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## Prayer Corner

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

**James Warner, Lois Carter** (mother of Mark Carter who is recovering from cancer surgery), **Sherion Kissiar, Charlotte Davis, Dollie Philpott, Dot Margheim, Katy Kuhlman**, the **Leftwich** family on the death of Kevin, parents of Theresa Mauney, **Mike Boessling, Louise Singleton** (mother of Carolyn Breathed) 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.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Today at the covered dish lunch following worship, we got to be in the presence of an artist.

This artist can create anything. She uses colors freely. She literally blows the breath of life into her creations. Her name is Lauren, and she is a balloon artist.

At the request of the people clustered around her, Lauren created a dolphin, several penguins, flowers, a duck-billed platypus wearing a fedora, a pig, a cat, a dachshund, a "crabbit," which is a combination of a crab and a rabbit, and an amazing mermaid.

On my desk at this moment is a two-toned octopus blowing bubbles and holding, in one long tentacle, a hot dog in a bun with mustard and ketchup -- all made of long, skinny balloons.

Time ran out before Lauren could make an Eiffel Tower, a stingray or a butterfly. I was so disappointed -- we must have her back again!

As I admired her creativity and her skill, I thought about the amazing way that God gives unique talents to each person. Some people are fabulous homemakers; others can work with wood, make music, give stirring speeches, invent motors and engines and things that fly, roll, crawl or climb.

Other folks are gifted at teaching, organizing things, writing, building things, fixing plumbing or repairing things that break. And still others can paint, compose symphonies or praise songs, manage money wisely, create beautiful quilts and other fabric art, or make fascinating things out of balloons.

How wonderful that God gave us all such amazing gifts!

But no gift from God is meant for one person alone. Every single gift is meant to be shared generously with others.

This week, I hope you will use one of your God-given gifts to help somebody else. Believe me, someone can benefit from what God has given you. That's why God gave it to you -- it's not for your pleasure alone.

Gifts are meant to be shared.

And if you happen to bump into Lauren, ask her to make you a mermaid with highlights in her hair. It will make you smile.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Love from your pastor,  
Sandra Smith



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## Mother Daughter Banquet Announced

The Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle would like to invite all ladies of the church to a Mother/Daughter Banquet to be held **Saturday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.** This annual event is a benefit banquet that supports The Bridge, a Pasadena shelter for women and children who are escaping domestic violence.

This year's theme is *Memories*. Come out and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun as we all share memories of our moms and daughters. There will be games, door prizes, and lots of shopping opportunities at our silent auction. In addition, Savannah Lohec and Heather Pues will provide live musical entertainment. Tickets prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale in The Commons on the following Sunday's: April 6, 13 and 20.

If you are able to donate new, unused items for the silent auction please contact Charlene Provence or simply label them MDB and drop them off in the kitchen.

So, grab your mom, daughter, or an honorary mom or daughter and join us for an evening of fun that also supports the women and children of The Bridge.

## UMW General Meeting

The UMW general meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a covered dish salad dinner. Please bring a salad. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. The program will be given by Linda Garies. All ladies of Cokesbury and friends are invited to attend. Please note the change of time to 6:30. Join us for prayer and fellowship.

## UMM Monthly Meeting

The Methodist Men will meet on Thursday April 10 at 6:00 p.m. for our monthly dinner meeting. All men are invited to join us for food and fellowship as we seek to serve our local congregation.

## UMM Shrimp Boil is Heating Up

The semi-annual Methodist Men's shrimp boil will be held on **Saturday, April 19**. We will begin pre-selling the shrimp on Sundays between March 30 and April 13 in the Commons. If you wish to help with the shrimp boil, please join us at 8:00 a.m. on April 19. The shrimp will be ready for pick up between the hours of 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on April 19.

-Ed Whorton

## By The Numbers

March 30

8:30 a.m. Service.....90  
9:45 a.m. Service.....n/a  
11:00 a.m. Service.....133

## Thank You from the Blood Center

Thank you for coordinating the March 30 blood drive at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. Your efforts and support of the Commit for Life program are greatly appreciated.

