



The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
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Cokesbury Reaches Out To A Sister Church After Hurricane Hits

By Linda Crawford

Thanks to all of you who gave to the Founder's Day event this year, we collected over \$3000.00. In years past, we purchased items for our church to enhance our worship, but this year our hearts were touched as we witnessed churches, destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, conduct worship services with little more than a 2 X 4 laid across two sawhorses for an altar.

Rather than look inward at what we could buy for ourselves, Cokesbury UMC decided to reach out to one of our sister churches on the gulf coast to help rebuild what nature has torn apart. To do that, the Seashore District Superintendent's office in Mississippi was contacted and asked to provide us with a church to help recover from Hurricane Katrina and the money that was collected will be sent to them in order to help with the rebuilding process.

The church is Mount Zion United Methodist Church located in Gulfport MS. The money is a small gift when you look at the grand scale of things, but we can also help in other ways, such as sending letters, cards and notes of encouragement to the congregation of Mount Zion UMC and let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to contact them you may send correspondence to:

Rev. Rosemary Williams
Mount Zion United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 444
Gulfport MS 39502 – 0444

I know that if we were in their situation, it would mean a great deal to us to receive gifts such as these, from strangers who **are** the church....from Cokesbury UMC.

Coming in November ...

**Blood Drive
At
Cokesbury
United Methodist Church**

**Wednesday
November 2, 2005
3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.
Contact Barbara Firth at
703-491-7539 for more information**

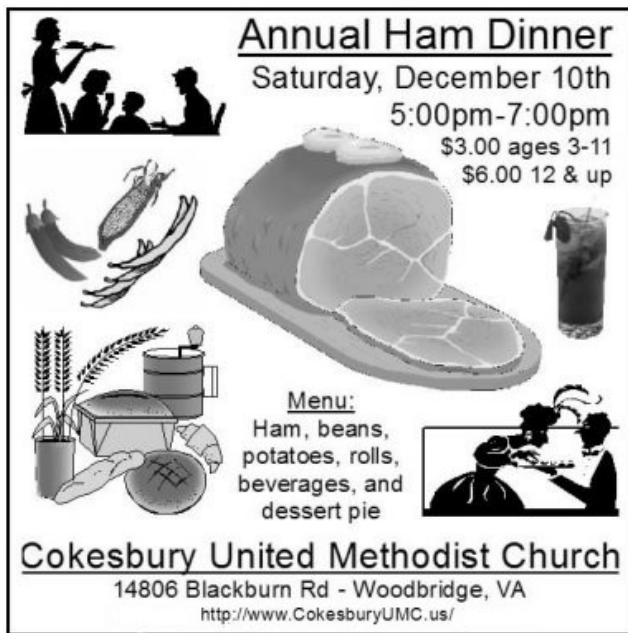
Worship Services

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>**



Soup & Salad Luncheon

November 6, 2005

By Bunny Mahar

If you have never attended the Helping Hands' soup and salad luncheon, then you are in for a real treat. On Sunday, November 6, in the fellowship hall, there will be an array of soups you will not see anywhere else. Along with the soups are crackers, delicious salad, homemade cakes, and beverages.

This all-you-can eat lunch is only \$3.00 per person. We will remind you several times before then but keep this date on your calendar because you won't want to miss it.

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.

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Distance Giving

By Walter Blair

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

The direct donation method allows 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 is being 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.

More information is provided on the web site but look for the pledge button on the home page.

You can also point your browser to:

tithes.cokesburyumc.us

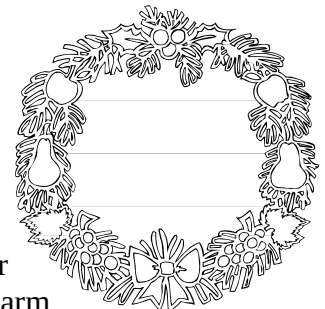
Or

donate.cokesburyumc.us.

