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Cruzin' For Cokesbury Returns To Aid Gulf Coast Ike Relief Fund



Once again I am putting together plans for the 2008 Cruzin' For Cokesbury. I am looking for volunteers to help with the parking lot, registration, judging, set up, tear down, or floaters to help wherever needed. If you wish to help out in any specific area or to be a floater, please contact me on my cell at 281-992-0938 or email me at cruzin4cokesbury@aol.com as soon as possible. This way, I

can start putting my car show army together and see where we will need help.

Each time CFC has happened, the proceeds went to some organization outside the church or to a specific program inside the church. This year, with many facing devastation from Hurricane Ike, the decision was made to donate all proceeds to the Gulf Coast Ike Relief Fund. We will also have a coach from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to take blood donations. This will give everyone two ways to help folks within our community.

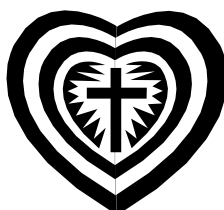
Like any other event in our church, the success of this event lies in our hands. Please consider being a part of this and helping us raise money for a very worthwhile and much needed cause. Even if you can not help the day of the show, you can help by spreading the word, passing out fliers and telling everyone you know. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks.

-Bob Newlin

Welcome



We are delighted to welcome Dutch Uran to our Cokesbury Family. Dutch is a newlywed, shown above with his lovely wife Carol Barber-Uran. Dutch joined the church on Sunday, October 5 with a LARGE number of Bella Vita friends there to support him.



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, Kayren Mingu's mother, **Roger Northrup, Annabelle Fookes' Sister-In-Law (Mattie)**, all those affected by Hurricane Ike, 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

Every now and then, it's a good thing to do something completely without meaning. In that spirit, I'd like to invite you to do the following puzzle. This is a classic puzzle, of great age. Every time I do it, I miss at least one. Hope you do better!

There are 16 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. Circle them!

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments to you. YES, THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there are really sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story."

Can't find 16?

The answers will be revealed at church on Sunday, October 12.

See you in the Pumpkin Patch!

Blessings to you all,

Sandra Smith



The Pumpkins Arrive This Saturday!



Attention Pumpkin Brigade. We now have an estimated time of arrival for our pumpkins! Please plan to be at the church on Saturday, October 11, at around 3:30 p.m. After unloading, our pumpkin sale will continue through October 31. All profits from the pumpkins will go to youth mission and ministry. Please sign up to run the sales booth during the day when the youth are in school.

And on October 25, please join us for Pumpkin Fest – classic car show, bake sale, Blessing of the Pets and other activities. YOU are welcome!

UMW October General Meeting

The Cokesbury United Methodist women will meet on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The program will be presented by Dr. Joe Pouzar and will include a slide presentation of his mission trip to Indonesia. We invite all church members, friends and family to attend this presentation. A love offering will be taken for those who wish to support Dr. Pouzar's mission trips. We hope you will plan to attend.

-Jean Bonds

Trunk or Treat



The Children's Ministry is gearing up for Trunk or Treat. This is our Halloween night community outreach program where we provide a fun environment for area children and their families to enjoy a safe Halloween. Please drop by the Commons to learn ways you can help. You can decorate your car and distribute candy, or set up a carnival game in the court yard. If you are unable to be there, you can still help by donating candy, small prizes, or Halloween decorations. We can even return your decorations to you if you mark them with your name.

This event is held on Halloween night and runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is so much fun, not only for the families who attend, but also for the volunteers who make it so special. There will be volunteer awards for the Best Trunk and the Best Costume. So, get your creative juices flowing. We hope to see you there.

-Alison Myers

Thanks for SeAM Food Donations

The SeAM October First Sunday food donations totaled 160 pounds! Thank you for your generosity. The donations helped fill some of the needs on the pantry shelves. Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 2. Keep those plastic bags coming. We use them all.



PUMPKINS ARRIVE ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
ABOUT 3:30PM

We need as many hands as possible to unload!!!

YOUTH please sign up for shifts for selling the pumpkins. Sign up sheets are on the table in The Commons.

Contests for the next 3 weeks of MYF:
Oct 12th – Scarecrow making contest
Oct 19th – Pumpkin carving contest
Oct 26th – Costume contest

Look at your Youth Newsletter for more info!!!

