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Easter Services

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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UMM's Shrimp Boil Coming on April 14

The Cokesbury United Methodist Men will be conducting a Shrimp Boil on Saturday, April 14. You can pick up your shrimp between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the church. Even if you did not pre-order, you can still come by the day of the boil and buy shrimp.

The cost of the shrimp is \$9.50 per bag.

Remember to order for your friends, neighbors and relatives. Funds raised from this activity will go towards the support of the church.

We are asking all men to join us Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m. to assist in the cooking, packaging and distribution of the shrimp.

Thanks, UMM

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Katy** Kuhlman, **Dot** Margheim, **Silver** Richardson (grandson of Pat Richardson who is serving in Afghanistan), **Garth** Sloan, who is stationed in Iraq; the family and friends of **Carole** Stockinger on their unexpected loss, **Linda** Garies who is recovering from surgery, Rev. Dr. **Darrel** Yeane and his team of 14 as they embark on a mission trip and all of our service men and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, call the church office at 281-484-9243.

UMW General Meeting Planned

Cokesbury UMW will meet on April 10 at 7 p.m.. Our speaker will be Richard Williams and the program will be on THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Richard is a member of the Cokesbury family and will present his paintings of THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, which are displayed in the in the sanctuary. This promises to be an informative and special program. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Other Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday Service
April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - Service of Shadows
April 6, 7:00 p.m.

From The Pastor

Yesterday, I was doing some reading in preparation for Holy Week. I read a passage from a man named Marcus Dods.

He writes about the saying of Jesus from the cross, "It is finished."

We always think of this as a cry of utter sadness, or perhaps a cry of relief that his suffering is over.

But what if by "It is finished" Jesus meant that now, everything that God could do for his children is completed. Everything that could possibly be done, has been done. God's act of love for us is now complete.

Now, it's up to us. We can accept the grace of God demonstrated by Jesus on the cross, or we can reject it. But God has nothing more to do for our salvation. Jesus has done it all. It is finished.

To me, this makes Easter even more powerful and glorious than I had previously thought.

Easter is not just another act in the midst of many acts by which God has called us to himself. Easter is it! Easter is everything.

I hope you will be here to celebrate Easter Sunday at Cokesbury. There will be beautiful music, beautiful flowers, lots of happy faces. You won't want to miss it.

Remember, we're keeping to our usual Sunday morning schedule: Traditional Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 and Contemporary Worship at 9:45.

Love from your pastor,
Sandra Smith

P.S. Eighty-four beautiful children came to our somewhat soggy Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon. Many of those came because they were invited by our own children, who are their friends. Many others came because the invitation was on the sign last week. And still others came because a child in their family attends CDO. By the way, this was the first time we sent out written invitations in Vietnamese as well as English. Thank you, Children's Ministry Team and all the other folks who worked so hard to make this happen!



Vacation Bible School Date Is Set



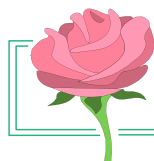
Before you plan those summer vacations, be sure to keep the week for Vacation Bible School open. Vacation Bible School has been set for:

August 6 through 10
6:00 - 8:45 p.m.

This will be a fun time for everyone in our church. The classes are for all children ages 3 to fifth grade. If you are too old to attend, that means you are old enough to help! We do need everyone to help out, even in some small way, to make this ministry a success.

Our program this year is called Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights With God. It centers around a hot air balloon theme and teaches children how to reach new heights with God through Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts and games.

For more information or to be a part of this fun event, please call Laurel Johnson (281/481-8125) or Alison Myers (281/648-9808), your 2007 VBS Directors.



Flowers

April 8- Easter Lilies

April 15- The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of Ryan & Josh on their 11th birthday, by Rob & Laura Bradley

Children's Easter Party Planned

All children from 3 years old to fifth grade are invited to attend an Easter Party during your regular Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday. We will be having a Resurrection Egg Scavenger Hunt and enjoying cake and punch. So, come join the fun, April 8, Easter Sunday, at 9:45 in the children's Sunday School Hall.

-Laurel Johnson



A repair list is on the bulletin board in the back hall. If you see items needing repair please put this on the list and date it. Thank you.

We are requesting that classes having flower beds in their name to please clean them up before Easter! This is the first impression people have of our church; we want to make it desirable for newcomers.

We want to thank everyone who came out to help with spring cleaning on Saturday March 24. People really gave 100% of their time and effort. Now that doesn't mean it's all done, a lot more could be tackled the next time, look around and see the difference we made on

Saturday. Now, we have a few piles around the church that need hauling to the dumpster. Ask Rob Bradley and he will show you. And, remember we clean and decorate the sanctuary on the Saturday before Easter. Won't you help?

-Carol Yeane, Trustee Chairman

The MYF Corner

Here's what's coming up:

April 20-22 - Junior High Breakthru Retreat weekend

April 27-29 - Senior High Breakthru Retreat weekend

May 4-6 - Beach Retreat weekend

June 3-9 - UArmy

June 15-24 - Camp Redcloud in Colorado for Senior High

June 25-29 - Lakeview camp for Junior High

July 9-13 - JUMMP

August 1-3 - Schlitterbahn!!

Peter Bonnano, Youth Director

Mother/Daughter Banquet Surpasses Last Year

Our 4th Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was held Saturday, March 31. We had a sell out crowd with 115 ladies who helped us to raise over \$3,300 for The Bridge. That is almost \$1,000 more than last year!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the day circles who helped and contributed goods, Donna Northrup who was our cashier, all of the men who helped in the kitchen and as servers, Mark Remely (who put in an 11 hour day), Jerry Yeane, our auctioneer, and all the generous and talented people who donated baked goods, silent auction items and door prizes.

