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Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Cathie Goforth's daughter (**Patricia**), **Dot** Margheim, Linda Simmons and also her mother (**Mrs. Tyce**), **Jay** Ricketts, **Donna** Davidson, **Garth Sloan** during his Iraq deployment, **Molly** Evans, **Andy** McBride, **Marian** Royster (daughter of Lou Ellington) and **Jerry** Doan (brother-in-law of Suzanne Warren). Those with prayer requests for the Prayer Chain should call the church office at 281-484-9243.

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Come to Our Talent Show

Did you know we have some wonderful home grown talent here at Cokesbury? We will be hosting a talent show Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m. We will be having music, dance and skits. The tickets will cost \$5 with popcorn and sodas available. You may purchase tickets in advance or buy at the door. Proceeds will benefit the new children's playground.

Anyone in the show will need to attend a dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions please see Donna Bane, Lotus Ricketts or Jackie Glass. The youth are also allowing us to bid on their services that evening. Do you need help cleaning your garage, baby sitting, general housework, painting and or miscellaneous chores? Do you know anyone that needs help? Come and let the youth help you out.

-Jackie Glass

UMM Shrimp Boil Is October 21

The Methodist Men will be having a Shrimp Boil on Saturday, October 21. The shrimp are boiled, seasoned and bagged. We will be selling between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 21 at the church. Even if you did not pre-order, come by and buy some shrimp. The cost of the shrimp is \$9.50 per pound.

Remember to pick up for your friends, neighbors and relatives. Funds raised will go towards the support of the church. We are asking all men to join us October 21 at 8 a.m. to assist in the cooking, weighing, packaging and distribution of the shrimp.

-Thanks, UMM

Veterans-We Need Pictures by October 22!

Veteran's Day will be celebrated at Cokesbury on Sunday, November 12. We ask that our veterans wear something from your uniform, even if it's only your hat that still fits! This year we have some special plans and we need your help.

We would also like to honor our active service men and women by displaying their pictures. If you have a family member currently serving our country, give me a picture to be displayed by **October 22**. On a separate sheet of paper, please include their name and rank, branch of service, where they are serving, your name and their relationship to you.

Of course, we have not forgotten those of you who have already served our country! We will have a "Name the Veteran" contest. Dig around in your attics and closets to find a picture of yourself in uniform. If possible, put your name on the back of the picture, or on a separate piece of paper. These need to be given to me by October 22. The guessing game will begin Sunday, October 29.

Prizes will be awarded. All guesses must be in by Veteran's Day. We will reveal the "mystery" veterans names the following week. All pictures that are received and displayed will be returned. Join us in celebration of our Cokesbury veterans in the kitchen area with punch and snacks. Contact Kathy Lemaster if you would like to help with the snacks.

-Johnny Lemaster

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name



October 22--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

October 29--The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Barbara Strong from Don Strong.

From The Pastor

Wow, the last two weeks have been amazing! We completed the 2nd of 3 training events for Igniting Ministry. The main thing we learned: hospitality is not the job of a committee. Hospitality is the lifestyle of the entire congregation. It is the job description of every single member of Cokesbury UMC to welcome our guests and make them feel at home among us. This is something you can do, and it will make a difference.

Seven folks from Cokesbury attended an Extravagant Generosity workshop sponsored by the Texas Annual Conference. We learned that churches (including ours) are continuing to use stewardship practices that worked 30 years ago -- but not today. We're going to get to work right away, communicating differently and more effectively. Good things lie ahead!

At the Leadership Luncheon, my pastor's heart was gratified by the number of folks who took the challenge of serving Cokesbury as officers and ministry team members next year. In fact, some people have already gotten started!

I have asked every leader to do the following things:

1. Pray for Cokesbury every day
2. Attend worship unless sick or out of town
3. Fill out an Estimate of Giving card on Consecration Sunday
4. Participate in at least one hands-on mission project each year
5. Take part in at least one Bible study with me in 2007.

These are not big challenges. In fact, it's what I expect of every member of our congregation. But I am thrilled that our leaders are doing just that -- leading.

