Forget*

*mistakes. Forget Disappointments. God is doing a new thing in our lives, even now. God is making a way, even now! God is opening doors, even now! God has already forgiven us, even now. God is giving us a New Start, even now!*

*So, let us move forward as we follow God's lead! Let us take advantage of the opportunities we have been given! Let us start living to be better physically, mentally, and spiritually. Don't stay on "Same Old Street" when "Change Boulevard" is right before us. Nothing happens until we move toward the change that God has placed before us! Let us step out in faith, Saint Matthews, to be the church and the people God is calling us to be! Let us spring into action, now!*

*~ Rev. Rodvegas M. Ingram*



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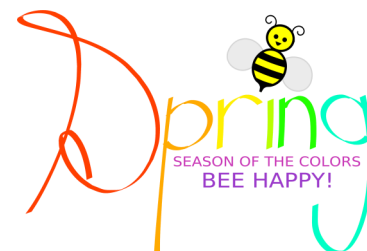
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## A Fresh Start for Spring

By

Crystal McCombs

"New Every Morning" by Susan Coolidge

"Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain.  
And, spite of old sorrows  
And older sinning,  
Troubles forecasted  
And possible pain,  
Take heart with the day, and begin again."

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Spring has sprung at last! Flowers are beginning to bloom, and temperatures are struggling to rise above freezing. The celebration of Easter has brought its promise of new beginnings.



Many people think of this time of year as an opportunity to make a fresh start in their lives. This idea is commonly called "spring cleaning."

We survey our belongings and see what can be disposed of. Winter is passing and the outdoors is urging us to be a part of these new beginnings.

This writer had the opportunity to make a fresh start last year. With the passing of my mother, I was faced with the decision to vacate the family home and relocate with other members of my family. Moving was not a



difficult decision. It was really advantageous for all involved. The difficulty came with making decisions about items

to keep or discard. As some of us can attest to, years of living in a home can bring about years of collecting "stuff." As I surveyed the home, I discovered that I had not seen some of this "stuff" in years - such as clothes I could no longer wear. Some things were packed away in

Mother's belongings, and I had NEVER even seen them.

Decisions – Decisions! The question comes down to "what and how much do I really need?" Making a fresh start allows us to discard excess amounts of things that are no longer useful. It can be difficult to make these decisions when sentimental items are involved.



We should also count our blessings. If we have been blessed with possessions and

furnishings that have served us well for a number of years, and we no longer need them, why not bless someone else with them? It is so easy to think of selling items, but someone in need might be able to benefit from those items.

Making a fresh start also involves a change of attitude and behavior. In The book of Common Prayer, we find this confession of sin:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in  
love and charity with your neighbors and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God,  
and walking from henceforth in His holy ways,  
draw near with faith.

If we bless someone with needed items and furnishings that we have no further use for, we have already made a fresh start in our behavior by showing love and



charity to our neighbors. If we declutter our home environment and discard items that we have not seen in years or have never seen, we have begun to make a fresh start. When we bury anger and grudges from the past and walk away from them forever, we are leading a new life and will walk henceforth in His holy ways.

When we make a fresh start, we discard all that is not necessary while we clear our space, our minds, and our hearts to take in fresh new things.

How do you make a fresh start for spring?

If you do not need it – TOSS IT.



## Women Who Changed the World – Part 2



### Aretha Franklin

As one of the most angelic voices in history and an 18-time Grammy winner, Franklin popularized hits like “Respect” and “I Say a Little Prayer.” In 1987, she became the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Franklin died at age 76



### Vera Wang

Wang, a first-generation Chinese-American fashion designer, has become one of the most beloved bridal designers of all time. Before launching her own brand, she worked at *Vogue* and Ralph Lauren. In 2005, the Council of Fashion Designers of America selected her as the Womenswear Designer of the Year.



### Rachel Balkovec

Balkovec made history in 2022 when she was named the first woman to manage an affiliate of a Major League Baseball team. Before the New York Yankees hired her to lead its Low-A Tampa Tarpons, she worked as the team’s minor league hitting coach.



### Princess Diana

The Princess of Wales’ bold independence, daring fashion, and close bond with her sons made her a beloved member of the royal family. She also spoke openly about mental health and HIV awareness and continued to support several charities after her 1992 separation from then-Prince Charles. Five years later, she died in a car crash at age 36.



### Ibtihaj Muhammad

In 2016, fencing star Muhammad made history as the first Muslim woman wearing a hijab to represent the United States at the Olympics. That same year, she won a bronze medal and was included on TIME’s 100 Most Influential People list.



