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## Prayer Corner

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

**Charlotte Davis, Katy Kuhlman, Beverly Crouch, Betty Biggins, Teresa Mauney's parents,** 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.

## FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear New Family At Cokesbury,

I count it as a great privilege to be your pastor. Coming to Cokesbury UMC is exciting for me. I believe this is an equally exhilarating time for you as a church. Pastor Sandy shared with me quite some time ago the desires by the church to grow, increase in mission outreach and to be the church that makes a godly difference in people's lives. Congratulations!

I am very grateful for the legacy that has been passed on to me. You have had a great stream of pastors over these past forty-eight years. From Revs. Duree, your founding pastor, to Reverend Sandra Smith, the procession has been made of very fine pastors and leaders. Reverends Wallace, Hall, Dawson, Willis, Bankston, Hood, Cambre, Owen-Gemoets and Smith helped this church to grow and prosper. I am grateful to God for sending each our way. These serve as a great cloud of witnesses, giving us encouragement to continue the call and claim the prize, the crown of life.

Just as I know each of your former pastors, I want to know each of you as I have known your pastors. I would like to have small group home meetings on a Tuesday or Thursday night. There I want to listen to your thoughts about Cokesbury UMC. Your thoughts are important to me and to others in our church. After listening, I will report back to the church what you said and from there we can make plans for our future as faithfully as we know how, God being our guide.

Please call the church office to volunteer your home as a place for small group gatherings. These meetings are meant to be easy as no food is expected to be served—a simple glass of cool water will be sufficient and pleasant means of hospitality.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,  
Brother Bill



## Welcome the Newcombs



Cokesbury welcomed our new pastor and his family on Sunday, June 14. Bill is shown above with his wife Oleta and their son Adam after the late service.



**June 21** - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of our grandchildren Cody, Casey and Reagan from Lady and Bob Gersteman.

**June 28** - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Richard and Janette Allen.

## Junior High Mission Trip at Big House



Three junior high students and three adults attended a Big House missions camp. We went to Columbus, Texas and scraped, painted and did minor repairs on 5 houses in the area. There is a great need there and these youth stepped up to the challenge. We made 65 new friends in Christ from Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Bay City and Deer Park.

It will be a weekend that we will never forget! Thank you to those who purchased shares for us to go and be the hands and feet of Christ. There will be pictures and testimonies at the Shareholder Dinner in July!

Cokesbury participants were: Rachel Glass, Elizabeth Carter, Amanda Bates, Jackie Glass, John Burnette and Christie Burnette

-Christie Burnette

## Remembering Mildred

One of Cokesbury's dearest members, our sweet and gentle lady with loving eyes of kindness and a smile as warm as sunshine, entered heaven's golden gates on June 3. Mildred Lohec was almost 90 years of age, her birthday being August 20, 1919.

Mildred joined Cokesbury in 1993. Amanda Lohec, Mildred's daughter-in-law, told us at Mildred's life celebration service held at Cokesbury on June 8-- that she asked Ora Stafford (a past Cokesbury member that we are sure greeted Mildred as she entered the heavenly gates) to invite Mildred to Cokesbury's Friendly Folks and tell Mildred that if she did not come her (Ora's) feelings would be hurt. Mildred went to Friendly Folks with Ora, because as all of us who knew and loved Mildred know, she would not want to hurt anyone's feelings. Soon afterwards she became a very active member of Cokesbury,

Mildred was a truly loving and caring lady of the highest standards, a Christian example for us to follow, her strengths being thoughtfulness and acceptance of others without judgment. We all experienced her kindness by her words and deeds. She was always positive, cheerful, and never complaining.

Her life was not always easy, however she accepted it and always went forward into her future even when she had to move from her home into assisted living at The Hamptons. When Johnny Lemaster visited her there, she told him that this was just a new part of her life and she was looking forward to enjoying it.

We know that one of Mildred's favorite things was to see and hear her lovely granddaughter Savannah Rose play the harp so beautifully. She loved her family and they her. Her eyes brightened with joy when she told us about them.

When we at Cokesbury saw Mildred at church, we even smiled more because Mildred's gentle smile encouraged us to smile. Mildred was an active member of the Friendly Folks, the Good News Sunday School Class, and Cokesbury's United Methodist Women until declining health prevented her from attendance. She enjoyed worship services at church and listening to our choir. Her contributions to Cokesbury's other favorite pastime, fellowship meals, was not cooking. Her family said she was a very creative cook, but not creative in the best of ways. However, Mildred did make contributions to this fellowship function of Cokesbury with donations she made to buy hams for family meals after funeral services. I know this because I was in charge of those meals at the time Mildred was active in our church and she would send me donations to be used to buy many many hams and thank me so graciously for my service.

Mildred also remembered many of us with get well and birthday cards or just to thank us for some small deed we had done. We were truly blessed to have Mildred Ann Lohec in Cokesbury's presence. We thank God for her. Heaven now holds our dear gentle lady. Heaven has welcomed Mildred home.

-Mary Short



**Upcoming youth activities:**

Sun., June 21st - Father's Day—No MYF! Do a little grillin' for your Dad!  
 June 24th-26th - Schlitterbahn trip. Leave Wednesday evening. Return Friday afternoon.  
 Sun., June 28th—UMARMY meeting 4:30pm - for all participants and parents.  
 Sun., June 28th—MYF  
 Sat., July 4th - the church will be handing out those 3D glasses to people at the El Franco Lee park - please sign up on the youth board if you can help out!