Be looking for ways you can make our church healthier, happier, more generous and more welcoming. With God's help and our hard work, we will become the church God has in mind. I hope to see you at the Shrimp Boil, the Talent Show, and of course at worship!

Love from your pastor,
Sandra Smith



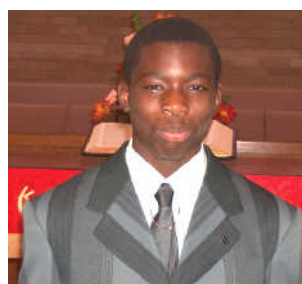
Trunk or Treating on Halloween

We will be having a family friendly October 31st. We will have booths for children to participate in fun and games starting at 6:30. At 7:30, we will start our Trunk or Treating. We will be giving an award for the best decorated trunk. Trunk or Treating will be people parking in the front of the church handing out candy to our treaters. If you have signed up to participate in Trunk or Treating or would like to, please contact me.

-Jackie Glass

Welcome Our Newest Members

Please welcome Cokesbury's newest members who joined on October 8 and are shown below. Left to right, they are Travis Demas, Marvin Lamour and Devon Garrett. They have been attending for some time and participate in MYF. We are glad they have finally made Cokesbury their official home. They are the sons of Mrs. Mary Wills.



Come Hear New Sermon Series

As we are finishing up the series of sermons on "What Methodists Believe," a new series will begin on October 15. The new series is called "Practical Christianity -- Walking with Jesus Between Sundays." The theme of the series is living the faith we talk about on Sundays the other days of the week.

On October 22, the sermon will be "Taking Jesus to Work and School." On the following Wednesday, October 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., you're invited to a study/discussion of that topic. The study will be called "More!"

It's hard to be a Christian all the time! All sorts of pressures push us to behave like the rest of the world. This is your chance to talk about those challenges with other Christians in the same spot as you are. Everyone is invited.

-Pastor Sandra

Superhero Common Grounds and Lock-in

On Friday, October 27 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., there will be a Superhero-themed Common Grounds coffee night featuring David Davis (the Youth Director at Pearland UMC) and his rockin' band! The band will perform from 9-11 p.m. This event is FREE and open to all ages. And don't forget to wear your favorite superhero costume. But please, nothing gory or too revealing. The regular coffee is free, but bring money for specialty coffees.

Following Common Grounds, the youth will be having one of our world-famous lock-ins until 7 a.m. We'll have an awesome time playing games, eating delicious food, doing some improv in our superhero costumes and just chillin' with our friends. This event is free also, so bring a few friends!

Peter Bonanno, Youth Director

Help Operation Christmas Child

Make a difference in a child's life this Christmas. Again this year, the Stafford-Wyatt circle of the UMW is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child which sends gifts to needy children around the world through Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse. Send a shoe box filled with treasures to a child who has never received a present, a child who has suffered because of war, natural disaster, poverty or neglect. This is our fourth year to participate at Cokesbury. Our goal this year is 100 boxes.

Please plan to take time to pack a shoe box (or two) or donate items on the list below. We have been told that a plastic shoe box is best as it can be useful in many ways to the child who receives it. They can be lined with a colorful bandana or t-shirt and the lid just snaps on top. These and many of the items to include in the box can be found at local dollar stores. It is important to include \$7 inside the box to cover shipping costs. Cash donations are also helpful.

Place your shoe boxes in the collection box in the narthex between November 5 and November 19. This is a fun and easy way to reach out to a child in need. It can be especially rewarding if we involve our young children in the project. Take them shopping and allow them to help choose the items and then pack the box. What a wonderful opportunity to teach about sharing God's love with those less fortunate.

How to Pack Your Shoe Gift Box

1. Find an empty shoe box or a plastic box.
2. Decide if your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts (see list below). In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may write back.
4. **Important:** Please enclose \$7 or more inside your box to help cover shipping and other costs. Checks are acceptable, payable to *Samaritan's Purse*.
5. Bring your shoe box gift to church between November 5 and November 19.