### Sarah Thomas

Thomas became the first full-time female NFL official in 2015, and her milestones have inspired women throughout the sports industry. She also became the first female on-field official in playoff history in 2019, as well as the first to ever officiate in a Super Bowl two years later.



### Wilma Mankiller

Activist, leader, and writer Wilma Mankiller was the first woman Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. She revolutionized the Cherokee healthcare system and created long-lasting community-oriented policies.

Wilma Mankiller was born on November 8, 1945, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Her last name, Mankiller, was adopted by her ancestor. It refers to a person who watched over Cherokee people and villages.

In 1957, Mankiller and her family were relocated from Cherokee lands in Oklahoma to a housing project in San Francisco, California. In San Francisco, Mankiller became a social activist to confront the injustices Native Americans faced. She volunteered in the Native American community in California before moving back to Oklahoma in 1975 where she worked to improve rural Cherokee community services such as health-care, housing, and education. She died April 6, 2010 at her home in Adair County, Oklahoma

# NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

National Administrative Professionals' Day, also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day, recognizes the professionals who keep an office running smoothly every day. Celebrate these professionals on the Wednesday of the last full week in April of each year. The day recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. Central to any business, these professionals keep an office organized and efficient.



On April 24, 2024, let's show our appreciation to Debi McClendon and Lisa Pyrtle for their hard work and dedication to St. Matthews.

We value all they do for our church.  
From, The Messenger Newsletter Staff

## AS WE AGE SOME HELPFUL TIPS

**Advance care planning:** Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers voluntary advance care planning as part of your yearly "Wellness" visit. Medicare may also cover this service as part of your medical treatment.

**Your costs in Original Medicare:** You pay nothing for this planning if your doctor or other health care provider accepts assignment and it's part of your yearly "Wellness" visit. If it's provided as part of your medical treatment, the Part B deductible and coinsurance apply.

**What it is:** This is planning for care you would get when you need help making decisions for yourself. As part of advance care planning, you may choose to complete an advance directive. This is an important legal document that records your wishes about medical treatment at a future time, if you aren't able to make decisions about your care. You can talk about an advance directive with your health care provider, and they can help you fill out the forms, if you prefer. You can update your advance directive at any time.

Consider carefully who you want to speak for you and what directions you want to give. You have the right to carry out your plans as you choose without discrimination based on your age or disability.

**Things to know:** For help with advance directives, visit the Eldercare Locator

**Stop for a minute and think,** "What if someone needed to step in right now and take care of things?" Think of all of your responsibilities...



Would that person have what they need to keep things running?



Would they know how to pay your utility bill so that power doesn't get turned off to your home?





Would they know where the keys are to your car, your home, or your mailbox?



Would they know your children's school information?

Even though it can be overwhelming and a hard topic to talk about, simplifying and organizing your information will tremendously help your family when they inevitably step into your life one day and continue running things without you.

Here are two things you can do to get started:  Gather your most important docs and get them in one safe place

(think passports, social security cards, and birth certificates).  Get all of your passwords in one central location.

Take 15 minutes today to do some end-of-life planning. Remember, today is a great day to get started! Remember, you do not need to spend a massive amounts of time simplifying. That's how you burn out. It's about small consistent steps that will help you move the needle the most on your projects. One small step at a time makes a big difference!

