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Prayer Corner

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

Charlotte Davis, **Katy** Kuhlman, **Carolyn** Lofland, Theresa Mauney's parents, our new pastors, 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.



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One Service and Covered Dish April 19

On Sunday, April 19, the Cokesbury family will worship together at 10:45, with Sunday school at 9:30. This will be Pastor Sandy's last Sunday with us.

Following worship, we will share a covered dish Sunday dinner together. Please bring a couple of your favorite dishes, so we have plenty to share with guests and visitors that day.



Girl Scout Yard Sale



Girl Scout Troop 496 (sponsored by the UMW) will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is spring cleaning time, so clean out all your "junk" – it will become someone else's "treasure". Please bring any items to donate to the church on Friday, April 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you can't make it then, or need pick up for a large item, please contact Amanda Lohec at 281-481-9753. It's possible to bring them on Sunday, April 12, but please let Amanda know ahead of time, as this is Easter, and we don't want items sitting about the church. Of course, please plan on coming to the yard sale on Saturday and claiming some of these "treasures" for your own.

-Amanda Kay Lohec

Interim Pastor to Preach April 26

The Rev. Jim Killen will be serving as the interim pastor at Cokesbury until the new pastor, Bill Newcomb, is in place. Jim's first Sunday is April 26.

Jim is a retired United Methodist pastor, living in Beaumont. He has been through special training to serve as an interim between pastors. He will be staying close to Cokesbury and will be in the office several days each week, as well as Sundays.

Be sure to welcome Jim on the 26th, and thank him for his work with us.

It's Not Grandma's Easter Eggs

Last Friday I, with my favorite people in the whole wide world, my grandsons Jonathan and David, attended Cokesbury's E.C.D.C. Easter Egg Hunt. Before going to the Easter egg hunt we prepared Easter eggs, not like my grandparents had prepared with me by going to the hen house, gathering fresh eggs, and then dyeing them with Easter egg dye. No, Jonathan, David, and I didn't do any of that! We went to the dollar store and bought some brightly colored plastic eggs and bags of bite sized candy. When we got home we filled the plastic eggs with the candy, put them in their Easter baskets, and off to the Easter Egg Hunt we went.

We had just as much fun with those plastic eggs as I had many years ago with those hen Easter eggs. Times change and I am so happy that I don't have to raise hens in order that my grandsons can have Easter eggs! Change is good!

For the last twelve years I have truly enjoyed decorating the bulletin board in Cokesbury's center back hallway. The members of Cokesbury, my dear friends, have always been so gracious to me with many, many compliments. Thank you so much. Now it's with joy that I have finished my turn at that bulletin board and our children's ministry will take over and fill that board for Cokesbury. I am happy! Change is good!

-Mary Short

FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to the holiest week of the year!

I hope you will take full advantage of the Holy Week schedule here at Cokesbury.

We'll begin Thursday evening with our Chancel Choir's presentation of the cantata "Written in Red." It's the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ told in beautiful, powerful music. "Written in Red" will be our choir's gift to us this week.

On Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open for prayer from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Art depicting the events of Holy Week will be on display, as arranged by our own artist, Rick Williams. As you view the art, you are invited to pray and meditate on the last day of Jesus' life.

And of course, we will have our 3 services on Easter Sunday – traditional worship at 8:30 and 11:00, and contemporary New Day worship at 9:45. During the Sunday school hour, our children will have an Easter lesson, do a craft and hunt for special Easter eggs.

On a personal note, this is a special Easter for me. As you know, I will be serving as a District Superintendent in the Northwest District (Tyler area) beginning early in June. My last Sunday at Cokesbury will be the Sunday after Easter. So this will likely be the last time I will ever get to stand up on Resurrection Day and say, "The Lord has risen! Christ has risen indeed!"

I hope very much to see your smiling faces Easter morning.

Until then, God bless and keep you all.

Love from your pastor,

Sandra Smith



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - 6:30 Easter Cantata, *Written in Red*, featuring the Chancel Choir

Good Friday - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Church will be open for prayer.

Easter Sunday - Traditional services at 8:30 and 11:00
"New Day" contemporary service at 9:45
Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45

Easter Egg Hunt

This year we will be hunting Easter eggs on Easter Sunday at 9:45 a.m. All children through 5th grade are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Easter breakfast, crafts and an egg hunt. Please bring your baskets. We will be done just in time for the 11:00 service. This is a great opportunity to invite the children in your lives to worship with you on Easter Sunday here at Cokesbury. We will have a great time and learn about the true meaning of Easter. We hope to see you then.



April 12 - Easter lilies.

April 19 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Jim and Donna Bane.

Help Us "Flower the Cross"

On Easter Sunday, you are invited to help bring new life to our outdoor cross. The cross will change from being draped in black for Good Friday to being decorated with signs of new life on Sunday. Please bring fresh flowers to church on Sunday and place them on our cross. It's a great Easter tradition. While you are there you can have a family portrait taken in front of the cross. More details on portrait packages are listed below.

Easter Portraits

On Easter Sunday you will have an opportunity to have a family Easter portrait taken in front of our beautiful Easter cross.

Portraits will be taken before all three services. The cost of the portrait package is \$30 and includes one 8X10, two 5X7s, and four 4X6s.

All proceeds will benefit the Children's Ministry.





The Youth T-shirts are here!!!
They are free...that's the best kind!
If you missed MYF last Sunday, come by my office
and pick up yours!!

NO MYF or CONFIRMATION ON April 12 (Happy Easter)

Parents, check out our youth website: www.cyouth4jc.org.