Suggested Gifts

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pad or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: Hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, etc.

Do Not Include: Used items, war-related items (toy guns, knives), chocolate or perishable food items, liquids (shampoo, lotion, bubbles), medicines (vitamins, cough drops), breakable items (mirrors, china dolls).

-Kris Wallis

Keep Pulling for Ronald McDonald House



Canned drink pull tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) on Saturday, September 23. David Pogue posed with the collection. Thanks to all who have been saving the tabs and bringing them to CUMC. David has been very active collecting tabs.

Collection cans are located in the kitchen and by the soft drink machine.

-Jim Krafka

Future Deadlines

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

Items to Paper	Paper Issue Date
October 30	November 3
November 13	November 17

By The Numbers

October 15

Worship Attendance 8:30.....	47
Worship Attendance 9:45.....	39
Worship Attendance 11:00.....	97
Total Worship Attendance.....	183

Hope Village Honors Cokesbury

The church recently received a letter saying they were honoring Cokesbury because of the donations we made to Hope Village during the last Cruzin' For Cokesbury Street Rod and Motorcycle Show in 2004. I would also encourage folks to stop by Hope Village for lunch at their Tea Room and while there check out our church's name on the Wall of Honor.

-Bob Newlin

I am happy to notify you that Hope Village has recently installed its latest group of plaques on our Donor Wall in the Village Tea Room. We are pleased to inform you that a plaque with the name of Cokesbury United Methodist Church was placed in your church's honor. Hope Village has many wonderful supporters and we count you as one of them. Thanks again for your generosity.

Sharon Prouix, Executive Director Hope Village

Can You Help?

Our existing playground could donations of outdoor toys in good condition especially riding toys, cars, trucks or any playhouse, slide or see saw. We also have need for a changing table for the women's bathroom. Should you wish to donate these items, contact Linda Garies.

CDO Has Openings

CDO still has openings in the Nursery-15 month group and 3 and 4 year olds. Please contact Marcie Devine at 281-484-5951.



Thank You

I want to thank all of the members of Cokesbury for your prayers, thoughts, calls, flowers, cards, meals, visiting me in the hospital and at home and for being the loving church family we knew we had. This was just a reinforcement of how much love and generosity is all over our wonderful church.

It helped so much to have meals brought to us when I was not able to prepare them and Mark was working such long hours. The beautiful plants and flowers have helped to cheer me when I get down. I read the cards and notes if I need a smile.

I'm getting better each day and your prayers are helping me to get there. It's a great feeling to know there are so many church family members who care for us and were there when we needed you the most. I hope I can be there for each of you if you ever need me.

In God's Love,
-Margie Remely



Treasurer's Report

Giving for October 1

Budgeted.....	\$10,573.51
Bond Fund.....	\$420.00
CDO Income.....	\$4,350.00
Designated giving.....	\$1,020.00
Total Giving-Sept. 17.....	\$16,363.51

Giving for October 8

Budgeted.....	\$6,280.70
CDO Income.....	\$900.00
Designated Giving.....	\$1,590.00
Total Giving-Sept. 24.....	\$8,770.70

Bank Balances as of October 14

Operating Balance.....	\$9,395.80
Bond Fund.....	\$4,868.57
Designated Fund.....	\$16,476.00
T-Mobile Account.....	\$37,597.60
Total.....	\$68,301.97

We are 3 months behind on apportionments. All operating bills are paid.

Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

Adult Class News

Becomers (Room 252)

Our study book is "Who Is God In Three Persons?" by John Tyson. It is guiding us through scriptures about all aspects of the Trinity. Any age adults are welcome with us.

New Disciples (New Location-Room 208)

We have started 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. 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. Join us at 11 a.m.

Wesley Class (Conference Room)

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

Adult Bible Study (Room 210)

We have started a study of the book of Leviticus based on the book by John Hartly, other commentaries and the Bible.

Good News Class (Room 153)

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

Affinity Class (Room 209)

We are discussing the book "Meet The Methodists," by Charles Allen. The class is led by Bill Sutton.