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UMW General Meeting

Cokesbury United Methodist Women will meet on May 13 at 7:00 at Cokesbury. The program will be presented by Marna Seaman. Marna will give the history of Cokesbury UMW. Being a charter member, she was on the "ground floor" of the beginning and the circles which started as Hope and Faith and how the circles were renamed. This should be most interesting and for many of us, nostalgic.

All ladies of Cokesbury are invited to attend. We invite you to join us for prayer and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

-Jean Bonds



May 4-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lillian Lemaster's birthday by Johnny and Kathy Lemaster.

May 11-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Grandpa Jack Buice's birthday by Larry, Amanda and Savannah Rose.

Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper
newsletter@cumchouston.org

First Sunday Food Drive

The Missions and Outreach Committee at CUMC is sponsoring the collection of non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month. All food items collected will go to Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM).

105 Pounds of food was collected on February 3rd. 103 Pounds of food was collected on March 2nd. 206 Pounds of food was collected on April 6th.

Thanks to all of you, Cokesbury is really helping to make a difference!

For the 1st Sunday of May, May 4th, 2008, the biggest needs at SeAM are still cans of corn and cans of green beans, however any non-perishable food items will be appreciated.

-Jim Krafa

Prayer Corner

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

The family and friends of **Ryane** Sheffield who is recovering from a serious infection, **Sherion** Kissiar, **Charlotte** Davis, **Dollie** Philpott, **Katy** Kuhlman, **Denise** Agema (Katy's Daughter) who starts cancer treatments this week, parents of Theresa Mauney, Anniel Lawrence's father, 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.



Welcome New Members



We are delighted to welcome Chris and Maria Sisemore and their daughter Marissa into our congregation! They are already professing and baptized Christians, and they are transferring their membership to Cokesbury from a sister congregation. Welcome!

By The Numbers

April 27

8:30 a.m. Service.....	81
9:45 a.m. Service.....	40
11:00 a.m. Service.....	144

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

FROM THE PASTOR

Sometimes the best-laid plans go astray.

A Christian author and speaker, Thomas Long, writes about a time when this statement came all too true.

He was invited to a fairly large church to serve as worship leader for a special Sunday night communion service. The church staff had planned this event to be educational as well as worshipful. The idea was that, first, the congregation would gather in the sanctuary for a brief talk about the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Then everyone would be invited into the fellowship hall and be seated around tables for the service itself.

At each table there would be the flour and other ingredients to form the dough for the communion loaves. The plan called for each table to prepare a loaf, and while the loaves baked in the church kitchen, the people at each table were to engage in various exercises designed to get them talking about their faith.

It sounded like a great idea -- but so many things look so much better on the drawing board than they turn out in reality!

There were problems. Children at many of the tables began to play with the baking ingredients, and white clouds of flour floated around the room coating everybody and everything. There were delays in the kitchen, and the communion loaves baked with agonizing slowness.

Some of the tables ran out of things to say; children grew weary and fussy, and the room was filled with commotion and restlessness.

The planners had dreamed of an event of excitement, learning and moving worship. What they got was noise, exhaustion and people trying to make the best of a bad situation.

Finally the service ended. The speaker pronounced the benediction: "The peace of Christ be with you all."

From the back of the room, a child's voice answered, "It already is!"

As everyone joined in the general laughter, the words were suddenly true. The mess of the evening was redeemed.

Remember when Jesus suddenly appeared among the disciples on Easter? He walked through a locked door and said, "Peace be with you!"

And it was.

The disciples' fear and anxiety vanished as if it had never been.

The peace of Christ was among them.

Jesus does not give as the world gives. When he gives a present, he never takes it back.

So -- the peace of Christ be with you! In the midst of what may be the mess of your life, peace be with you.

But I don't have to worry, do I? It already is!

Hope to see you Sunday!

Love from your pastor,
Sandra Smith

Happy Birthday To Us!

It's almost our birthday!

Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, is the birthday of the Church. On that day, a group of scared disciples were transformed into a band of bold witnesses to Jesus Christ.

This year, Pentecost comes on Sunday, May 11. We will celebrate Mother's Day that day also, and the Confirmation Class will join the church at the 11:00 service.

We would like to invite everyone to wear bright "flame" colors, such as red or yellow, to help us remember that when the Holy Spirit came down, what looked like flames of fire danced on everyone's head.

