



The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
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Distance Giving

By Walter Blair

New on the web site in September we will begin offering the convenience of online tithes and offerings. This new area will provide you with information for 'Distance Giving' including direct donations, repeating bank drafts, and mailing info.

The direct donation method will allow you to give, using a credit card, and will incur a 5% surcharge to cover the processing cost. This charge is required to help the processing company cover its costs of maintaining the system. So, if you give \$100, \$95 will go to Cokesbury and \$5 will go to the processing company.

This will first be implemented on a 6-month trial basis to help determine whether there is enough interest to make this a permanent fixture on the web site. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please direct them to the church office, tithes@cokeburyumc.us or donate@cokeburyumc.us.

We will provide more information on the web site, but look for the pledge button on the home page, or you can point your browser to tithes.cokesburyumc.us or donate.cokesburyumc.us.

Ministry Fair

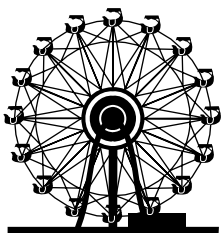
September 18, 2005

By Melissa Clark

Come by the fellowship hall after either service on Sunday morning, September 18th to see displays featuring a wealth of information about every committee in Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

This is your opportunity to discover the many programs and initiatives that are ongoing and to keep our church moving forward by participating in your area of interest.

Please join us for refreshments and information. This is an exciting time for our church and we want you to be a part of the Cokesbury Church Family.



Worship Services

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Nursery available both services

The 11am worship service features a children's worship for 4-9 year olds.

On months with 5 Sundays, Service begins at 10 AM on the 5th Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM
(For children, youth, and adults)

Cokesbury UMC Web Site:
<http://www.CokesburyUMC.us>

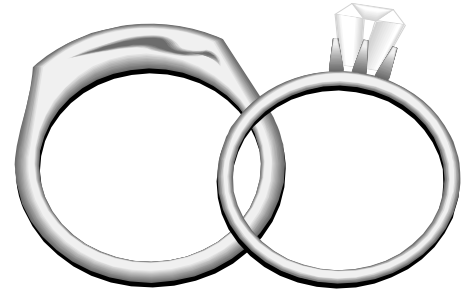


Happy Birthday

- 1 Carrie Edmonds
Charles Petrie
- 2 Marsha Eland
Helen (Peggy) Keen
- 3 Jacob Clark
- 4 Tony Clark
- 6 Charles Burke
- 8 Tamara O'Brien
Katilyn Finney
- 10 Donna Sapp
Paul Aquino
- 11 Glenna Durham
Deborah Salyers
Mary Wright
- 12 Paul Hatch
Mary Deahl
- 14 Mary Helmer
Meghan Moore
- 15 Jerry Edmonds II
Amy Alvarado
- 16 Mammusu Sesay
- 18 Isata Sesay
- 20 Harry Miller
- 21 Wilfred Jones, Jr
- 23 Doug Phelps
Bridget Biller
Jessica Salyers
- 24 Eleanor Young
Debbie Nelson
Jonah Ash
- 25 Andrew Lawson
- 27 Jean Pascale
Kathleen Martin
Elizabeth Schaver
Cheryl Petitt
- 28 Gayle Urban

reborn

Anniversaries



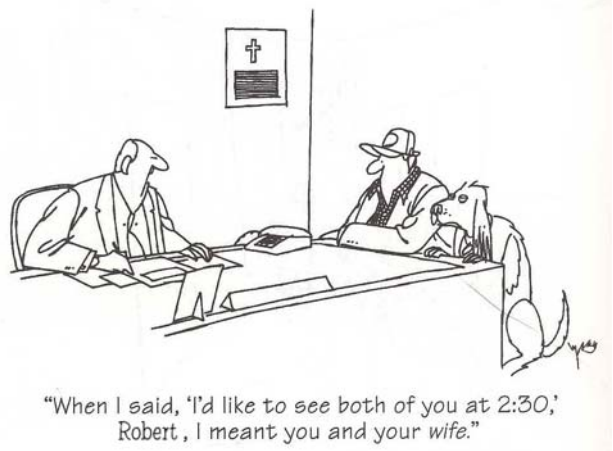
- 3 Mary & Thomas Taylor
- 12 Jacqueline & Joseph Elliot
- 22 Billie Lou & Victor Wertz
- 25 Debbie & Steven Nelson
- 28 Gail & Jack Kornieck

Coming Soon ...

**Blood Drive
At
Cokesbury United Methodist
Church**

Wednesday
November 2

3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.



