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Children's Church Resumes September 13

Summer is over and school has begun, which means Children's Church is ready to begin once again. Children's Church will begin September 13 at 11 a.m. All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us. The children are to meet in the sanctuary for the 11 a.m. service. After the children's message, they will be led upstairs to room 252 (room across from the elevator) for their own service, on their own level. Children's Church includes singing, praying, and a message through different methods of teaching. At the end of the service parents are welcome to pick up their child in The Commons.

If anyone is interested in helping with Children's Church, as a leader or assistant, please contact Alison Myers for more information on how your gift can be used.

Come Out for Games on September 18

On Friday, September 18, all kids and youth from 3 years old through 12th grade are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for fun and games from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided for newborns through two years old. The youth will continue with games until 11 p.m. after the smaller children leave at 8.

Cokesbury Approaches Fifty

Cokesbury will be celebrating our fiftieth anniversary in 2011...in two years. I am inviting persons who are interested in planning this celebration to form a committee so that we can truly celebrate our history. As one popular saying goes, "you can't tell where you are going if you do not know where you have been." So, please give me a call. Start collecting pictures and histories. Let's start planning now. Everyone has a history. We are each participating in the present day Cokesbury experience. From these two will come our future.

-Pastor Bill

Pumpkins Are Coming!
Sunday, October 11-12:30 p.m.



September 13 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Marsh Hudson's birthday by the Cokesbury Music Ministry.

September 20 - Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mike and Judy Boessling's first wedding anniversary.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

Flu Shots Available Sunday

On this Sunday, September 13 from 9:30 until 12:30, flu shots will given in the Commons. The cost is \$23 and cash and checks are accepted. With Medicare Part B, there is no charge. This is *not* the shot for the H1N1 swine flu.

Prayer Corner

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

The families and friends of Charlotte Davis and Katy Kuhlman who both died last week, **Beverly Crouch**, those undergoing medical tests, those working on our Mobile Medical Clinic, our new Sunday school teachers and youth volunteers, 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

Ever wonder how we got our name at Cokesbury UMC? Parents spend hours picking out a name for their new baby. Sometimes the names are chosen because it is a family name, or the name of a significant person in the life the family. However they go about choosing a name, it is important to them. It is also important for a church because in the name chosen lies a significance. So it is with Cokesbury UMC.

Half of the name of Cokesbury comes from Dr. Thomas Coke. John Wesley consecrated Dr. Coke as Superintendent to America. Coke is know as the "father of Methodist missions". In addition to the mission posts in London and in America, he was an outspoken opponent of slavery, corresponded to General and later President Washington and preached before the U. S. Congress twice. He established mission outreaches in Paris, Gibraltar, Sierra Leone, Canada and died on his way to establish yet another in Sri Lanka. Our church is heavy into missionary outreach. The "Coke" in Cokesbury comes from Dr. Coke, significantly indicating the type of church we wanted to be when we were founded and poignantly describes who we are today.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, asked if there were anyone willing to go to the colonies of America to preach. Already known as a capable preacher, Francis Asbury volunteered in a flash. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he was the only Methodist clergy to remain in America as the church was closely tied at that time to the Church of England. For months, Asbury was in hiding until he could stand it no more and then started preaching again in spite of the danger. Yes, we get last part of our "Cokesbury" name from Francis Asbury, a devout follower of Jesus Christ, great preacher, and exemplary founder of new Methodist churches.

The evangelical spirit of Asbury is telling. In 1784, there were 83 traveling preachers and less than 15,000 Methodists. When he died on March 31, 1816, there were 212,000 Methodists, 2000 local pastors and 700 circuit riding preachers. Asbury was an evangelical to the core of his being.

When a new congregation was being organized in south Houston almost 50 years ago, in its desire to be in mission, to be devout as proclaimers of social justice, and to make disciples for Jesus Christ, you combined two names that did what you wanted to become. You combined the name of Coke and Asbury and became "Cokesbury" United Methodist Church.

We have a great and grand legacy from these two names for the church. Built on Christ, the foundation and chief cornerstone, yours is also a great future. May the pastor continue to inspire our vision for the future and invigorate our steps to the vision that is before us.

