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UMW General Meeting

The UMW general meeting will be Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Our program will be presented by Hearts of Worship Ministry, an Interpretive Dance Group performing Christian music from New Life Church in Spring Branch. All ladies in the church are invited to join us for this wonderful program. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

-Beth Northrup & Margie Remely
Co-Vice Presidents, UMW

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



May 10 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lillian Lemaster's birthday by Johnny and Kathy Lemaster.

May 17 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of George Ellington by Lou Ellington.

Prayer Corner

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

Charlotte Davis, Katy Kuhlman, Carolyn Lofland, Betty Biggins, Marian Wall (Jack Kestler's Daughter), Teresa 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.



Attention High School-College Seniors

Soon the Cokesbury Courier will be honoring our graduating seniors (high school or college) in our May 22 issue. 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 by May 15. 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

The Krafka's Meet Our New Pastor

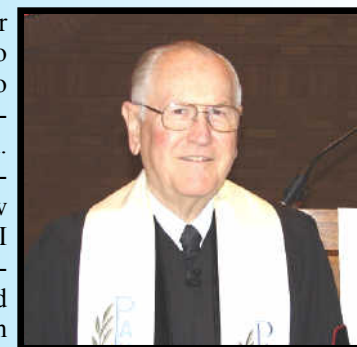


Jim and Carol Krafka, as representative of Cokesbury, recently attended a conference in Conroe for transitional pastors & churches. While there, they met our new pastor, Bill Newcomb. Bill and his wife, Oleta and their son, Adam will be joining us the week of June 8. You will not want to miss his first sermon on June 14.



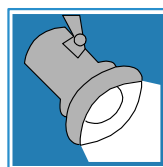
FROM THE PASTOR

I can't tell you how happy I am to be with you for a while as your interim minister. It is always a joy to make new friends. It is always interesting to get to know a new community. It is always a special privilege to participate in the life and mission of a church. You have lots of great things going on here at Cokesbury, especially with children and young people. New experiences enrich life. I have found that, when I venture out into new relationships and new experiences, I often meet God in new and significant ways and discover new things that God wants to show me. I am really looking forward to my time with you.



Grace and Peace,
Jim Kellen

Cokesbury Kids Present A Stomp Musical



You will not want to miss the end of season play by the Cokesbury Kids. They will be presenting "Joseph, From the Pit to the Palace, A Stomp Musical" on Sunday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The always entertaining Young Singing Angels will start the evening off with a wonderful pre-show. Please join us for an evening of fun. A cookie and punch reception will follow.

-Donna Bane

Come to Mother/Daughter Brunch June 13

The Stafford/Wyatt UMW Circle has set a date for their annual Mother/Daughter event benefiting The Bridge. This year's event will be a brunch on Saturday, June 13. It will start at 10:00 a.m. and run until noon. This fiesta themed event is sure to be a lot of fun. There will be live entertainment, and a silent auction with a twist. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, May 17. So, mark your calendars, grab your mom, daughter or a friend and join us for a morning of food and fun that helps a lot of moms and children in need.

-Stafford/Wyatt Circle

Mobile Medical Clinic Work Continues



Weather permitted work to resume on the Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC) at CUMC on Saturday, May 2. Shown are Johnny Lemaster and Dennis Akkola resorting to sawing "the old fashioned way" in trimming some boards for ceiling joist installation. Jim Bane and Jim Krafka also participated this day. Approximately one fourth of the ceiling joists were installed. Stop by and see what is being done with this Missions project and see where you might help out. Food was provided by Peggy Smith, Patti Akkola, and Jim Smith for this session.

Next weekend we will be installing insulation. So, people with non-technical skills will be able to help. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m.



- May 10 - NO MYF - Mother's Day!
- May 17 - Children's Play—so NO MYF—BUT... lets go to lunch. After the 11am service. Meet at Freebirds. It's on the corner of Bay Area Blvd and Texas Ave.

See you there!

• May 24 - Senior Recognition Sunday! (No Reg. MYF that evening) Seniors will be honored during the 11am service, then Seniors and their families will enjoy a catered meal and slide show (break out the tissues).

• May 31 - Confirmation Sunday! Confirmation Service will be at the 11am service and Encounter Activity for the day...Putt Putt Fun House - 2pm meet there for 2 hours of FUN! The cost is \$20, but we need at least 10 people to sign up in order to get this special deal.

For details about these and other special events see your youth newsletter.

In His Grip,

Christie

We Need Mowers

Our grass and weeds are sure to grow at a great rate after our recent rain. Weekly mowing and edging will begin soon. If you would like to help, even occasionally, call me at 281-992-2604. We try to have at least four crews with each working once/month.

Currently, we do not have enough volunteers for four teams. Work can be done in the evenings or on Saturday. Equipment is provided.

-Rob Bradley

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.



