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## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Julie** Northrup, **Chris** Sonnier, **Jay** Ricketts, **Tom** Hughes, **Margie** Remely, Justin Horton on the loss of his father, **Randy** Williams, **Donna** Davidson (Darrel Raines' aunt), **Garth** Sloan during his Iraq deployment and **Molly** Evans. A prayer of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Joshua Samuel Cortines, grandson of Jeb and Sherry Brooks.

Those with prayer requests for the Prayer Chain should call the church office at 281-484-9243.

## From The Pastor

"You may have already won!"

Maybe, like me, you've seen those words on a piece of junk mail. "You may have already won" - what? The Publisher's Clearinghouse? The lottery? Whatever it is, I'm pretty sure I haven't already won it. In fact, I'm positive those words are just a come-on, designed to make me part with my hard-earned money for something I don't want or need.

But if I said to you, "You have already won an invitation to a really important event here at the church" - well, you'd believe me, wouldn't you? Because it's true.

Monday night, September 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., you are invited to the first of 3 training events for a program called "Igniting Ministry." I want very much for YOU to be there.

Igniting Ministry is a program of the United Methodist church which trains churches to be more friendly and welcoming of our neighbors. It's practical, hand's-on stuff. It teaches us to create an atmosphere in which our guests feel so much at home, they can't wait to come back. And it teaches us how to invite guests to visit us in the first place.

Jan Floro, the Texas Conference Igniting Ministry trainer, will be here to lead us. We are asking each participant to pay \$10 at the door, to defray the cost of the program. We will start on time and finish on time. Child care will be available for those who request it. Please call the church office at 281-484-9243 to make a reservation for child care.

This invitation is for real. No false promises. I urge you to come and help us out to be His witnesses in all the world.

I hope to see you Monday night. Sunday morning too!



Love from your pastor,  
Sandra Smith

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## Cokesbury Members Attend "Passport to Missions" Weekend

Four members of CUMC participated in the two-day "Passport to Missions" weekend held at the Woodlands UMC September 15 & 16. Friday afternoon and evening, the participants toured the "Global Village" where information about mission opportunities was obtained. The evening supper was great with the Windsor Village Praise and Worship Team and the Adult Praise Dancers performing. Bishop Janice Riggle Huie gave the keynote address and challenged everyone there to become "Risk Takers" in our ministry.



Saturday we were blessed to take part in worship services and communion as well as be challenged again by Dr. Robert Hunt during the luncheon address. There were two workshops, morning and afternoon, that were attended plus a real workshop where Christian Alliance of Pearland delivered many large bags of rice and pinto beans and people rolled up their sleeves and bagged and sealed small bags of the rice and beans.

Information will be made available to the "Missionaries" of CUMC about the many opportunities available to all of us. Attendees were Charlene Provence, Chuck Dyrud (not pictured), and Carole and Jim Krafka who are shown in the picture with Bishop Huie. Ask one of us why Chuck was not there for the picture with Bishop Huie.

-Jim Krafka

## Children's Choir Off to Great Start

There were 26 children who attended the Cokesbury Kids first choir rehearsal on September 13. Eight of those were 1st graders! We are getting ready to sing "Jesus Met Their Needs" on October 8 at the 8:30 service. We learned about how Jesus fed the 5000 with only two fish and 5 loaves of bread. It was a great night!

We are having several fund raisers this year. With so many new ones in our choir we will need to buy another riser to ensure that all of those cute faces can be seen during our plays. The cost of music books and split track CD's have escalated this year as well. We may need to have some new choir robes made as well. So,

We are selling pocket 2006-2007 calendars. There are several covers to choose from and will be available for sale on October 1 before and after church services. They are priced at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. We will be holding breakfast/bake sales as well. Dates TBA.

Thank you all for the support you have given and continue to give to the children of Cokesbury.

-Donna Bane



## Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name

September 24--None this week  
October 1--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Floy Enochs' birthday from John and Mary Short.

## Talent Show Needs You!

Can you twirl a baton or dance a jig? Do you play an instrument or tell jokes? Can you sing or do imitations? Do you have a hidden talent? We want you! We will be having try-outs for our talent show on Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 am. We will be having a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex and in the commons area.

