



Ann Benoit and Buddy & Etta Woodall gave gifts to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Fannie Pharr**.

Tim & Mary Freeman, Deanna Reed, and Judy Sims gave gifts to the Youth Fund in memory of **Fannie Pharr**.

Mitchell & Judy Hagler gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Fannie Pharr** and **Mary Wilson**.

Bob & Dottie Burns gave a gift to Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Fannie Pharr**.

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory/honor of **her father's birthday**.

**Recently in the Hospital**

- Curt Caskey
- Brittney Casteel
- Tony Dyer
- Mary Jane Meredith



...To Tommy & Donna Pharr as they mourn the death of Tommy's mother, Fannie Pharr, who passed away January 24.

...To the family of Pearl Horne who passed away on February 7.



Our lending library is growing. These books are mostly popular fiction. They can be borrowed on the "honor" system. They have no sign-out – just return. Additions are welcome. If you donate, leave Judy Hagler a note. The new titles recently donated:

- The Right Words at the Right Time by Marlo Thomas
- Just As I Am – The Autobiography of Bill Graham
- I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman – (This is a great read by Nora Ephron)
- March by Brooks – The 2006 Pulitzer Prize novel about one man's view of the Civil War.

**Cokesbury's United Methodist Women GIVES!!**

In the season of giving, Cokesbury's United Methodist Women ended the year with their generous gifts to eight agencies. These gifts are as a result of the work of all UMW members and our congregation who supported our annual Attic Sale. The gifts went to:

- \$750 – **"Share the Warmth"** – Duke Energy's program to provide for the needy.
  - \$750 – **Crisis Assistance Ministry** – to provide for people in crisis.
  - \$500 – **Room in the Inn** – in honor of Cokesbury men who assisted with our Attic Sale.
  - \$200 – to each of the following agencies:
    - EGAPE** – Extending Grace to All Prodigals, a prison ministry in Morganton.
    - Claire Swain Hospital in India** – started by two United Methodist Women.
    - Samaritan House** – a temporary home for homeless people when they are dismissed from the hospital. The home, located on YWCA property on Park Road, can care for eight guests.
    - A Child's Place** – is a community organization which works in collaboration with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to provide educational support and advocacy services to children and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
    - Idlewild School** – to provide support for neighborhood children in need.
- Submitted by Kay Dumas

**Shepherd's Center East Fund Raiser  
Thursday, April 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Charlotte Museum of History – 3500 Shamrock Drive**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 19 for "A Night at the Races" fundraising event to benefit Shepherd's Center East. The event will be held at The Charlotte Museum of History.

Barbara McKay will emcee the event which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Triple Crown Caterers. A silent auction with merchandise and services from area businesses and organizations is also planned.

Tickets are \$25. Business sponsorships are also available. For ticket information or to find out how to become a sponsor, please contact the Shepherd's Center at 704 338-1511 or email [shepherdscentere@bellsouth.net](mailto:shepherdscentere@bellsouth.net).

The mission of Shepherd's Center East is to empower older adults to use their wisdom and skills for the good of our community. The organization provides learning opportunities and social services through partnerships with many faiths and the community at large. In-home and community based services are provided to older adults through volunteers.

**ANNUAL BARBECUE**



Be sure to mark your calendars for Cokesbury's annual barbecue to be held Friday, **March 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7 for a plate or 3 sandwiches. Dine In or Take Out.

**All Methodist Men**

We will gather on **Thursday, February 22 at 6:15 p.m.** for a light meal and an ensuing brief discussion at **7:00** led by Ray Cabaniss about Men's Priorities in Life (Joshua 24) and also UMM District news. We had over 25 men last month so if you were not able to be with us in the past, you will want to attend this month. Please join us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom DeVries know you will be attending by Wednesday, February 21 via a call 704 566-9594 or email [tomdev@umich.edu](mailto:tomdev@umich.edu).