In two years, Cokesbury will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. It will be a time to celebrate. A time to renew. A time to seize again the "Asbury and Coke" in our name to realize the future God has laid out before us.

Grace and Peace,
Bill Newcomb



WELCOME



Robert and Anne (pronounced Annie) Nolen have transferred their membership from other denominations to Cokesbury. They have two children, Amy in the fourth grade, and David in the third grade. The family joined at the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, September 6.

Robert is the business process analyst for Loren Jackson, Harris County District Clerk. Robert is also head Cub Master of the pack meeting at Cokesbury. Anne is employed by The Houstonian in charge of guest and hospitality services and sings gospel music for the Star of Hope Mission. Welcome the Nolen Family to Cokesbury.

In Memoriam

This past week our church lost two of our dear members who have both been fighting their own battles with cancer. Charlotte Davis passed away on September 1 and Katy Kuhlman passed away on September 6. Memorial service times have not been decided at the time of this writing. Please call the church office (281-484-9243) for updates.

Charlotte Kay Davis

It's never easy to say goodbye to a friend. When that friend is only 50 years old and dies after a valiant battle with cancer, it's even harder. On Tuesday, September 1, Charlotte Kay Davis lost her battle with cancer surrounded by her loving family. Now, we're each being asked to put the hurt aside and remember the Charlotte we all came to know and love.

About 20 years ago, Lady Gersteman met Charlotte at a neighborhood gym and invited her to church and as they say, "the rest is history". As soon as Charlotte established herself in the church, she joined the choir, played for a time in the bell choir and was a member of the "Women of Praise" ensemble. She was on the Finance committee with Bob Newlin and was one of the people responsible for the popular 1960's dances and talent shows sponsored by that committee in the early 1990's. For several years, she was the person within our congregation who recognized our high school and college seniors at the end of each school year. Most recently, she was a member of the Permanent Endowment committee.

Charlotte didn't let cancer slow her down. She solicited donations from many of you and did several different cancer walks to raise awareness and money for the cure. As an employee of the Social Security Administration, she helped more than her share of Cokesbury members with questions about Social Security red tape. No matter what you needed, you knew you could count on Charlotte for help.

She was an active member of the New Beginnings Sunday School class and developed a sisterhood with two class members, Kirsten Raines and Janice Johnson. Most of us didn't even want to know what those three did on their frequent "Girls Weekends". We did know this much: they always involved shoes, antiques and sometimes even puppies.

Cokesbury was her "home" and we were her "family". She will be missed, but as long as we keep her alive in our hearts, she will never be forgotten.

-Sherry Brooks

Katy Kuhlman

One of Cokesbury's sweetest ladies has gone to be with our Lord. Heaven welcomed Katy Kuhlman on the morning of September 6.

Katy and Carroll Kuhlman have been members of Cokesbury for 26 years. She has always been thankful for her church family. She leaves behind a legacy.

Katy was a perfect example of a Christian lady. We will always remember her smile, her eagerness to help others, her strength, her unending faith and the love she had for her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for Katy and all that she stands for.

-Janis Shields

Remembering Katy

Katy Kuhlman, one of Cokesbury's dearest members, left her earthly home to be with her Lord Sunday morning, September 6. The sun was shining brightly and the heavenly chorus of angels we are sure were chanting "Welcome home dear and beloved friend. Katy, you have served the Lord so well on earth. Welcome home dear friend." Katy entered the heavenly gates with a smile on her face and a spring in her step. She was home with her Lord.

Katy was my best friend for over twenty years. She was probably your best friend for as long as you knew her also. Katy knew how to be a friend better than anybody that I have ever known. She could talk with you, listen with you, laugh with you and cry with you with empathy that made you feel content with your world and hers.

Katy loved her husband Carroll and all her dear family. Her grandchildren were a great joy to Carroll and her. Her voice filled with excitement, Katy told me about the trips she and Carroll took with their grandchildren to Silver Dollar City and other places.

Katy was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Caring Committee of Cokesbury, the Adult Bible Study Sunday school class for many years and the Busy Bees. Katy was an artist and she painted marble plaques which were sold to help pay for our new buildings in 2004. Many of us have those plaques on shelves or tables in our homes.

