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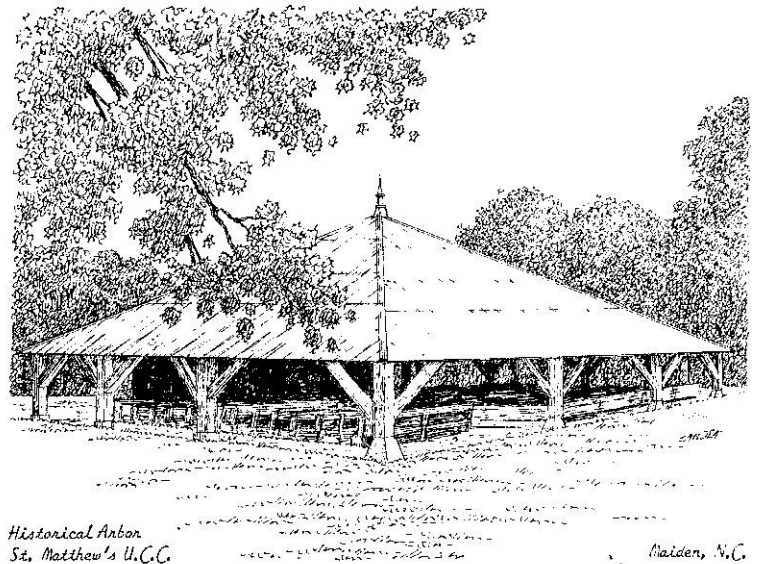
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## consistory Corner

Precious memories from the past cannot be ignored whenever members of St. Matthew's congregation find themselves gathering for any length of time. There's always talk of "remember when ...". When we think of church, we think of St. Matthew's Church, but that was not the case originally. In this article some previous experiences and information has been included that should not be forgotten.

A group of German Reformed citizen's living north of Lincolnton, met in the home of Michael Finger in May 1836, to consider building a meeting house. They determined that it should be built on the road between Maiden and Lincolnton on five acres of land deeded to the church by John Ramsour for the fee of fifty cents. This land, for the purpose of erecting a building for the worship of Almighty God, was deeded to the church under the name of Matthew's German Reformed Church.

Saint was not part of the first name given to the congregation. The second parcel of land, twenty-five acres, was conveyed to St. Matthew's Church by John Ramsaur in September 1838, for a graveyard and a camp meeting ground. The dates make clear the changes that took place marking the growth of the church and the evolution of its name.

Members of the church through the years have been dedicated to the teaching and spreading of the Word of God. The idea of a school for educating young men for the ministry was discussed during a camp meeting in 1849 in the tent owned by John Coulter. A short time later the institution known as Catawba College opened at Newton, North Carolina and operated there until the early 1920's. It reopened in 1925 in Salisbury, NC, and remains an integral part of that community.

Without the dedication and forward thinking of people from the past, St. Matthew's Church, the building, and congregation could not have progressed to what we know today. Research from some of our old history books that pertains to financial infor-

mation of the church is contained in this publication.. (See page 3 and page 6).

Libby Herman

**ATTENTION ... With Sunday School resuming on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., Lealta Smith will be available in the church office to copy and prepare committee reports for the Consistory packet. Committee secretaries are asked to please bring reports in during this time. Thank you**

**Remember the following members and friends in your prayers ....**

Joel & Judy Campbell, Joyce Bradshaw, Larry & Vicky Parker, Sydney Wilson, Frankie Goodson, Danny Owens, Sam Goodson, Sarah Katherine Reid, Kerry Fleming, Pastor Search Committee and Church Leadership, Rick Shook, Sandy Bumgarner, Dianne McAlister, Shirley Martin, Lucille Shook, Robert & Ann Bost, Dot Mathis, Dwight & Louise Shrum.

