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June 17- The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Margo and Tom Green.

New Pictorial Directory for Cokesbury

A new pictorial directory is planned for Cokesbury. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will also be an ideal outreach tool and will capture exciting activities of our church congregation.

Please participate! We ask that you have your picture taken by the Olan Mills Photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church. **For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments in the Commons before and after services at Cokesbury.** Please sign up to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

DATES/TIMES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 ~ FRIDAY, JULY 27 3:00 – 9:20 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 28 10:00 – 5:00 PM

Need reasons why you should sign up NOW for your photo?

1. You will receive a 8"x10" color photo FREE!
2. Photo and viewing in just ONE visit (should take 15-30 minutes)
3. The directory will not be complete without YOU!
4. Professional portrait – GREAT Christmas gifts!
5. YOU MUST HAVE PHOTO TAKEN TO RECEIVE FREE DIRECTORY!!
6. AVOID 'nagging' phone call!

If you have questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please contact Gary Warner (281-481-4759), Janis Shields (281-481-8023) or office (281-484-9243).

We look forward to seeing you in the directory!!

New Young Adult Group Forming

If you are "20-something or early-thirties-something," we have something new for you! Under the leadership of John and Ellen Sekumade, a new Sunday school/fellowship group is forming. The first event will be Saturday, June 16 at the Sekumade's home. It's a covered dish dinner, so plan to bring a dish of something you like. Child care will be provided at the church. If you are interested, call the church office -- 281-484-9243 for further information. Remember, single or married, kids or no kids, you are welcome!

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Jim Parsons, Clint Keith, Katy Kuhlman, Dot Margheim, Gloria Markovich, Silver Richardson** (grandson of Pat Richardson who is serving in Afghanistan) and **Garth Sloan** (who is stationed in Iraq). If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 281-484-9243.

Save A Heart



Sign up for a CPR/AED training class and you could save a heart. Our next class is Monday, June 18 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The class size is limited to 10 so sign up early to reserve your spot. Sign up sheets are located in the Commons. The cost of the class is \$20/person. This will cover the cost of your book, CD and card. Please sign up in advance to allow time to order supplies. Contact Danna Whorton for more information 281-461-6422.

-Danna Whorton

Make a Change Jars

Don't forget to return your jars of coins that benefit our Evangelism and Missions Ministries.

FROM THE PASTOR

A couple of Sundays ago, Jan Floro, Igniting Ministries trainer for the Texas Annual Conference, joined us for worship. Her mission was to present us with the 2007 Welcoming Church Award. That means we are now a nationally-recognized "Welcoming Church." When people searching for a new church home look us up on the United Methodist website, they find a special designation next to our name. This is not an award we won. This is an award we earned!

To earn this award, we had to earn at least 100 points on a list of things to be accomplished. For example, we earned points for starting a greeter ministry, establishing a guest center, hosting a greeter/usher training for our district, installing new direction signs inside and outside, giving away coffee mugs and water bottle koozies to our first-time guests, offering outreach ministries to our community, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat, developing a brochure, etc. Instead of 100 points, we earned 320 points!

We owe many thanks to our Hospitality Team, co-chaired by Craig Elings and Kay Hyle. The next time you see them, shake their hands and thank them.

But here is what's exciting to me. Last Tuesday night at Financial Peace University, I spoke to a woman who has joined that class, who is not a member of Cokesbury. I said to her, "I'm so glad you came tonight." She answered, "I didn't know what to expect when I came here. But you all have been so welcoming and hospitable that I feel right at home".

That's what the Welcoming Church Award is all about. It really has nothing to do with points we earned, or a plaque hanging on the wall.

Here's what it's about -- cultivating a culture of welcome at Cokesbury -- so much so that welcoming strangers is literally a part of our DNA.

Of course, we're not done yet. We plan to earn this award every year for the next 4 years, and that's going to take a lot of work. But we can do it, because it's for the sake of Jesus Christ and the disciples he is sending us.