In His Grip,  
*Christie*

**UMW Gives Help to Bridge Shelter**

The Stafford/Wyatt Circle had two days this last month where they provided assistance to the local women's shelter. On the Thursday before Mother's Day, the circle went to the Bridge and provided a fajita dinner with brownies and ice cream for dessert.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the circle hosted a Mother/Daughter Brunch. The theme was Mexican. Breakfast burritos, a fruit kebab, pastries, and assorted drinks were provided. A silent auction was held with items for all ages. To complete the theme of the day, a dance team presented dances from the various states of Mexico. The costumes were beautiful and the dancing was very enthusiastic. About 70 women attended. Thanks to the day circles who provided the breakfast pastries. Over \$1000 was raised to be donated to the Bridge.

-Laura Bradley

**Children's Sunday School News**

Yea! School is out for summer! But not Sunday School. We are having too much fun to stop now. We invite all children aged 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Live B.I.G. Sunday School. During June, July and August we will be serving breakfast each morning and we encourage you to come in casual clothes. We may be doing some outside activities and messier crafts.

Children's Church, which is usually during the 11:00 service, will be on hiatus for the summer. Look for Children's Church to return in September.

-Laurel Johnson



I would like to thank everyone for keeping our family in your thoughts, prayers and concerns. Some of you have been saying prayers for my sister for many years and I appreciate each and everyone.

My little sister fought breast cancer for 9 years. I guess she figured she had beat up on it long enough and it was time to take her reward in Heaven. Her passing leaves a huge hole in our hearts but it is friends like you that lift us up in many ways and keep us going.

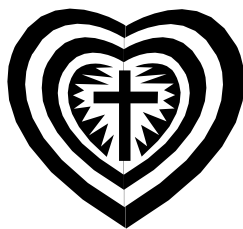
Thank you from,

*Bob Newlin & Family*

**Pool Party A Splash**

Our end of year pool party at the Y was great fun. Thanks to everyone who helped or brought their children. Have a safe and fun summer, we hope to see everyone at Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.

-Alison Myers



**Pace Chosen As 2009 Margheim Winner**



The Dot Margheim Memorial Scholarship was awarded this year to Scott Pace. Scott will be starting his sophomore year of college this fall. He was a 2008 Dobie High School graduate. At Cokesbury, he has been part of the contemporary service band and was active in MYF during high school. He is the son of Ted and Cristi Pace.

The Cokesbury UMW has been blessed to be able to award this scholarship to a deserving graduate or college student to help them achieve their goal. It is a hard decision as all applicants are very deserving. A contribution can be made to the scholarship fund in honor or memory of a loved one. We hope to continue this scholarship and with your support it will be possible.

-Jean Bonds, UMW President



**Music Notes**



Chancel Choir will sing "Standing on the Promises" with "Higher Ground" by Mary McDonald on June 21. In addition, our Men's Chorale will be singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arranged by Mark Kellner.

Cokesbury's ChoirChime Choir will play the Prelude "How Great Thou Art" arranged by Kevin McChesney on June 21.

On June 28, our Patriotic Celebration will include our Chancel Choir singing "Heal Our Land", arranged by Jack Schrader; "The Pledge of Allegiance", arranged by Alfred Reed; and "Statue of Liberty", arranged by Don Marsh.

In Him,

*Marsh*

**Here We Are Lord In 2009**

A church with a past in the late 20th century and a presence in the 21st century which grew and learned and worshipped and served you.

A church with members.

Some members came and some members went.

Some members grew from childhood to become adults within the walls of Cokesbury. Some members developed wonderful friendships that have lasted over the years.

Some members became more than they thought they could spiritually.

As now we look at our lives and we see what we are doing.

We help feed the hungry.

We provide clothes for those in need of them.

We are building a mobile medical clinic.

We comfort and serve the homeless.

We support justice for all people.

We work with Cokesbury youth.

We seek to provide ministries for children.

We give to missions all around the world.

We support each other in times of difficulties.

We sing songs to you Lord that show our love and praise for you.

We fellowship together and study the Bible and pray together.

As now we look at our lives and see what we are doing, we pray in this June 2009 as our new pastor Dr. Bill Newcomb comes to lead us, that what we are will only be the beginning of what we can become to you. Amen.

-Mary Short

**Ed Whorton Pens Novel About Preacher**

Cokesbury member Ed Whorton will have a book published this month titled "Taming Texas". The book is about the state of Texas from 1800 to 1900 based around the life of "The Fighting Parson", Andrew Jackson Potter, who rode circuit for the Methodist Church from 1856 until 1895 when he died in the pulpit giving a sermon entitled "What Think Ye of Christ". The book is historical fiction about The Reverend Paul Bunch, a character patterned after Ed's Great Great Grandfather. See Ed about purchasing an autographed copy at the \$19.99 price.

**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:

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

**4th Sunday:** Barbara Craft, Jo Felts, Denice Grays, Nancy Hensley, Suzanne Houck, Janice Johnson, Tracey Moore, Peggy Smith, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis, Carol & Jerry Yeaney.

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

**College Bible Study Class**

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.-Room 210

For information, contact Chudi Abajue 281-974-2443 or chudiabajue@hotmail.com

**Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose**

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

**By The Numbers**

June 14

8:30 a.m. Service.....	90
9:45 a.m. Service.....	35
10:30 a.m. Service.....	124
Total.....	249