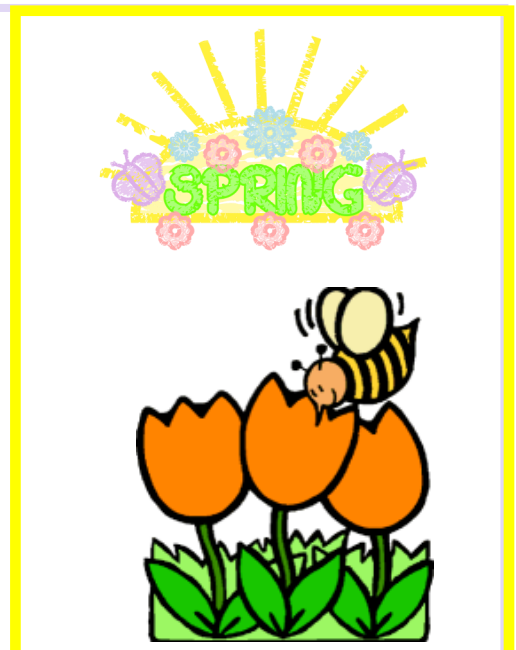
## BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1. Name the carpenter that invented the life-saving surgery and surgical instruments for Blue Baby Syndrome. Vyvien Thomas, Dr. Blacklock is credited for the procedure, granted instrument patents, received the fame and wealth award. History recognizes Thomas' contributions today but he never realized his dream of becoming a medical doctor.**
- 2. How many Saint Matthews' members can you name that were part of the first U.S. Negro Navy band? \_\_\_\_\_, List them. Arthur Guy—drums, Warmoth T. Gibbs, Jr.—clarinet, James Clarence Yourse—Trumpet. (Later Brower and Daniel Horton, WSSU and solicit members to add other names.)**
- 3. Name the four-time gold medal Olympic winner in 1936 that was snubbed by the US president. James Cleveland Owens-nicknamed J.C. by his family. A teacher who did not understand him responding as J.C. to the roll call she recorded and called hi Jesse. He did not correct her and from age 9 he was called Jesse. In addition, a track coach did not call him James Cleveland Owens for it sounded too distinguished for a Negro.**
- 4. Of the 300+ inventions invented by George Carver; how many patents are credited to him and why? Carver has only three patents, claims he was too "suspicious" about his work and patent theft. As for the names of those who have the remaining patents, my research is ongoing.**
- 5. In 1957 this Monroe, NC woman invented a personal product for females, who is she? Mary Beatrice Kenner**
- 6. Regardless to receiving a Master's Degree in chemistry from Harvard, this student was denied admission to the university's Ph.D. program, but founded cortisone from soybean; name this person. Percy Lavon Julian**



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays, @11am, Room 20  
Children's Choir rehearsal @6:30pm, Choir Room, Wednesdays  
Fellowship Choir rehearsal: Tuesdays, @6:30pm, Sanctuary  
Men's Chorus rehearsal: Mondays @5pm, Sanctuary  
Progressive Adult Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @7:00pm, Sanctuary  
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @5pm, Choir Room  
Youth Choir rehearsal @7:30, Choir Room, Wednesdays  
Sunday School: Children (Room 20), Youth (Lounge) - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays  
Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday @10am  
Upper Room Bible Class: Thursdays @ 1:30pm  
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## Creation Care Corner

Earth Day 2024 is Monday April 22 nd! Although the Creation Care Ministry will not be hosting a *Festival of God's Creation Sunday/Earth Day* worship service (<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/to-be-united-methodist-festival-of-gods-creatiion>), **Earth Month** is being celebrated throughout the month of April! The theme for this year is "*Planet vs. Plastics*". According to [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) each person is encouraged to be unwavering in the commitment to end plastic use for the sake of human and planetary health - demanding a 60 % reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040!

Join the Creation Care Ministry in collaboration with Beyond Plastics Greensboro (BPG) on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 11 am – 12 noon for a presentation, "*Plastics and Human Health*" hosted by Marion Gamble, BPG. The topic: "Effects of the Use of Plastics on Food, Water and Our Bodies".

As a commissioned *Green Church (2023)* the SMUMC congregation is invited to select actions that resonate with our environment/creation care related values and commit to them throughout Earth Month. Please visit the church website to access a copy of *The Green Church Initiative (GCI) of the Western NC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, WNCCGCIone-6a.pdf* ([stmattchurch.com](http://stmattchurch.com)).

In addition to supervising the freshly named, Samaritan Garden, the Creation Care Ministry supports acts of earth/environmental advocacy including related service opportunities and public speaking. Here are a few ideas derived from the WNCC GCI:

No bottled water at any church function

Implement "walk, bike, bus or car-pool to church" Sundays at least four times per year. (Get youth involved in organizing this activity!)

Provide annual financial support to a faith-based creation care organization, like the *United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)*.

Advocate for local, state and national policies that will reflect better care for the planet.

In February, I was guest speaker at a meeting of the Nathaneal Greene Garden Club, Liberty, NC where I shared information about our church garden operations, suggested community service projects along with other ways to encourage sustainable lifestyles. In addition, on March 23, 2024, I served as facilitator for United Women in Faith and our local unit's *Call to Prayer and Self Denial* program. The focus was the organizational *Just Energy 4 All Campaign* which emboldens just and equitable environmental practices, <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/>.