Our talent show will be October 14 in the evening. This show will benefit the children's playground. If you have any questions please call Jackie Glass at 281-484-6649.

## New Adult Class Begins

On Sunday, October 1, at 9:45 a.m., the Affinity Sunday School Class will begin in Room 209 (upstairs). Anyone interested in a discussion class is welcome to attend.

For now, we will be discussing, *Meet the Methodists*, from the book of that name by Charles Allen.

The dictionary meaning of "affinity" relates to camaraderie, mutual interests, compatibility, and unity. Bill Sutton will be facilitating.

## Sign up for Campers Annual Outing

Even though we skipped 2005, it's still our sixth time. This year we'll be going in the cool of the fall, October 13, 14, 15, and to a new location, Rayford Crossing RV Resort, south of the Woodlands, (Rayford/Sawdust Exit #73). It is approximately 75 minutes from here. It's a new campground with many amenities including a heated swimming pool and spa, walking trails, a library, stocked pond, game room, exercise room with commercial equipment. It is pet friendly. It has RV sites with full hook-ups, and a limited number of fully furnished cabins. It also has a rally room with kitchen facilities for table games/cards, as well as a gathering place for our meals. You can check out the campground at rayfordcrossing.com. I've obtained special group/rally rates, so see me for reservations as soon as possible, and make your deposit of one night's fee to hold your spot. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE! Call me at 281-481-8589 (or 281-684-4475) or Ed Whorton at 281-481-8553.

-Jerry Yeaney

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.

## Methodist Men Change Meeting Time

The United Methodist Men are trying something new for the next few months. We are changing our meetings from Saturday mornings to Thursday evenings. The next meeting will be held October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Topics of discussion will be the upcoming shrimp boil, ideas for the Friendship Dinner and plans for minor church maintenance.

All men of the church are encouraged to join us. If you have never had the opportunity to make a meeting because of commitments on Saturday morning, please consider trying out the Thursday evening meetings. We will serve hamburgers with all the trimmings, so plan to come to the church for food and fellowship.

- Johnny Lemaster  
UMM President



## Campers Enjoy Weekend at Lakeview

This is Ed Whorton reporting to you from Lakeview Conference Center where on the weekend of September 8-10, 2006, 26 people from Cokesbury attended a church wide weekend. There were 8 children of various ages and 18 adults. Some of the group was able to arrive Friday afternoon and others came later in the evening. A group of those who arrived early headed into town for dinner at the Cotton Patch restaurant in Palestine. We played games or talked together while awaiting late arrivals.

Saturday started with a Methodist tradition of "eating". We had eggs, bacon, sausage, and other goodies such as fresh fruit and cinnamon apple coffeecake. Fruit juice or V8 was available as well as coffee or hot tea for those of us who did not drink coffee. Emily Montalvo, granddaughter of Jerry and Carol Yeane said grace. The women prepared Saturday breakfast and the men prepared Sunday breakfast. Pancakes were the main staple Sunday along with eggs, etc. The evening meal on Saturday was potluck (another tradition). We always say that the retreat is unstructured (except for eating 3 squares a day that is). Seriously, Lakeview includes a lake, prayer trails, lots of beautiful trees and a great Lodge to meet in.

The cabins have twin or double beds with ceiling fans. One cabin even has two bathrooms and is handicap friendly via wheel chair ramps. Kitchens with a refrigerator and range are included along with a large room with furniture for sitting on and a fireplace. While there you can choose to walk the trails, play outdoor games such as horseshoes, Boche Ball and Goofy Golf. Some of us went fishing on the pier or from john or pedal boats. Four catfish were caught and largemouth bass also inhabit the lake. The bass are catch and release but are of good size and spirit and loads of fun to catch. At least five bass were caught and two of those were caught by the kids using Jerry Yeane's fishing pole.