We have a Welcoming Church Award -- now we have to live up to it.

On another note, I hope you will sign up for a home meeting. A number of them have been scheduled, on different days and different times, ranging from morning to evening. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex, and the next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 18. This is my chance to get to visit with you informally, to listen to what you have to say and to share with you some ideas I have. I hope you will be there!

Blessings from your pastor,

Sandra Smith



VBS Volunteers Needed



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of this fun ministry. Vacation Bible School teaches God's word to area children in a fun setting through skits, crafts, science labs, recreation and music. Last year, 103 children enjoyed VBS here at Cokesbury.

This year promises to be even bigger and we need YOU to help make it a success.

There is a sign-up table for volunteers in the commons area. Also displayed here are lists of supplies needed to make this VBS a success. There are many ways you can help, and the personal time commitment is very small. Please drop by the table and see how you can be a part of this fun ministry. You may also contact Laurel Johnson at 281-481-8125 or ljo26@sbcglobal.net.

VBS will be August 6 – 10 from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. each night.

-Laurel Johnson, VBS Director

Come Celebrate the Fourth at Cokesbury

Covered Dish Dinner--Sunday, July 1

Come celebrate America's Birthday with your Cokesbury family on Sunday, July 1. Come to the worship services and hear beautiful, inspirational, and patriotic music. Our choir will sing, the bells and band will perform, and Rev. Sandra will preach.

After the 11:00 a.m. service we will have a covered dish dinner for everyone at 12 noon. Bring your favorite covered dishes to share--chicken, barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, tasty desserts. We really want to celebrate and we want everyone to join us. This is going to be a great time to remember our country and the freedoms we have and to join our Cokesbury family in doing so!



UMArmy Has Successful Mission



This year's UMar Army was another huge success! The week's theme was how to be a "Life Saver", where Jesus is our "Life Savior" and we are life savers for those around us. And that is exactly what we were for the people of Huntsville whom we helped out by fixing up their homes, building porches and wheelchair ramps, and just being there for them to talk with. And it seemed even though we were a blessing to those in the community whom we helped, they made an even

bigger impact on us by their amazing spirit and appreciativeness! With 17 youth and adults, this was our largest group ever to participate in UMar Army, and we surely cannot wait to do it all again next year! Other churches at the camp were Atascocita, Aldersgate and Tomball. Home base was Wesley Memorial UMC on the east side of Huntsville. Ask the youth about their awesome week of service and worship! Shown in the photo are: youth (11): Will Carter, Catherine Felts, Johnny Hite, Alex Johnson, Dakota Loftin, Scott Pace, Heather Pues, Nikki Raines, Amy Rossi, Brian Sawyer and Sonya Wilson. College Assistants (2): Matt Moore and Nathan Sutton and adults (4): Peter Bonanno, Cristi Pace, Drew Pogue and Nikki Sikora. Special thanks to Tom Roper and Ed Whorton who helped drive equipment up to us and to Rob and Laura Bradley who helped organize and set up this week. And thanks to everyone else who gave of their time, resources, and energy to make this an amazing week!

-Peter Bonanno & Rob Bradley

Kids Can Enjoy Financial Peace Too

Don't forget to bring your children on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 for the Jr. Version of Financial Peace University.

-Donna Bane

Come to Book Sale

Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) will have a book bag sale the week of June 11. For \$3, you buy a bag and then can fill this bag with as many books as will fit. Come see the great buys.

Laura Bradley

Welcome to Our 2007 Confirmation Class

On Sunday, May 27, our 2007 Confirmation Class became members of the church. They are shown below with Pastor Sandra. From left to right, they are Jeremy Alan Johnson, Sarah Marie Merrill, Angela Anniel Lawrence, and Heather LeAnne Pues. Jeremy, Angela and Sarah professed their faith in Christ and were confirmed. Heather professed her faith in Christ and was baptized.