Also, please note - Dwight Shrum is now at Lincolnton Rehabilitation Center, 1410 East Gaston Street, Room 311B, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

## St. Matthews' Reformed Church Consistory Minutes May 16, 2021

### We Assemble in God's Name

**Attendance:** Libby Herman, Frank Snider, Matthew Hawn, Ruth Hanes, Jan Rice, Susan Stewart, Chris Barger, Ronnie Bumgarner, Burl Shrum, Bruce Wray, Gina Chandler, Lora Rice and Faye Painter (Treasurer).

**Guest--**Chris Carpenter, Chair of Sanctuary; Candace Carpenter, Chair of water line and BOCE.

Walter Rice, Property Committee and Out Reach Committee

President Libby Herman called the meeting to order with a prayer and devotion on "How we react to others."

**\*Motion** was made by Gina Chandler to accept the agenda with the changes of adding Walter Rice with a quote of gravel for the arbor, talk about live streaming our worship services, talk about reopening Sunday School, VBS, Revival and to change the month of March to April in the agenda.

Second by Ruth Haynes, Motion Carried

Chris Carpenter gave us an update on the Sanctuary. So far they have received two bids from General Contractors for the sanctuary and they are waiting on a third bid. Out of seven contractors, only two have been interested in the project. Church Interiors INC. quoted \$227,057.00 (without pews) and Hemlock Builders (Lincolnton) \$98,562.00 (without pews.) The current funds that are in the Sanctuary update are \$ 76,233.45.

**\*Motion** was made by Frank Snider to accept the two bids for the General Contractors and to present it at the Town Hall meeting.

Second by Bruce Wray, Motion Carried

Candace Carpenter gave us an update of the waterline. As of Friday May 14, the materials (pipe) have come in but this has also made the quote go up from \$30,475. to 41,957. The Consistory will bring this issue to the congregation at the Town Hall meeting to discuss options.

Walter Rice gave us quotes on the gravel work that needs to be done at the arbor. It was suggested we use pea stone (easier to walk on) for the arbor and ABC for the driveway at the back of the arbor.

### Quotes- Pumpkin Center Mulch-\$1445.00 cash total

24 tons of pea gravel at  
\$1120.00 cash only

8 tons of ABC gravel at \$204.00  
Larry Grant-\$1060.00cash/check  
Pea gravel \$825.00  
ABC gravel \$204.00

**\*Motion** by Burl Shrum to have Larry Grant do the gravel for the arbor.

Second by Chris Barger, Motion Carried

Walter also talked about an Outreach group called Hearts and Hands. This group will be giving back to our aging congregation and community. They have recommended some of the following ideas,

Mow grass  
Trim shrubbery  
Hang doors  
Tighten door knobs  
Replace light bulbs  
Bake chicken pies  
Bake spaghetti  
Cakes  
Cookies  
Errands etc.

**\*Motion** was made by Ruth Haynes to start this outreach, Hearts and Hands.

Second by Ronnie Bumgarner, Motion carried

**\*Motion** was made by Chris Barger to accept the April minutes.

Second by Jan Rice, Motion carried

**\*Motion** was made by Frank Snider to accept the April Financial report.

Second by Ronnie Bumgarner, Motion carried

### Old Business:

**\*Motion** was made by Jan Rice to accept the updates and changes to the Membership Stats that was presented to us by Lealta Smith.

Second by Gina Chandler  
Motion carried

Libby Herman is going to reach out concerning the installation of the windows that have already been approved.

Security Quotes: Still waiting on a quote from CPI

### Scheduled Meetings

Town Hall meeting May 23, 2021  
Congregational meeting June 6, 2021

### New Business:

A donation in honor of Steve Wilson from his memorial fund was donated to the church. Libby Herman suggested we purchase a new lectern, prices range from \$200.00 to \$300.00.

Shrubbery at the parsonage needs to be removed because of over growth.

The Young at Hearts are selling tickets for a queen size quilt made by Louise Shrum and Sonya Leonard. Ruth Haynes will be selling tickets \$1.00 per ticket. She has 1000 tickets for sale. The money will return to the Young at Hearts to later be donated to the restoration of the sanctuary.

