

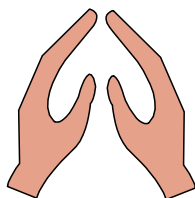
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Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers for health and healing:

Rosalie Larsen (Lois Betz' mother), **Lynda** Detwiler (who will have heart surgery Friday), **Fran** Wright and family on the death of her son David, **Ted** Heinrich who had knee surgery, **Tisha** Perez and the Hite/Williamson families in the loss of twins, **Dot** Margheim, **Ted** Palmer (Chuck Dyrud's son), **Katy** Kuhlman, **Gloria** Markovich, Charlie Roder's son, **Laura** Scott (Jean Bonds daughter) and for all our servicemen and women who are serving overseas. If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 281-484-9243.



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Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.



Come to Lay Leadership Luncheon

On Sunday, October 7, immediately after the 11:00 service you are invited to a spaghetti dinner provided by the Wesley Class. After dinner and fellowship, the Pastor will present a State of the Church Address. Cost is \$5. Then you will be given the opportunity to sign up for a service ministry you are interested in for the 2008 year. Come join us.

Pumpkinfest Features Cruizin' For Cokesbury

A moonwalk, a children's art contest, barbecue sandwiches, a concert with dessert buffet to follow and pumpkins galore -- the weekend of October 27-28 will be huge for Cokesbury! And in addition to all that, Cruizin for Cokesbury is returning by popular demand! Classic cars and motorcycles will line up for display across our parking lot, for everyone's viewing pleasure.

Events begin Saturday morning, October 27, when street rods and souped-up motorcycles line up for judging. The pumpkin patch will be open, and children from preschool on up can enter an art contest with fabulous prizes including a computer.

Kids can also bounce on the moonwalk and pick their favorite pumpkin for Halloween. Some of our own favorite barbecuers will be serving up hot, fresh chopped barbecue sandwiches.



On Sunday afternoon, October 28, there will be a concert featuring Cokesbury music groups, with "Icing on the Cake" to follow -- an array of desserts served in the Commons.

This is an weekend designed to be fun for everyone. And it is also an event designed to introduce people in our community to Cokesbury.

Be thinking about some friends you'd like to invite to Pumpkinfest. We want them to get to know us on an informal basis, and we want them to know we have a good time at our church.

In the meantime, reserve the weekend of October 27-28. You won't want to miss Pumpkinfest!

Help With Trunk or Treat on Halloween

Trunk or Treat is a fun event offered on Halloween night at Cokesbury to area children to give them a safe environment for Halloween fun. Please sign up to help in the Narthex. Opportunities to help include hosting a booth (carnival game), or decorating the trunk of your vehicle and passing out candy in our front parking lot. Last year was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. Please contact Jennifer Pogue, jcpogue@hotmail.com, with any questions.

FROM THE PASTOR

So, are you praying?

This past month, we've been talking about prayer on Sunday mornings. We've talked about our need to pray, and how prayer changes things, and how prayer changes us. We've learned a brief prayer which is both simple and powerful:

"Lord, have mercy. Thee I adore. Into thy hands." Those nine words encompass humility, love for God and submission to God's will.

We learned "breath prayer," taught to us in a little book "The Way of a Pilgrim" written by a Russian peasant. Each of us has our own breath prayer, so-called because it takes as long to pray it as it does to take a breath. A breath prayer can be as simple as "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner," or "Holy Spirit, give me the strength I need." As we become practiced at breath prayer, our lives become saturated with prayer.

This past Sunday, we talked about the times when God is silent, and our prayers are either answered "No," or "Not yet."

But my favorite of the series was two Sundays ago when we talked about "Praying Big!" If we really do believe that God answers prayer, then why do we ask for small things when we could be praying globally? Why aren't all the Christians praying for peace all around our world, confident that God will answer our prayers? Why aren't we praying for the healing of our earth? We know God can do it! Why aren't we asking him to?

Here's one reason why we don't pray big -- we know that God is most likely going to enlist our help in answering our prayers.

I want something big, and I'm asking you to join me in praying for it. I want God to fill our sanctuary with people at all three services every Sunday morning. Don't you? I'm going to pray for that every day, and I hope you will, too.

But listen -- this is a prayer that God needs our help to answer.

When we pray for God to grow our church, we must also pray asking God to give us someone to invite to worship with us. Yes, this means you!

In the next week, ask God to give you the name of someone who has no church home. Start praying for them now! In a few weeks, it will be time to invite them to Cokesbury.

You can start off small by inviting them to the Pumpkin Fest on October 27, or to Kids in the Patch on the 20th. Tell them about the shrimp boil.

Tell them about our choir (who sounded fantastic Sunday!). Tell them about your Sunday school class, our freshly painted nursery, and Disciple Bible Study.

Pray big with me! Then we'll step back and see what God can do, with a little help from us. See you Sunday!

Love from your pastor,
Sandra Smith



Support the UMM Fall Shrimp Boil

It's Shrimp Boil time again. The United Methodist Men will be boiling shrimp on Saturday, October 20. They will be taking pre-orders in the Commons Area every Sunday before the 20th. The price will remain the same at \$9.50 per package. You will be able to pick up your shrimp from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 20th. All proceeds will go towards paying apportionments. We hope that Cokesbury and the community will continue to help make this seasonal fundraiser a success. If you have any questions please call Jim Bane at 281-326-0881.



Music Notes



Chancel Choir welcomes new member Karen Akkerman and welcomes back Lotus and Jay Ricketts. Youth Choir and soloists will sing on October 14 for the 9:45 and 11:00 worship services.

An initial Christmas music rehearsal will be on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. Come out at 8:30 for breakfast.

