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Prayer Corner

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

Jay Standridge, **Beverly** Crouch, **Lillian** Lemaster (Johnny's mother), **Wade** Hudson, **Jon** Akkerman, **Luella** Sims, **Carroll** Kuhlman, **Barbara** Strong, **Martha** VanKriegenbergh, **Willie** Nolen, Anne Nolen's mother (**Betty**), **Dutch** Uran, **Wilma** Wallis (Gary's mother), **Bela** dos Santos, **Jeanette** Tofte, **Zach** Hopson (Kay Hyle's cousin), Jennifer Howard's mother, **Emilyn** Harris, **Linda** Simmons, Teresa Mauney's parents, **Marian** Royster, **Mara** Price, **Gerald** Eddins, **Wanda** Ford, **Jack** Williams, **Tim** Cates, **Joan** Nolen, **Carolyn** Diehl, **Bill** Norris, Tracey Moore's mother (**Shirley**), **Derek** Chamness, **Terry** Allen, **Gail** Wallace, **Amanda** Richardson, and for all those serving our country or working in Iraq or Afghanistan especially Aaron Smalley, Nathan Diehl (Betty Evan's grandson) and Barry King. If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office, 281-484-9243. In addition, keep the people and workers in Haiti and Chile in your prayers.

Hear the Shalom Choir at The Fountain

Sunday, May 16, at the Fountain the Shalom Choir from Africa will present "Voices of Hope". These children and their families represent those who have recently immigrated to the United States. Many of the children and their parents escaped from the genocide of their countries and oppressive regimes. They were Methodists in Africa. They are part of our Methodist family here in the United States.

Plan on an hour program--a one time departure from our 30 minute time frame on Sunday evenings. Following the service there will be a covered dish meal. Please bring a dish to share. We are expecting about 70 guests, so please bring plenty of extras.

An Opportunity to Help Others

Extravagant Generosity is one of the hallmarks of a fruitful congregation. The Shalom Choir has the young people and the enthusiasm, but they just need transportation from their Church (near Ashcroft and the Southwest Freeway) to ours. Would you consider picking up youngsters and a few adults from their church location, Sunday, May 16 at about 3:00 p.m.? We need 7-8 vehicles or approximately \$300 for the rental of two 15 passenger vans. Thus far, we have collected \$140 for the vans as of Sunday, May 8. Your extravagant generosity of your vehicles, driving, and/or monetary gifts is valued and appreciated. Please call Rev. Newcomb or Carole Krafka to offer your support.

Linda Graduates

Congratulations to Linda Garies upon her graduation from the Lay Ministry College on April 28 at the Weiss Chapel. This extended learning ministry was established by The Methodist Hospital and the Texas Annual Conference and offered by the department of spiritual care and education. Linda was one of twelve to complete the program.



May 16-The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rev. Clifton Smith by Don and Sue Smith.

May 23-The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Garner by Leslie Kettmann and Joyce Garner.

Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

Welcome

Mrs. Patsy Heugatter has transferred her membership from another United Methodist Church to Cokesbury. "Pat" is recuperating from illness at Park Place Nursing home before she returns to her home. She is a member of the Good News Sunday School Class. Welcome Pat to Cokesbury!

From The Pastor

Oleta's close friend, Shelley Harper, writes devotionals or statements about her faith on her blog. This one is just too good not to share, so I have chosen it to share with my church family.

Most of the time I feel like a baby grasping tightly; wrapping my small fingers around the one large finger of a caretaker.

Not long ago, I realized that I relate like this to Jesus. I'm an infant, so new I don't even know how to control my own arms and legs. I am clueless about the complexities of the spiritual home into which I've been adopted.

If I were a toddler even, I could communicate more clearly because I could use some words. But I'm an infant; my brain feels unformed, at least in the spiritual realm. I'm quite good at using my brain intellectually. I can dance around all sorts of truths, research whatever you want, speak in a knowing way about people or academics or politics. But my spiritual knowing, my deep understanding of God and his ways, my ability to apply to my life the ways of behaving that Jesus showed us - in all of these arenas I am helpless. I keep trying to learn, using my academic thinking brain. And I still don't KNOW much of anything at all about the One True God. I know a little from the life of his son, and his spirit has instructed me. But I have such a long way to go.

The only thing I know spiritually is the unwavering presence of that miraculous grown-up finger. To that finger I cling with all my strength.

