

### Cokesbury United Methodist Church

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## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following in your prayers: **Andy** McBride, **Sarah** White, **Dot** Margheim, **Peggy** Smith, **Sally** Muller, **Allan** Miller, **Ken** Pogue (Drew's dad), **Ruth** Chase (Linda Detwiler's mom), **Ray** Cisneros, **Nancy** Herrod, and former member **Winston** Blackmon.

Those with prayer requests for the Prayer Chain are encouraged to contact the coordinator, Cathie Goforth. Her e-mail address is chg10306@aol.com. Her phone number is 281-484-0928. You can also leave requests with the church office at 281-484-9243.

## Register for VBS

It's time to register your children for this summer's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 26 to the 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Our program is FREE to all potty trained 3-year-olds to those entering the 5th grade. And it's not just for church members. Encourage your children to bring a friend or relative. This year's program is called "Adventure of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promises." We will be digging for treasures in the sand and in the Bible. Don't miss all the fun! Registration Cards are available in the Narthex or you may register on line at cumchouston.org

## VBS Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School will be June 26 through June 30, and we need your help.

VBS is always a fun ministry to be a part of at

our church. You'll not only be leading our children in fun Bible lessons, but laughing and learning right along with them. And, of course there is all that yummy food that is provided for all our volunteers each night.

If you are available to help during this last week of June from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. each night (or any of these nights) please sign up to help out. There are sign up sheets located in the narthex, or you may call Laurel Johnson at 281-481-8125, or send an e-mail to ljo26@sbcglobal.net. VBS is guaranteed to make you smile!



**June 4**--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 43rd wedding anniversary, from John and Julie Hoover.

**June 11**--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Karraker, from the Philpott and DeLa Cruz families.

## Methodist Men Meet This Saturday

Cokesbury's Methodist Men's group will meet this Saturday, June 3, at 8:00 a.m. for their monthly breakfast and meeting. All men of the church are invited to come and participate in the food and fellowship. President Johnny Lemaster and his group of chefs always prepare a delicious and varied breakfast that will fill your tummy.

## Covenant Prayer Group To Form

The intercessory prayer group that just met has made a commitment to continue on with our spiritual growth. We will be forming a Covenant Group. Covenant groups were first founded by John Wesley. We had several groups at Cokesbury during Rev. Cambre's tenure.

A Covenant group is a group of about 5 to 10 people that meet once per week to try and help each other meet goals established by the group. The covenant will have about 10 points that should improve a person's Christian life. This covenant is between the members of the group and God.

We will be meeting on Monday evenings following the Church-wide prayer meeting. (about 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.) If you are interested contact Laura Bradley or Charlene Provence. Our first meeting is scheduled for August 14.

## A Time for Endings-A Time for Beginnings

This Sunday, June 4, will be Sister Sara's last Sunday to be with us. Her title for her message is the above title, "A Time for Endings--A Time for Beginnings," and the editors thought it would be an appropriate one for this article.

Everyone is invited to come and be at this service as Sara preaches this last sermon. Then she has invited all who would like, to gather at King Bo Chinese Restaurant at 12:30 for a time of food and fellowship with her. King Bo is located at I-45 and Fuqua. Everyone is invited to come and go "Dutch."

On Sunday, June 11, Rev. Sandra Smith arrives as our new minister. After the services everyone is invited to a covered dish luncheon in honor of the new minister. It will be at 12 noon, and will be held in the fellowship hall. Let's all bring our favorite covered dish to share and welcome our new minister Cokesbury style--of course that means friendliness, fellowship, and food!

We also ask that you bring the recipe for your family's covered dish so that your family will have a recipe in our new Cokesbury cookbook, which will be published this fall.

Let's welcome Sandy to Cokesbury with our down home Cokesburian flare!



## UMArmy Is Coming Again!

For the second year in a row, Cokesbury will be hosting a UMArmy camp the week of June 18-24. Adults and high school students from other churches arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave on Saturday. During this time, all of our routine church activities will need to be cancelled or relocated to another location. While the campers are here, they will use all parts of our church for sleeping, eating and worshipping. During the day, they will go out into the community to do work on the houses of persons in need in nearby communities.

Host churches typically show hospitality by preparing some of the morning or evening meals. If any individual or group wish to participate, contact Laura Bradley at 281-992-2604.

## Rainbows Along The Way

"What can I do for you, Sir?" The pet shop owner met Henry at the front counter.

