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Harley & Sybil Smith gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **William Horne, Buddy Freeman, Mildred Graham, and James Angel**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Youth Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

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



**Our Deepest Sympathy**

....To Nancy Angel and her family as they mourn the death of James Angel, who passed away May 4.

**Recently in the Hospital**

Helen Chandler

**Financial Report**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$26,860.55	\$159,805.81
Tower Rent	\$2,842.80	\$11,371.20
Disbursements	\$35,355.63	\$139,747.53



**Congratulations College Grads!**

This spring our Cokesbury family will be blessed to have five of our special young adults graduate from college. We will be officially celebrating our college as well as our high school graduates during worship and the Lunch Bunch on Sunday, June 3. In the meantime, I want to say **CONGRATULATIONS!** to them all. I also want to let you know a little about our college graduates and their future plans. So, I asked each of them to give me some general information and also asked them to tell me "one thing that you would like to say about yourself or your college experience". Here is what they told me.

**C. Ryan Campbell** will graduate with a BS degree in Psychology with Honors and a BS degree in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Sunday, May 13. Ryan is the son of Bill and Nancy Campbell. After graduating, Ryan will be in southwest Colorado doing field work studying Lincoln's Sparrows for the summer and plans to do research within a lab on the UNC campus and afterwards take time off to prepare for graduate school. Ryan states: "I would like to thank both my immediate family and my church family for the constant support you have given me over the past four years. I couldn't have graduated without all of your help."

Also on May 12, **Glenn Carroll**, the son of Max and Janelle Carroll, will graduate from Lenoir-Rhyne College with a BA degree in Political Science. Glenn's plans after graduation are to seek employment. For Glenn: "college is phenomenal. I got to travel to China for a semester and to England and France over spring break. College also gave me the opportunity to work with refugee children from Somalia. But, best of all, I developed close relationships with my professors."

On May 5, **Wendi Cochran** will graduate from the

University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a degree of Bachelor in Science of Biology. She is the daughter of Boyd and Sandra Cochran and after graduation, she will be applying for a job in the medical/dental field. Wendi's mom, Sandi, wrote: "Wendi went to UNC Pembroke on a softball scholarship. Her dream, since being a little girl, was to play softball in college. Wendi left an indelible mark on the record book at UNCP. She broke four school records for hits in a career, career at bats, career doubles, and total bases. During her four years at Pembroke, she has totaled a .326 batting average. This year Wendi was team captain and also named MVP of the team. She had a total of 8 home runs and 52 RBI's. It was such a pleasure, as her parents, to watch a dream that she has had since the age of 5 to come true."

**Katherine "Katie" Cox** is the daughter of Phil and Marta Cox. On May 11, she will graduate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in Media Studies with a concentration in Film and Video Production. Her goal after graduation is to get a full-time job in television. Katie states: "I don't want to grow up anymore. I want to stay in school." *Many of us can relate to that especially in retrospect!*

During another May 12 graduation, **Jonathan Fowler** will graduate with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration with a Major in Finance. Jonathan, the husband of Kathy , and son of Bruce and Sandy Fowler, has plans after graduation to work and earn money and gain experience. His future goals include going to graduate school for a Masters Degree and working towards being a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst). Jonathan writes: "I have finally finished college at age 27 and am married. I've discovered that while taking a little longer, my education means a great deal more to me than it would have if I had begun straight out of high school. What a long strange trip it has been!" Jonathan's parents add "and [we] are very proud of [him]!"

- Submitted by Donna Pharr

**\*\*\*Summer Schedule Begins June 3\*\*\***

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Church Vacation!**

Children's Church will take a vacation for the summer. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the summer worship schedule begins, we will take a break from Children's Church. The Children's Council will re-evaluate the future of Children's Church for this fall. During this time, we encourage ALL CHILDREN to be present and to participate in the worship service.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

## *With Heartfelt Gratitude*

Since December of 2001, we have been blessed to have Faye Chewning as the Cokesbury Sunday School Superintendent. With few exceptions, Faye on each Sunday morning, arrived early to distribute the Sunday School attendance and offering envelopes and was absent from her own Sunday School class so that she could collect the completed attendance sheets and offering and then calculate the weekly attendance. She always had a smile on her face and offered a sunny "Good Morning!" to everyone she met going up and down the halls. A few months ago, Faye decided to take a well deserved rest and once again enjoy attending Sunday School. We want to say "Thank You Faye" for a job well and cheerfully done! Faye recruited her own replacement and we want to also say thank you to Mickey Helms for taking over as our new Sunday School Superintendent.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

### All Methodist Men

We will gather on **Thursday, May 31 at 6:15 p.m.** for a STEAK dinner 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 31<sup>st</sup> and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom DeVries know you will be attending by Tuesday, May 29 via a call at 704 566-9594 or an email at [tomdev@umich.edu](mailto:tomdev@umich.edu).



### EARLY WARNING

Mark your calendars now for the  
United Methodist Men's  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry!

**Saturday, September 29 at 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

Donation of: Adults - \$7, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Under 6 Eat Free

Our prices have not changed in 6 years!

Proceeds will be used to support our Youth Programs here at Cokesbury. Tickets will be available in August from any Methodist Men's Member.

**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.*

Other Churches Worshipping at Cokesbury:  
**Islesia El Sioce, Pastor Felix Herrera**  
 Tuesdays & Friday 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
**Providence of God Free Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Calby Paiva  
 Sundays 6:00 p.m.

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# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## Death and Resurrection

That's what we call a funeral: a Service of Death and Resurrection. It acknowledges that death has taken place in the context of God's power of resurrection. The church is the community of those who believe God has raised Christ from the dead and who place their hope in the final resurrection of all. The funeral is the community's opportunity to come together to offer comfort to a family that has lost a member to death and to remember the losses we have all experienced. It is also our opportunity to again state our faith in the God who has prepared a place for all in the fullness of his kingdom.

In many ways a community's character is found in its ability to offer comfort to another family, for it is an act of courage to face the appearance of death as well as an act of compassion. It is very easy to avoid this occasion of coming together for at stake is our mortality, our end. In the fast moving youth oriented society in which we live, thinking about our end is not an inclination of our time. Indeed, you will notice that few young people can be found at funerals except where they are members of a grieving family. Those young people who can attend otherwise are exceptional in their courage and are demonstrating an unusual character of faith. For those who are older, we are closer to a sense of mortality and know many friends and family who have died. It is the peculiar task of the elders among us that they greet and welcome death for the larger community and enables all of us to come to terms with death and display the ultimate of faith and courage in daily living with the imminent nature of death.

The funeral is the gathering of the resurrection community at its best. We come respectful of the ones who grieve, we come with a sense of empathy for we have either been there ourselves or will be there at some point in our lives, and we come hoping God is as real as we believe. The time of proclamation becomes an Easter experience. The best funeral sermon is our best Easter sermon. We proclaim that God has raised Jesus from the grave and will raise our mortal bodies also. We say that God is our help in times of trouble and especially when the trouble is the last great enemy of humanity that is death. We say that God will reconstitute families who have experienced loss and we say in particular that God holds the one we've lost. Our pain of grief is mitigated in our hope that each person that leaves this world is welcomed into God's kingdom of heaven. Because of these messages, the resurrection community is a community of hope, perhaps above all other things.

Peace!  
 Pastor John