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Women To Meet on August 12

Cokesbury United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday night, August 12, at 7 pm. The program will be on Nigerian customs, life style and religious life and will be presented by Funme Uzona. Ms. Uzona is a local seamstress and the wife of the Pastor of her Church. This will be a most interesting program and we invite all women of Cokesbury to attend. It is always interesting and educational to hear about other cultures. Come join us for this fellowship and reflection on others. Hope to see you there.

Junior High Girls Serve in Jasper

It was 95 degrees in Jasper last week during the JUMMP (Junior high United Methodist Mission Project) In spite of the heat, our Cokesbury team (girls only) scraped and painted a large portion of a house. The home owner was a 95 year old blind woman. The team also replaced a handrail, fixed the porch roof and removed part of a bamboo forest in her yard. The girls also led the camp of 65 people in worship twice. Good job Lysbeth Sonnier, Amanda Bates, and Savannah Lohec. They are shown below with the home owner.

This is the tenth year of JUMMP. This year's slogan was "What-A-Server-Just Like God Likes It" and the scripture was Galatians 5:13: "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."

-Laura Bradley



July 27-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Donna Northrup's 80th birthday by the whole family.

August 3-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rob and Laura Bradley's 19th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Corner

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

Charlotte Davis, Dollie Philpott, Katy Kuhlman, Denise Agema (Katy's daughter), parents of Theresa Mauney, **Tom Adams, Kayren Mingus' mother, Bob Dixon** in Memorial Southwest Hospital, **Dutch Uran** in St. Joseph's Hospital and for all our service-men 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

Last week, a dear friend died. Her name was Lois Boyles, and I was her pastor at St. Andrew UMC in Mt. Pleasant. A few years ago, God called Lois to ministry. She learned Spanish and served as the pastor at Fero de Luz UMC, a small Hispanic congregation in Mt. Pleasant. Our sons were friends.

Later, Lois served a church in the Bryan area and, for the last couple of years, was one of the team of pastors at Mission Milby, which is a conglomerate of churches working together under the name "Servants for Christ."

Lois was a woman who loved working with the poor, the homeless and the dispossessed. She felt a deep calling to serve them in Jesus' name.

The day before her death, she read this prayer aloud to her husband, Tom. It's really a poem, and it speaks volumes:



PRACTICE
by Thom Shuman

If we practiced what we preach, O God:
our pockets would be empty,
and the poor would be Citizens of the Year;
our waistlines would be thinner,
and the hungry would not have to stand in soup lines;
our closets would be empty
and the homeless would be warm this winter;
our pride would be thrown out with the rest of our garbage,
so we could shoulder the burdens of the broken.
Give us more time to practice, Gentle Teacher,
not so we can become perfect,
but that our deeds would become permanent.
Amen.

At her husband's request, this poem/prayer was read aloud at Lois' funeral. Do we practice what we preach? Could this poem be read aloud at our funerals?

Oh, I hope so! How happy we make the Lord when we are obedient in this thing -- that we love and care for the poor, the oppressed and the lonely.

I hope to see you Sunday, as we gather for worship, fellowship, and mutual encouragement.

Love from your pastor,
Sandra Smith

Have You Met FRAN?

Just about everybody has FRAN's -- friends, relatives, associates and neighbors -- who are not active in a church. Have you ever invited them to Cokesbury?

Statistics tell us that the #1 reason unchurched people come to church is, somebody invited them.

Sunday, August 24, is the Sunday before school starts, which is customarily a "big" Sunday for us. We'll have some special things happening that day -- the Blessing of the Backpacks, extra music in worship and the beginning of a new sermon series. It's a great time to invite folks to come to church!

On Sunday, July 27, we'll be starting our FRAN program, asking everyone to think of a friend, relative, associate or neighbor to invite. We'll covenant to pray for them during the next month, asking God to prepare their hearts to receive our invitation, and then we'll all invite our FRAN's to church on August 24.

Wouldn't it be awesome if you invited some people to church and they became committed Christians?!

Be here Sunday to pick up your FRAN card. You'll be glad you did!

Tie A String Around Your Finger

As you are traveling or just enjoying the summer break, don't forget Cokesbury! Summer is the most expensive time of year, especially when you consider our utility bills. Please help us get through our summer without stress. Thank you!

Youth Update

Summer is coming to a close and we are almost done with all of our trips. Last week 3 of our Jr. high students attended JUMMP and they scraped and painted a house in this HOT Texas weather. WAY to GO girls!!!