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Money Matters

By Walter Blair, Finance Committee

*** The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of August 14, 2005.**

2005 Annual Budget = \$212,764

Month	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date			Year-to-Date Expenses	
	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Percentage of the Budget Funded	Budgeted Expenses	Expenses vs Budget
January	\$16,572	\$13,062	\$16,572	\$13,062	78.8%	\$15,954	78.0%
February	\$17,572	\$15,616	\$34,144	\$28,679	84.0%	\$32,367	85.1%
March	\$18,672	\$13,406	\$52,516	\$42,084	80.1%	\$48,905	86.9%
April	\$18,072	\$14,482	\$70,888	\$56,566	79.8%	\$65,267	87.1%
May	\$22,572	\$18,626	\$93,460	\$75,840	81.1%	\$82,360	89.0%
June	\$14,672	\$16,115	\$108,132	\$91,956	85.0%	\$102,679	91.7%
July	\$13,572	\$16,656	\$121,704	\$108,612	89.2%	\$123,790	94.5%
August*	\$19,572	\$9,929	\$131,490	\$118,541	90.2%	N/A	N/A
September	\$20,172						
October	\$17,072						
November	\$16,572						
December	\$17,672						

- **Month to Date: Required to meet the Budget** – Amount the church needs to meet its projected funding. These figures are based on the projected monthly revenues based on offering history and projected fundraisers.
- **Month to Date: Budgeted Income Received** - Amount the church has received toward the budget for the month indicated.
- **Year to Date: Required to meet the Budget** - Cumulative budget needs to date.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Income Received** – Cumulative amount the church has received toward the budget.
- **Year to Date: Percentage of the Budget Funded** - Comparison of budgeted offerings received vs budget needs.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Expenses** - Year-to-Date amount the church has spent against the budget. 'N/A' indicates that expenditures have not been updated since the last end-of-month period.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Expenses vs Budget** – Comparison of budgeted expenses vs budget needs.

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Articles for *The Colonnade* are due by the 15th of each month for the next months edition.

eScrip Update and Renewal

By Walter Blair

If you have a Safeway store card you can help Cokesbury each time you make a purchase. Safeway and eScrip have programs where a portion (usually 2-3%) of your qualifying purchase amounts will be donated to our church. Even if you signed up in the past, please check and verify that your enrollment is current and that Cokesbury is your designated organization.

This program requires that you opt-in each Fall, so please renew now!

Cokesbury's eScrip Group ID is **1046056**.

Counter Call

By Walter Blair

It is time to rotate counter teams due to normal turn over and a few members just being ready to move on to other church services. The counter teams need to include three members each and we need at least four teams. The work involves counting the weekly offering to be sure all givers are properly credited and all funds are properly directed. The commitment needed is once a month for about an hour after the 11:00am Worship Service OR to serve as a standby if needed.

If we are unable to refill the counter rolls we may become unable to process the offerings on a weekly basis, which will have obvious consequences for our cash flow and commitments and obligations. Those who are now serving have generously done so over the course of many years and we need to refresh our ranks with AT LEAST SIX new members.

Training will be provided but you need to have basic organization and math skills. Please give serious consideration to serving the church in this manner and contact Walter Blair at (703)878-7443 or counters@cokeburyumc.us if you are interested or have any questions.



Grace Needs a Home

By Preston Elliott

Can someone please help me find a new home for my cat? Her name is Grace. She is an adult female tabby. She is declawed and has excellent litter habits. She's a good cat – quiet and shy.

My mommy has had Grace for 5 years so she's used to lots of TLC that we can't give her anymore. If you can help Grace find a good home please call my mommy, Denise at 703-497-4712.

P.S. She's free.

Youth Choir News

By Melanie Blair

We are doing something different with the Youth Choir this year. Starting September 11th, music time will be part of the Sunday School hour. All children and youth are invited to attend Music and Sunday School.

This should prove to be an exciting year. We have a "music team" that includes Joe and Robin BeMiller, Melissa Clark, and Melanie Blair.

Please join us as we share our gifts and talents to the Glory of God. – Thank you!!!



Cokesbury Christmas Cards For Sale

By Bunny Mahar

Helping Hands will be selling Christmas cards with a photograph of our church Christmas interior.

Orders will be taken soon and cards will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas mailing.

Please

support this project and use these cards to share the warmth of our Cokesbury Christmas with your family and friends. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to a church project to be selected by the Finance Committee.



There will be 20 cards per set and it is expected that the cost will be \$15 per set or \$28 for two.

Fall Craft Show

Cokesbury United Methodist Church

By Diane Haggart

You are invited to participate in the Cokesbury UMC's Family Care Craft Show, scheduled to take place Saturday, **November 12, 2005**, at:

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
14806 Blackburn Rd
Woodbridge, VA. 22191
Email: **cokesbury_umc_craftshow@comcast.net**

The craft show will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is expected to be a great event with a variety of vendors participating. Admission will be free, with plenty of free parking. Vendors will be located inside the building and refreshments will be sold.

Cost will be:

\$25.00 for an 10'x 10' Exhibit Space
\$ 5.00 additional for electric hookup
\$10.00 for rental of table and chairs



Application Procedures

All vendor applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Letters of acceptance will be distributed once your payment has been received and processed. If rejected, full payment will be returned.

Please print out the application form and return it with your check or money order (non-refundable) no later than October 12, 2005.

Your check or money order should be made payable to Cokesbury United Methodist Church and mailed to:

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
Attn: Fall Craft Show Committee
14806 Blackburn Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Please direct all questions to Diane Haggart at (703) 491-3645 or Cheryl Petitt at (703) 590-2495.

Emails can be directed to: cokesbury_umc_craftshow@comcast.net

Mark 12:41-44

(New International Version)

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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