Christmas Cards

By Bunny Mahar

Orders are being taken for Christmas cards featuring the Christmas interior of Cokesbury church. The cards are unique to our church and send a warm greeting to your family and friends. An order blank is included in this newsletter if you wish to turn it in to a member of Helping Hands. Payment or deposit is requested but not required. We can always count on your support and we appreciate it very much.



Loving others... as Christ first loved us!

Christmas Cards 2005

**Featuring Our Own Church
Place your order now**

- ♥Great Full color cards♥
- ♥Unique to our church♥
- ♥Send a joyous Christmas♥
- ♥To family and friends♥
- ♥Cost less than store bought cards

Support our Church

Place an advance order now!!



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- ☐ Please accept my reservation for _____ packets of full color Christmas cards, each packet containing 20 cards and 21 envelopes.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

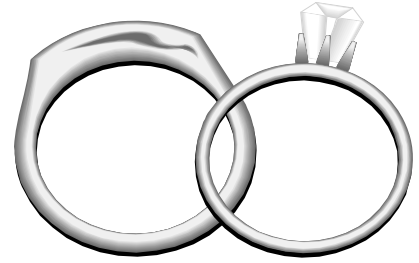


Happy Birthday

- 1 William Clark
- 3 Kenneth Kerton
- 4 Jeremy Jewell
Thomas Taylor
- 6 Joe Burnette
Mark Salyers, Jr
- 7 Alec Finney
Justin Cotter
Jeremy Urban
- 8 Michael Obeng
- 10 Mary Crist
- 11 Judie Cator
Shelby Crawford
Puanani Aquino
- 12 Bill Goodman
Lauren Deyerle
- 13 Brian Nelson
- 14 Joseph Greene
Doug Sapp
- 15 Bobby Kinson
- 16 Danielle Haggart
- 17 John Schiele
Ruth Spiker
Ted Kelley, Jr
- 18 Winifred Jones
- 20 Kelsey Powell
- 22 Harry Fizer
Kyle Mahan
- 23 Michelle McCain
Lisa Bohnet
- 26 Kevin Anderson
- 27 Jennifer Furr
Corey Ritenour
- 28 Jamie Westerman
- 31 Vera Edmonds

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Anniversaries



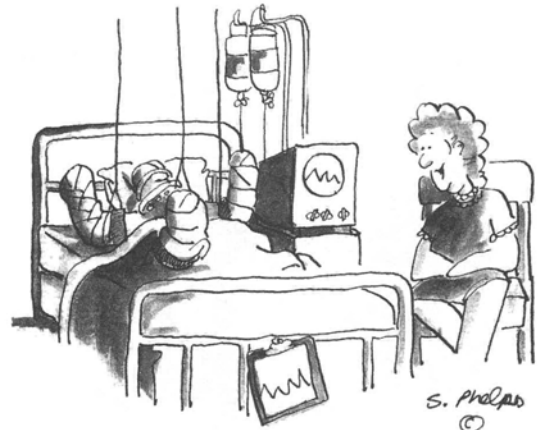
- 4 Patsy and Carl Armentrout
- 5 Paula and Paul Hatch
- 10 Brenda and Kenny Johnson
- 14 Anna and Scott Miller
Denise and Robert Ritenour
- 21 Cynthia and Richard Derr
- 23 Delores and John Schiele

Thank You Everyone! From the Family of Jesse L. Simmons

On behalf of my Brother John L Swats, I want to say a special **thank you** to the women of Cokesbury Church. You are very special and were there for us in our time of need.

Sincerely With Love,

Jesse L. Simmons



"I heard you were here, Pastor,
but I didn't want to cancel our counseling session."

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Money Matters

By Walter Blair, Finance Committee

* The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of September 11, 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	\$14,172	\$141,276	\$122,784	86.9%	\$142,561	95.6%
September*	\$20,172	\$9,235	\$151,362	\$132,019	87.2%	N/A	N/A
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.

BE AN ANGEL!