Here are some interesting things we learned: Lillian LeMaster was our mom of the most children (12! Johnny is number 7); our newest mom was Allison Parker, with her daughter Anya, who is only six weeks old; Allison Richmond, Patsy's granddaughter, traveled the farthest to attend (from Colorado); and the Pace Family had the most people at their table (13 people representing 4 generations).

Everyone had a wonderful time. We invite any women who are interested in being a part of fun events such as this one to come and join the Stafford/Wyatt Circle of the UMW who meet on the third Thursday of each month here at the church. We would love to have you attend.

-Charlene Provence

Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle Update

The UMW Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met on Tuesday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. Our new member, Bobbie Barfield, was introduced. Our chairman, Linda Heinrich, was out of town so Barbara Strong led the meeting. Charlene Knox gave the program, "Women I Admire". It was very interesting. We had a delicious lunch prepared by Marie Mattiza, our hostess. Marie furnished us with a map so we could find her Country Place home. We were dismissed with a prayer.

-Billie Kestler

Brenaman Circle Meets

On April 27, twelve members of Cokesbury's Brenaman Circle and three guests met in Mary Hackward's home. Gloria Pace presented a very interesting program on St. Patrick. Afterward, to the delight of everyone, she asked her guest, Chelsea Chisholm, to sing Danny Boy. Chelsea is a former Cokesbury Contemporary Service singer and it was good to be with her again. One of our projects for this year is a program to visit shut-ins. Another project is to see that our circle does its part to expand the concepts of missions by our monetary collections. We were served a tasty lunch prepared by Mary and look forward to our next meeting. Cokesbury ladies and their guests are welcome.

-Betty Sutton

Dulin Circle Recap

The UMW Dulin Circle met on March 27 at the home of Erma Coskey with 12 members and 3 visitors attending. Ellie Melanson opened the meeting with a devotional. The program was given by Marna Seaman. The program was based on Robert Schuller's book, "Try the Be Happy Attitudes, Eight Positive Attitudes Can Transform Your Life". The program was very uplifting and enlightening. After Linda Garies returned thanks, a lovely luncheon was enjoyed by all. Thank you Erma for being our hostess.

-Jean Bonds

It's Your Time to Help with Helping Hands

The following people have signed up to help with Helping Hands for the next two weeks:

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

Third Sunday: Anna Aguilar, Lynda & Carl Detwiler, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Carol Trotter and Edna Faye Campbell, Martha Van Krigenbergh, Danna Whorton and Fran Wright.

Egg Hunt was Eggcellent

We held our annual Easter Hunt, on Sunday April 1st. We had 84 plus children attend. I believe our prayers were heard, the rain stopped and the sun did come out. I want to thank everyone for making our Eggstravaganza a wonderful success, everything from the first planning meeting to the last egg being put away. I feel very blessed to be part of such a great church community that put all their time, energy and effort into making our children and their guest feel welcomed. And now for our next event.....

-Jackie Glass

More Thanks From Trustees

In addition to the folks who helped with the cleanup a few weeks ago, some other thank-you's are in order.

Thanks to Jerry Yeane, Hap Garies, Tom Roper and the Methodist Men for installing the ornamental iron fence around the new air conditioner outside the Fellowship Hall.

Also, a big thank you to Frank Smith for cleaning the carpets in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen areas. They look much better.

-Trustees

By The Numbers

April 1

Worship Attendance 8:30.....100
Worship Attendance 9:45.....47
Worship Attendance 11:00.....148

Total Worship Attendance.....295

Sunday School Attendance..... 178



Treasurer's Report

Giving for March 18

Budgeted.....\$7,432
Bond Fund.....\$80
Youth Minister.....\$15
Designated Giving.....\$48
Total Giving for 3/18.....\$7,575

Giving for March 25

Budgeted.....\$5,784
Bond Fund.....\$125
CDO Income.....\$900
Youth Minister.....\$15
Designated Giving.....\$385
Total Giving for 3/25.....\$7,209

Bank Balances As Of March 31

Operating Fund Balance.....\$1,567
Bond Fund.....\$1,611
Designated Savings.....\$40,416
Total Cash.....\$43,594

Cash Flow

Beginning Balance 3/1.....\$44,642
March Revenue.....\$40,951
March Total Expenses.....\$36,260
Debt Ret. Principle Pay.....\$5,739
Ending Balance 3/26.....\$43,594

Apportionments have been paid through March.

-Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name

Save Time!

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

Adult Class News

Becomers (Room 252)

We are starting Andy Stanley's DVD series titled, "Go Fish - Because of What's on the Line".

New Disciples (New Location-Room 208)

We have started a new study focusing in the book of Mark. Who was Mark? What is different about his Gospel from the other three? Why does he spend half the book on the death and resurrection of Jesus? How does his message speak to us today? These and other questions are examined in this study.

New Beginnings (Room 156)

We are focusing on contemporary topics including discussions of how to be a Christian in the modern world.

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

We have started a study of current events and possible Biblical interpretations. Join us at 11 a. m.

Wesley Class (Conference Room)

We are using a Lenten Study thru Easter called "Bound for Golgotha" by Randy Cross.

Adult Bible Study (Room 210)

On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will not have class. On April 15, we will begin a new study on the Book of Numbers.

Good News Class (Room 153)

We are studying the book "Fruit of the Spirit" by Hazel Offner. This class is being led by Jack Kestler. We will not be having class on Easter Sunday.

Affinity Class (Room 209)

We are studying Christian Living Principles in 1 Corinthians. Come visit and discuss them with us.