Finally, here is a list (not exclusive) of the assortment of vegetables and flowers courtesy of the *Samaritan Garden* having been planted so far this year: Yukon Gold potatoes, corn, onions, carrots, Blue False Indigo (native Eastern US/NC), Red Cardinal Flower (native Eastern US/NC), cabbage, broccoli, tomatoes, cauliflower, butternut squash, swiss chard, and spaghetti squash. (Recipe idea: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/20785/stewed-cabbage/>).

On behalf of the SMUMC Creation Care Ministry we are grateful for the congregation's continued kind words and prayers! A special note of thanks to Romona Gibson, Inell Artis, Annette Kirkpatrick, Ouida Scarborough, and Vallerie Boger-Bass. Keep up the good work! Happy Spring! Many Blessings! Yay Jesus!

Kindly,  
Karlal Burton, Chairperson SMUMC Creation Care Ministry &  
Samaritan Garden  
North Carolina Earthkeeper



# SM United Women in Faith

The St Matthews United Women in Faith had their Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program.

We learned the importance of caring and preserving what God Created facilitated by Sharon Lassiter, Eunice Day, and Karlah Burton.

The St Matthews United Women of Faith are having their Spring Tea on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 1:00-3:30. We are asking all St Matthews Women to come dressed in your hats and dresses to enjoy tea time and fellowship.

## IgnitUs 2024

This year at the 2024 IgniteUs annual youth retreat Saint Matthews sent 8 youth and 2 adults to a fun-filled weekend of connectedness, spiritual growth, and enjoyment of what God has provided us. The retreat took place at the YMCA's Camp Hanes in King North Carolina.

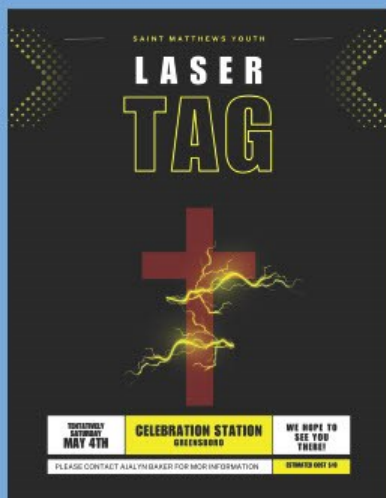
Our youth had the opportunity to engage in mindfulness activities that allowed them to reflect on and understand the importance of letting God and letting go. They watched their worries dissolve in water, a gift from God. They dissected the insecurities of themselves and others and prayed for their peers resultantly. They also had the opportunity to learn and explore Bible verses and depict spiritual playlists of their favorite Bible characters.



Always a great time, our young people had the opportunity to engage in physical activities that addressed the importance of exercise and living life to the fullest.

We hope we can take the lessons learned from this retreat and build upon them. We look forward to further planning as a Saint Matthews group and collaborating with others on various service projects, other retreats, and social activities to continue to fellowship and celebrate the love of Christ.

Please support our Youth with our next event:



ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Fellowship Choir

Presents:

THE EVOLUTION OF PRAISE  
20TH  
ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



600 E. Florida St. Greensboro  
Sunday April 14, 2024  
3:00 pm

Free Admission, Nonperishable food item donations are greatly appreciated.

### CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE:

Please see our new church vision below that was approved last year: "Saint Matthews UMC is a historical cornerstone of the community that aspires to close generational and spiritual gaps through Prayer, Worship, and Dynamic Programs while exploring opportunities to extend God's Love into our diverse world."

# Liturgical Arts Been Busy!

As a member of the Greensboro Playwrights Forum, Gwen Poole was pleased to see her children's play, "The Boxwood Castle of Love and Friendship," performed by local students at the Van Dyke Performance Space in the Cultural Center. The February 3-4 Short Tales productions were directed by UNC-G theatre majors.



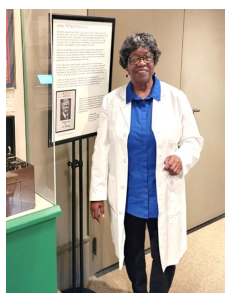
Gwen Poole enjoyed her time serving as an historical interpreter for the "Lifted Voices" program held at the Greensboro Historical Museum for Black History Month. Gwen represented Vina Curry, a free woman, who helped free enslaved men during the early 1800s while she worked at the New Garden Boarding School now Guilford College (Gwen's alma mater).