Commit for Life allows us to partner with the community to provide a safe and adequate supply of blood and blood components. Our mission to save and sustain lives could not be fulfilled without you.

You may be interested to know that 21 donations were collected at your drive. Because each donation can save up to three lives, as many as 63 lives will be saved as a result of your contributions.

-Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

## Preschool Registration Opens

Cokesbury's Early Childhood Development Program (ECDC) will soon be accepting early registrations for the fall. If you are the parent of a preschooler, be on the alert! We have a super program, and our children love to come to school.

## Come See Sister Sara

Our former pastor, Dr. Sara Own-Gemoets or Sister Sara, will be doing a book review of *Marie Antoinette*, by Antonia Fraser. This review is sponsored by the United Methodist Women of First Methodist Houston. The church is located at 1320 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002. The event will be held Saturday, April 12 from noon until 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Please make reservations by April 7 by emailing Susan Gallman at [susangallman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susangallman@sbcglobal.net) or by calling Jane Thompson at 281-499-2100.

## Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and human-kind in Jesus' name.



**April 6**-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of George E. Ellington by Lou Ellington.

**April 13**-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Perry V. Warren by Doug, Suzanne and Kyle Warren.

Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper  
[newsletter@cumchouston.org](mailto:newsletter@cumchouston.org)



Deadlines for registration for UMARMY, JUMMP, and Lakeview are April 6. If you do not have your registration form, please contact Laura Bradley.

UMARMY is scheduled for the week of June 15-21. We will be going to Bay City this year.

JUMMP will be held the week of July 14-18.

Lakeview camp is for children who have finished 4th grade through those entering the 9th grade. It will be the week of June 9-13.

An overnight girls' camping trip to Brazos Bend has been planned for May 9 and 10.

The Beach Retreat in Galveston is May 16-17. Sign-up is on the bulletin board.

-Laura Bradley

## 2008 Cokesbury Leadership Roster

\* Indicates Church Council member

*Lay Leader	Don Smith
*Chair of Church Council	Gary Warner
Vice Chair of Church Council	Jerry Yeane
Secretary of Council	Marlette Reed
*Lay Delegate-Annual Conference	Jim Krafa
Lay Delegates representing South District	Hap Garies, Linda Garies, Carol Yeane, Jerry Yeane

### Administrative Committees

#### Finance Committee

*Chair of Finance Committee	Carol Barber
*Treasurer	Hap Garies
*Assistant Treasurer	Lou Ellington
*Financial Secretary	Gloria Hurley
*Stewardship	Adrienne Elings
*PPR Representative	Gary Wallis
Members at Large	Gloria Pace, Bill Sutton, JoAnn Koontz, Jon Akkerman, Suzanne Warren

#### Trustees

*Chair: Johnny Lemaster <b>2008</b>	Vice Chair: Tom Roper <b>2009</b>	Secretary: Lois Betz <b>2010</b>
Kathy Lemaster	Steve Provence	Johnny Lemaster
Tom Roper	Ray Aquilar	Lois Betz
Chuck Dyrud	Jerry Yeane	Janis Shields

#### Staff Parish Relations Committee

<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Dana Marek	Carol Yeane	Amanda Lohec
Darrel Raines	Gary Wallis	James Warner
Jay Hyle	Jim Bane	Diane Hawkins
*Chair Gary Wallis	*Lay Leader-Don Smith	

#### Committee on Lay Leadership

<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Carol Yeane	Sue Smith	Tom Adams
Gary Warner	Dean Hebbel	Jon Akkerman
Charlene Provence	Carolyn Lofland	Craig Elings
Chair: Rev. Sandra Smith	*At large member, Lay Leader: Don Smith	

#### Memorial Fund Committee

Chairperson	Lou Ellington
Trustee Representative	Finance Committee Representative
Pastor	Rev. Sandra Smith

#### Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

Chairperson	Jeb Brooks
At Large Representatives	Carole Krafa, Mary Short, Charlotte Davis

#### Early Childhood Development Center Board (term runs through June 2008)

Director	Marcie Devine
*Chairperson	Suzanne Warren
Staff Parish Relations Representative	Parent Representatives
At large	Charlene Provence, Kathy Lemaster

## 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:** Karen Akkerman, Jean Bonds, Charlotte Davis, Gloria Hurley, Sandy Lawrence, Laura Morgan, Lotus Ricketts, Winnie Smith, Sandra Smith, Sharleta Vochoska and Carmen Wilhite.