By consensus, all agreed to

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move forward with this project. Raffle will be November 13, 2021. You do not have to be present to win the quilt.

The BOCE will be discussing teachers for the upcoming Sunday School classes and leaders for VBS (August.)

It was suggested to build a book/newsletter stand for the parking lot. For those who may like to read but don't want to get out or if they would like a devotion such as "Our Daily Bread."

Revival will be September 1, 2021, Wednesday night and maybe add a second night.

**\*Motion** was made by Bruce Wray to adjourn.  
Second by Gina Chandler,  
Motion carried

Next meeting June 13, 2021.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lora W. Rice*, Secretary

#### **PASTOR'S ACTIVITIES** **OUTSIDE CHARGE – 1955**

Co-Chairman – 1955 Maiden Red Cross Campaign  
President – Maiden Band Boosters Club  
Historian – Southern Synod  
Member – Committee on Stewardship – Southern Synod  
Secretary – Catawba District Ministerium  
Member – Maiden Lion's Club

#### **NEW PROJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONS** **BEGUN IN 1955**

Birthday Calendar Salem Choir  
Charge-wide Newspaper  
Memorial Preaching Mission  
St. Matthew's Junior Choir  
Easter Sunrise Service, St. Matthew's



**Flower Sponsors** are needed for the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, please confirm or reserve dates you wish to have during the year. Please call Lealta Smith (828) 428-8327 or email: smithlea@charter.net.

Thank you

The following information was copied from an old newsletter published by the youth of the Lincoln Charge. It consist of 1955 Year-end information. —The Issue-January 1956 -THE BULLETIN.

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1955 - MEMBERSHIP RECORDS** **LINCOLN CHARGE**

##### **SALEM CHURCH**

Membership Reported December 31, 1955 .....49

##### **MEMORIAL CHURCH**


Membership Reported December 31, 1955 .....62

##### **ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

Membership Reported December 31, 1955 ..... 166

#### **Lincoln Charge - 1955 Year-End Pastor's Report** **from Rev. Frank Snider**

Infant Baptisms .....	10
Weddings.....	6
Funerals Conducted.....	5
Funerals assisted in .....	1
Private Communion Administered .....	26
Communion Services Conducted .....	14
Sermons Preached in the Lincoln Charge .....	96
Sermons Preached in Other Churches.....	8
Total Number of Services in Lincoln Charge .....	131
Salem.....	32
St. Matthew's .....	51
Memorial .....	48
Pastor's Speaking-Outside of Charge.....	16
Pastoral Calls made in 1955.....	565
Hospital Calls .....	72
Different Hospitals.....	8
Congregational and Charge Committee Meetings	
Attended.....	about 120

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	♥ Wedding Anniversaries      ♦ Birthdays  <b>Never tire of doing what is right.</b> 2 Thessalonians 3:13	
<b>4 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  10:00 A.M. Morning Worship Speaker: Greg Richard	<b>5</b>  ♥ M/M Mitchell Hawn ♦ Sam Goodson Lealta Smith Anna Sutherland	<b>6</b>  ♦ Daniel Bost
<b>11 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship Speaker: Greg Richard  6:00 P.M. Consistory Meeting  ♦ Andrea Painter	<b>12</b>  ♦ Matthew Hawn Leslie Frye Indy Rose Hawn	<b>13</b>
<b>18 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship Speaker: Weston Henderson, Student at Wake Forest Theological Seminary  ♦ Chris Carpenter, Kay Lowman, Wayne Taylor	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  ♦ Andrew Shrum Karsyn Kerley
<b>25 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship Speaker: Greg Richard  ♦ Charlotte Barnette	<b>26</b>  ♦ Kendall Stiles	<b>27</b>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																										
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7 <div>1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Annual Picnic lunch All women of the church are Invited to come and bring your favorite finger-food.</div> ♦ Chelsea Goodson	8	9  ♦ Brittany Cook, Joey Frye	10  ♦ Dianne McAlister																																										
14	15  ♦ Ken Hawn	16  ♦ Teresa Smith	17																																										
21  ♦ Daniel Shrum	22  ♥ M/M Doug McRee M/M Jason Specht	23	24																																										
28	29	30  ♥ M/M Dwight Shrum	31																																										

The following is the 1955 Year-End Financial Statement for St. Matthew's Church copied from newsletter, THE BULLETIN published by the Lincoln Charge Youth.