"I want to get a parrot." Henry said.

"Okay, I've got some nice birds for sale. Come back and I'll show you what I have."

Henry followed the pet shop owner to the back where the exotic birds were displayed in large cages. Henry glanced around, and his gaze fell on a beautiful green and yellow bird.

"How about that one? He's beautiful. I think I'll take him."

"He'll make you a great companion, but I do have to warn you. I got him from a guy who swore a lot and he's picked up some bad language."

"That's okay," Henry replied. "I use some bad language once in a while myself and I'm a bachelor so I don't have to worry about children. I'll take him."

Henry took the parrot home, and while he was a great pet, he discovered that the parrot's vocabulary was far spicier than Henry had anticipated. A warning seemed to be in order.

"You swear once more and I'm going to do something drastic!" It wasn't long before the parrot forgot and came out with some unusually particularly filthy words. Henry decided to teach the bird a lesson, so he snatched him out of his cage and popped him into the freezer.

The bird began squawking but after a few seconds, the noise died down. Henry opened the freezer to reveal the shivering parrot. He was shaken, but unharmed.

"I'll do that again if there's any more swearing," Henry warned him. "I've learned my lesson, Boss," said the parrot. "But I've got one question." He gestured back at the freezer. "If you don't mind my asking, that chicken in there - what did he do?"

Did you know that we have something in common with frozen chickens? That's when we serve as examples! And it happens when someone sees what we see and do and learns a lesson.

Did you ever think of it that way? Did you ever consider that how you respond to your spiritual struggles may be exactly the example someone else needs to see? Moreover, serving as that example may be one reason why you're struggling.

It's normal to want to know why we have problems, but one reason may be that God needs to teach us something that will only be learned by struggling in this particular way. In addition, part of his purpose may be that we'll demonstrate what we've learned to someone who's having the same difficulty and also needs the lesson. When we trust God for answers and continue to serve him despite the problem, then others may realize that they should follow our example. Of course this works in reverse and we may demonstrate the wrong way to handle the problem!

You may have never thought of yourself as being an example to others but with God's help, you can be!

-Anne Adams



## Breneman Circle Presents Quilt to Sara

The Breneman Circle of the UMW met at my home on May 28. Thirteen members and guests attended including special guest Sister Sara, and my grandson Jonathan. Chairperson Donna Northrup opened the meeting with a devotional. Nancy Owens then presented the program. Nancy shared three different thoughts: a Christian wardrobe was the first thought. Love is the most important part of the wardrobe. The second thought that Nancy shared was humorous on the very active lives of retired people, and the third thought was on the power of prayer.

After the program we discussed our circle's cookbook project. This project is for all of Cokesbury. We want all recipes turned in to the basket in the narthex by June 12. After our business meeting we presented Sister Sara with a lovely quilt made by made by Donnie Moore and Norma Barton. This quilt has an old-fashioned church on one side and people on the other side.

We concluded our meeting with a luncheon prepared by Fran Wright, Peggy Smith, and myself.

Mary Short

## Recipes Needed

Please get your recipes to us by June 12th. We have found out that we can have our cookbook printed and ready in time for the Bazaar if we meet this deadline. If you don't have your recipes in yet you still have time.

Donna Northrup

## We Need Old Greeting Cards!

The Busy Bees are looking for old greeting cards to make gift bags and boxes to sell. They are something that won't cost much but are really different to give a gift in. Just put them on the table in the Narthex and we will find them.



It is my pleasure to report the total of \$172.00 was given to Cokesbury's general fund in honor of Sister Sara during the past year.

The funds were turned in to the church office monthly as they were collected.

I would like to thank those who helped with passing the journal around the congregation.

I'm sure Sister Sara will enjoy reading all the beautiful words written to her in this memory book from church members and friends.

Thanks to all those who participated in this project. Cordially,

-Mary Hackward

## By The Numbers

May 28

Worship Attendance 8:30.....	88
Worship Attendance 9:45.....	40
Worship Attendance 11:00.....	117
Total Worship Attendance.....	245

## Future Deadlines

The deadlines for our next few editions of the Courier are shown below:

Items to Paper	Paper Issue Date
June 12	June 16
June 26	June 30
July 11	July 15

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## Financial Report for May 29, 2006

Operating Income	\$5689.00
Bond Fund Income	395.00
CDO Income	2530.00
Youth Minister	1648.00
Designated Giving	280.00
Total giving for May 14	\$10,543.00

Operating Income	\$5160.00
Bond Fund Income	460.00
CDO Income	140.00
Youth Minister	25.00
Designated Giving	900.00
Total for May 21	6685.00
Total cash in accounts	\$67,487.00

Apportionments are paid through April  
-Sandy Hinson  
Treasurer

## Milk Powder May Is Our SeAM Theme

Southeast Area Ministries has an ongoing need for supplies of powdered milk. If all of Cokesbury's 700 members would provide a box of powdered milk or other non-perishable food items for the families who are served by SeAM -- what a powerful example that would be of Christians serving others as Jesus taught us to do.