We have permission to paint the youth rooms upstairs and I will be sending out a calendar with our August activities and "painting parties."

DON'T FORGET to fill out those youth ministry surveys and return them on Sunday, July 27 during our "home meeting" at youth.

Have an amazing God-filled week!

In His Grip,
Christie

Congratulations, Robert



Robert Pleasants has been awarded the United Methodist Church Knowles Memorial Scholarship by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Applicants submit essays and are judged on the basis of academic excellence and leadership.

I want to give a Big Thank You to everyone that prayed for me and sent me cards and brought me meals also for your generosity before and after my surgery. I Truly appreciate all the concern and support that Cokesbury gives.

In His name,
Beth Northrup

By The Numbers

July 20	
8:30 a.m. Service.....	81
9:45 a.m. Service.....	32
11:00 a.m. Service.....	129
Total.....	242

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

Thanks to the Men

The decorative fence around the new playground has been completed and the playground is open again. Members of the Methodist Men worked on this project in the blazing sun. Thanks to Chuck Dyrud, Hap Garies, Johnny Lemaster, Tom Roper and Jerry Yeaney.



Music Notes



Calling all **Youth Choir parents!** We need to meet together before fall, to plan and build our "support team" for the year. Lots of plans must be discussed, and we are required to have at least 2 adults for every meeting of our youth and children (Safe Sanctuary), which means all rehearsals, etc. Some parents have already given their time last year, and I have talked with several moms and dads who are glad to assist next year, too. Thanks!

Chancel Choir will be "on vacation" until Wednesday, August 13. We'll contact everyone and plan a "fun" return that evening. And, "Everyone, Reach one" by inviting/bringing a singer (even team up and bring one for 2 or 3 choir members!) to choir!

Thanks to Johnny and Kathy Lemaster for being "host & hostess with the most-est!" for the wonderful breakfast for the "Esprit de Cors de Houston" French horn ensemble last Sunday! And, the ensemble asked me to thank everyone for being gracious and for the opportunity to share with CUMC.

We have a great church!

In Him, *Marsh*

Men At Work

The United Methodist Men have been hard at work around our church and in the community:

Breakfast at Bela Vita

On June 28 at 9:30 am, United Methodist Men provided breakfast to approximately 150 hungry people. Teresa Mauney, Cokesbury's pianist/organist, provided entertainment on the piano, playing and singing a variety of music. The food included eggs, bacon and sausage, and pancakes. We had a few glitches, but all in all I believe it was a smashing success. We ran out of everything and people were begging for more. I would like to thank every one who helped in this endeavor.

Red, White, and Blue Jeans Sunday

On July 6, a single church service and celebration of our nation's independence was held at Cokesbury. We also celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the United Methodist Men's organization. Our pianist played a wonderful rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic and a variety of Gospel songs were sung. The service included the Praise band, the choir, and about 300 people. It was so nice to see so many people dressed in red, white, and blue outfits. After church, a dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, and home made sides were enjoyed by all. Johnny Lemaster was the chief cook and other men and women also participated. Dinner entertainment included the Men's Ensemble, who sang the National Anthem. Judy Craddock and Mike Boessling, who sang during the service, also sang a couple of songs. A busy church is a growing church. Thanks again for a great successful endeavor.

-Ed Whorton

Help Midwest Victims With Flood Buckets

The Texas Annual Conference office has put a call out for Flood Buckets. There is a need for these buckets due to all of the flooding in some northern states and also along the Mississippi River.

Efforts have already begun to organize an effort so that CUMC can provide as many of the flood buckets as possible. Donna and Jim Bane have already donated twenty (20) of the empty 5-Gallon plastic buckets with lids. They are available at CUMC this week for any one wishing to do a completed Flood Bucket

There are lists of what is required to do a flood bucket on the "Missions Table" display and also on the "Missions" bulletin board in the hallway just outside of the Conference Room, plus there will be copies available for people to take with them. All of the completed buckets will be delivered to the designated collection site by July 25. Any buckets that are completed after this date will still be appreciated and will be delivered at a later date.

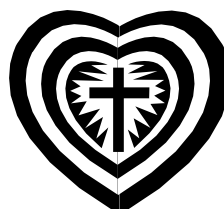
Grace and Peace, CUMC Missions Committee

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:

Fourth Sunday: Barbara Craft, Jo Felts, Nancy Hensley, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Peggy Smith, Faye Stafford, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis, Laura Williams and Carol & Jerry Yeaney

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.



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