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Prayer Corner

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

Charlotte Davis, **Katy** Kuhlman, Theresa Mauney's parents, **Liz** Pieberhofer, **Ed** Shields who is recovering from surgery, **Denise** Grays, **Jack** Kestler anticipating surgery, **Theresa** Graham (whose brother and aunt recently passed away), all those working on our Mobile Medical Clinic, those undergoing medical tests, 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, 281-484-9243.



Work Begins on the Mobile Medical Clinic



It's here and the work has now begun. Originally we were going to have sign-up sheets for each week, but we have changed our philosophy. We will work with whoever shows up. The work will begin about 8 am every Saturday and continue until the tasks for the day are complete. If you can't be there at 8:00 come by when you can, we will use you when we can. We will publicize the expected task for the next few weeks in each paper.

Lunch and breakfast snacks will be provided. Contact Peggy Smith if you would like to help with the food.

Expected tasks upcoming:

Lay the linoleum

Frame in the walls

Install electrical – our master electrician, Rod Hite, will be completing this work.

Come out and join us in making this dream a reality.

-Laura Bradley

UMM To Meet

The United Methodist Men will meet at 6:00 pm on March 12 for a business meeting.

We will discuss the Friendship Banquet, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, and the shrimp boil in April. We will also re-evaluate our meeting time and date. As agreed, there is no dinner so please eat at home.

-Ed Whorton



March 1 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gordon Weitzel by his family.

March 8 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Birdie Davis, by Granddaughter Charlotte Davis.

Giving Statements To Be Issued Quarterly

The Finance Committee has decided to make member giving statements available at the end of each quarter. This will make it easier for everyone to keep up with their giving and check for simple errors.

However, if you wish to receive your statement on a monthly basis, that can easily be arranged by contacting the church office at 281-484-9243.

FROM THE PASTOR

If you've been by the church lately, you have noticed that our seafaring container has arrived! It is now our job to transform it into a mobile medical clinic.

The first work day was Saturday, February 21. The floor needed some filler, which had to be sanded down before the vinyl flooring can be installed. This Saturday, that work should be completed.

Since the framing has not yet begun, we had an opportunity last Sunday to bless the container. People of all ages went into the container, and wrote prayers, Scripture verses and hopeful thoughts on the walls. Later than afternoon, the Confirmation Class had a chance to do the same thing.

When we bless something, God takes a hand in it.

When Jesus blessed 2 little dried fish and 5 small pieces of bread, it became enough to feed 5,000 people with plenty to spare.

When he blessed the bread and wine at the last supper, it became much more than flour and grape juice – it became the powerful means of meeting the Risen Christ at his table.

When something is blessed, God enlarges it and makes it more than it could ever be alone.

There were hundreds of containers at Dragon, Inc., where ours came from. They will carry all kinds of goods all around the world. But none of them has been blessed to be a blessing to sick and injured people – in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for the folks who will be working on the container in the weeks ahead, so that they will be safe and nobody gets hurt. And pray for the people who will one day be blessed by the work that we have done right here at Cokesbury.

I hope to see you Sunday, as we begin the season of Lent together.

Love from your pastor,

Sandra Smith

P.S. We are grateful to Dragon, Inc. for giving us a good price on the purchase of the container, and to Lowe's, who gave us a discount on flooring. I know God will provide the means to get the rest of the supplies we need.

Children's Game Night

Wednesday, March 18

Fellowship Hall

6:30 - 8:30

All Children from 3 years to 5th Grade are invited to join us for Game Night. Refreshments will be provided.

Calling All Cokesbury Players



A dinner theatre is "A-Coming". We are going to re visit Cafe' Flambe and Garcon (Gar-Shohn). The cast of characters involves 5 men, 5 women and 3 children (teen, pre-teen and child).

If you are interested in being an actor, please contact Danna Whorton, 281-461-6422.

Children's Sunday School Lent Challenge

Here is a challenge to all Cokesbury children from 4 years to 5th Grade. Your Sunday School Teachers have challenged you to **not miss one Sunday during Lent** (that is all the Sundays in March). Lent is a time that we prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of Easter. What better way to do that than by coming to Sunday School each Sunday in Lent. You will each be given a fun button bracelet, and each Sunday you are there you will get to add a button. We want to see all Cokesbury Children with 5 buttons on their bracelet. See you in Sunday School!

-Children's Sunday School Teachers



What an AMAZING Youth Sunday!!

I'm so proud of everyone! I received a ton of compliments on every aspect of the service.

Y'all ROCK! I would also like to thank the Lemaster's for helping us celebrate the day by teaching us cool line dances and square dancing. It was a blast!

Ok...now on to more youth activities:

MARCH 1 - Wayne Kerr Concert to benefit Ike Relief Efforts.

We will leave Cokesbury at 5:30pm SHARP - \$10 tickets.

Eat something before you come.

MARCH 8 - UMARMY & Big House form signing day!

I'll be in The Commons that morning with forms for you/your parents to fill out!

MARCH 15 - NO CONFIRMATION OR Encounter - MYF.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

In His Grip,

Christie

Rainbows Along the Way

Frozen Responsibility

John hunched his shoulders into his heavy coat and, crossing his arms over his chest, thumped his hands against his shoulders. His breath smoked the night air. He knew that standing on this desolate street in an ice storm wasn't part of his usual routine as a patrolman, but it was where he needed to be right at the moment.