**The Glory Train** rode again on February 18 at West Market Street UMC in honor of Black History Month. The performance was hosted by the Let's Talk Race Ministry which is made up of several Saint Matthews and West Market Street members. The full-house audience was greeted with a warm welcome by Rev. Otto Harris, III Senior Pastor of West Market Street UMC. The afternoon performance opened with a dramatic recitation by Karlah Burton and Sam Bass as they used the theme of Langston Hughes' poem, "I, Too," to share the significant history between the



two churches as early as the 1800s. Burton and Bass, along with the full cast of Glory Train performers, are a blessing not only to Saint Matthews, but to the Greensboro community through the programs of our Liturgical Arts Ministry.



Once again, Gwen Poole served as one of the historical interpreters for Woman's History Month at the Greensboro History Museum. She shared her story as Dr. Alfreda Johnson Webb who was an outstanding veterinarian at NC A&T State

College (now University) during the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Gwen enjoys her involvement as writer, director, choreographer, performer, storyteller, and historical interpreter.



**The Glory Train** continues to ride with their most recent stop on March 17, 2024 at Saint Matthews for Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Arts and Letters Committee. What a ride it was!! The Ladies were so excited to be on their way to Glory, or so they hoped. The performance opened with the **DayStar**

Dancers moving to "Walking Up the King's Highway." The program was well-received by the nearly full-house audience as they learned of the history and invaluable contributions that DST Sorority has made to the community and society for many years. A blessing indeed from the **FirstFruits** Drama Ministry of Liturgical Arts.





# Diverse Food Related Ministries

During the run up to General Conference being held within the bounds of our WNCC, we are lifting up diverse food-related ministries across the Conference that feed folks physically, spiritually, relationally, mentally, and emotionally. Feeding the hungry and addressing food insecurity are a key command in scripture, but where and how are we doing this can be a great enhancement.

Contexts for food ministry that promote community-building, relationships among all the people involved, and ongoing, consistent ministry are key. Here is the first in our weekly series of food-based ministry stories ~ these will be examples of various types of initiatives that may inspire you or remind you of something you are already doing!

St. Matthews UMC ~ Greensboro  
Congregations for Children (C4C)  
Summer 2023 S.T.E.A.M Program

Rev. Rodvegas Ingram led his congregation at St. Matthews UMC in Greensboro in a partnership for school students last summer that started with addressing food insecurity but didn't stop there. Kids who attend for the summer are provided with both breakfast and lunch daily, as well as nutritious snacks in between.

Yet then the programming that students experience provides a balance of academic enrichment and recreational activities led by both professional teaching staff and volunteers. S.T.E.A.M., which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, is a program designed to expand a child or young person's experiences of learning in various disciplines. And their learning was enhanced at St. Matthews by warm and caring support, giving peace of mind to parents, grandparents, or guardians.

"During the program, our S.T.E.A.M students pursue academic excellence by engaging in activities that support school-year success," said Rev. Ingram. "In the process, they also build strong character traits, such as courage, integrity, kindness, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline."

In addition, the workers and volunteers find that students develop friendships, strengthen their social skills, express creativity through hands-on enrichment activities such as arts and crafts, music, computer projects and science. Plus, they increase physical fitness by participating in fun indoor and outdoor sports and games.

C4C is a Conference-wide program for church-school partnerships in local communities. Many congregations participate in working with students at a nearby school, often including feeding programs.

In addition to C4C meals, at St. Matthews UMC, they are also providing food for families and individuals in need through their food pantry which is open Mon. – Wed. from 10am 'til Noon. And for the past two years, they have provided turkeys and fixin's for Thanksgiving.

Recently, to promote healthy eating in the community,

St. Matthews has partnered with a nonprofit group to share fresh produce grown by Black Farmers on the first Sat. of each month ~ this locally sourced food will begin to be distributed this month, March 2024. "We are working one day at a time as a congregation for all God's children to let our light shine," concluded Rev. Ingram, "as we follow Jesus, making disciples for the transformation of the world."



**GLOW HOUSE AGRICULTURE**  
in partnership with  
**St. Matthews UMC**  
**600 E. Florida St**  
**Greensboro, NC 27406**



**Black Farmers**  
**Fresh Produce Giveaway**

**When:** April 6, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00am – Noon  
(or until produce is given away, whichever comes first)  
**Where:** St. Matthews United Methodist Church  
Coley Hooker Jr. Fellowship Hall Parking Lot  
(corner of MLK Jr. Dr. and 600 E. Florida St.)  
**Drive-thru event**

## A Beacon of Dedication in Community Service



In the heart of community service embodying the spirit of selflessness and commitment, Elen Griffin-Dennison has been making a significant impact through her volunteer work at Saint Matthews United Methodist Church (SMUMC). From November 2023 to February 2024, Elen has dedicated her time to cleaning up and organizing the church's media archives, leaving an indelible mark on preserving its rich history.