Remember that Pastor Sandy is coming to MYF on April 19. It's our time to say our good-byes and show her our love!

In His Grip,

Christie



Music Notes



Calling all choirs!

On April 12 the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir will present "On the Third Day". The Chancel Choir will also sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

On April 19 (one service at 10:30) all the adult choirs and ensembles will present special music as well as the Handbell Choir.

All choirs will be on their regular rehearsal schedules beginning Easter Sunday and following.

The Youth Choir rehearses from 3:00 - 5:00 on Sundays.

In Him,

Marsh

Attention Seniors

Soon the Cokesbury Courier will be honoring our graduating seniors (high school or college) in an upcoming edition this May. Please submit to our e-mail address, newsletter@cumchouston.org, a graduation photo and any information you would like us to include in the article. We would like to know about your special awards, interests, your plans for the future, and anything else you would like your church family to know.

-The Editors

When is Your Birthday?

The Caring Ministry of Cokesbury would like to know your birthday. Don't worry we do not need to know the year, just the month and day. We would like to start sending birthday cards to everyone. A calendar will be available in the Commons for you to write your name on your birthday. Thanks for your help.

Parking Lot Repairs Made

You probably noticed you did not have dodge holes in the church parking lot last week as the bad spots were repaired. In addition, new storage locations for the recycle paper bins were installed. The new bin location looks much better (see photo) and should prevent future curb damage. Thanks to Jay Hyle who helped arrange for the work to be done.



Bike-A-Thon a Huge Success



The Cokesbury Bike-A-Thon was held on Sunday, March 29. Kids came ready to ride their bikes. Several spectators were on the side lines cheering them on. All kids had lots of fun riding around the track in the back parking lot. Each child had the opportunity to get sponsors. The total amount all children raised was \$1367.25. Congratulations kids!!! The money will benefit the Children's Ministry. Thank you to everyone who helped sponsor a child. Your support means so much to us.

-Alison Myers

SeAM Food Thanks

Thanks to those of you who contributed to the First Sunday food drive for Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM). A total of 113 pounds of food was donated on April 5. Thanks to all who contribute to SeAM through their donations and volunteer hours.

-Laura Bradley-Pantry Manager

Come To Men's Shrimp Boil

The Methodist Men will be selling boiled shrimp to go on Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost will be \$10/bag containing 20-25 shrimp. The UMM will take orders through April 19.

Sign Up for Vacation Bible School



Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School at Cokesbury is June 15-19. Are you ready to hike through God's world? An information table will be in the Commons and sign up sheets will be available. Our theme this year is camping out at Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere). For more information, please contact Alison Myers at 281-648-9808.

Alison Myers & Lisa Nelms

ECDC Begins Early Registration



Our Early Childhood Development Center has begun early registration for the 2009-2010 school. Our program accepts children from 18 months to 5 years. You may choose a 2 or 4 day program that runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lori Brown, 832-235-5885. Early Registration runs until May 31 for the next semester that starts August 24.



I would like to thank my Cokesbury Family for their prayers, cards, moral support, and physical support during the past 5 months as I faced and dealt with one of biggest medical challenges of my life. I would especially like to thank Jack Kestler, Marj Kehr, Ellie Melanson, Ed and Janice Shields, Anniel Lawrence, Rob Bradley and Marna Seaman .

-Chuck Dyrud

We Need Mowers

Our grass and weeds are growing in spite of a rain shortage. Weekly mowing and edging will begin soon. If you would like to help, call me at 281-992-2604. We try to have at least four crews with each working once/month. Work can be done in the evenings or on Saturday. Equipment is provided.

-Rob Bradley

UMW Circle Updates

The Breneman Circle met at the lovely home of Annabelle Fookes on Tuesday, March 24. Ten members attended and our very special guest, Katy Kuhlman honored us with her presence. We were all so happy that Katy came to our circle meeting. Mary Short gave a devotional on kindness and JoAnn Koontz presented the program on friendship.

After the program our chairperson, Fran Wright, led us in a short business meeting and reminded us to give cosmetics to the night circle for their Mother's Day dinner at the Bridge. After visiting and discussion on various topics we enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared by our lovely hostess Annabelle.

-Mary Short

In March, the Sara Owen-Gemoets Circle met in Marna Seaman's home with nine attending. Our Chair, Dee Pouzar, led a discussion of ideas for fund raisers. Marlette Reed brought a devotional on *Four Rules to Live By*. Lois Seeley presented a video program by Christian humorist Liz Curtis Higgs titled *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Have I Got News for You!* Marna served lunch followed by Marlette's chocolate cheesecake. All the ladies of Cokesbury are sincerely welcomed at any circle meeting.

-Betty Sutton

The Dulin Circle met on Tuesday, March 24 in the home of Carolyn Breathed. We had eight members present and our Chairwoman, Charline Knox led us in a discussion about the service project we want to undertake this year.

Mary Hackwood gave a very interesting program about Maundy Thursday and about the history of the yellow rose which became the Peace rose after WWII.

I had a chance to show off my late mother's handmade quilts and enjoyed having the ladies for lunch at my house.

-Carolyn Breathed

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

By The Numbers

April 5

8:30 a.m. Service.....	87
9:45 a.m. Service.....	46
11:00 a.m. Service.....	130
Total.....	263

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:

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

3rd Sunday: Anna Aquilar, Lynda Detwiler, Maymie DuBard, Jo Farris, Joyce Garner, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Martha von Kriegenbergh, Danna Whorton, Patsy Womac.