



Jim & Carol Black and Bob & Dottie Burns gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Jennifer E. Holmes**.

Ann Benoit gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Jennifer E. Holmes**.

C. W. & Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in memory of **Jennifer E. Holmes** and **Mary Wilson**.

Harley & Sybil Smith gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Jennifer E. Holmes** and **Mary Wilson**.

The book Taught by America, a story of struggle and hope in Compton, has been given to the Library in honor of

Carol & Dianne Holmes and in memory of their daughter-in-law, **Jennifer Eanes Holmes**, by *Circle Martha*. It is a book for the UMW Reading Program.



♥Dear Cokesbury Friends,

Thank you so much for your telephone calls, cards, and prayers while I was going through chemotherapy and radiation. They meant so much to me. Please keep praying that my scan in the next few weeks will be good!

Love and prayers,
Joyce Dear

♥We want to thank everyone for their prayers for Louise during her illness. She is home now and doing great! Praises be to God, Amen!

The Dinkler Family

♥Crisis Assistance Ministry would like to thank Cokesbury for the gift of \$250 which helps save struggling families from losing their electricity, gas, water, or worse yet, their home. It also helps provide them with donated food vouchers, clothing, furniture, and basic household appliances.

♥Loaves & Fishes would like to thank everyone for the canned food that has been given to this organization. Since November, CUMC has donated over 100 pounds of food. This mission to feed the hungry will continue through March 2007.



Boy Scout Troop 147
Saturday, February 10, 2007
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Donation \$6 Adults, \$3 Children 6-10
Children Under 6 eat Free

Those wishing to purchase tickets to our annual spaghetti supper, please see members of Troop 147 scouts or adult leaders, Bruce Fowler, Dave Badger, or Bill McKenzie. Thanks for your continued support in this annual fund raising drive for our scouts at Cokesbury.

ROOM in the INN

We are well into the second month of the Room in the Inn season now (December through March) and we have fed and housed over 70 people who might otherwise be on the street. Our good cooks have prepared delicious and nutritious meals and we have given out new socks and underwear. But, we still have over two more months left to go, and we could use help from all the members of the church. How can you help? By volunteering to stay with the guests, by offering to drive the van, by donating items, or by just praying for the program.

We are in real need of travel size deodorant, toothpaste, and shampoo. Wal-Mart has good prices on these items (deodorant for \$.78 and toothpaste for \$.50) and we would appreciate donations to help finish out the weeks left. We have PLENTY of soap already. If you would like to help, please purchase these items and place them in the basket marked "Room in the Inn" in the lobby of the church. *Remember that these homeless guests have so little, while we have so much.*

– Submitted by Patsy Johnson

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Home Essentials clothing and household goods store at Crisis Assistance Ministry has been blessed by a huge number of donations lately! We need lots of help getting these donations processed, sorted, and in our store for families who need them. You and your family can help! If you would like to schedule a large group, please call Dave Miller at 704 371-3001 x 136, but if you and your family would like to volunteer, or if it's just you, simply stop by and pitch in! We are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. and the first, second and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. We are in need of the most help during the week from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thank you for your help!

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENINGS

Cokesbury UMC

Tuesday, February 6

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851

Ultrasound tests conducted by **Life Line Screening** will be held to determine risk of stroke (due to carotid artery blockage), abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. These diseases are preventable and treatable if caught in time. Early detection is prevention. Tests are \$45 each (osteoporosis test is \$35). Complete vascular package is \$109 and all four screenings are \$129. **Appointments are required.** Please call **1-800-324-1851** for an appointment.

Life Line Screening's mission is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow-up care with **their** physician. You will receive your results in 21 days.

COKESBURY WORK TEAM

The original team was organized in 1993 for Disaster Relief through our District. Our first trip after Hurricane Andrew was to Homestead, Florida.

Next trip came after Hurricane Floyd hit eastern North Carolina. We sent three groups of 12 people, men and women, to Tarboro for a week each. Later a small group went to finish up some special needs. This work team also worked here in Charlotte building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

In 2003, our work team was reorganized to help members of Cokesbury, people in the community, and also, any disasters, or group needs. Some of the work we have done has been yard work, digging water lines, carpentry work, painting, etc. A few men have done a lot of work for the Adult Care & Share. After our mountains had a lot of flooding, we took a team of ten plus (men and women) to Clyde, North Carolina.

We made two weekend trips to Camp Tekoa to expand the dining hall. Also, in September - October 2006, we made two trips to Drexel to work on the E.G.A.P. Ministries' house.

Our annual fund raising project is the **BBQ** which will be held this year on **March 9th**. We need not only your financial help, but your physical help. Please sign up on sheets placed on the bulletin board in the back narthex. If you have any questions, please call Don Broome 704 537-2460 or Bill Coulter 704 545-3328.

