



The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
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The Cokesbury Name

Submitted by Linda Ennis

Have you ever wondered where the name "Cokesbury" got its name? Cokesbury is a result of putting together the names of two famous Methodist Bishops, "Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury"

After the Revolutionary War, John Wesley ordained Englishman Thomas Coke as Wesley's American superintendent. Coke, in turn, ordained Asbury at the famous Baltimore "Christmas Conference" of 1784, which gave birth to the American Methodist Episcopal Church. On Christmas Day, Asbury was ordained a deacon, the following day, an elder, and on December 27, a superintendent (Asbury later used the term "bishop"). As Coke put it, "We were in great haste and did much business in a little time." Within six months, Coke returned to England, and thereafter, Asbury held the reins of American Methodism.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2006

The Red Cross is coming to Cokesbury UMC on Wednesday, November 1st. Give Barbara Firth a call at 703-491-7539 to schedule a time that is convenient to you. Your life giving blood could possibly save a life.

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>

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Cokesbury's annual Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, October 7th. A great deal of work is required prior to the meeting. Much data has to be gathered and lists and reports provided.



Reports are required by committee chairpersons, and especially by trustees, lay leader, and finance chairman. We request your reports by mid-September. It is important that we be able to show how we have achieved the goals we set for ourselves and the way we have ministered to our congregation, community and the world. Reports may be turned in to the church office by e-mail or hard copy. Please give this important duty your most immediate and prayerful attention. Typing assistance will be provided if necessary.

Foundation and Cornerstone

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

At the end of August, we, as a congregation, experienced a wonderful homecoming as we celebrated Founders' Day. It was a beautiful time of fellowship and worship as we greeted former members of the church who had returned for the weekend events.

This was the fourth Founders' Day that I have experienced since being appointed as your pastor at Cokesbury, but I found this year's events to be particularly meaningful. In part it was meaningful because I now recognize and know some of the people who come back for Founders' Day, but more importantly, this year I was struck by the way that the faith and spiritual conviction of those early members have helped to shape the kind of church that Cokesbury is today.

Listening to Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes preach on August 27th, it was easy to see that the Christian foundation of Cokesbury was built on a very strong foundation. The scripture from Ephesians tells us that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone upon which the church is built, and that in Christ the whole structure is joined together. Yet, within that framework, each church has its own character and personality, its own perspective of Christian mission and ministry.

Similar to a family that is made up of individuals with different personalities, but yet through common heritage and shared family story, they will have a common perspective on what it means to be a family. So, too does a church have a communal perspective on what it means to be a church in mission and ministry within a community. It is that perspective that serves as the foundation for our current day church activities and ministries.

Cokesbury is blessed to have not only some of our original founding members still active in the church, but a wonderfully large number of members who were here during that first decade. Therefore, it is not surprising that Cokesbury has a strong sense of its place within our community, and a strong commitment for continued outreach and ministry to our community.

Grace and peace,

Russ



Pictured at right, back row: Bishop Hughes and his wife Mera along with some of the people who were members at Cokesbury during his tenure from 1962 to 1967.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 1 Carrie Edmonds
- 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
- 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 Pettitt
- 28 Gayle Urban

September

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



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to your 47th Anniversary Celebration on August 27th. It looks like it will be a fun time. We wish we could come but our health doesn't allow us to get very far from home.

Love,

Mac and Ethel McNutt



Thank you for the invitation to Founder's Day at Cokesbury Church. We would love to attend. However, we will be in Michigan where we will drive to help with family responsibilities. We wish that you will have a lovely Founder's Day. Congratulations on 47 years.