And in honor of those flames, please bring a red, yellow, orange, blue or purple candle (with holder) to place on the altar table. We want our church to look alive with the Spirit!

UMW To Give Dot Margheim Scholarship

The United Methodist Women of Cokesbury in honor and memory of Dot Margheim are presenting a \$500 college scholarship to a deserving student who attends Cokesbury.

If you will be enrolled in college in the fall of 2008, you may apply for this scholarship. Submit a 100 word essay (no more please) telling why you deserve this scholarship.

Address this essay to Cokesbury United Methodist Women. Please give it to the church secretary or Pastor Sandra by Friday May 16, 2008. Notification of the winner of the scholarship will be made in June.

-Mary Short



Youth Sunday is this Sunday. Any one with a speaking part or participating in the message needs to be at the church by 7:45 am.

We will be going to the YMCA on Sunday evening (May 4) for MYF to celebrate a successful Youth Sunday. Be at the church at 5:30 with your YMCA

permission slip signed by your parent. We will return at about 8pm. If you did not get a permission slip last Sunday get one Sunday morning or have your parent ready to sign one when they drop you off.

An overnight girls' camping trip to Brazos Bend State Park has been planned for May 9 and 10. We will be back on Saturday night in time for you to spend Sunday with your mother on Mother's Day.

The Youth Beach Retreat in Galveston is May 16-17. We will leave on Friday night and return Sunday morning near noon. We will be staying both nights at Moody Memorial Methodist Church just a few blocks from the seawall. Sign-up is on the bulletin board.

-Laura Bradley

Remembering Dot

Dorothy (Dot) Margheim entered heaven's gates on Sunday night, April 13, 2008. We are sure that all the stars were shining and angels wrapped their arms around her welcoming her home. Dot was 88 years of age.

Dot was a very wise person. I don't think any of us could ever pretend with her because Dot knew us so well. If she said something, we knew that it was just. Dot could have so much fun! She could also be very serious. Dot accepted the pleasant and the not so pleasant part of life with the very same attitude of integrity and willingness to go forward with the life that God gave her. She had cancer for 16 years, but Dot never complained. Dot knew that she was dying these last eight months. She showed us all how to die with God's love and grace.

Many of us are blessed to have some of her beautiful handiwork. Dot sewed and crocheted. The Busy Bees truly enjoyed her membership and her wit. Cokesbury has many wonderful cooks. Dot was among the best. Her Mac and Cheese could have won a blue ribbon at any Mac and Cheese Contest. However, Dot would want me to tell you that Peggy Smith's and Gloria Hurley's Mac and Cheese could win blue ribbons also. Dot was fair.

Our friend, Dot, was generous. She gave of her material goods, time, talents and service to Cokesbury's ministries. She was a faithful member of the Good News Sunday School class and the United Methodist Women.

She loved and praised her family. Sherry and Jeb Brooks and all the other members of Dot's family were so blessed by her and she by them.

We all have our own memories of Dot. She was warmth like sunshine when we shared our joys and tribulations with her.

We will remember her warmth, her attitude of integrity, her wit, her wisdom, her patience, her strength, her many acts of kindness, her love of family and friends and God and her church.

We at Cokesbury were so blessed to have had Dorothy Georgie LeBlonc Margheim in our midst. We thank God for her. Heaven is now rejoicing. Our Dot has joined the angels.

News from the UMW Day Circles

Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle

The Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met at the lovely home of Peggy Smith on Tuesday, April 22. Fourteen members attended including one new member, Sherion Missiar. We are so happy that Sherion joined us!

Nancy Owens, Chairperson, presented the devotional. Gloria Pace then presented a wonderful program on Joy. After the program, we had a business meeting and then enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon and chocolate creme pie.

Brenaman Circle

Our chairwoman Donna Northrup opened our meeting on April 22 with 10 ladies attending. Billie Kestler, our hostess, brought the devotional. Jackie Leftwich presented a program on the subject of faith taken from *Apples of Gold* - writings compiled by Jo Petty. She also gave a reading from *The Upper Room*. Led by Debbie Carter the circle discussed a new and different way for the CUMC UMW to fund our causes. After a great lunch and fellowship the group broke up for another month.

