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Prayer Corner

Please keep the following in your prayers: **Andy** McBride, **Sarah** White, **Dot** Margheim, **Kaitlyn** Wallis, **Rick** Williams, (Sherry Brooks' aunt), **Johnny** Krafka (Jim's uncle), **Cheryl** Brown (friend of Lisa Newlin), **Carole** Krafka, **Leigh** Ledford, **Bob** Currie, **Justin** Watson (friend of Sara Musselman who was injured in Iraq), **Colin** Pecot, and former member **Winston** Blackmon.

Those with prayer requests for the Prayer Chain are encouraged to contact the church office at 281-484-9243 or e-mail DarrellRaines at draines@cumchouston.org

From The Pastor

What a joy it is to be at Cokesbury! Already, you have received me so kindly. I am grateful for your open and joyful spirit.

I am excited to be here because I know that this church has an enormous potential to witness for Jesus Christ to so many people. After all, that's our mission, given to us by Christ himself-to make disciples.

Over the next several weeks, I will be looking for ways to get to know you. There will be a series of home meetings, and you will be invited to attend at the time and place of your choice. This is just a chance for me to meet you informally, and to fellowship together.

And over the next several Sundays, I will be preaching on some topics that are close to my heart. This will allow you to get to know me a little better.

I hope that you will always call on me when you need me. As you may know, I will be living with my husband, Randy, who is the senior pastor at Deer Park UMC. The phone number there is 281-479-2520. I am available there if I'm not at the office, and you will not disturb us by calling. Believe me, we're used to it.

I hope to see you Sunday-it will be a great day at Cokesbury!

Love from your pastor,
Sandra



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Youth Off to San Augustine for UMARMY

A large number of our youth plus adults are off this week (June 11-17) to San Augustine in east Texas at UMARMY camp. The following week, our church will host a camp of workers from other churches. Please pray for our campers and the clients they serve, that they both may increase their faith through the camp.

UMARMY is now in its 27th year. This summer over 3000 youth and adults will have the opportunity for service to others by doing house repairs and construction projects for the needy and less fortunate. In addition, they will have unique worship and fellowship opportunities.

The following are attending the camp from Cokesbury: Youth: Catherine Felts, Joshua Giannakopoulos, Johnny Hite, Dakota Loftin, Scott Pace, Nikki Raines, Megan Roper, Nathan Sutton, and Sonya Wilson. College Student: Kiri Raines Adults: Peter Bonanno, Laura and Rob Bradley, and Christi Pace.

It's Not too Late To Register for VBS

It's time to register your children for this summer's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be Monday June 26 through Friday, June 30 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



We Can Still Use VBS Volunteers

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!

UMArmy Is Coming Here 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 be using 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 help out preparing some of the morning or evening meals. If any individual wishes to participate, contact Laura Bradley.

Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



June 18--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tomas Idrogo, Jr., From Diana I. and Ben Brown.

June 25--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cody, Casey, and Reagan Lee's birthdays from grandparents Lady and Bob Gersteman.

Jammin' June is SeAM Theme

This month, the theme of the Becomers Class focus for Southeast Area Ministries is Jammin' June. Despite our donations of these items during recent months, SeAM's supply of jam and jelly continues to need replenishment. We encourage all Cokesbury members to participate in helping SeAM regularly.

If it will help you to remember, you may want to mark the monthly theme on your grocery list each week. They also have an ongoing need for increased supplies of powdered milk.

Cathy Pleasants

Finance/Council Groups to Meet

Cokesbury's Finance and Church Council meetings are coming up on June 26. The Finance Committee meets at 6 p.m. and the Church Council meets at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend their appropriate committees.

Make Plans For 4th of July Picnic.

Bring your family for an old fashioned picnic on the 4th of July. We will have fun for everyone. Please bring your own picnic basket and join your Cokesbury family for games, food, and fellowship. More details about the event will be coming up in the next issue.

Welcome To Our New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Beverly Blumrick and Bob Dixon. They joined during the late service on May 21. They live in the Bela Vita subdivision.

Both have been active in Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM). Beverly is currently the volunteer president of the Executive Committee of SeAM.

Please welcome them into the Cokesbury family.



Sound System Training

A training session will be held soon for those who are interested in learning how to operated the sound system. Additional people who are trained are needed to make sure that all events requiring the sound system will have an operator scheduled for that event.

The system is used during two worship services each week plus all special services that require it (weddings, funerals, etc.). A list of all of the people that are trained will be maintained and used to make certain that a trained operator staffs all events. Training date will be made available once it has been scheduled. Please call the Sound System Coordinator, Jim Krafska at 281-481-3102 to sign up.

Thanks From Miss Donna

Thanks to all the Children's Choirs' parents for the gifts that were presented to the directors at our end of year party on May 24. The flowers, gift cards, and Mary Kay goodies were personally appreciated by me. The kind words in your card meant more to me than you will ever know. Thank you for your continuing support of this important ministry. Have a great summer!

-Miss Donna



Thank You

Dear Cokesbury Family,

Thank you for your loving care and concern during Jack's illness and passing. The many cards, memorials, phone calls, visits and prayers meant so much to all of us. The meal provided after the services was wonderful. Again, thank you for sharing God's love.