So, in clinging brothers and sisters in the faith, so it is in clinging that we find safety and then in this safe place we can learn more of the things of God. Clinging to the hand of God even, to "that miraculous grown-up finger" may you find His security.

Blessings,

Bro. Bill



Choir to Honor Marsh at Spaghetti Supper

The choir will be honoring Marsh Hudson on May 23 at a special spaghetti supper which will begin at 5:30 p.m. right after the Fountains worship service at 5:00. All are invited.

Marsh is retiring as director of Cokesbury's music program after a long career directing church choirs and church music programs. He will continue his teaching of music both privately and in the schools.

If you would like to bring something for the supper, we could use spaghetti (uncooked), meat sauce, salad mix, bread, and desserts. If you have any questions please call John Short at 281-481-0593 or Kathy Lemaster at 281-485-6935.

-John Short

UMW Serves The Bridge

On Thursday, May 6, the Stafford/Wyatt UMW circle served a delicious Mother's Day dinner to the ladies at The Bridge. These ladies are all going through rough times. Many are escaping domestic violence. So, a little Mother's Day pampering was a true blessing to them.

Many of you helped, by donating cosmetics, cosmetic bags, and food. Your donations were very much appreciated. The ladies were all smiling by the time we left. The children also were served a special meal and enjoyed a craft and were given books. Thank you everyone for helping us make this annual event possible.



Pictured from left to right around the table are Laura Bradley, Karla Parker, Laurel Johnson, Linda Hite, Heather Pues, Peggy Smith, Sue Smith, Paige Schwartz, and Janis Shields.



I hope everyone had a wonderful time with their Moms on Mother's Day. Where would we be without our Moms?

If you are going to UMARMY, we are having a meeting Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Everyone that is going, youth and adult, needs to attend. Our camp director, Randy Wallen, will be there!

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BEACH RETREAT IS THIS WEEKEND!!!! If you are going and have not signed up let me know ASAP! We want to be sure to have plenty of food for you and a space in a car to get you there!! Meet at the church at 5:00 Friday evening. EVERYONE will need to have their parents sign a permission slip when you get dropped off and bring the \$35 fee plus any spending money you want. If your parents won't be dropping you off, you can pick up a permission slip from me Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 9 pm at the church. Everyone should have received a list of what to bring in the mail.

Sunday evening we have a very special treat at "The Fountain." Come and hear the Shalom Choir from Africa present "Voices of Hope". The service will be about an hour, and we will have a covered dish supper and get to visit with them after the service.

VBS is looking for adult and youth volunteers. The sign up sheets are in the Commons area (where the soda machine is). It is always so much fun working with the kids of our church!

Remember the promises from God that we talked about Sunday morning as you go through your week. He is always with us and we can always go to Him with our burdens! What a blessing!!

In His Service, **Linda Hite**, Youth Director

Biking For Cokesbury



Thank you for your support and for coming out to cheer on the children of Cokesbury. Between rest stops and water breaks, the children rode around the back parking lot anywhere from 2 laps to 33 laps. Everyone enjoyed listening to the Youth Praise Band! All the children received a medal for participation. Nathan Myers and Kayla Johnson completed the most laps and received a 365 Day Devotional Book. Karis Williams received a Little Bible for completing the most laps of the children 4 years and under. All the kids collected around \$600, which will benefit the Children's Ministry and VBS. Thank you again from all the Children of Cokesbury.

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Children's Ministry Planning A Kemah Trip

Are you looking for something to do this summer? Do you like Kemah Boardwalk? Children's Ministry has scheduled a field trip to Kemah for Wednesday, June 16 at 10:30 am. The trip consist of visiting the Sting Ray Exhibit, hot dog lunch and three rides. The cost is \$5 per person. A sign up sheet is on the Children's Ministry Board and all money is due by Sunday, June 6. All are invited to attend. Any questions please contact Alison Myers at 713-870-7361 or kevali313@sbcglobal.net.

-Alison Myers,

T Minus 40 Days Until VBS Blast Off



Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School at Cokesbury is June 28-July 2. Are you ready for the mission into space? An information table is in the Commons and sign up sheets are available. The theme this year is space. Pre-registration has started. The first 25 families that register get a free Take Home CD filled with music and computer games. There are still some left. For more information, please contact Alison Myers at 713-870-7361.

-Alison Myers & Lisa Nelms

Where in the World are Danna and Ed?