Helen and Leon Desarmeaux

Money Matters

By Walter Blair, Finance Committee

*** The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of August 20, 2006.**

2006 Annual Budget = \$212,107

Month	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date Income			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	Income to Expenses
January	\$14,130	\$16,510	\$14,130	\$16,510	128.5%	\$13,416	123.1%
February	\$14,130	\$14,167	\$28,260	\$30,677	108.6%	\$27,214	112.7%
March	\$19,381	\$16,148	\$47,641	\$46,825	98.3%	\$40,425	115.8%
April	\$19,531	\$18,231	\$67,172	\$65,056	96.9%	\$65,056	100.0%
May	\$21,519	\$16,514	\$88,691	\$81,570	92.0%	\$81,570	100.0%
June	\$17,230	\$16,893	\$105,921	\$98,464	93.0%	\$93,328	105.5%
July	\$17,230	\$18,616	\$123,151	\$117,080	95.1%	\$119,176	98.2%
August*	\$17,230	\$12,634	\$136,074	\$129,714	95.3%	\$132,403	98.0%
September	\$22,381						
October	\$20,881						
November	\$14,230						
December*	\$14,234						

****** As of August 20, we have paid back \$10,831 toward our \$28,638 debt, leaving \$17,807******

- **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 Income vs Budgeted Expenses** – Percent of income received to expenses received.

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

Get Out Of Debt

As of August 20

we have paid back to ourselves

\$10,831

toward our debt of

\$28,638!

That is

37.82%

Of the total!

Keep praying for God's guidance as we eradicate this debt! Thank You, Jesus!

Words of Thanks and Farewell from the Elands

To Our Cokesbury friends and family,

Our sincerest thanks for the wonderful farewell reception and gifts! The memory album is something our family will always cherish and I have had s-oooo much fun with the gift cards!!

It is with such excitement and happiness we enter this new chapter in our lives. It also comes with sadness that we are leaving so many of our dearest friends. Cokesbury has been our extended family for so many years. You all have not only been our friends, but also mentors, inspiration, surrogate grandparents as we raised our children, and all around support system.

It has truly been my privilege to serve as Cokesbury's secretary the past 13 years! You will always be in our thoughts and prayers and we hope to see many of you in our Chester, S.C. home.

Thanks you again,
Love,
Mike and Marsha

Our New Address:
Mike and Marsha Eland
120 Academy Street
Chester, S.C. 29706

Phone: 803-581-5947



Tanya Vance CDs and Cassettes on Sale!!!

Tanya Vance would like to announce that she is putting her CDs and cassette tapes on sell.

"All of My Life" CDs were originally \$20.00 and are now on sell for \$15.00. Cassettes were \$15.00 and are now on sell for \$10.00. You can hear both of her albums online at cdbaby.com/tanyavance for "Unconditional

Love" and cdbaby.com/tanyavance2 for "All of My Life."

You can order the CDs online at a discount for \$14.00 but keep in mind that you will have to pay an additional shipping and handling charge. If you would like to purchase the albums directly from Tanya, you can give her a call at 703-897-7208.



Methodist Men's Corner Chat

By Emmett Wright

The Methodist Men did not have a meeting on Monday, August 14th in reverence for the family of Max Brown. Our prayers are for the comfort that only the Lord can bring at this time.

Painting of the lines in the parking lot is in progress. The Narthex and doors were painted as well as the installation of new fluorescent lights. A paint contractor has been contacted for painting the ceiling and walls in the Sanctuary. The ditch for water drainage has been dug out and lined with rocks beside the parking lot. The Methodist Men had "rock parties" to accomplish this. The UMM also have the flea market the first Saturday of each month and so far it has been busy, busy, busy.

T-shirts that were ordered for the UMM with a common theme have arrived. The Methodist Men are encouraged to wear them during social events and other special events as a sign of our unity in serving the Lord.

Next year the Methodist Men plan to have one person each month present their favorite Bible verse and hymn at the monthly meeting. Each individual will express what that verse means to them and any impact that it may have played in their lives and in the lives of their family. They'll have to sing their hymn before the group. Ok, don't get excited, I was just kidding about the singing part. No solo required.

The Methodist Men received several donations in August for which we are thankful.

Continue to pray for the Methodist Men as they strive to be disciples of Christ and serve in a Christian way.