The Seaman Family



The kids at Cokesbury had a great time at our first water day. It was very nice to have a place to cool off in our 90 degree weather. We would like to thank Diana Brown for the great meal. Thanks to Jennifer Pogue and Charlene Provence for sharing the water toys.

By The Numbers

June 11

Worship Attendance 8:30.....92.
Worship Attendance 9:45.....68.
Worship Attendance 11:00..... 153
Total Worship Attendance.....313
Sunday School Attendance.....148

Future Deadlines

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

Items to Paper	Paper Issue Date
June 26	June 30
July 11	July 15
July 25	July 29

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Treasurer's Report

Giving for May 28

Budgeted	\$3434.00
Bond Fund	270.00
CDO Income	245.00
Youth Minister Giving	25.00
Designated Giving	1485.00
Total Giving	\$5459.00

Giving for June 4

Budgeted	\$10484.00
Bond Fund	505.00
Designated Giving	3897.00
Total Giving	\$14887.00

Bank Balances as of June 5

Operating Balance	\$3491.00
Bond Fund	4653.00
Designated Fund	\$ 54181.00

All bills and apportionments are paid through May.

-Sandy Hinson
Treasurer

New Playground Campaign Begins

We have started a campaign for a new playground for our church. We would like to thank everyone for making our theme basket such a success. We had some very wonderful theme baskets and some very generous bids. We raised approx \$1,400. We had another offering and collected \$1,000. This is just a start! Look for new opportunities to assist the kids in making their dreams of a new play area come true

A new fence	\$2500.00
A new slide	\$700 (twice)
A new set of monkey bars	\$1200
A new wacky bridge	\$1700
A new cover	\$1400
A new set of stairs	\$2200
Misc. playground equipment	\$2300
The smile of a child:	priceless.

Thanks From The Bridge

The yearly Mother-Daughter Dinner was greatly appreciated by the ladies at The Bridge. Amy Earnest, from The Bridge writes that they enjoyed tremendously the food, the live auction, and especially all the generations of women who were there and how everyone was all "dolled" up. It was very interesting to hear the histories of all the dolls. Thanks are sent to the many people who worked to make this dinner an incredible success. A great deal of time and energy went into this event. The Bridge truly appreciates this Cokesbury sponsored event. Each year the things done for The Bridge just get better and better. We look forward to the next yearly event.

The Basket Auction Was A Great Success

We would like to thank all the Sunday School classes for their generous donations of baskets to auction to raise money for our new playground. Also, a big thank you to everyone who bid on a basket. Congratulations to those with the successful bids.

Special thanks to Donna Bane for allowing this event to share time and space with her awesome Cokesbury Kids during their Spring Show. And a great big thanks to our emcee Gary Warner. We raised \$1600 towards our playground. Only \$17,000 to go. Keep those fundraiser ideas coming!

-The Playground Committee



The Cokesbury Kids finished another year of music and fun with the spring play entitled "Kings, Dreams and Schemes." The life of Daniel was examined to find a great example for modern Christians to follow. The cast and crew of the play are shown above.

T-shirt Round-up For Helping Hands!

Clean out your closets and bring clean, outgrown, unwanted T-shirts for both men and women to Cokesbury. We will have boxes marked small, medium, large, and X-large for you to deposit your donations. After two or three weeks, we will take them to Rev. Morrison when we deliver the sack lunches for the homeless on a Sunday.

We did this about two years ago, and it was very successful and much appreciated by Rev. Morrison and the recipients.

We still need more people to bring things for our sack lunches each week. If you would like to help with lunches or have other ideas for the mission area, please call Carole or Jim Krafska at 281-481-3102.

Please take time to look at the Missions bulletin board just outside of the Conference room.

Thanks, Jim and Carole Krafska

Adult Class News

Becomers (Room 252)

We are discussing "Doing Mission in Hard Times," about Revelation chapters 14-15. After completing this lesson in our study booklet, we will return to our "Point of Reference" study articles. We welcome adults of all ages.

New Disciples (Room 166)

Our class is open to anyone interested in a Bible-based discussion group. Come join us!

New Beginnings (Room 156)

The class lesson will be How to Succeed in Evangelism, led by Darrel Raines.

Omega-(Room 153-11 a.m.)

Our lesson series is on how to manage money. Sunday's lesson will be "God's Will in Finances," and the next Sunday's lesson is "The Perils of Money." Adrienne Elings is the leader for the series.

Wesley Class (Conference Room)

We are studying the book, *What Do Other Faiths Believe* by Paul Stroble.

Adult Bible Study (Room 210)

We have started the study of the Ten Mighty Acts in *Exodus*. The Tenth Mighty Act and the beginning of the move to the wilderness will be our next class. It will be led by Anne and Tom Adams.

Good News Class (Room 153)

We welcome seniors to join us.

Helping Hands

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

Third Sunday: Anna and Ray Aquilar, Lynda and Carl Detwiler, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Carol Trotter and Edna Faye Campbell, Martha Von Krigenbergh, Fran Wright and Ed and Danna Whorton.

Fourth Sunday: Jo Felts, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Pat Schurtz, Peggy Smith, Faye Stafford, Kris Wallis and Carol and Jerry Yeane.

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