The whipping frigid wind blast whipped and swooped around the houses and penetrated John's leather jacket, as he stomped his feet to get warm. Yet despite the cold, he carefully watched the ice-crusted strand that hung down from the light pole, and snaked across the snowdrifts piled along the sidewalk. Though it would be doubtful anyone would be out at that hour in such weather, John knew his responsibility. He was securing the site of a dangerous

situation, keeping a frigid and solitary vigil in the early morning hours to keep everyone away from the downed electric wire.

It began when he came on duty at midnight and relieved a fellow officer. "The repair trucks will be here as soon as they can," he was told. "There are lots of downed wires and it might be a while."

John took up his vigil and the night passed. Then just as the sunlight glinted over the edge of the buildings, the utility truck arrived and John clumped over to meet the lineman. He pointed out the downed wire before he clambered into his nearby squad car and started the engine to get warm. Soon he heard tapping on his window, and he lowered it to see one of the light crew.

"Hey - how long have you been here?"

"I got here at midnight and the guy I relieved said he'd been there since 8 last night." John replied. "Why?"

"Did you look at that wire?"

"No, I didn't want to get too close since it's supposed to be alive."

"I admire your sense of dedication, particularly since it's been so cold out here."

"Well, thanks...."

"And congratulations. For almost 12 hours you and your buddy have successfully guarded a frozen kite string."

John was diligently concerned with a threatening problem that never developed, and often it's the same on my spiritual journey. What happens is that what I see as an overwhelming and insurmountable problem usually turns out to be nothing. So while I'm fretting about it, behind the scenes God plans and arranges events and I soon discover that the problem is never as serious as I imagined.

Indeed, I would save my time (and God's) if I learned to see such situations from his point of view. After all, he knows all aspects of the "problem" and he also has perfect provision, as well as a perfect solution. So all my fretting is so useless and I must learn to trust him to help me reconnect with him for my benefit and his glory.

Cosmetics Needed

The Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle is asking for your help in gathering cosmetics and cosmetic bags for donation to The Bridge Women's Shelter in Pasadena. Each year we sponsor a Mother's Day Party for these women who are escaping domestic violence. The Cosmetic bags are presented as gifts. If you have any unused make up or bags (that we often get as gifts from the department store cosmetic companies) that you do not want, please donate them to The Bridge. We will have a collection bag located in the Commons. Thanks for your help.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

By The Numbers

February 22

8:30 a.m. Service.....	92
9:45 a.m. Service.....	62
11:00 a.m. Service.....	116
Total.....	270



Music Notes



Youth Choir no rehearsal on March 1. We will resume on March 8 at our usual time, 3:30 - 5:00 (B.Y.B. Bring Your Books!)

ChoirChimes and Handbells Handbells will play on March 8, "What Wondrous Love". ChoirChimes will play in March as well.

Chancel Choir Our anthem on March 1 will be "Come, Share the Lord" at 8:30 and 11:00. We will have a regular rehearsal schedule next week, but watch for changes for Spring Break Week.

In Him,

Marsh

Enjoying The View at Lakeview



A good time was had by all at Lakeview by a group of 30 people from here at Cokesbury, First Methodist Church of Pearland, and some Yeaney's from Dallas. Good food, excellent fellowship, and really fresh air was enjoyable and rejuvenating. We go again in September. Everyone is welcome. The good part is that you have a nice room in a delightful cabin, and a fellowship hall. We play games, work on puzzles, have a ball.

-Ed Whorton

Harbor Light Entertains At Men's Dinner

The Harbor Light Choir from the Salvation Army performed before an enthusiastic audience at the Methodist Men's annual Friendship Dinner February 21. Early arrivals were greeted in the Commons by one of the choir members playing piano and Hap Garies taking attendees' photographs.

Following dinner and dessert, the choir gave a lively performance of songs with uplifting messages. They also enlisted audience members including Pastor Sandy. A love offering of over \$400 was collected for the choir.

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner and cleanup including many women. A special thanks to the Boy Scout leaders who helped with serving and kitchen cleanup.

-Rob Bradley

A Thank You for 2008 Apportionments

Dear Church Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you as a congregation in the 100% payment of your apportionments for the year 2008. I realize this was not an easy task considering Hurricane Ike and the uncertainty of the economy. However, I believe it is in such times as these that we are most needed, not only by our local communities, but also our extended community. Your faithfulness has helped to enable the United Methodist Church to touch many lives in the past and into the future.

I am fully aware that 2009 will again be a difficult year. It will test our faith, but I am sure the God we serve will give us discernment and wisdom to move forward with the works of kingdom building.

May God's peace be upon you.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Waddleton
Superintendent, South District

It's Your Turn To Help With Helping Hands

The following folks have signed up to help with Helping Hands for the next two weeks:

1st Sunday: Karen Akkerman, Jean Bonds, Charlotte Davis, Claudia Gentry, Gloria Hurley, Carole Krafka, Laura Morgan, Sandra Smith, Winnie Smith, Carman Wilhite

2nd Sunday: Patti & Dennis Akkola, Linda Garies, Carisa Goodman, Theresa Graham, Margo & Tom Green, Laurel Johnson, Billie & Jack Kestler, Carolyn Lofland, Herb Parker, Cathy Pleasants, Charlene Provence, Lois Seeley.