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Cars and Bikes for Relief from Ike



Cokesbury United Methodist Church will be hosting its fifth motorcycle and street rod show on October 25 between 8:30 am and 1 pm. If you own a motorcycle or a street rod, bring them out for the show. If not, bring the family for a fun time. There is no admission fee. There is a \$20 entry fee to compete for the trophies. Known as Cruzin' For Cokesbury,

this event has always contributed part or all of the proceeds to areas of need within our community. This year all proceeds will go to the Gulf Coast Ike Relief Fund. A coach from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be on hand to accept blood donations. Awards will be given to the Top 5 motorcycles and Top 5 cars/trucks. There will also be a trophy for Pastor's Choice. For more info contact Bob Newlin at 281-844-9090 or by email at cruzin4cokesbury@aol.com.

Autumn Fest

Also, taking place on this same day, don't miss Autumn Fest! Events include: Blessing of the Pets, UMW sale of baked goods and nuts, a moon walk for the kids, and of course FOOD! We hope to see you there.

-Bob Newlin

Baptism



Ryane and Waylon Sheffield are shown above with daughter Savannah Dolores Aldine Sheffield who was Baptized on September 28, 2008 at the 11:00 am service.



Prayer Corner

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

Charlotte Davis, the family of Dollie Philpott, **Katy Kuhlman**, **Denise Agema** (Katy's daughter), Theresa Mauney's mother who is in and out of the hospital, the **Aquilar family** on the death of Ray's mother, Kayren Mingus' 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

I collect many things, one of them being church cookbooks. I have a cookbook from every church I have ever served. From time to time I look through them, remembering the lovely women (and some men and children) who prepared those recipes for covered dish dinners at the church.

The fact that I pretty much never cook doesn't bother me at all!

One of my favorite cookbooks is called "Amazing Graces", and it was compiled by the pastors' wives of the Texas Annual Conference. Included with recipes for "Zesty Orange Avocado Salad", "Chicken and Dressing Casserole" and "Caramel Ribbon Brownies" are a number of memories from preachers wives, detailing mostly disastrous experiences they have had with their husbands in ministry.

One of my favorites was submitted anonymously. One day a particularly obnoxious lady came to the parsonage to complain about anything and everything. The pastor, having had a long day, fled upstairs and left his poor wife to deal with the visitor. After a couple of hours, the pastor called down the stairs, "Has that old battleaxe left yet?"

The quick-thinking pastor's wife saved the day. She called out, "Oh, no; she left hours ago! Mrs. Jones is here now."

Another woman tells a story about her husband deciding to do a 7-day revival at his own church. Part of the deal was, a different parishioner hosted the two of them for dinner each night. The first five nights, each host served them fried chicken. On the sixth night, as the fried chicken was brought in from the kitchen, the pastor got up on the dining chair and crowed like a rooster. The next night they were served pot roast.

It's fun to look back at the experiences of our lives and remember how we coped. Thank goodness the Lord takes care of us!

Here's a recipe for Methodist Pie, which you might enjoy reading - or maybe making. I have no idea how it got its name - but I'll bet it showed up at many a covered dish dinner!

Love from you pastor,

Sandra Smith

Methodist Pie

18 graham crackers	¾ C sugar
2 Tbsp. sugar	1 tsp. Lemon juice
½ C butter, melted	Pinch of salt
1 ½ lbs. Cream cheese (softened)	1 pint sour cream
3 eggs, well beaten	2 Tbsp. sugar
	1 scant tsp. Vanilla

Roll crackers to crush; mix sugar and butter together. Add cracker crumbs and mix well. Line a 10 inch pie pan with graham cracker crumb mixture. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese thoroughly until fluffy. Add well-beaten eggs, ¾ cup sugar, lemon juice and salt; mix well. Pour into crust. Bake exactly 20 minutes in a preheated oven at 375. While pie is baking, mix together the sour cream, 2 Tbsp. sugar and vanilla. Remove pie from the oven. Spoon mixture carefully over the baked pie. Glaze in oven at 475 for 5 minutes more; watch carefully. Chill before serving.

