



The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
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Cokesbury Newsletter Name Change Contest

By Linda Ennis

It has been suggested that the Cokesbury Newsletter, which was named "Colonnade" for the columns in front of the church, is a bit outdated and in need of a "facelift." So, in the spirit of a new beginning, the Cokesbury Colonnade will have a new name beginning with the New Year in January 2007.

The new name will be determined through a contest where the congregation will be allowed to submit names of their choice after church services in October and November. The names will be compiled in a list that will be submitted to the congregation for a vote. If the voting is very close, we will submit the top three names for consideration and cast another vote. The winner will be announced and used in the January edition of the Cokesbury newsletter.

We only request you give prayerful consideration to our new name. It should reflect our ministry and care to ourselves and to the outside communities.

Cokesbury UMC Open House

By Emmett Wright,
Evangelism, Missions and Outreach Committee

Peace and love to you. Our prayer is that you are filled with the joy of Christ and that God has richly blessed you.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church is hosting an open house on October 29, 2006. It is

also "Invite a Friend" Sunday. There will be one service at 10 a.m. followed by a potluck luncheon.

You are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to hear the special message and celebrate that special relationship that each one of us can have with God and the blessings that come through a Christ centered fellowship. Your presence and participation are needed to help make the day a success.

We look forward to a special time of worship and fellowship with you. Please mark your calendar.



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>

Stewardship: The Law of Loving Compliance

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
John 21:15-17

We are at the mid-point of reading and reflecting on the book, The 33 Laws of Stewardship, and the response to the daily readings has been very positive. I think that we all, in some way, have had new insight into what it really means to be servants and stewards of Christ. I pray and hope that each one of us will receive something that will encourage us and assist us in our spiritual growth as we look at the concepts of stewardship and how that can impact our lives.

Our plan during these 33 days of stewardship has been to focus on the eternal truths of stewardship – through our daily readings, through our meeting devotions, and in our worship services and sermon messages. Before we know it, we will be at Day 33, which will be on Sunday, October 8th. That will be an important day, because on that day we are going to affirm our commitment to God as faithful stewards of all that Christ has entrusted to us.

This commitment is a three-fold commitment to pray, to serve, and to give. It can be a very simple thing to do, but it can have a profound effect on our lives. If we take an honest look at how we can be faithful stewards, and then act on that understanding, we may discover that God is far more active in our lives than we ever expected.

The commitment card will be used in our worship service on Sunday, October 8th. (If you have not received a commitment card, please print one from our website or contact the church office to receive one.) Do not fill in the card at this time, but please think about it and pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will give you direction concerning the commitment that God wants you to make. You may want to keep the commitment card in your book, so that you will have a reminder to pray and reflect upon the commitment that you will be making. Then, as we move towards the end of the 33 days, mark your commitment and **bring the commitment card to the service on October 8th**. If you will not be in attendance on that Sunday, please mail the commitment card to the church on or around that day.

I pray that the remaining days of this journey will be memorable and meaningful in your life. May God bless you richly!

In Christ's never-ending love,

Russ Urban

Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 1 William Clark
- 2 Robert Piepenbrink
- 3 Kenneth Kerton
- 4 Jeremy Jewell
Thomas Taylor
- 6 Joe Burnette
Mark Salyers, Jr
Sean Rodriguez
- 7 Alec Finney
Justin Cotter
Jeremy Urban
Vicky Lutman
- 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
- 19 Don Dorton
- 20 Kelsey Powell
- 22 Harry Fizer
Kyle Mahan
- 23 Michelle McCain
Lisa Bohnet
- 26 Kevin Anderson
- 27 Jennifer Furr
Corey Ritenour
- 28 Jamie Westerman
- 30 Rebekah Gribik
- 31 Vera Edmonds

O c t o b e r

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



"Powerful sermons, Pastor. Thoughtful, well researched. I can always see myself in them. And I want you to knock it off."

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Mark Your Calendar For

Potluck and Praise

October 28th

6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

*Last P&P of the year, but we'll
be back in 2007!*

Money Matters

By Walter Blair, Finance Committee

***The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of September 17, 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	\$15,993	\$140,381	\$133,073	94.8%	\$132,704	100.3%
September*	\$22,381	\$13,647	\$157,167	\$146,719	93.3%	\$149,604	98.1%
October	\$20,881						
November	\$14,230						
December*	\$14,234						

***** As of September 17, we have paid back \$12,623 toward our \$28,638 debt, leaving \$16,015 *****

- **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 September 17th

we have paid back to ourselves

\$12,623

toward our debt of

\$28,638!

That is

44.07%

Of the total!

Remember, only one Café Latte a week!
Let's thank Jesus for all He has given!