JOIN US AT AT "SOUP"ER LUNCH
WITH SOUP, SALAD, CRACKERS & CAKE



Sunday, November 6, 2005
NOON, RIGHT AFTER CHURCH
\$3.00 PER PERSON

CLAM CHOWDER
VEGETABLE SOUP
POTATO SOUP
BEAN SOUP
AND MORE!

Sponsored by Helping Hands

A SPECIAL FOUNDER'S DAY

By Mary Jane Fizer

It never ceases to amaze me how things get done around Cokesbury! God moves in mysterious ways! As chairman of the Founders Day Committee, I was doing last-minute planning to be sure that everything was ready and, on the Sunday before Founders Day, before the first service began, I asked Peggy Keen who was in charge of purchasing the paper products for church functions, so that I could contact that person if we needed supplies. She told me that Diane Haggart usually did the purchasing and that Cheryl Pettit was helping Diane. Between services, I was in the church kitchen and Cheryl was taking inventory of what was on hand. At the end of the second service, I found Cheryl bringing in a supply of plates, napkins, coffee creamer, etc. That quickly, we had all we needed for our meals! Thank you, Cheryl and Peggy!

Then I noticed, on the same day, that the flower bed at the entrance to the sanctuary was in need of weeding. I put this on the agenda for Wednesday's final meeting of the committee to see what we could do about it, only to come to the meeting on Wednesday to find that the flower bed was all cleaned out and looking beautiful, thanks to Naomi Shaw and Marian Gherke!

The Methodist Men's Club, as always, provided the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks for the picnic. Thanks, Methodist Men! I also saw Jack Jewell, Tom Taylor, and Kyle Keen doing some cleanup around the church grounds. This is much appreciated. Bunny Mahar volunteered to prepare all the side dishes for the picnic. I am sure that this was quite an undertaking. Everything was delicious! Thanks, Bunny!

Joe BeMiller organized the singing after the picnic on Saturday and the youth had games planned, although the rain interfered a little. Thanks to all of you!

We were blessed to have Rev. Denise Bates as our guest speaker and enjoyed her

inspirational message, as well as William Wright's trumpet music after the worship service. Thanks to both of them for their services!

A very special thanks goes to the person who wishes to remain anonymous who donated the beautiful praying hands calendars as special gifts for everyone attending the service on Sunday.

After both the picnic on Saturday and the dinner on Sunday, many people helped with cleanup, both in the kitchen and with putting away tables and chairs in the fellowship hall. Leta did a wonderful job of vacuuming the floor! All this assistance made the Committee's job much easier.

I especially would like to thank the Founders Day Committee for working with me to plan and organize the events for the special weekend. Those on the committee include Marian Gherke, Naomi Shaw, Eleanor Young, Mary Wright, Donna Sapp, and Pastor Russ.

With everyone working together, a job is so much easier to do. Thanks again to everyone for helping to make our Founders Day observance a very special one.

Annual Ham Dinner
Saturday, December 10th
5:00pm-7:00pm
\$3.00 ages 3-11
\$6.00 12 & up

Menu:
Ham, beans,
potatoes, rolls,
beverages, and
dessert pie

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After Service Hospitality

By Cheryl Petitt

Volunteers are needed to provide food items for refreshments served after Sunday Services. Simple snacks such as cake, cookies, muffins, or donuts, along with juice and coffee/tea help make Church Members and Visitors feel welcome at Cokesbury.

Coffee and tea are provided by the church, but need to be prepared by the host/hostess for the day. There are coffee carafes, sugar, creamer, tea, cups, napkins, plastic ware and serving platters available in the kitchen. While serving you will need to monitor the refreshments and clean up afterwards.

If you would like to make donations for refreshments but are unable to serve, please contact the Family Care Committee and one of our members will be more than happy to serve for you.

If you would like to provide for the 8:30 Service you can contact Cheryl Petitt at (703) 590-2495 and for the 11:00 Service you can contact Diane Haggart at (703) 491-3645.