**Second Sunday:** Patti & Dennis Akkola, Linda Garies, Theresa Graham, Margo Green, Laurel Johnson, Billie Kestler, Carolyn Lofland, Herb Parker, Cathy Pleasants, Charlene Provence and Lois Seeley.

## UMW Meeting Recaps

The Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met at the lovely home of Leda Williams on Tuesday, March 25. Ten members attended. Leda served us a delicious breakfast. Nancy Owens presented the program. Nancy read an article from the Methodist Reporter about Rev. Nellie Greene and she also read us an article from the internet on planting a spiritual garden. After the program we discussed Easter services that we had attended and then we visited. Our next meeting will be on April 22.

-Mary Short

Ten ladies came in out of the windy March chill to a warm Brenaman Circle meeting hosted by Katie Kuhlman. The program was presented by Lois Seeley. She gave readings from her potpourri of writings she has collected for many years including a sermonette by Dr. James Moore, items from Dear Abby columns and several church newsletter's bloopers. She read excerpts from the book written by Yitta Halberstam and Judy Leventhal called *Small Miracles*. After our business meeting we enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

-Betty Sutton

### Program Committees

#### Ministry Coordinators

*Caring Ministries	Linda Garies, Staff
*Superintendent of Sunday School	Vacant
*Youth Coordinators	Christi Pace, Laura Bradley
Children's Ministry Team chairperson	Alison Myers
*Nursery Team	Vacant
*Disciple Bible Study Chairperson	Jim Kunkel
*Older Adults Representative	Jack Kestler
*Family Ministry Chairperson	Jennifer Pogue
Blood Drive	Lisa and Bob Newlin
Pastoral Care	Marlette Reed
Church Historian	Marna Seaman
*United Methodist Men President	Ed Whorton
*United Methodist Women President	Jean Bonds
Courier Editors	Rob Bradley, Laurel Johnson
SeAM Trustee	Rob Bradley
Member Care	Carolyn Breathed, Dee Pouzar

### Worship Team

*Chairperson	Carolyn Lofland, Janis Shields
Communion Steward	Doug Warren
Ushers	Carolyn Lofland
Acolytes	Jeanette Piecznski
Paraments	Carol Yeane
Flowers	Danna Whorton
Contemporary Service Representative	Vacant
Sound and Media	Jim Krafa
Wedding Coordinator	Kay Hyle
Music Staff	Marsh Hudson
At Large	Theresa Graham
Pastor	Rev. Sandra Smith

### Publicity Team

*Chairperson	John Mingus
At large:	Jim Bane, Danna Whorton, Jon Akkerman, John Hoover, Ed Whorton, Hap Garies, Bob Newlin

### Children's Ministry Team

*Chairperson	Alison Myers
At large:	Charlene Provence, Anna Aquilar, Laurel Johnson, Linda Hite, Sandy Lawrence, Hiedi Janiga, Donna Bane

### Hospitality Team

*Chairperson	Annie Lawrence
At large:	Jerry Yeane, Misako Herring, Lori Marshall, Gloria Pace, Linda Simmons, Jean Foltz, Sue Smith, Lisa Newlin, Jo Callaway, Charlene Knox

### Missions Team

*Co-chairpersons	Jim Krafa, Carole Krafa
At large:	Chuck Dyrud, Bill Sutton, Peggy Smith, Charlene Provence, Faye Stafford, Betty Sutton, Annie Lawrence



Thank you for the food, cards, prayers and the lovely comforter. Bless you.

-Mary Louise & James Warner