Note: This recipe was found in an issue of "Shepherdess Magazine" in 1955 by Mrs. Forrest King of the North Georgia Annual Conference. It has traveled many miles. I thought you might enjoy this one!

Bonita Calhoun (Ken)

Trunk or Treat

The Children's Ministry would love to have you join us as a volunteer or participant in this year's Trunk or Treat event to be held Friday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Drop by the Commons and sign up to sponsor a trunk or carnival game booth.

We could also use donations of individually wrapped candy, small toys, and decorations. We can return your decorations, if you label them with your name.

This event 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

Save Time!
E-Mail Your Article To The Paper
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UMW Goes Nuts



Cokesbury UMW will be selling pecan pieces and halves as a fund raiser. The pecans are from Schermer Pecans in Ga. There will be 1 lb. bags of pieces available at the Autumn Fest on October 25, along with homemade baked goods and other good things. We will be taking orders for the holidays, watch for the signs and sign up order sheets. For more information, call Debbie Carter, 281-461-8286 or Jean Bonds, 281-485-1542.



October 26-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Larry Pleasants' birthday, by Cathy Pleasants.

November 2-Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jordon Lenamon's 14th Birthday from Martin, Johnna and Morgan Lenamon.



Hey everyone!
Well it's been a bummer that those pumpkins didn't make it!
BUT we won't let that stop us from having fun!!

I will be at Lakeview with some 6th graders for an awesome weekend retreat, and this Saturday is Autumn Fest! We need a lot of youth to come out to help John sell drinks!!

October 26 we will have a Halloween/Costume party at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Admittance into the party is 2 cans of food for SeAM! Bring a snack to share for the evening and your best costume! See you there!

In His Grip,
Christie

Remembering Dollie

Dollie Philpott, who has been a member of Cokesbury for 40 yrs, passed away on Thursday, October 13. Please read on to join us in remembering the life of our dear friend:

Longtime South Belt resident, Dollie Ann Philpott, died on October 13, 2008 after a long battle against cancer. She was an only child born April 24, 1942 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Ralph and Helen Karraker. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dollie moved to Texas when she was 13 years old. She played in the band at Galena Park High School where she graduated in 1960. She attended Sam Houston State University where she met her husband, Richard Philpott, and was married in 1962. They bought their first house in Kirkwood in 1968 where they raised their two children and joined Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

Dollie worked as a substitute teacher for the Pasadena School District, mainly at Meador Elementary, for nearly 20 years. She retired when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990. She did volunteer work for the American Cancer Society to educate others who were recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She was an active member of the breast cancer support group at The Rose.

Dollie and Richard enjoyed their last three years together by buying a house in Bella Vita, where they enjoyed the social activities and walking around the lake. Dollie's hobbies included crocheting, knitting and needlework. She enjoyed making things for her children and two grandchildren. She also enjoyed shopping, traveling and visiting with her many friends.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Richard Philpott; her daughter Tresa De La Cruz and son-in-law Jerome of Midland, Texas; and her son Ronald Philpott and daughter-in-law Angela, South Belt residents. She also leaves two grandchildren, Sierra Ann and Samuel De La Cruz.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Dollie's memory to The Rose, 12700 N. Featherwood, Suite 260, Houston, Texas 77034.

Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle Update

The September meeting of the Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met at the lovely townhome of the circle's namesake, our own Sister Sara.

Sister Sara met eight circle members at the door with hugs and happy welcomes. She gave us a tour of her beautiful home decorated with her lovely handmade quilts and brightly colored glass ware.

Nancy Owens, our circle chairperson, then gave the devotional. Mary Short presented the program on comfort and "Ike."

After the program we enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon which Sister Sara had prepared for us.

Sister Sara has kept very busy after retiring. She ran for City Council of Houston. She attends First United Methodist Church Houston and has several volunteer positions there. She also presents book reviews for various groups and continues her quilting and handcrafting hobbies.