On May 1, we are part way to Lubbock and staying at Ranger on I-20 heading west to Abilene. Everything is running smoothly and the camper tows well. Corners are fun (not) but we have not hit anything yet or scraped the top off of the camper. Fuel mileage is between 11 and 14 mpg depending on grade. We plan to stay in Lubbock a few days and then on to Amarillo. Danna's cousin James Lee passed away last week after her Uncle John passed in March.

We have already established ties to three couples who are in Escapees RV Club also and one person who is planning to go full time in the near future.

We miss you all dearly but want you to know that we are establishing new friends along the way. There are lots of us Vagabonds out here and lots of campgrounds to visit. Keep us in your prayers.

Love always and forever yours,
-Ed and Danna

Dulin Circle Meets

The Dulin Circle met on Tuesday, April 27 in the lovely home of Nancy Owens. We had 13 members present and three visitors. Our visitors were Oleta and Adam Newcomb and Dee Pouzar's neighbor, Mary Johnson. We remembered two of our members, Jay Standridge and Marna Seaman, who were not feeling well and not able to join us.

Charline Knox opened our meeting with the Prayer of Protection. Betty Sutton gave a very good devotion about being frightened by nothing, from a book entitled *She Who Laughs, Last*. We received a report from Dee Pouzar about our garage sale. We made \$400 and are donating the money to the church. If anyone needs a free Christmas tree, call Dee Pouzar. We had three at the garage sale that did not sell.

Charline gave a report on one of our projects, visiting shut-ins. She and Ellie Melanson visited Pat Heugatter at the nursing home. They also visited Molly Evans and Gloria Markowitz, (Dot Margheim's sister) at the retirement home where they live.

Linda Garies gave a program about how we all need to stop and think before we speak and always try to hear what other people are saying and not be so quick to judge. She closed with an article that appeared in the Courier several years ago, called "A Holy Fence".

We all enjoyed a delicious lunch that Nancy had prepared, followed by a yummy dessert.

-Carolyn Breathed

Kuhlman Circle Visits Peggy's Kitchen

The Katy Kuhlman Circle of the UMW met at the lovely home of Peggy Smith on a beautiful spring morning, April 27. Eight members attended, as well as our our UMW president, Jean Bond. We also had one guest.

We began our meeting with prayer. Barbara Stong then led us in a short business meeting. We discussed future circle meetings and UMW general meetings for the summer. The UMW will have a luncheon at Hope Village on Tuesday, June 8, and we will be making health kits this summer also.

Our program was very unique. Peggy invited us into her kitchen and then she made her famous peanut brittle, giving us the recipe. It takes only 6 minutes and 30 seconds to cook it in a microwave oven with 1000 watts of power.

We at Cokesbury all love Peggy's peanut brittle. She makes it for all kinds of Cokesbury fundraisers. The money raised from selling Peggy's candy has provided funds for many, many worthy Cokesbury causes.

After our program we then enjoyed a most delicious luncheon prepared by Peggy--chicken and fresh fruit salads and a yummy chocolate toffee dessert. We are truly blessed to have one of the best cooks anywhere, Peggy Smith, as a member of our circle and our church. We thank God for her and her husband Jim. They are Christian examples to all of us at Cokesbury.

-Mary Short



Treasurer's Report

Giving-April

General.....	\$29,950
Bond Fund.....	\$330
Designated Giving.....	\$2,794
Total Giving.....	\$33,074

Total Expenses for April

Payroll.....	\$15,571
Church Overhead.....	\$3,593
Program Expenses.....	\$1,934
Apportionments.....	\$3,028
Retirement Bond Pmt/Interest.....	\$8,292
Total Expenses.....	\$32,418

Bank Balances - April 30

Operating.....	\$587
T-Mobile.....	\$13,702
Designated Savings.....	\$56,448
Total Cash Balance	\$70,737
Sandy Hinson, Treasurer	

Jack's Cookies Win



At the Southbelt BBQ Cookoff, Jack Kestler's chocolate chip cookies won 3rd place in the Chef's Choice category for the Bubba Chubb's BBQ team. Pictured at left is Jack Kestler and his trophy. Congratulations Jack!

By The Numbers

May 9

8:30 a.m. Service.....	88
11:00 a.m. Service.....	100
The Fountain.....	15
Total.....	203

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: Lynda Detwiler, Maymie DuBard, Jo Farris, Joyce Garner, Betty Grigsby, Karla Parker, Martha von Kriegenbergh, Patsy Womack

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