CHECK IT OUT!

By Ann Miller Mooney

Our church library has a copy of *Song of Survival* by Helen Colijin, which I highly recommend. The subtitle is "Women Interned" and the book is an account of three and a half years' imprisonment of women and children in a Southeast Asia concentration camp during World War II.



The conditions were horrible and food and medicine were scarce. More than a third of the women died of disease or starvation. Yet the book is a testament to the resiliency and determination that kept the other two-thirds alive.

Though they had no musical instruments with them, they used their voices and memories to duplicate classical orchestral works and the music helped sustain them while in captivity. The time in this camp and the music were beautifully portrayed in the 1997 movie, *Paradise Road* with Glen Close.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Bunny Mahar

You are invited to participate in the worldwide outreach program entitled Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes filled with gifts bring love, joy and hope to little ones living in desperate circumstances. As well as providing gifts to the children, the message of God's love is also a life-changing message to both the children and their families.



Gift-wrapped shoeboxes will be available beginning in October for you to fill with small gifts,

hygiene articles and school supplies. These small gifts are the only Christmas that most of these children receive. It is rewarding just to imagine their delight. Each gift-wrapped box will contain a brochure with detailed instructions.

Filled boxes should be returned by mid-November. It can be a fun family activity, shopping for items to cheer these children. Won't you help? Cokesbury has increasingly supported this program each year and we are counting on your support again.



COKESBURY BOWLERS

By Bunny Mahar



Did you know that Cokesbury has its own bowling league? If you are looking for something to brighten up your days, you ought to come around at 9:15 on Monday mornings and join the Cokesbury bowlers. Mary Wright reports that more bowlers are needed.

The new session began on September 11, at Bowl America on Occoquan Road. This is a non-sanctioned, no-smoking league and they have a great time, no skill required! Bowl America honors the team with a luncheon at Christmas and again at the end of the season. For a fun morning, stop by, join up, substitute or just watch. No age or other requirements - everybody welcome!



SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

By Bunny Mahar

On the 5th of November, Helping Hands will again sponsor the ever-popular Soup and Salad luncheon. The variety of homemade soups is incredible. Some of the soups offered will be clam chowder, French onion, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, chili and many others. As well as soup, there is a large, nutritious salad, along with crackers, dessert and beverages.

The cost of this delicious meal is only \$3.00. We know that you have been looking forward to it. Be sure to mark your calendar; you don't want to miss it.

ANNUAL HAM DINNER

By Walther Blair

The Finance Committee will host Cokesbury's Annual Ham Dinner on December 9th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. This will be another wonderful opportunity for



you to enjoy an evening out for fellowship and good food. The menu will include ham, corn, green beans, scalloped potatoes, rolls, beverages, and dessert pies.

The cost for this **ALL-U-CAN-EAT** dinner will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 3-11. Children under three will be admitted free. You can find the latest information at:

<http://www.CokesburyUMC.us/dinner/>



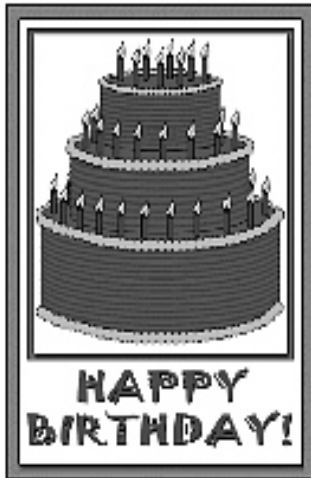
"Crafters Wanted"

Family Care Committee Fall Craft Show

Saturday
November 11, 2006
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.cokesburyumc.us>

Remember to Mark Your Calendar!



Annual Birthday Cake Celebration & Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday
October 29, 2006

Please see the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex if you would like to help out and join in the fun by providing a Birthday Cake for your Birthday Month!

THE LORD'S TABLE

By Robin BeMiller

October 12th is Cokesbury will be serving dinner at "The Lord's Table" at St. Paul's UMC. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.

A Big THANK-YOU to those who made the September 7th meal at "The Lord's Table" a big success. Once again Cokesbury reached out to the homeless and low-income in our community by providing meals and a caring ear. Our hands and hearts were the hands and hearts of Jesus as we followed His command to feed the hungry.

Mark your calendars for a Fall Festival at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. A yard sale, silent auction and other events are planned in order to raise funds for the supplies used during "The Lord's Table" (paper products, utensils, etc.)

MISSIONARY MOMENT WITH JEANNINE REYNOLDS

(a missionary of the Virginia Conference)

Submitted by Robin BeMiller

"If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." - James 2:15-17, NRSV

When I was in my mid-50s, I underwent some major changes in my life. I came up with the notion of becoming a missionary, which shocked me and some of the people close to me. My profession was social work which did not seem that different from being a missionary.