We all have beautiful memories of our friend Katy. Her support for her many, many friends will never be forgotten, nor will her service to her Cokesbury church be forgotten. Katy's faith in God and Jesus was strong and she was always willing to share that Christian faith with others in words and deeds.

We at Cokesbury were so blessed to have Katy in our midst. We thank God for her. Katy is in her heavenly home now surrounded by the angels and her Lord.

-Mary Short



This past Sunday MYF was very special. Either youth or college young adults ran every aspect of MYF, from fixing supper to leading worship, leading games and presenting our program. You guys did an awesome job.

We have been busy scheduling activities for the next three months. We have almost finished scheduling all the items you guys identified as high priority. Game Night is September 18. We will be joining the Children's Ministries game night from 6-8 pm. Then Youth Game Night will continue until 11 pm. Bring your favorite game.

On Sunday, September 13, the Jr. High Sunday School class will separate from the High School Sunday School class. Nathan Sutton will be teaching. I hope you all can make it.

Also on Sunday, September 13, the Youth Disciple Bible Study class will meet for the first time. I will provide lunch for this first meeting. If you have not signed up, but are interested, just come anyway. Class time is 12:30 to 2:30. The book costs \$30. We will order the books for you. This class is for High School students.

We are going to have a scavenger hunt for SeAM on Sunday, September 20, during our regular MYF time. Parents, we will need a couple of extra drivers. Please email me at lhte143@sbcglobal.net if you can help out.

If any of you are interested in serving in the Sunday morning worship services, check the youth board and sign up for what you would like to do. We will be scheduling an usher training soon.

Keep a close watch here next time for the announcement of the date of our next lock in!

In His Service,
Linda Hite, Youth Director



Music Notes



Youth Choir, don't forget, Sing n Snack on September 13 at 4:00 p.m., upstairs in the Choir Room. All youth, 6th grade through high school are welcome. You may bring a friend.

On Wednesday, September 9, our normal practice schedule will resume:

5:30 Choir Chimes 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Chorale 7:30 Chancel Choir
New singers and ringers are invited to attend.

We are projecting a date for our youth musical, Living on the Edge, of October 24 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a part of our Fall Festival including Pumpkin Patch and other activities.

Thanks to the Chancel Choir for being back in the loft!

In Him, *Marsh*

Mobile Medical Clinic Nears Completion



Work on Cokesbury's mobile medical clinic is nearing completion. Most of the white interior walls have been installed, giving the clinic a clean and finished look. In the photo, Kaitlyn Wallis, Jeb Brooks, Dennis Akkola and Pastor Bill watch Andrew Parker make the cut on some wall board.

Several of the youth have been helping at the MMC recently. Youth or college students contributing their labor were Kaitlyn Wallis, Andrew Parker, Melanie Thompson and Johnny Hite.

Use Your Kroger Card to Help Church

Cokesbury UMC is pleased to be a participant in Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor donation program. If you choose, every time you shop at Kroger, Cokesbury will receive a contribution based on your eligible purchases. To enroll in the program you simply need to present a customer letter with the Cokesbury's barcode to a Kroger cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your Kroger Plus Card, you will be enrolled for the remainder of the program year (until mid-2010). On future visits, all you have to do is show your Kroger card as you normally do. You can pick up a letter from the table in the narthex or you can print a customer letter from the Kroger website located at www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com and search for Cokesbury United Methodist Church. This is an easy way to help your church.

Bible Drive

The New Beginnings Sunday School class is sponsoring a Bible drive to benefit the clients of SeAM. Most Bibles donated will be given away in the Thrift Store to help spread the gospel. Study Bibles, large print, or high quality covers, are sold at a low price. Many of us have many Bibles at home, but use only our old favorites when we read our Bible or do Bible studies. Please consider donating any extra bibles you may have to this very worthy cause. Look for the blue GOT BIBLES? bucket in the hallway by the church kitchen. It will only be there until October 15 so don't wait...get those closets and book shelves cleaned out now! Any questions can be directed to Sherry Brooks at 281-481-5968 or jebrooks@sbcglobal.net.



-Sherry Brooks

By The Numbers

September 6

8:30 a.m. Service.....	75
9:45 a.m. Service.....	45
10:30 a.m. Service.....	96
Total.....	216