We played board games or put puzzles together in the evening on Saturday, sat in groups to talk or read books or magazines, and some even brought crafts to work on. Sunday morning we had a church service and take a collection to support our home church. Carol Yeane explained how camp meetings originally started and told us what they consisted of and who attended. They were extremely popular in the 1800's and many men, women, and children became Christians as a result. Group singing followed the program and women's choral sang "Blessed Assurance". We closed as usual with "Seek Ye first". The aforementioned breakfast followed for those who attended church. No church, no food.

Another tradition that we always observe is one where Jerry makes an "initial" pancake for anyone who comes to Lakeview for the first time. We had nine new participants. We go to Lakeview each September and February so watch for next year's retreat. Ed Whorton, I-witness news, Cokesbury United Methodist Church. Good night and God speed!

## Thank You

Thank you Church Family for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, gifts, the thoughts of your sharing love for me and my family at the time when I fell and broke my hip. One and all I appreciate your tender care. I'm doing better - back to my apartment and doing therapy. Thank you from my heart and soul - oh let the Son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love.

Molly Evans

## Future Deadlines

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

Items to Paper	Paper Issue Date
October 2	October 6
October 16	October 20
October 30	November 3

## Men and Boys Dinner Was A Success

The Cokesbury Men's Dinner was held Friday, September 15. There were about 45 men and boys in attendance. The evening included a delicious dinner, lots of fellowship and a program. The guest speaker was Bill Read from the League City Weather Service. He shared an informative slide-show presentation followed by a question and answer time.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the women who helped in the kitchen. They are Sue Smith, Karen Akkerman, Laura Bradley, Jeanette Piecznski and Kathy Lemaster.

We hope to make this an annual event!

-Johnny Lemaster, UMM President

## Helping Hands

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

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

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

## Cokesbury Bazaar - November 3 & 4

## CDO Still Has Openings

Space is still available in our CDO Nursery (15 months to 2 years). Please contact Marcie Devine in the CDO office for more details ast 281-484-5951.



### Treasurer's Report

#### Giving for September 3

Budgeted.....	\$9,212.82
Bond Fund.....	\$495.00
CDO Income.....	\$410.00
Designated giving.....	\$2,134.00
Total Giving-Sept. 3.....	\$12,321.82

#### Giving for September 10

Budgeted.....	\$6,554.75
Bond Fund.....	\$560.00
CDO Income.....	\$5,635.00
Designated Giving.....	\$140.00
Total Giving-Sept. 10.....	\$12,889.75

#### Bank Balances as of September 16

Operating Balance.....	\$1,464.06
Bond Fund.....	\$3,735.46
Designated Fund.....	\$15,686.00
T-Mobile Account.....	\$37,598.00

Apportionments are paid through June.

Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

## By The Numbers

### September 17

Worship Attendance 8:30.....	90
Worship Attendance 9:45.....	41
Worship Attendance 11:00.....	156

Total Worship Attendance.....287

### Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper  
newsletter@cumchouston.org

## Adult Class News

### Becomers (Room 252)

We're using our new study book, "Who is God in Three Persons?" Extra copies are available for newcomers and visitors. We welcome adults of all ages.

### New Disciples (New Location-Room 208)

What's more important in our lives than family? The nature of protected family in our society is currently under attack. What does the Bible have to say about the family? What role do we play in the family of God? How can we nurture peace and faith within our homes? Beginning Sunday October 1, we will begin a new series of lessons titled, "Families in the Family of God".

This is a Bible study that covers several weeks and focuses on our individual roles within our families and what roles we play in the family of God. We'll talk about the many aspects of family life and the struggles we have to overcome in order to maintain the family. This should prove to be enjoyable and educational study and we'd like to invite adults of all ages to join us as we embark on this worship experience.

### New Beginnings (Room 156)

A new lesson series has begun on Challenging Traditional Christian Beliefs. It is being led by Darrel Raines.

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

We have begun a new study on the Sermon on the Mount.

### Wesley Class (Conference Room)

We are studying the book, *Jesus Did It Anyway*, by Kent Keith.

### Adult Bible Study (Room 210)

We will be studying Chapters 30,31, and 32 of Exodus.

### Good News Class (Room 153)

We are studying the book "Who Is Jesus?" and it is being led by Jack Kestler.