UMW UPDATE

By Gayle Urban, UMW secretary

September 11, 7:30 p.m.—The Cokesbury United Methodist Women's monthly meeting will be held on Monday night, September 11. Robin BeMiller will lead the program, which is our "World Thank Offering" program; this is one of the special offerings of UMW, and our donations go to our financial Pledge to Mission. The meeting includes business, fellowship, prayers, refreshments, reading books, and more! All women of the church are welcome!

September 16, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—UMW District Spiritual Life Event, at Cameron UMC. We need to register by September 10; please contact Donna Sapp, Pam Herin, Gayle Urban, or Peggy Dorton, if you plan to attend. It is always a wonderful event, with our UMW sisters from the various churches around the district. The year's leaders are Louise (former music director at Annandale UMC) and her husband Roy Miller (retired UM pastor). Theme is "Come Join the Song." Cost for the event is \$12, which includes lunch and the program of music and worship. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and lunch begins at noon. There will be some of us going from Cokesbury, so if you'd like to go, contact one of the above.

- Looking ahead to October, we'll be going to Fairfax UMC on Saturday, October 14, for the annual UMW District Day. This is the day for unit recognitions, etc. If you have read any UMW reading books (from Sept. '05-Sept. '06), please let our Reading Coordinator Anita Yount know your total number of books read, before Sept. 8, for her report.
- MANY THANKS, to all of you in the congregation who have donated school supplies already! This is a project we'll be working on, and if you like to sew, we will need tote bags made to hold the school supplies; certain sizes are needed, and we'll have more information later. All your help is appreciated! The school kits will be taken to annual conference next June.

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Check It Out!

By Ann Miller Mooney

The great Christian writer, C. S. Lewis, is well represented in our church library. One of his most famous books is *The Screwtape Letters*, a modern spiritual masterpiece. The story is told in the form of letters written by the demon Wormwood to his nephew, Screwtape, who is attempting to claim a mortal for their "Father Below." Wormwood advises his nephew on ways to undermine the human's belief in God. It's very satirical and thought-provoking.

The Problem of Pain addresses the universal question "Why would an all-loving, all-knowing God allow people to experience pain and suffering?"

In *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, Lewis offers reflections on the dialogue between man and God in the form of letters to a close friend.

The juvenile fiction section of our library contains several of the books in the *Chronicle of Narnia* series: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; *The Magician's Nephew*; *Prince Caspian*, and *The Silver Chair*.



Audit Report

By Walter Blair

The Audit of the church's 2006 financial records has been completed and everything appears, as expected, to be in good order.

The church is required by the United Methodist Discipline to conduct an annual audit of all church accounts. This is not done out of any mistrust of any of the custodians of church financial accounts, but rather to help catch any minor errors before they become big problems, to protect the custodians and the church should any difficulties arise, and to reassure the congregation that the church financial resources are being maintained in a responsible fashion.

The Finance Committee extends its thanks to Glenn Wirick for lending his time and expertise in this effort.

September 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LIFELINE SCREENING SEPTEMBER 6 8:30-5:15					1 7:00-9:30 COGP	2 7:00 Flea Market 7:00 Mission Trip to Camp Highroad 10-12 Recovery Inc.
6 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 12:15 H.H. Potluck 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG	4 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Choraliers LABOR DAY	5 7:00 Family Care	6 8:30-5:15 Lifeline Screening 7:30 Choir 7:30 Book Club	7 6:00 Lord's Table St. Paul UMC 7:00-9:30 COGP	8 7:00-9:30 COGP	9 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc. 6:00 Potluck and Praise
10 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG	11 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Choraliers 7:30 UMM/UMW	12 11:00 H.H. to Indian Museum 7:00 Finance Com.	13 7:30 Choir	14 7:00-9:30 COGP	15 7:00-9:30 COGP	16 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery, Inc
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Loving others... as Christ first loved us!

Pot Luck & Praise
September 9, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Let's Sing Our Praises To The Lord
&
Enjoy His Bounty

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