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Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: **Stephen** Myers (Clear Lake Hospital), Linda Detiwiler (anticipating surgery), our junior high youth and their leaders at their summer mission project at JUMMP in Georgetown, **Katy** Kuhlman, **Dot** Margheim, **Gloria** Markovich, **Silver** Richardson (grandson of Pat Richardson who is back in the U. S. After serving in Afghanistan) and **Garth** Sloan (who is stationed in Iraq), and for all our servicemen and women who are serving in these areas. If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 281-484-9243.

FROM THE PASTOR

From time to time, some of you send me funny things by email, or hand them to me on Sunday morning. I always enjoy reading them. This week, I'd like to share some of those witty sayings with you:

Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is probably not for you.

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.

And, my personal favorite -- a closed mouth gathers no foot.

You're probably thinking that I'm going to tie all these sayings together in something at least vaguely religious. But hey -- it's July, it's hot -- let's just laugh a little and stay cool. Remember, God has a great sense of humor. He proved it when he created giraffes, ducks and Methodist preachers.

I hope to see you Sunday. We're going to continue this week and next to look at the letter of James. And although we're missing the choir, we'll have interesting and worshipful special music every Sunday!

Love from your pastor, Sandra Smith



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Children's Ministry and FPU Garage Sale

Children come "dump" your old treasures and both you and your parents can find some new ones!!! Children's Ministry will be having a garage sale in conjunction with Financial Peace University in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday July 21st from 8 a.m. - noon. We are asking all Cokesbury children to contribute to their future playground by donating their outgrown clothes, toys and room decor (no stained clothes or junk please!). Please drop off gently used items in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 19th or Friday, July 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We can also use several volunteers to help sort and price items or work the garage sale itself! Each Financial Peace University household will also have a table of treasures to sell. Yes, that means at ONE place on July 21st, you can shop for bargains, contribute to the playground fund as well as meet and support FPU class members (many of which are visitors to Cokesbury). For questions or to volunteer a few hours, please contact Charlene Provence at 281-464-2495 or Donna Bane at 281-326-0881.

Cokesbury Helps With Flood Buckets



Cokesbury members are helping to create flood buckets to be used following emergencies around the country or world. The buckets consist of a five gallon plastic bucket with a lid filled with items needed for basic cleanup. Some of the items include bleach, towels, sponges, scrub brush and trash bags. The complete list is on the missions table outside the narthex. Completed buckets can be returned to the church or taken to Christian Alliance on Rice Dryer Road in Pearland.

If you intend to complete an entire bucket, please let Jim Krafka know by calling him at 281-481-3102. Or you can just provide some of the items needed by placing them in the box by the table.



WELCOME

Please welcome our newest member, Jimmy Roller, who joined during the 9:45 service on July 8. Introduce yourself and make him feel a part of our church family.



Music Notes



Summer has officially begun for the Chancel and Handbell Choirs! Thanks for a "Super Spring", and we're looking forward to a Really "Fine Fall", too!

Lots of planning is currently going on for Children, Youth, and Adults in music here at CUMC, including a new Choir Chimes program. MORE to come. . . Keep reading!

In Him, *Marsh*



Blood Drive Is Sunday, July 22

The Cokesbury Summer Blood Drive will be July 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Pick out the time you would like to give your gift of life. Please call Bob or Lisa Newlin at 281-992-0938 to sign up for the time you would like to donate. The times are in 15 minute intervals starting at 9 a.m., ending at 12:45.

For anyone who attempts to give blood, your name can be entered into a drawing for a really nice BBQ grill, if you wish. Please ask the attendants about this if interested.

Be sure to sign up ahead of time to secure the time you want. Our goal for this Blood Drive is 20 units. We hope you consider being one of those contributors. Thanks.

-Bob Newlin

VBS Now Enrolling for *Lift Off*

It's time to register your children for Vacation Bible School. Our program will run August 6 to 10 from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. each night. Our program is FREE, and offered to all area children from potty trained 3 year olds to those entering the 5th grade in the new school year. Please drop by the VBS table located in the Commons to register your children for *Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights With God.*

-Laurel Johnson

Come to VBS Volunteer Orientation

On Thursday, July 19, there will be a short VBS orientation class for everyone who has volunteered their time to help with Cokesbury's Vacation Bible School 2007. At this meeting you will learn about this year's program, meet your fellow volunteers, and receive all your classroom materials. A nursery will be provided for small children. We hope to see you there, and thanks for volunteering to help with VBS 2007.

-Laurel Johnson and Alison Myers, VBS Directors



July 15-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Amanda Kay Lohec from Gran Lohec.

July 22-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Juanita Roder from Charlie, Dianne and Charlie, Jr.

New 11:00 a.m. Class Formed

A new Sunday School class has started at 11:00 a.m. The class is led by John and Ellen Sekumade. It is open to all ages. It will be starting with a study of the book *Christianity for Dummies* and will meet in the new education wing in Room 165.

MYF Corner

This week, several of our junior high youth along with adults Kris Wallis, Chudi Abajue and me are in Georgetown, Texas north of Austin at JUMMP (Junior High United Methodist Mission Project) where we will be helping with home repairs for the needy. This is a shortened version of UMARMY for the younger youth. Youth attending are Frances Carter, Andrew Parker, Melanie Thompson, Kaitlyn Wallis and Kyle Warren.

Be sure to sign up for our annual trip to Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels and enjoy the cool river water. We will be leaving on Wednesday, August 1 with a full day at Schlitterbahn on Thursday and returning on Friday, August 3 after lunch.

-Peter Bonanno, Youth Director

Talents Program Continues

We're a little more than 1 month through our Talents program. How are you doing with the \$2 seed money the church gave you? Some folks have clearly done a lot, and others of us haven't gotten started yet!