Becomers Class members encourage all of our Cokesbury family to remember SeAM in your grocery list every week. Your generosity will nurture your own heart each time you place your donation for SeAM in the bin in our church kitchen.

-- Cathy Pleasants

## Children's Day Out Director Is Needed

A Director is needed for our State Licensed CDO program. Duties include supervising, directing and co-ordinating all activities pertaining to the program. Those interested should send their resume to the Church Office Attention: CDO Committee.

## Congratulations Graduates!

This is an important time for some special members of Cokesbury. Nathan Sutton, Ashleigh Warren, and Whitney Sullivan are graduating from high school, Wendy Sullivan is graduating from college, and Steve Provence is getting his Ph.D.! They have all worked very hard and we are proud of them. Congratulations and best wishes to each of them from their Cokesbury family!

**Nathan Sutton** is graduating from Clear Brook High School, where he has been very involved in band. He plays the French horn and tuba and has been section leader. He is also involved with PALS, which is an organization that does mentoring with younger children. He is an active youth member at Cokesbury and has participated in UM Army. Nathan plans to attend Sam Houston State in the fall where he will double major in criminal justice and psychology.

**Ashleigh Warren** is a graduate of Dobie High School. For four years Ashleigh has participated in choir, and she was selected for the Top Women's Performance Choir. She has been on Dobie's swim team for two years and worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the YMCA in Pearland for two years. Ashleigh has participated in the Best Buddy program at Dobie, which is a mentoring program for children with special needs. Ashleigh plans to attend San Jacinto college in the fall and after a year or two, transfer to the University of Texas in San Antonio to pursue a career in the medical field.

**Whitney Sullivan** is graduating from Dobie High School. She has stayed very busy watching three little girls after school every day. She is also a cheerleader and editor of the Dobie yearbook. Whitney plans to attend San Jacinto College in the fall, where she will pursue a career in radiology.

**Wendy Sullivan** is graduating from the University of Houston. She has been very busy teaching dance lessons and participating in a sorority whose focus is on domestic abuse. Despite her busy schedule, Wendy is graduating with honors and is planning to begin working as an elementary school teacher in the fall.

**Steve Provence** completed his undergraduate degree and graduate degree in electrical engineering at the University of Houston. While working on his graduate degree and Ph.D., he was working at Boeing and then at NASA where he is currently employed as a research engineer. His dissertation was titled "Navigation Filters for use in GPS (Global Positioning System)" Steve says that his longtime dream is to be a University Professor, where he can wear flip flops and shorts to work everyday! Steve and his wife, Charlene have two children, Valerie and Travis.

-Paige Schwartz  
High School/College Rep.

## Helping Hands

The following have agreed to help with Helping Hands the next two weeks:

**First Sunday:** Jean Bonds, Charlotte Davis, Gloria Hurley, Sandy and Anniel Lawrence, Laura Morgan, Lotus Ricketts, Winnie Smith, Shar and Jeff Vochoska, and Carmen Wilhite.

**Second Sunday:** Linda Garies, Laurel Johnson, Billie Kestler, Carolyn Lofland, Herb Parker, Cathy Pleasants, Charlene Provence, and Lois Seeley.

We also need plastic grocery bags to pack up the lunches, as we are running out of these. Please bring to the kitchen.

## Join Our Youth Choir

All youth, 6th grade and older, are invited to come and be a part of the Youth Choir, which is directed by Nikki Sikora. The group meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., and they are usually through by 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. They sing at the Contemporary Service once a month.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers make sure that we have soft drinks in the machine in the commons area. This involves purchase, filling and counting the money. The soft drink machine is managed by volunteers. If interested in helping, contact Don Smith at 281-481-9175

The church mowing crew could use some additional helpers. It involves a few hours a month. If interested, contact Rob Bradley at 281-992-2604.