I began the application process, was encouraged to complete requirements to become a deaconess, took the necessary coursework and was consecrated as a deaconess. My first assignment in my new role was as a church and community worker in a cooperative parish in Florida.

Then I heard the United Methodist Pierre Area Community Ministries (UMPACM) needed a church and community worker. For some reason, I'd always felt a pull toward Native American ministry, and this seemed to be a nudge in the right direction. After I had been in Pierre, S.D., about a month, I was sorting through the office mail and found a letter intended for the Wesleyan Chapel two blocks away. I knew that church was sitting idle, with no pastor. Meanwhile I mentioned the letter to another pastor. He told me a Native American woman in charge of Wesleyan Native American ministries lived in the parsonage behind the vacant church.

I stopped by her parsonage one morning and introduced myself. We were amazed to find we both were new to the area and our respective ministries. From that budding friendship of two women with common religious roots inspired by the example of John Wesley evolved a partnership. We have collaborated on joint

activities, and she has led the way for me to be included in a small, newly formed Native American fellowship striving for unity of Native and non-Native persons in the community. Through UMPACM, a ministry of program and presence for the poor and marginalized—many of whom are Native Americans—I oversee, develop and implement programs and activities. Our mission is to reach out in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, welcoming children, feeding the people, healing families and empowering all by the living gospel.

And so it goes, as I put one foot in front of the other and wait in awe to see what God has in store for me—and for all of us—in this wide universe. Because of your support through the Advance for Christ and His Church, I am doing something I love and helping others in the process. Thank you!

God, it is one thing to talk about ministry and quite another to put our words into action. Move us from complacency to caring as we serve our brothers and sisters wherever they are. In your name we pray. Amen.

Tree of Life Ministry, Mission S.D.
Jeannine Reynolds, deaconess/church and community worker, United Methodist Pierre (S.D.) Area Community Ministries, Dakotas Conference



The Gospel in Miniature: John 3:16

God: The greatest lover.

So loved: The greatest degree.

The world: The greatest company.

That He gave: The greatest act.

His only begotten Son: The greatest gift.

That whosoever: The greatest opportunity

Believeth: The greatest simplicity.

In Him: The greatest attraction.

Should not perish: The greatest promise.

But: The greatest difference

Have: The greatest certainty.

Everlasting life: The greatest possession.

2 Corinthians 8:12

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Stewardship

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Ministry Fair – October 8			October 2006			“Invite a Friend” – October 29		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 World Communion 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 12:30 HH Potluck 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG 5:30 UMYF	2 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Chorals	3 7:00 Family Care	4 7:00 SPROC/Worship 7:30 Choir 7:30 Book Club	5 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	6 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	7 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc. 11:00 Charge Conf.		
8 Ministry Fair 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Trustees 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG 5:30 UMYF	9 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Chorals	10 7:00 Finance Com.	11 7:30 Choir	12 6-8:30 Lord's Table 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	13 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	14 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc.		
15 Laity Sunday 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG 5:30 UMYF	16 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Chorals	17 7:00 Admin Council	18 7:30 Choir	19 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	20 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	21 7:00 Flea Market 9-11:00 Dist Conf 10-12 Recovery Inc. HH Fun Night		
22 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 12:00 SPROC 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG 5:30 UMYF	23 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Chorals	24	25 7:30 Choir	26 6:00 HH Locust Shade Park 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	27 7:00 Disciple II 7:00-9:30 COGP	28 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc. 6:00 Potluck & Praise		
29 “Invite a Friend” Sunday 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Potluck/Birthday Luncheon 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG 5:30 UMYF	30 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Prayer Group 7-9:30 Chorals 7:30 Endowment Committee	31						

Loving others... as Christ first loved us!

Cokesbury United Methodist Men

Fruit	Availability	Cost per Box	Cost per Half Box
Pink Grapefruit	Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb	\$23.00	\$12.00
Tangerines	Nov, Dec, Feb	\$20.00	Not Available
▼ Oranges ▼			
Navels	Nov and Dec	\$25.00	\$13.00
Tangelos	Jan	\$33.00	\$17.00
Temples	Feb	\$25.00	\$13.00

ORDER BY	PICK UP
Nov 8, 2006	Nov 20, 21
Dec 6, 2006	Dec 18, 19
Jan 10, 2007	Jan 22, 23
Feb 7, 2007	Feb 19, 20

Place orders by 6:00 p.m. On or Before “Order By” Date

Pick up times are on Monday and Tuesday between 6-8 p.m.

Extra fruit will be available for sale on Wednesdays between 6-8 p.m.

30th Annual Fruit Sales

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