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Prayer Corner

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

Bobbie Barfield, who has suffered a stroke while visiting her daughter in Florida, **Linda** Garies, who is undergoing tests, **Jim** Parsons (home from the hospital), **Hap** Garies, Lois Betz' granddaughter (**Olivia**), who is struggling with kidney problems, **Beverly** Crouch, **Lynda** Detwiler, **Dollie** Philpott, **Dot** Margheim, **Katy** Kuhlman, **Mildred** Lohec, Jean Dawson's mother (**Virginia** Herminghuysen) who is ill in a nursing home, **Gloria** Markovich, **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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Advent Activities Announced

The Advent season is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for these fun events:



Saturday, December 1 - Starting at 9:00 a.m. we will be decorating the church. There are trees to decorate, wreaths to put up, and a sanctuary to clean and ready for Advent. Around noon we will order pizza for lunch. And at 1:00 p.m. the fun will continue with family gingerbread house decorating.

Prepare your gingerbread in a loaf pan. Bring sprinkles and candy to share. The icing will be provided. Photographs will be taken of each family with their gingerbread creation.

Sunday, December 2 - Advent season will begin this morning. At 5:30 p.m. We will have a covered dish soup and sandwich supper. Bring your favorites to share. Then around 6:15 p.m. we will take part in the service of Lessons and Carols. After the service, we will sample your delicious desserts and enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.

This is just the beginning of the season! There is more to come.

-Danna Whorton

Dot Margheim Honored



Dot Margheim was presented a United Methodist Women's lifetime membership pin at the 11:00 service on Sunday, October 21, for her dedication not only to the UMW through the years, but also to the church as a whole. She is truly a living example of daily Christian living. Dot is pictured above flanked by her daughters Sherry and Sylvia. We love you Dot!

-Nancy Owens, and the UMW Gals



November 18-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of David by Jim & Peggy Smith.

November 25 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Hackward by the Hackward, Boone and Michalak Families.

The **2008 Flower Calendar** is now available. It is located in the Narthex. Pick up the envelope for the Sundays that you select. Instructions are included in the envelope.



FROM THE PASTOR

At last Sunday's children's message, I asked the boys and girls what kind of bait we would use if we were hoping to catch people instead of fish. This was, of course, in response to Jesus' request of Simon, James and John that they turn from catching fish to evangelizing the world.

The children's answers were many and varied. "Money!" "A peanut butter and jelly sandwich!" "A Barbie!" "A two-story house!" "Video games!" "A dog!" Everybody had a different idea of what might entice people to bite on the hook.

But the truth is, the bait attractive to people is very simple. People need to see how the Lord is at work in our lives. Then, they can experience for themselves how God's love can enter in their lives and bring about wonderful, powerful, joyful, life-affirming changes.

The more I read the paper, watch the news on TV or drive around the neighborhood of the church, the more I realize how desperately people need Jesus. No one can manage life alone. We need the strength, courage and hope that are gifts from God. As the old song goes, "People need the Lord."

I hope that you will be bold for the sake of those around you this week. I know that some of the people you will encounter at the store or the barber shop, at work or at a party, at a family gathering or at the drugstore, need to hear some word of encouragement, need to experience an act of kindness, that will point them towards God.

You are just the person to make that happen.

I hope to see you Sunday! Between now and then, I will be praying for you and for Cokesbury. I know you will be, too.

Blessings to you all,
Sandra Smith



Street Dance & Karaoke

Mark your calendars and come out to a FUN time for the whole family:

Friday, November 16
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Front Parking Lot at
Cokesbury UMC

We will dance and sing Karaoke to the sounds of our own DJ, Eddie Seman of Acme DJ's. There will be food and drinks and other interests available. If you do not plan on dancing all night, bring your lawn chair and tap your foot to the music. Come on out and bring your friends and neighbors. Please contact Jerry Yeaney, 281-481-8589, with any questions.

-Jerry Yeaney



Music Notes



Youth Choir All members of our youth choir need to attend our next Sunday rehearsal. We will be singing during the December 2 Lessons and Carols service that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thank you!

Great job! The **Children's Choirs** and the **Men's Chorale** did a wonderful job on Sunday, November 11.

Our **Handbells** will play "Pedalpoint and Passacaglia" on Sunday, November 18, during the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

The **Chancel Choir** continues to prepare Christmas music. Come and sing with us!
In Him, *Marsh*

Pumpkin Patch Postscript

Thanks to everyone who helped with any part of the Pumpkin Patch and made it run so smoothly. It was a large first-time activity but thanks to all who helped, it was very successful. We unloaded about 1,700 pumpkins, which came in two trips from New Mexico. Of these 1700, we sold about 1,000. This resulted in about \$2,500 in profit going to the MYF to help with 2008 activities. A tithe of \$250 or 10% will be given back to the church.

After the sale was over, we boxed up and sent to the Houston Food Bank about 400 that were still in good condition. At the Food Bank, they were given to area food pantries to help the needy. By placing a sign on our marquee about free pumpkins, we gave several hundred of the remaining pumpkins that were of lesser quality. Many of the the people taking them were using them for immediate cooking or were going to harvest the seeds. As a result, we did not throw too many in our dumpster.