But great things are to come. Don't forget to check the Talents Table in the Commons every Sunday. New things keep popping up, and you don't want to miss anything.

New on the Talents Table -- Parents' Night Out, income tax preparation, and delicious goodies.



Don and I would like to thank our families, our Sunday School class and many of our friends at Cokesbury for the dinners, flowers, cards and phone calls during my bout with my ankle. As of last Friday, the results are great.

Sincerely,

-Don & Barbara Strong

Change in Next BBQ Date

The date for the New Disciples BBQ sale has changed. The new date is August 12. Same deal as last time, just more of it. Take your lunch or dinner home with you from church or eat it here.

BBQ plates and sandwiches will be available. All proceeds go right back to the Cokesbury coffers.

-Gary Wallis

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name

Remembering Bishop Oliphint

Bishop Ben Oliphint, who gave episcopal leadership to the Texas Annual Conference 1984-1992, died last Saturday in Houston. Known for his sense of fair play and his ability to get things done, the bishop will be remembered as a great advocate for Lakeview Conference Center, which grew and was improved upon during his term. He also led the Conference in missions and outreach to the less fortunate. His sense of humor made him much beloved among clergy and laity alike. A memorial service for the bishop was held on Wednesday, July 11 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will be in his home state of Louisiana.

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.

Thanks So Much

Thanks to all of our friends at Cokesbury and Pastor Sandra. You made our 50th anniversary a day we won't ever forget.

Our wedding vows were extra special. Having all our family and friends with us was also extra special.

Then you had a reception with cake and drink. It was all so good. You just made our day special. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all. With love.

George and Betty Biggins and Family

Thanks for the Rain Cover

The drive-through cover at the back door really came in handy during our recent spell of monsoon-like weather. Each time you get into your car without getting wet, you can thank Kathy and Johnny Lemaster who came up with the idea and funds for this needed project.

Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper or to one of the Editors

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brad9@flash.net

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Not Too Late for Directory Sign-up

Please sign up to have your family picture taken to be included in our Church Directory. Sign up sheets are located in the Commons. You will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free directory. Pictures will be taken:

Wed., July 25 thru Friday, July 27

3:00 – 9:20 p.m.

Saturday, July 28

10:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Our directory will not be complete without you. Please sign up for an appointment today. Please contact Gary Warner (281-481-4759) or Janis Shields (281-481-8023).

Cokesbury Celebrates Red, White & Blue

All decked out in red, white, and blue, members and friends of Cokesbury overflowed our fellowship hall to celebrate the Fourth of July at a covered dish dinner following the 11 o'clock service on July 1.

We had lots of great food, chicken, potato salad, baked beans, delicious salads, and tasty desserts. More tables had to be set up due to the great turnout. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Johnny Lemaster presented a program on discarding old worn out flags.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Fourth of July celebration so successful.

-Mary Short, Family Coordinator

Rainbows Along the Way-In the Beginning

Tony pushed back his chair, reached for his dinner knife and tapped his water glass. Finally the hubbub faded as he cleared his throat.

"May I have your attention, please...?" He waited till he had everyone's attention and then continued. "We have gathered here this evening to honor someone who needs no introduction." He paused to turn to the small man sitting next to him, who was just touching his napkin to his lips before he placed it beside his plate.

"Mr. Jones here has been a member of our community for just a few years, but in that short time he has made significant contributions to our town. We all know how he arrived with almost nothing, then began a small business and made it the success it is today and we all know how he's supported so many worthy community causes. But I've said enough. Now it's your turn. We're here at this testimonial dinner tonight so we can all express our appreciation."

The first speaker was the pastor of the local church who described how Mr. Jones' large donation had helped them to expand their day care for needy families. Then the director of a youth organization told how Mr. Jones' donation had strengthened their program.

For nearly an hour, there followed a series of speakers, all telling how Mr. Jones had helped. Finally, the honoree rose to speak.

"I'm overwhelmed with your response today, but I would not have been able to accomplish so much without your help and support. And to think all I had when I came here was just the clothes on my back and a paper bag containing all my worldly possessions."

Later after the dinner as the crowd thinned out and Mr. Jones was shaking hands, one young admirer had a question for him: "That bag you had when you first came to town – what was in it?"

The man shrugged: "Just my million dollar inheritance."

Mr. Jones certainly began with a great advantage, and it's the same when I start out on a God directed task – the advantage of his planning and provision. After all, when he nudges me into something new he not only has it planned but he will also provide for every need. So when I try to follow him, I lack nothing. My way is secure.

-Anne Adams

By The Numbers

July 8

8:30 a.m. Service.....	83
9:45 a.m. Service.....	46
11:00 a.m. Service.....	139
Total Attendance.....	268



Treasurer's Report

Giving for June 24

Budgeted.....	\$7,889
Designated Giving.....	\$1,224
Total Giving.....	\$9,113

Giving for July 1

Budgeted.....	\$10,210
Bond Fund.....	\$545
Designated Giving.....	\$891
Youth Minister Giving.....	\$15
Total Giving.....	\$11,661

Save That Bag for SeAM!

Please save your plastic bags. Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) needs them! The Food Pantry uses several hundred a week for bagging of clients' food. Place your bags in the big soup barrel in the church kitchen.

The pantry could use canned tomatoes and canned tuna

-Rob Bradley

Cokesbury SeAM Trustee

Bank Balances

Operating.....	\$2,953
Bond Fund.....	\$1,291
Designated Savings.....	\$46,913
Total.....	\$51,517

Apportionments are paid through April.

-Sandy Hinson, Treasurer