It's Your Time to Help with Helping Hands

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

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.

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



Barbeque Sale Coming Up

On Sunday June 24 the New Disciples Sunday School Class will be selling some of Bubba Chubs' world famous BBQ in support of our "talents program." We will have sliced brisket plates available with all the fixins as well as chopped beef sandwiches.

Come to church hungry that Sunday, take home some BBQ and make your mouth happy!



New Secretary Joins Cokesbury Staff

Judy Craddock is our new Church Secretary. I know you will want to stop by and meet this warm and fun addition to our Cokesbury Staff. Judy has lived in the Sagemont area since 1974. She has two children and three grandchildren. Her daughter, Jill Rea, is a new addition to our Cokesbury Nursery Staff. Her son, Jay is an attorney. Judy recently retired from Exxon/Mobil and she has also served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. She is a member of Sagemont Church where she is active in the choir and a special Prison Ministry singing group called Soul Fire. Judy has been on two mission trips: one to Guadalajara, Mexico and another to Venezuela. Judy loves working here at Cokesbury and is anxious to meet all of you.

Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle Meets

The Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met at Leda Williams' home. Linda Heinrich was in charge of the meeting. Marie Mattiza's program was very interesting. We discussed Dr. Pouzar's trip to Mexico. He plans on going unless the political situation in Mexico changes. Leda served a delicious brunch. Her homemade biscuits were a big hit. Her grandson, Beaux, was staying with her, so we had the pleasure of watching such a darling baby. Our next meeting will be at Barbara Strong's home on September 25.

Billie Kestler also reports that she had the pleasure of seeing Sara Owen-Gemoets on Mother's Day. Billie said she looks great and she asked about Cokesbury. She was pleased to have gotten 1000 votes in the past election for city council.

-Billie Kestler

Caring Ministries Organized

Our new Director of Caring Ministries, Linda Garies, is developing a systematic way of visiting people in the hospitals, as well as visiting people who cannot often leave their homes. This would include taking Holy Communion to people following the first Sunday of each month. Training will be provided. If you feel God calling you to this important ministry, please call Linda at the church office 281-484-9243.

We Are So Talented!

Boy, are we talented, even if we do say so ourselves. Check out the Talents Table in the Commons on Sunday mornings. People are doing all sorts of things to put their \$2 seed money to work. There are meals, Spanish lessons, cookies and cakes, art and more. Stop by and pick up some good stuff, and put your own talents to work.

Wanted: Memories on Film

We are planning a new pictorial directory for Cokesbury. We would like to highlight the many organizations, groups, events, and activities that make this church so special.

If you have any photographs of organizations (UMW, Choir, MYF, Scouts, and more), groups (Sunday School, UM Army, Busy Bees, 40 Days After, and more) or events and activities (plays, concerts, services, bazaar, and more), please contact Sue Smith (281-481-9175), Sherry Brooks (281-481-5968) or the church office (281-484-9243).

Note - photos can not be guaranteed to be returned.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name

Save Time!
E-Mail Your Article To The Paper or to one of the Editors
newsletter@cumchouston.org



Treasurer's Report

Giving for May 27

Budgeted.....	\$3,959
Bond Fund.....	\$15
Youth Minister Giving.....	\$75
Designated Giving.....	\$2,413
Total Giving.....	\$6,462

Giving for June 3

Budgeted.....	\$12,241
Bond Fund.....	\$495
Youth Minister Giving.....	\$15
Designated Giving.....	\$16
Total Giving.....	\$12,767

Bank Balances

Operating.....	\$1,768
Bond Fund.....	\$1,199
Designated Savings.....	\$47,113
Total.....	\$50,080

Apportionments are paid through April.
-Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

By The Numbers

June 10

8:30 a.m. Service.....	92
9:45 a.m. Service.....	55
11:00 a.m. Service.....	136
Sunday School Attendance.....	137
Total Attendance.....	283