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1955 FOR ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Balance – January 1, 1955 ..... \$ 2,667.24  
 Received – Year of 1955 ..... \$ 3,810.53

#### EXPENSES:

Pastor's Salary.....	\$1,500.00
Apportionment .....	772.00
Pension Fund.....	120.00
Rent on Parsonage .....	120.00
Sexton .....	174.75
Light Bill .....	23.36
Fire Insurance .....	78.00
Revival .....	110.00
Charge Expenses ...A.M. Icard.....	101.87
Raleigh Mission .....	48.51
Literature .....	232.17
Music .....	52.79
F.C.X. ....	83.85
East Maiden Furniture.....	120.20
Tables for Basement.....	113.00
Film.....	8.30
Elsie Painter.....	25.00
Youth Fellowship .....	3.00
Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds .....	7.00
Catawba College .....	27.50
Orphan's Home.....	63.87
Good Samaritan Fund.....	40.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,825.17</b>
Balance in Bank .....	\$ 2,652.60
Balance in Good Samaritan Fund.....	\$ 75.17

#### ST. MATTHEW'S PARSONAGE FUND

Balance in Bank – January 1955.....	\$ 553.55
Pulpwood Checks .....	\$ 415.35
Saw Logs .....	109.69
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 525.04</b>
Lenten Folders.....	228.05
By offering Envelopes .....	318.60
Sunday School.....	401.81
Worship Service-Loose Offering .....	21.31
<b>Total Received for 1955 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,494.81</b>
Balance in Bank—January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 2,048.36

### DIRECTORY OF CONSISTORY AND OFFICERS

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

##### Elders

Lester Keever  
 James Stowe, Jr.  
 Paul Martin  
 Everett Campbell  
 Bill McRee  
 Mack Herman

##### Deacons

Burgin Keever  
 Frank Bumgarner  
 Howard Bumgarner  
 Clyde Hartzoge  
 Albert Schrum  
 Leonard Goodson

President – Everette Campbell  
 Vice – President – Mack Herman  
 Secretary – Paul Martin  
 Treasurer – Bill McRee  
 Parsonage Treas. – Howard Bumgarner  
 Chief Usher – Ruffus Parker  
 Assistant Chief – Clyde Hartzoge  
 Organist – Mrs. Harry Ritchie  
 Assistant – Phyllis Martin  
 Sexton – Frank Rhodes  
 Delegate to Synod – Mack Herman  
 Alternate Synod Delegate– Clyde Hartzoge  
 Pres. of Women's Guild–Mrs. Frank Snider  
 Director of Junior Choir–Mrs. Frank Snider  
 Organist for Junior Choir–Mrs. Harry Ritchie  
 Sunday School Supt.–Howard Bumgarner  
 Property Committee—Albert Shrum,  
 Paul McRee, Aubrey Campbell, Paul  
 Hartzoge, Theodore Campbell

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

President - J. C. Smith  
 Vice President - Janice Lutz  
 Secretary - Ann Parker  
 Treasurer - Annette Isaac  
 Reporter - Phyllis Martin  
 Editor—The Bulletin - Ann Parker

#### MISSION

To worship God, to provide training and support for discipleship growth, and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

#### VISION

To strengthen our ministry to youth, to provide fellowship opportunities, to grow in membership, to deepen in faith, and to expand the church's outreach to the community.

#### VALUES

Strive to love and serve God, to love one another and keep relationships healthy, and to welcome and befriend newcomers.