Please welcome Teresa Mauney, our new organist/pianist who will start this Sunday, October 7 at first and last services. A great THANKS to Lois Betz for her years of service as our organist

Choirchimes are off and running. Come join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

In Him, *Marsh*

Our Pumpkins Show Up October 13!



This year, the youth are sponsoring a major fund raising event, our first ever Pumpkin Patch! The pumpkins will be arriving on October 13 and our pumpkin patch will be open every day until October 31. All money raised will support youth service ministries such as UArmy and JUMMP. The youth are also tithing 10% of the money back to the church.

This event promises to be a lot of fun. Please see Laura Bradley or Peter Bonanno to find out how you can help. The youth will need adults who are home during the day to help them run the pumpkin patch during school hours when the youth cannot be there.

We will have a huge selection of pumpkins at very good prices. So, spread the word to all your friends and family, the Cokesbury MYF Pumpkin Patch is the best place to get your pumpkins this fall.

Come Eat Fajitas at Men's Meeting

Methodist Men will have its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 6 p.m. The meal will be delicious fajitas with all the fixings prepared by Johnny Lemaster and others. Come out and enjoy the meal. We will be discussing various upcoming projects during the meeting. Please let Ed Whorton or Johnny know if you plan to attend.

SeAM Needs Volunteers

Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) needs volunteers in all aspects of its ministry to reach out to the less fortunate. Our volunteer base is getting very small. Give us a try and find out why so many of our church members currently volunteer there.

The Ministry/Food Pantry is open Monday-Thursday 10a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers to interview clients or to work in the food pantry are needed most of the days.

The Thrift Store, whose profits go to support the Ministry, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteer opportunities include sorting/pricing incoming donations or help with pickup of furniture donations. Hours to volunteer in the Thrift Store are very flexible-no time is too small.

Volunteer training will be provided. Contact Laura or Rob Bradley for more information at 281-992-2604.

Join your fellow church members who are already active in this ministry: Chuck Dyrud, Claudia Gentry, Jo Ann Gray, Carol and Jim Krafka, Anniel Lawrence, Carolyn Lofland, and Laura and Rob Bradley.

Rob Bradley-SeAM Cokesbury Trustee



United Methodist Women

General UMW meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All women of the church are invited. Day circles meet on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., except that there are no day circles in the summer or in December. A different night circle meets on the third Thursday of the month.

Busy Bees

The Busy Bees are the "crafty" ladies of the church who meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish for lunch. They "vacation" in December and do not meet the fourth Tuesday of every month, because that is the date of the Methodist Women's day circle meetings.

United Methodist Men

Cokesbury's Methodist Men meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The men always enjoy a delicious meal followed by a short business meeting. President Ed Whorton invites all men of the church to come. Our next meeting will be October 11.

Friendly Folks

The Friendly Folks are seniors from the church and nearby area who meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10 a.m. for table games and fellowship. Bring a covered-dish to share and stay for lunch. The next gathering will be October 11.

Holy Comforters

This Quilting group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. The quilts they make are called "Holy Comforters" and are taken to those who are ill, or have suffered any of the life-changing tragedies that come in life.

Thanks

You may have noticed our flower beds around the church have started looking much better. Thanks to Janis and Ed Shields who with a few other helpers have spent numerous hours digging and cleaning out the beds.

In addition, an outside contractor is starting to remove the large "palm" plants that have become overgrown and crowding out some of the smaller plants.

In Sympathy

Cokesbury extends condolences to Fran Wright and her family on the death of her son David Wright, who passed away September 21. A memorial service was held at Cokesbury on September 28.

After relocating to the Houston area, David enjoyed doing wood working and repairs. He established himself among many of the seniors in the South Belt area as the "fix-it" man. He also built several items for us here at Cokesbury.

News from United Methodist Women

Owen-Gemoets Circle

The Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met at the home of Barbara Strong with chairperson Linda Heinrich in charge.

The nominating committee needs to meet and select candidates for the circle officers for 2008.

Linda announced that on October 7, there will be a leadership luncheon at the church following the late service. All members are asked to attend.

The money that has been raised for Dr. Pouzar's Mexican trip will be turned over to Dee Pouzar.

Linda reminded us to prepare baked goods for the UMW booth at the Pumpkin Patch on October 27.

Nancy Owens gave an inspirational program and Barbara Strong served a delicious brunch. We were dismissed by Pastor Sandra.

Billie Kestler

Dulen Circle

The UMW Dulen Circle met on Sept. 23 in the home of Norma Barton with eight members present. Ellie Melanson opened the meeting with a devotional. Ellie presented the program which was a video, *Amazing Grace*, which tells the story of cherished hymns and the people who wrote them. We watched the story of "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Silent Night". Both stories were very inspirational. We will continue the video at our next meeting. Health kits were due at this meeting to be used in cases when people are forced from their homes without the bare necessities. A lovely luncheon was served by Norma and enjoyed by all. We look forward to having those unable to attend with us next month.

-Jean Bonds

Save Time!
E-Mail Your Article To The Paper
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Visit An Adult Sunday School Class

All classes meet at 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise shown:

- Adult Bible Study (Room 210)
- Affinity Class (Room 209)
- Becomers (Room 252)
- Good News Class (Room 153)
- New Disciples (Room 208)
- New Beginnings (Room 156)
- Omega (Room 153-11 a.m.)
- Wesley Class (Conference Room)

By The Numbers

September 30

8:30 a.m. Service.....	97
9:45 a.m. Service.....	41
11:00 a.m. Service.....	165
Total Attendance.....	303

Flower Correction

The September 23 flower dedication should have listed the dedication as:

To the glory of God and in memory of my Great Great Uncle Lucius Featherstone by John Hoover.

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:

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

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

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.