**Family Care Committee's
Annual Birthday Cake & Potluck
Luncheon**

**Sunday - October 30, 2005
Immediately Following the 10:00
Service**

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Operation Christmas Child

By Bunny Mahar

We invite you to join in this year's Operation Christmas Child project. More than 7.4 million shoe boxes were delivered last year to hurting children in some 95 countries worldwide. Our campaign begins the first Sunday in October and will continue through mid-November. We have always had a tremendous response to this request and hope that you can help again this year.

Helping Hands will begin to wrap shoe boxes and place them in the narthex for you to take home and fill with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. for children who have almost nothing else. Each box will contain a brochure explaining what can and cannot be placed in the boxes. The wrapped boxes will be available until the deadline for the kits to be delivered to the next collection point. This is a call for joy, please share it!

"Crafters Wanted"

November 12, 2005

**Fall Craft Show
For additional information
and to download an
application, please visit our
website:**

<http://www.cokesburycraftshow.homestead.com>

Please direct all questions to:

Diane Haggart at (703) 491-3645

Or

Cheryl Petitt at (703) 590-2495.

THOSE MARVELOUS MEN!

By Emmett Wright, Secretary, United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men had their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 12, 2005. The kitchen renovation, which had been planned and in the thoughts and prayers of many in the congregation, is now underway with a good head of steam. The Cokesbury United Methodist Men are primarily heading up the work on this project.

"Making a Difference" since our last corner chat included repairs to the garage, shed (window repaired) and tables in the Pavilion. In addition, the steeple and front doors of the church were painted.

A suggestion was made that a stone bench and a cross be placed on the hill across from the upper entrance, since members of the congregation often go up there to read, pray and spend time in quiet meditation. We will continue our discussions on this project at future meetings.

Pastor Russ received a call for help from Saint Paul UMC. They are seeking people that are trained and/or skilled in writing resumes, and teaching interview techniques. If you are interested, you would be helping high school graduates, the homeless and others seeking first time employment. For more information on helping with this ministry, please contact Pastor Russ.

Jack Jewel closed our meeting with prayer and the challenge to pray for the people of the gulf coast, particularly those in Mississippi and New Orleans who were struck by hurricane Katrina.

Recovery from Hurricane Katrina

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has set up an information page on relief supplies and donations to help deal with the immediate emergency, aftermath, and recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

You can find more information at:
<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/05/katrinaresp.cfm>

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.

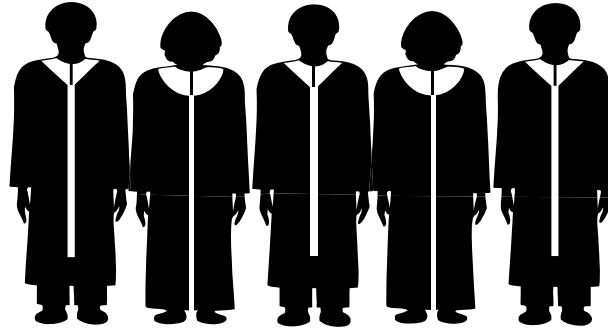
"All of My Life"

CDs and Cassettes Available

By Tanya Vance

Tanya Vance's new release, "All of My Life," is available in CDs and cassettes. You can purchase the CD online at cdbaby.com/tanyaVance2 and cassettes are only available direct from Tanya. In order to save on shipping and handling, you may also order CDs directly from Tanya. 25% of the proceeds from the sale of this album will be donated to the American Cancer Society and so far, \$328 has been raised. Tanya's initial goal is to raise the donation total to \$1,000.

To purchase your copy, contact Tanya Vance at 703-897-7208.



Adult Choir

By Tanya Vance

Anyone who would like to join the Adult Choir is welcome. There are no auditions required, just a desire to sing and praise the Lord. You can have your pick of voice parts, whether soprano, alto, tenor, or base. Men and women age 18 and older are welcome. Choir meets once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. If interested in joining, contact Tanya Vance at 703-897-7208, or simply show up at practice on Wednesday night.

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