



Joe & Martha Coulter gave a gift to the Liberia Mission in honor of **Jim Atwater** for his more than 20 years of service as treasurer of Cokesbury.

Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to the Liberia Mission in memory of **Pearl Horne**.

Floyd & Irma Fike, Tim & Mary Freeman, and Louise Ward gave gifts to the Liberia Mission in memory of **Bill Horne**.

Jim & Connie Short gave a gift to the Liberia Mission in honor of **Donna Pharr**.

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of the **fallen officers**.

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Bill Horne**.



Our Spring fun, fellowship, and work day will be held on **Thursday, May 3**. We will clip shrubs and clean up the church grounds. Come ready for fun and work. We will start at **9:00 a.m.** and work until done. Thank you for your support.

– Submitted by Ed Bolster  
Trustee Chairperson

### Lenten Offering

Thanks to an anonymous matching donor, the final date for our Lenten Offering for Micketta’s School and Orphanage has been extended through the fourth Sunday of April. For all donations made through Sunday, April 22, the anonymous donor will match, dollar for dollar, up to the amount of \$7,500. This is an amazing and generous offer and a wonderful opportunity for our Cokesbury family to raise the full \$25,000 needed to build the basic structure of the new building for Micketta’s School and Orphanage on their own land in Monrovia, Liberia. If you have not yet made your offering for Lent, this is the perfect time and if you have already given, please consider making another gift during this time.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



It’s almost time for **The Not So Newlywed Game and Homemade TV Dinner!** On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Youth are sponsoring what promises to be a night of good food and hilarious fun. We have the questions picked out to see just how well these *Not So Newlywed* husbands and wives know their spouses. Our guest couples are Floyd and Irma Fike, Mitchell and Judy Hagler, Bill and Jane Swenty, and Pastor John and Patricia Moore. The cost is only \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 12 years of age, and a maximum cost of \$30 per family. You don’t want to miss the fun so see any UMYF member to purchase your tickets before it’s too late!

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



### Men’s Softball Team

The Cokesbury Men’s Softball Team is starting Spring Training. We’re looking to have another successful year. All men (16 years and older) interested in playing, should contact Randy Pitcock at 704 283-3074 or Jim Dinkler at 704 545-9652.

– Submitted by Randy Pitcock

### All Methodist Men

We will gather on **Thursday, April 26 at 6:15 p.m.** for a light meal and an ensuing brief discussion at 7:00 p.m. of “What Made You the Man You are Today”. We have about 25 men each time we meet 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 26<sup>th</sup> and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom DeVries know you will be attending by Wednesday, April 25 via a call 704 566-9594 or an email [tomdev@umich.edu](mailto:tomdev@umich.edu).

– Submitted by Tom DeVries

### UMW Mission Study on “Peace”

**April 28**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Guest: Reverend Alec Alvord**

# Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$14,128.00	\$132,945.26
Tower Rent	\$2,842.80	\$8,528.40
Disbursements	\$33,051.96	\$94,391.90

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on God to indulge in evil, we step out of the life environment of God into the kingdom of death. The key to defeating sin and evil lies in defeating death. When death is undone by one who is able to die and take life back again, then both sin and evil lose their leverage and hold on us. Death, evil, and sin continue but as empty and shallow forms of themselves. When we take serious the joy of the resurrection, we no longer fear death and we then have the capacity, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to resist evil and the lure to do what we should not. We can resist temptation and hold fast to the promise of hope and participating of Christ's resurrection. Because we have a high priest in Christ who has offered his life one for all, we have forgiveness of sins and an invitation to eternal life.

As we are surrounded by the beauty of spring and what seems like new life after the death of winter, we are invited to think of Easter. But when we think of Easter, we do not simply think of new life, but life again. We think resurrection and being clothed in the righteousness of God. We rejoice in the love of God that has done a beautiful thing for us and we allow our faith in God to rise to new heights. We place our hope in the resurrection of God and in the life of the world to come.

Peace!

*Pastor John*

**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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# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## What's Special About Easter

There is something natural about spring and the new life that accompanies this time of year. Trees are beginning to sprout their leaves, flowers begin to bloom, grass begins to grow; even weeds are beginning their life cycle and frustrating those who would prevent them. Life puts on a fabulous display and the world seems new again. Easter occurs in the midst of this environment by prescription. Easter occurs on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. Even if the cold winds of winter have not yet finished chilling our bones, Easter is still clothed with a colorful array befitting the announcement of a King.

What we announce at Easter is a King who has defeated our greatest enemies: evil, sin, and death. By his death on the cross, Jesus confronts death, by being raised from the dead, Jesus defeats death. What is special about Easter is resurrection. Resurrection is life again. Jesus lays down his life and takes it up again. Involved here is Jesus' own willingness to die for us, and the power of God to give him life again. The Christian belief in resurrection confounds Greek philosophy that can only theorize about human life and the immortality of the soul. What is at stake here is the power of death and its mystery for no one can claim to have been there and come back to share with the rest of us about it. In Jesus, we have a savior who has been there and who came back.

Death is for us the greatest of our enemies, the others being sin and evil. These are connected to death in that death provides leverage for them. That is, evil has its power over us because we fear death. Evil uses the fear of death to lure us and tempt us to do what we would not otherwise. Death is the outcome of sin for when we turn our backs

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