Music Notes



Congratulations Will Carter at Clear Lake High School Symphony Orchestra for sweepstakes in UIL competition!

Youth Choir will rehearse every Sunday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Yes, even on Mother's Day. It is almost performance time.

"Guys and Dolls" is playing at the Pasadena Little Theatre and is featuring two of our Davids. David Blystone and David Hamm.

All choirs will continue with our usual Wednesday rehearsal schedules.

Thank You to all music groups for a wonderful year. Stay healthy and good luck to everyone for a good year's end at school.

In Him,

Marsh

Rainbows Along the Way

Divine Diversion



With a heavy sigh, Mort stuffed his fists into his jacket pockets as he trudged across the campus, his feelings matched by the murky low lying clouds above him. Then, with a glance up at the towering seminary buildings around him, he continued his trek toward the library, still lost in thought.

A look at his watch reassured him that he had a few minutes to spare before his next class. That was rare because he knew spare time was almost non-existent what with his heavy class and work schedule. Everyone said he would be a successful preacher once he graduated but that was only if he survived his current class load. And next semester promised to be even heavier. He paused for a second and looked at his watch again.

"Hey!"

Mort looked around. What was that? He saw no one and the only sound was the burble of the brook that trickled its way through the campus.

Then he heard it again. "Hey!"

That could only be coming from the brook, yet though he looked intently all he saw was a greenish brown frog perched on the edge of a log in the brook.

"Hey! Come here!"

Staring intently at the creature, Mort stepped nearer.

"You're a frog! How can you talk?"

"It's because I'm not a frog. I'm actually an enchanted princess." The frog told him. "An evil witch changed me and you can change me back. All you have to do is kiss me."

"That's silly!" Mort scoffed. "Witches don't exist!"

"Oh, it's true. And if you'll kiss me, then I'll turn back into a princess," the frog responded. "We can be married. I'll give you everything you want. You'll be rich. And I'll love you forever!"

After a few seconds, Mort nodded in a sudden decision, and pulling off his backpack, grabbed the frog and stuffed her into his backpack.

"Hey!" The frog's voice was muffled as she dropped into the depths of the bag. "You've got to kiss me! I promise you that I'll turn back into a beautiful princess!"

Mort extracted the frog and held her up so she could hear him. "Look, I'm studying my head off and I don't have time for any type of girl friend - princess or otherwise. But now I've got a talking frog - that's really cool!"

That's far fetched of course but at least Mort had a unique way of thinking. After all, it's only logical that most young men would gladly give up a dull routine if they had the chance to eventually attain something fantastic. And in a spiritual sense, we may be tempted to do the same. It happens when God assigns us a task that we find tedious and routine ...until we come up with another plan that sounds much more exciting. Of course if we drop the original job and start after our dream job, we will be stepping outside his will but who knows? Perhaps if we start there's always a chance that he'll come around to our way of thinking!

Probably not. Because if we follow our own plans, then we don't have the divine guidance and provision that goes with his tasks he assigns us. After all, with the new job we're literally on our own. Also, that task we find so tiresome may have eternal effects that we cannot know or even imagine. Or in the routine task may be God teaching us something or ministering to someone else.

Clearly, when we follow God's task and abandon our own plans, we are cooperating with divine purposes. And certainly a talking frog in the hand is much better than an enchanted princess with warts.

-Anne Adams

UMW Circle Update

The Dulin Circle met on Tuesday, April 28 at the home of Peggy Smith. We had seven circle members present plus our President, Jean Bonds and our Chairwoman, Charline Knox led our meeting. We opened with a prayer for our dear friend, Katy Kuhlman.

Betty Griffiths gave our program on her extensive world travels. She told us about some of the 53 countries that she has visited. She gave us fascinating facts on one of her favorite places she has visited, Kenya and especially on the Masai tribe. We could have listened to Betty all afternoon. Peggy served us a delicious lunch, followed by a yummy dessert.

-Carolyn Breathed



Thank You

To Our Cokesbury Angels,

During this trying time you came to our rescue. It's been a very humbling experience for us. Words can't begin to thank you for the cards, prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, and rides to the doctor. Your wonderful food fed not only our bodies but also our spirit. But then, that's what Cokesbury does.

God Bless You All,
Carolyn and Ed Lofland

Save Time!

E-Mail Your Article To The Paper
newsletter@cumchouston.org

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.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

Lost and Found

Have you lost something at church? Be sure and check the Lost and Found Table located in The Commons. These items will remain there until May 18. After this date the items will be donated.

Caring Ministry Expands

Our caring ministry will be expanding its outreach. If you would like to be a part of this very rewarding ministry, please contact Linda Garies in the church office.

By The Numbers

May 3

8:30 a.m. Service.....	70
9:45 a.m. Service.....	33
10:30 a.m. Service.....	112
Total.....	215

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 Womack.