– Submitted by Tom DeVries



Many thanks to everyone that made the **Souper Bowl Lunch** on Sunday, February 4 such a huge success! Adult and Family Ministries prepared a tasty and hearty lunch of soups, sandwiches, and desserts; Marta Cox provided a delicious "Cokesbury Souper Bowl" cake, and the youth did an outstanding job of decorating, serving, and clean-up. The Fellowship Hall was full of people – church members and guests – that enjoyed lunch and fellowship. The best part of all was that a total of \$359 was raised and reported to the **Souper Bowl of Caring** as our donation to **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina** (SHFBM). According to the SHFBM web site "...every \$1.00 contributed provides six pounds of food." Many in our community will be fed as a result of our participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring and our donation to Second Harvest.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



**Up Close and Personal**

This past fall, Jackelyn Connell invited her friend, **Lacie Wallace**, to join her at a UMYF meeting. Since then, Lacie has been a member of the Middle High UMYF.

Lacie is the daughter of Stuart and Kathy Wallace and is the youngest of three children. Her older sister, Emma, is a sophomore at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Her older brother, Andrew, is in the ninth grade at the Northwest School of the Arts. There is also a furry member of the family – an almost one year old cat named Bibbi (Bibbi is a girl, by the way) that was a birthday gift from a friend to Lacie.

As a seventh grader at the Smith Academy of International Languages, Lacie is in the German Immersion Program. Last year she spent two weeks in Berlin as an

exchange student. This past fall she was able to return to Germany, although not as an exchange student. This time she visited Ludwigsburg and stayed in the home of a young lady that visited and stayed with Lacie here in the U.S. She really enjoys learning foreign languages and is now taking Spanish and will probably begin studying Japanese or Chinese.

Lacie also enjoys her woodworking class. It is the only one still offered in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. Last year, they made cutting boards and sold them to raise money for the school. She also participated in the “*If I Had a Hammer Program*” in which students build an actual 8x11 house. In addition to the building skills she learned, she also learned that “*the foundation of a house is like the foundation of a good life*”. Additionally, she is a member of the school of dance team and a community problem solving group.

In addition to all of her academic and school extracurricular activities, Lacie is in her second year as a member of Sizzling Strings in which she plays violin. She has been a member of the Girl Scouts since Kindergarten. She takes a pottery class and enjoys running 5K’s and participated in the Reindeer Romp 5K last year.

Lacie is a very talented and busy young lady and we are happy to have her as a member of the Cokesbury UMYF group.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:00 p.m.  
February 21<sup>st</sup>

**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.*



# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## Ordinary Time: Social Contact

As we consider the Epiphany Season as ordinary time in the church’s annual calendar and the number of other aspects of church life as ordinary time, we follow worship and fellowship with contact. By contact, we mean the ordinary contact of human beings with one another. In the midst thereof, is the Christian community that lives in the midst of the larger society and is a part of this daily contact and the rubbing of elbows. Jesus tells a parable in the gospel of Matthew 13:33, “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” Our participation in society is both natural and ordinary but there are two items Jesus would lift pointing to an extraordinary aspect of our contact.

In his parable, Jesus said that a woman mixed yeast into her flour. What is both ordinary and extraordinary about our lives is this mixing with others. We meet tons of people in passing to whom we may never say more than “hello” or simply nod our heads in acknowledgment. There are many others with whom we work and socialize, neighbors we know up and down the street where we live, relatives and others we consider part of our familiar family. There are persons we’ve gone to school with and persons we’ve come to know through some shared experience like a workshop or conference. All these are persons with whom we mix and those we only know in passing are potential persons with whom we might mix. Mixing with others along with the conversations, greetings, and activities that may result, is the playing field on which we share the good news of God in Christ. Many of us may still be very shy about doing so and frightened about the prospects, but we must all know and recognize that this is where it happens; right there in the ordinariness of your day. These ordinary moments, which may number in the hundreds weekly, should you ever want to count them, become extraordinary moments when we have the courage to build relationships for the explicit purpose of sharing God in Christ.

Secondly, Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like the yeast, and the yeast leavens the whole lump. Jesus is saying that the kingdom of heaven is like us Christians when we make a difference in the lives of others with the good news. Too many of us have taken lightly the task of sharing Christ. We would rather invite someone to come to our church a few times and retire from this work when we see that that doesn’t work. Few, if any, will want to follow you to your church on such an invitation alone. It takes a carefully planned work of relationship-building with tenderness and care so that the other person knows that you care about them and that you can be trusted for this one aspect of life. This is how God plans on saving the world. If you’re not doing this and you don’t know anyone else who’s doing it, how will God accomplish this work of salvation? Well, God will find someone. If it isn’t you, then God will find another. But shouldn’t it be you?!

Peace!  
Pastor John

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