-Mary Short

Thanks to Our 2008 Mowing Crews

Thanks to all of the people who have helped with the mowing/edging of the church grounds this year: Carroll Kuhlman, Wendell Sullivan, Suzanne Warren, Doug Warren, Kyle Warren, Laura Bradley, Rob Bradley, Tom Roper, Ed Whorton and Dennis Akkola. They kept the church looking good and saved the church thousands of dollars.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

By The Numbers

October 19

8:30 a.m. Service.....	92
9:45 a.m. Service.....	40
11:00 a.m. Service.....	118
Total.....	250



Music Notes



Congratulations to Heather Pues (Soprano 1, All-Region Choir, 10th chair) and Yolanda Marcano (Alto 2, All Region Choir, 7th Chair)! Way to go! And thanks to our 2008-9 Youth Choir and Praise Band for special music (8:30 & 11:00) Sunday! We're already working on Christmas music, 4 to 5 pm Sundays!

CUMC Handbell Choir will present "Jubilate" at 8:30 and 11:00, October 26. We welcome NEW ringers, Katie Koons Sarah Merrill, and Brian and Ramee Matocha!

Our own harpist, Savannah Lohec, will play as well, on October 26!

Looking ahead: Special Music for "Celebrate Cokesbury", on November 9 at 10:30 includes: Chancel Choir singing "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Psalm 8), our Contemporary Praise Team, our Children's Choirs, Teresa Mauney on piano, Judy and Mike, and more!

Finally, for all singers who want to sing Christmas music with the Chancel Choir, PLEASE come this Saturday, from 9 to 11 am in the Choir Room upstairs. Thanks!

In Him,
Marsh

UMW November General Meeting

The next general meeting of the UMW will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. here at Cokesbury. This is Veteran's Day! So, join us for patriotic cupcakes and punch as we enjoy a program presented by Daer Platt, Executive Director of Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) and our very own Laura Bradley who serves as Pantry Manager. Laura and Daer will give a presentation on the services and support offered by SeAM to local families. If you are able, please bring a package of diapers (sizes 3,4 and 5 preferred) as a love offering to show our support of this very worthwhile ministry. Mark your calendars! We hope to see you there.

-Laurel Johnson

Operation Christmas SeAM



In place of Operation Christmas Child which provides a shoe box of toys for children around the world, the Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle would like you to join us in helping children a little closer to home this year.

Each year SeAM provides gifts to area children whose families are experiencing economic problems. As you can imagine, the need is great this year. Also, a local congregation who contributed greatly to this program in the past has dropped out. SeAM really needs our help to bring joy to these families in need. We will begin our toy drive in early November. Watch for details later!

-Laurel Johnson

A Note of Thanks from Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee

As we head into the fall, Equal Exchange wants to thank you for being part of a vibrant co-operative community committed to supporting small farmers. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Coffee Project has played a critical role in helping to sustain a just system of trade that allows small farmers to stay on their land, support their families, plan for the future, and care for the environment.

In 2007, congregations, organizations and individuals who are part of the UMCOR Coffee Project purchased more than 68 tons of fairly traded coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate and snack products. Equal Exchange donated 15 cents per pound purchased to UMCOR, which amounted to more than \$20,000. This money is part of the "UMCOR Small Farmer Fund" which is used to support small farmer projects in coffee, tea, and cocoa growing regions. UMCOR uses these funds for its Sustainable Agriculture and Development program, helping to improve farming methods in impoverished areas of Africa.

Thank you for supporting small farmers all over the world.

In Peace,
The Equal Exchange Interfaith Team

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, Denice Grays, Nancy Hensley, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Peggy Smith, Faye Stafford, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis, Laura Williams and Carol & Jerry Yeany

First Sunday: Karen Akkerman, Jean Bonds, Charlotte Davis, Gloria Hurley, Sandy Lawrence, Laura Morgan, Winnie Smith, Sandra Smith, Sharleta Vochoska and Carmen Wilhite.