In His Grip,
Christie

Welcome Back, Judy

Our church secretary is back! Judy Craddock was married to Mike Boessling here at Cokesbury on Saturday, September 20. After honeymooning in Europe, Judy Boessling is now back at work in the church office. Please drop by and congratulate our happy newlywed when you have



Spreading the Word

The Marketing Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped distribute the door hangers on Saturday, October 4. A total of 875 fliers were distributed in the neighborhoods surrounding our church. You can help now by joining us in prayer that these invitations to grow in faith touch the lives of the people who need them most and that our Church is able to fulfill their spiritual needs.

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:

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

Third Sunday: Anna and Raymond Aquilar, Lynda Detwiler, Maymie Dubard, Jo Farris, Joyce Garner, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Jim Roller, Martha Von Krigenbergh, Danna Whorton, Patsy and Allen Womack and Fran Wright.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

By The Numbers

October 5

8:30 a.m. Service.....	91
9:45 a.m. Service.....	42
11:00 a.m. Service.....	134
Total.....	267

Update From the Dulin Circle

The Dulin Circle of the United Methodist Women met Tuesday, September 23 at Donnie Moore's house. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Charline Knox and a short business meeting followed.

A very inspiring program on Prayer was given by Pat Heugatter. We have certainly been praying lately. Hurricane adventures were discussed. Most of us were very fortunate with minimum damages. A delicious meal prepared by Donnie was enjoyed especially the Hawaiian Wedding Cake.

-Norma Barton

Rainbows Along the Way

Heavy Matters



"Look, Fred, you've got to follow your diet!" Millie confronted her husband at the breakfast table. "But you're not going to do that if you stop for doughnuts every morning on your way to work."

"But I like bringing doughnuts to the office," Fred replied. "My friends depend on me."

"Well, you can't do it anymore. Besides, you don't even have to go by the bakery on your way to the office – in fact it's completely out of your way. Look, if it's a temptation to do it, then ask the Lord to guide you."

The next morning when Fred arrived at the office he carried a large box of doughnuts and as his co-workers gathered around they had questions.

"I thought you were on a diet," said one man as he reached for a chocolate doughnut with sprinkles.

"I am," Fred said as he extracted a glazed pasty. "But I did ask God to lead me in making the right decision about the matter."

"How does that work?" someone asked.

"Well, normally, I don't have to pass the bakery, but this morning I felt the Lord was leading me to take a detour and go past. I thought he was probably testing my resolve, so I figured I'd let him indicate what I should do. I decided that if I couldn't find a parking spot right in front then that meant that he didn't want me to stop. I drove by one time and there wasn't a spot, but I wanted to be sure so I drove around a second time to see what happened."

"Well, obviously you found a parking space since you brought the doughnuts." Someone said. "So was there a vacant spot on your second time by?"

"No, but on the tenth time there was."

Obviously Fred was inserting his own plans into what he saw as God's will, and of course we've all done that at one time or another. And when that happens, it's usually because we feel God is directing us in one direction, and we want to go another. So in that case we may try to manipulate the situation so that we get our own way – exactly like Fred did. Yet as we soon discover, we only lose out since we miss experiencing the perfection of his plans and provision. It's only when you turn around, and learn to rely totally on Him and His guidance that we best follow and serve Him.

-Anne Adams

New Young Adults Sunday School

Cokesbury has a new Sunday school class especially for families with young children. The class meets at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday in room 210. Your children will be just down the hall from you in Children's Church. The class is studying Stephen R. Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families". They are just barely into Chapter One, so there is plenty of time for you to jump right in. Join us!

Offering To Aid Retirement Community

During the month of October, all of the dollar bills placed in the offering plates will be given to the Methodist Retirement Community (MRC). MRC offers low-income housing, residential living, assisted living, nursing care, dementia care, and home health services. Two of the locations are nearby in LaPorte and Galveston. During Hurricane Ike, the facilities experienced unplanned costs due to relocation of their residents. Your gifts will help with some of those costs.

Teachers Needed for Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is off to a great new year. New volunteers interested in teaching or assisting in our classrooms are always welcome. Class time is from 9:45 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Our three classrooms are: Pre-K and Kinder; First and Second Grade; and Third through Fifth Grades. This is a fun and rewarding way to serve the church. You may help as often as you like, we will work to fit your schedule. Please see Laurel Johnson (281-481-8125) or Alison Myers (281-648-9808) if you are interested in this fun opportunity. You can also reach us by e-mail at ljo26@sbcglobal.net.

-Laurel Johnson, Alison Myers

Visit A 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)
- Young Adults (Room 210-11 a.m.)

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