-Laura Bradley for MYF

Veteran's Day Dinner was an Honor for All

This past Sunday the youth honored our veterans and their families with a spaghetti dinner and they in turn blessed us by sharing their amazing military experiences and life journeys with us. The youth are extremely grateful to have had our veterans share their stories of courage and bravery and to have them as wonderful examples of sacrifice here at Cokesbury. We want to thank everyone for coming and helping to make this a night we will not soon forget.

Upcoming Events:

On Sunday November 25th the youth will be going to a concert featuring the rock band Spur 58! We will be meeting at church at 6:00 pm and return around 9:30 pm. So be sure to eat dinner before y'all arrive. Tickets are \$5. The concert will be at Gateway Community Church in Webster.

-Peter Bonanno

Thanks to 2007 Mowing Crews

Please give thanks to all of the people on our 2007 mowing crews that helped keep our property mowed and edged:

Carroll Kuhlman and Wendell Sullivan
Ed and Janice Shields
Suzanne, Doug and Kyle Warren
Rob and Laura Bradley

It is estimated having our own mowing crew saves the church well over \$10,000 per year. Consider volunteering next year to help with this worthwhile service to our church. Volunteering to help just once or twice would be very helpful.

-Trustees

Church Building Use Policy

This article is a first of a planned series of articles listing the Building Use Policies and Procedures Manual recently completed by the Trustees. The complete manual can be seen on the church web site (cumchouston.org) using the Documents tab and the document Trustees Building Use Policy. A copy is also kept in the Church Office.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
Building Use Policy and Procedures
Effective January 1, 2007

1.1 Purpose of Policy

The facilities of Cokesbury United Methodist Church are primarily for the use of its members for the purpose of ministry. Ministry, as defined by the church, must:

- *Fulfill one or more purposes of the church as stated in scripture (Celebration, Evangelism, Nurture, Transformation and Service).
- *Meet an identified need.
- *Be directed by leaders willing to participate in church-led training that equips them to lead their ministry effectively and to its fullest potential.

This document:

- *Describes the definitions of groups who may use the facilities.
- *Defines the Board of Trustees policy on the use of church property.
- *Defines the procedures for scheduling use of the facilities.
- *Identifies the responsible persons assigned to the various areas of the church covered by the Building Use Policies and Procedures

These policies and procedures will be reviewed every three years or earlier if warranted. The Trustees will appoint a sub-committee consisting of Trustees to review this document every three years or earlier if warranted.

Policies and Procedures for the following are contained in this document:

- *Building Use
- *Kitchen Use
- *Keys
- *Fee Schedule

Wedding policies and procedures are covered in a separate document.

1.2 Definition of Groups

Church Ministry Groups: Program and administrative groups that are under the auspices of the Church Council and Church Staff.

Church Sponsored Groups: Outside groups and support groups whose sponsorship by the Church has been approved the Church Council (for example, Scouts, UM Army, AA, etc.)

Non-Church Groups: Groups that are not covered by the above definitions. The program or activities must be suited to the available facilities and must be of a religious, educational or civic nature. All non-church groups must be approved by the Trustees.

Church Member: Personal use of the facilities by a church member (parties, etc.). To qualify as a member in regard to this policy requires a minimum of six month's active membership.

To be continued in future issues.....

In Our Community



If you went to the Veteran's Day Tribute held at Stuchbery Elementary School you would have been proud of not only our veterans, and the students, but also of our church. Of the seven veterans who spoke at the event, five of them were members of Cokesbury. Jack Kestler, Jim Smith, Ed Shields, Don Smith, and Jerry Yeaney all spoke to the children about their experiences in serving our country with the U.S. Army. I was not only impressed with what they had done in World War II and the Vietnam War, but also with what they continue to do today. Thanks guys, for representing our country, our community and our church so well. Pictured above is Jerry Yeaney.

A Note of Thanks

To our friends at Cokesbury,
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and the delicious food. I know now why God put us in this community. You are all just the greatest.

-Maymie DuBard

Thank You from the Botkins

Bill and I would like to thank everyone in the church who sent cards, letters, prayers, home and hospital visits and provided meals during my recent surgery. I am recovering slowly and cannot wait to see you all in church real soon. Thank you all again for you are truly "the children of God".

Love,
-Linda and Bill Botkin

In The Spirit of Giving

October 28 Offering

General.....	5,406.50
Bond Fund.....	25.00
CDO Tuition.....	830.00
Designated.....	266.16
Coke Machine Income.....	150.00

Total Offering.....6,677.66

November 6 Offering

General.....	10,655.26
Bond Fund.....	130.00
CDO Tuition.....	3,272.50
Designated.....	431.55
Permanent Endowment.....	75.00
Memorials.....	375.00

Total Offering.....14,939.31

-Gloria Hurley, Financial Secretary

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 & Raymond Aquilar, Edna Faye Campbell, Lynda Detwiler, Jo Farris, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Jim Roller, Carol Trotter, Martha Von Krigenbergh, Danna Whorton, Patsy and Allen Womack, and Fran Wright.

Fourth Sunday: Jo Felts, Nancy Hensley, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Thank Le, Peggy Smith, Faye Stafford, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis and Carol & Jerry Yeaney.

By The Numbers

November 11

8:30 a.m. Service.....	105
9:45 a.m. Service.....	53
11:00 a.m. Service.....	184
Total Attendance.....	342

Save Time!

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