Elen's primary task at SMUMC involved the meticulous organization of cassette tapes from the 1980s to the 2010s, capturing the essence of every church service held during that time. This archival project is no small feat, requiring patience, attention to detail, and a deep appreciation for the historical significance of the church's journey. She filed every tape in chronological order and stored them in labeled boxes. Her efforts have enabled the Media Team to hand off the recordings to the Historian/Archivist to digitally preserve

for future generations to explore and access.

What sets Elen apart is not just her dedication to archival work but also her background as a Public Health Practitioner. Having earned her Master's in Public Health just last spring, Elen brings a unique perspective to her volunteer work at SMUMC. Her passion for public health is evident in the way she approaches community service, recognizing the importance of preserving the cultural and spiritual history of the church as an integral part of community well-being.

Public health is not only about disease prevention and health promotion; it also involves fostering a sense of community and connectedness. Elen's commitment to organizing the church's archives aligns perfectly with this holistic view of public health. By preserving the historical tapestry of SMUMC, she contributes to the overall well-being of the community, reinforcing a sense of identity and shared history among its members.

We want to thank Elen and as we celebrate her contributions as our volunteer, we are reminded of the transformative power of community service and the profound impact it can have on both individuals and the communities they serve. Elen's dedication at SMUMC stands as a testament to the enduring importance of preserving our shared history, a cornerstone for building healthier, more connected communities.

Submitted by Debi McClendon



[Click here to visit the webpage for more information on how you can participate at General Conference this year. It may never be this close to us again.](#)

# SHOUT OUT

- New NCCU School of Business— Conference Room named for Robert Chiles. Reginald said, “Daddy didn’t want to leave.”



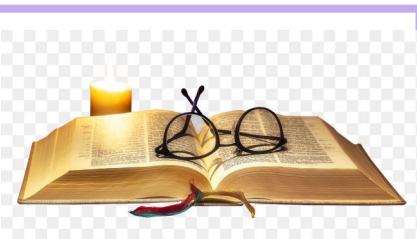
• March 19 is the day that a young man from Spindale NC asked a young lady from Henrietta NC for her hand in marriage. What an amazing union it has been. Happy anniversary mom and dad. 57 years strong in the game. Way to represent Black love. We are proud to be called your boys. Love you Congratulations to Wanda and Charles on their 57th wedding anniversary



- Recognition/Prayers: Jillian & Jonathan Smith, parents, Ramona Miller, Grandparent welcome New baby Harmony Faith Smith on March 14, 2024. She weighed 7lbs 14OZ.



• Hello Church Family, Great news! It is with great pleasure that I inform you that I have been accepted for residency in the field of dermatology at the University of Texas at Houston, my dream field. This milestone would not have been possible without God, my parents, and my church family. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I embark on this next chapter. Farewell UNC-Chapel Hill and hello Houston, TX! Sincerely, Jessica Evans



Upper Room Bible Study meets each Thursday @ 1:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Jean Brown if you are interested.

Greetings from the **Nurture Education and Congregational Care Ministry**, Joyce Palm-Harris and Karen Guy, Co-chairpersons!

This month’s focus is on The Upper Room Ministry. The Upper Room is a daily Christian devotional guide where people from all over the world share their stories of faith. The daily devotions apply scripture, challenges and life giving support to all Christians. There are six issues each year and each issue contains two months of devotions.

Cost per year- Large Print - \$10.00 Regular Print - \$8.00

Join us as we continue to grow each year!  
Joyce Palm-Harris, Chairperson, The Upper Room Ministry

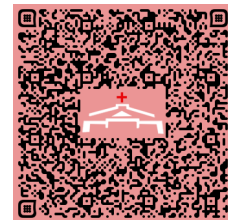
**ST. MATTHEWS UMC EASTER EXTRA-  
GANZA MARCH 23, 2024**

**Thank you to the Youth Volunteers that  
helped with the Easter Extravaganza!  
You all are the leaders and the best!**



**Thank you to all the  
other volunteers and  
families that came  
out to join the fun!  
We appreciate our  
church family who  
continue to support our Children & Youth Ministries! We love you all !**

**Deadline for May Newsletter articles is April 25! Theme for May is "Celebrating Mothers, Veterans, & Graduates". Send other pics & short articles to Wanda Edgerton at ponice1@yahoo.com.**



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