God Bless,
Bill Coulter

A request was submitted to the Missions Committee from Patricia Moore. Pat was selected to be a part of a United Methodist mission team traveling to Zimbabwe, Africa in July 2007. The team will restore a playground that is on a campus of homes for orphaned children. She will be housed at the Africa University that is supported by the Conference. Each team member must finance his/her own trip. She is asking for our support. The cost is approximately \$3,600 and all monies must be paid by the last of February. She will be representing Cokesbury Church and our Conference. If you would like to support Pat's mission, please specify the amount to be given or write the check to Cokesbury UMC and note the amount for Pat's Africa mission.

– Submitted by Judy Sims



Up Close and Personal

On July 16, 2006, **Nick Connell** arrived in Salemburg, NC and became a cadet at the Tar Heel ChalleNGe Academy. Orientation and a two week training camp were the first steps towards completion of the 22 week residential portion of this national program that is sponsored by the National Guard.

During orientation, Nick learned the proper way to wear and care for his uniform and also how to properly make his bunk bed and care for his bed linens. This and more were in preparation for the next two weeks of basic training at Fort Bragg, NC. After completion of basic training, Nick began the next phase that was a rigorous daily schedule that started with First Call at 5:30 a.m. and ended with Lights Out at 9:30 p.m.

Nick's daily schedule on Monday through Friday included physical training, community service, and a strong emphasis on academics in preparation for General Education Development (GED) testing. The academic portion of his day consisted of six classes – Computer Skills, History, Math, Science, English, and Writing – that lasted approximately an hour each. His only Personal Time during the week was a 45 minute block of time just before preparing for Lights Out in the evening. His Saturday schedule consisted mostly of community service projects. Each Sunday morning and on Wednesday evening, Nick attended Salemburg Baptist Church and was baptized there this past December.

On December 15, Nick graduated from the Tar Heel ChalleNGe Academy. He is very proud of his accomplishments there and is looking forward to the future. He is currently seeking employment and when the time is right, he plans to enlist in the United States Army.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

Missions

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

Your help is needed for Carolina Cross Connection! We are in an unusual situation this year as we plan for our Youth to spend a week in ministry, outreach, and spiritual renewal as they participate in CCC – we need adult leaders! A qualified adult leader must be a minimum of 25 years old, physically able and willing to drive a work van and to perform light labor, and be screened and trained according to Cokesbury Safe Sanctuary Policy. Participating in CCC as a youth or an adult, is a spiritually moving and rewarding experience! Please contact Donna Pharr if you feel called in this direction.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

Mission Statement
*As disciples of Christ, we are called to look upward
in celebration of God's grace, mercy, and love;
to reach inward in worship, study, prayer,
and to send outward in mission and servant ministry
the love of Christ in our community.*

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Ordinary Time Together

As we contemplate the Epiphany Season as ordinary time in the church's liturgical year, one of the aspects of ordinariness is the coming together of people. We ordinarily gather with one another and share in activities, worship, and work. We eat together, and sing together, and talk to one another. This ordinary time we call fellowship.

When we look to Holy Scripture and the first gathering of the church at Pentecost, we see people coming together for very specific purposes. They gathered to pray and study the scriptures guided by the testimony of the Apostles. When they came together for a meal, it was typically the Lord's Supper that they shared. In all their activities, Christ was at their center and the Holy Spirit was their guide. On those occasions when that was not the case, they would receive a stern warning from the Apostles as with the case when Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their behavior in sharing a meal at the Lord's Supper.

The most important aspect of fellowship as ordinary time together is to maintain the directive of the Apostles that fellowship be fellowship with the Holy Spirit. When we come together, it is for the purpose of perceiving the presence of God in our midst. We have bunches of time to greet one another and express our delight in seeing one another again, but we must endeavor to transform our time as a time together in the Spirit of God. It is the church's understanding that it is when we come together, that we are the body of Christ and we can sense Christ's presence among us. We need one another that together we might form the body of Christ as we cannot be the body of Christ alone. Therefore, when we come together, we are happy to see one another because only with others are we uniquely the fellowship of the church, the body of Christ with Jesus in our midst.

Ordinary time together also means we cannot afford to be without any who are members of the body of Christ and we must endeavor to enhance the body with new members. Each person is uniquely important and valuable to the body so that one of the needs of the fellowship is to know how each person contributes to the whole. Only then will you truly miss someone who is not present and know to send an emissary to regain the one who is missing. Also, the body of Christ is not a club or some other type of closed society. It is the expressed goal of Christ to save the world and that every knee should bow in adoration of God. Any Christian fellowship that fails to take this directive seriously is in danger of losing their status as the body of Christ. As Jesus would say from the book of Revelation, you will lose your lamp stand, the symbol of God with us. Every fellowship of the church, in whole or in part, must endeavor to add to the fellowship those who are part of your circle of friends. If there is no one in your circle of friends in need of the joy of being part of the body of Christ, we must endeavor to widen our circle of influence, for the sake of Christ, that the body of Christ might be full and that we might avoid the danger of becoming a clique.

Peace!
Pastor John