Dulin Circle

Eleven members of the Dulin Circle met at JoAnn Knoontz's house on Tuesday, April 22. A business meeting was conducted by Charline Knox about the distribution of UMW moneys. Marna Seaman gave the program based on the book, *Splashes of Joy in the Cesspool of Life*, by Barbara Johnson. We learned the value of laughter for our health and happiness. Mary Hackward read an amusing article about the lady and the three hymns.

We all enjoyed a good laugh. A delicious meal was served by JoAnn ending with a Mississippi Mud Cake. After lunch, we enjoyed fellowship and practiced what we had learned with many good laughs.



Music Notes



Youth Choir is singing Sunday: Please meet in the sanctuary at 8 a.m. to warm up, etc., and don't forget to wear solid color polo (or similar) shirts and blue jeans.

Choirchime Choir will be playing soon, with a dedication of our Choirchimes as well. Thanks to our "Women of Praise" for inspiring us Sunday! We look forward to more! Mother's Day will be musically special, with choirs and solos and lots of love!

Thanks to Teresa Mauney also, for so consistently bringing inspiration each week, in many ways, especially during Offertory time!

In Him, *Marsh*

In Our Community



On April 19, 2008, the New Beginnings Sunday School class made our annual trip to the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). We prepared and served a meal to accommodate 60 guests and staff. Various activities were provided for the enjoyment of the guests.

Bob and Lisa Newlin, with the help of Bob's "Mid Life Cycle" motorcycle club members, put smiles on the faces of the children by allowing them to sit on the motorcycles, pretend to honk the horns, rev the engines and have their pictures made. A total of 10 motorcycles and 14 club members were there to brighten the children's day.

Cecelia Stewart, a close friend of Kathy Lemaster, brought "oohs and aahs" with her talent of "face painting". Some class members also had their faces painted.

Kathy provided a craft project of "sand painting" crosses. They were beautiful.

Last, but not least was the joy of having Girl Scout Cookies and ice cream served by the Girl Scouts themselves. The girl scouts impressed everyone with their hard work and dedication in "helping others".

After the meal was served and the kitchen cleaned up, the group went out for a traditional Methodist activity, Eating Out!

A Banquet to Remember

The theme was "memories", and the 2008 Mother/Daughter Banquet will be counted as one of our fondest memories for many years to come. A total of 118 mothers and daughters were served at this year's banquet and these attendees helped raise \$2215 to benefit The Bridge women's shelter.

So many people did a wonderful job of making this banquet a success. We would like to thank all the UMW ladies who helped by supplying the food, the men who helped in the kitchen and who served as waiters, Alison Myers and Hap Garies who provided photographic memories of the night, everyone who donated auction items and door prizes, Linda Garies for coordinating the desserts, Kathy Lemaster for the beautiful decorations, and Heather Pues and Savannah Lohec who graced us with their talents.

But, most important, we would like to thank everyone who attended and gave so generously. Your efforts will help the women and children of The Bridge cross that bridge from their past lives of pain and conflict into new lives full of promise.

-Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle

From the Family of Dot Margheim

I've never had a problem expressing myself before, but for once in my life I truly am speechless. I don't know how to say thank you for all that you have done for our family. We so appreciated all the phone calls, visits, cards, meals, flowers, memorial donations and love that we received during Mom's illness and following her death. My siblings were amazed, but they just don't know what it means to be part of the Cokesbury family! I do and I'm so very grateful.

Our special thanks to Pastor Sandy and Linda Garies for your love and support during one of the most difficult times of our lives. I know Mom was smiling down from Heaven during the celebration of her life. You made it such a special day.

I'd also like to thank Ed and Janis Shields, Gloria Hurley, Pat Becker, Jim and Carole Krafka and Linda Simmons for everything you've done during the past seven months. You loved her like she was your own and you did things for us before we even knew we needed them done. You can never be repaid, but you will always be loved and remembered.

Blessing to all.

-Sherry Brooks and the Margheim family

From The Family of Louise Singleton

The family of Louise Singleton would like to thank the members of Cokesbury for all the phone calls, cards, visits and especially all of the food lovingly prepared by the ladies of Cokesbury for our family at the time of our lost of mother. The food was all simply delicious and so very appreciated.

I knew Cokesbury was a wonderful church and I knew I was very lucky to be a member, but we were all completely overwhelmed by the love and support we received from all of you. Thank you all so much.

-Carolyn Breathed