

W. Marvin Ownley Receives Scholarship Award

On September 4, 2011 New Hope United Methodist Church awarded Wallace Marvin Ownley \$1,000.00 from the Umphlet Scholarship Fund. W. Marvin Ownley is the son of Wallace and Gretchen Ownley, the grandson of Carson & Linda Spivey and Mary Lou Ownley, and the great-grandson of Eleanor Bass. He is a 2009 graduate from Albemarle School, a private institution in Elizabeth City, NC and graduated valedictorian (ranked number 1) of his class. Marvin has completed his sophomore year at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC with a double major in biochemistry and chemistry. He plans to pursue a higher education in medicine or the physical science field after graduation.



On the far left is the Pastor of New Hope UMC, Rev. Ed Rutenkroger. Yvonne Chambers, New Hope Scholarship Committee, presents W. Marvin Ownley with a check as his parents, Gretchen & Wallace Ownley proudly look on.

Marvin is very involved in school, community, and church activities. He is a Certified Lay Speaker at New Hope UMC and has assisted with many worship services as Lay Speaker and Lay Worship Leader. Marvin is a member of the Albemarle Chrysalis Community, serves on the Board of Chrysalis, and is the Youth Community Lay Director. He is also a member of the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department and a Relay for Life advocate.

"New Hope United Methodist Church is very proud to offer a scholarship to this fine young man," said Pastor Ed Rutenkroger. He went on to say, "Marvin has made such a strong impact in our community through his many service projects including fundraising, mentoring, leadership and community efforts at New Hope UMC, Albemarle Chrysalis Community, and Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations, Marvin, our prayers are with you as you continue to embark upon your college career."

The Umphlet Scholarship Fund is available to qualified college students who are members of New Hope United Methodist Church located in Hertford, North Carolina.