



Howard & Edie Cox and John & Sandy Watkins gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Joyce Dear gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Floyd & Carolyn Noland**.

Mrs. T. R. Harris gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Mission Fund in memory of **Steve Wilson**.

C. W. & Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Pete & Faye Chewing** and in memory of **Steve Wilson**.

Judy Sims gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Steve Wilson**.



Our Deepest Sympathy

...To Connie Short and her family as they mourn the death of Connie's brother, Steve Wilson, who passed away July 31.

...To Roger Ellison and his family as they mourn the death of his son, Kevin, who passed away August 5.

Thank you!



♥On behalf of all the people we support and the staff of UMAR, I want to gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$400. Because of your generosity, UMAR is able to further its mission of supporting the quality of life for our residents across western North Carolina.

Sincerely,
Steve D. Sellers, President

♥Carolyn Noland would like to thank everyone for all the cards and well wishes she received during her recent illness.



**United Methodist Men's
6th Annual Fish Fry**

Saturday, September 29

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 Program here at Cokesbury. (Last year we raised over \$1,000.) Tickets are available from any Methodist Men's Member.

All Methodist Men

We will gather on **Thursday, August 23 at 6:15 p.m.** for dinner and an ensuing brief discussion at 7:00 p.m. of "My First Job in the Church". We have about 20-25 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 23rd and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom De Vries know you will be attending by Tuesday, August 21 via a call 704 566-9594 or an email tomdev@umich.edu.

– Submitted by Tom De Vries



the basket near the Sunday School classrooms.

During the months of August and September, the Mission Committee members are asking that you contribute to the "Back to School" project for Idlewild students. School supplies may be placed in

– Submitted by Judy Sims

From Your Administrative Council

A large part of the meetings of the Council this year have been focused upon specifically identifying our church family's core strengths. It is no surprise that the top three rankings out of 12 characteristics are: 1) Generosity, 2) Mission, and 3) Compassion. We are indeed a church family of generosity with compassion and we use many missions to deliver God's love to many different groups and individuals in our immediate area, in our country, and across the world.

We should be proud of our legacy and look for ways in which to build upon it. I hope we will challenge each other to witness to those outside our church family to join us in mission. We all are fed while worshiping God and participating in mission. It is my hope that we will be able to gain participation from others in the community by intentionally focusing upon mission in and around our church. A community project would be one way to do this and I am hopeful that we can find the best project to help our community and in doing so, it will energize our church family while allowing our light to shine to many neighbors that have never seen us before.

– Submitted by Bill Campbell
Administrative Council Chairperson

**Servant Leadership School
Urban Ministry Center, Charlotte, NC**

The Servant Leadership School nurtures, equips, and emboldens people to discover God's Dream for their lives; to respond in faith and through sacrificial action; and to grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

The Spiritual Formation Program is an intensive nine-month training which cultivates both a prayerful inward journey with God, self, and others and a committed outward journey of service, especially among society's marginalized.

To obtain more information and to register, contact SLS Coordinator Paul Hanneman at 704 347-0278, ext. 212 or phanneman@urbanministrycenter.org. (View the flyer on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.)



Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School **LIFT OFF!** on Friday, August 3 was a fun-filled learning adventure for children, youth, and adults, We continued to **Soar to New Heights with God** all day on Saturday and enjoyed a Closing Celebration on Sunday morning during Sunday School. I want to thank everyone that worked so hard to make it all possible and I also want to thank all of you that participated. And, thanks to all of you, we collected a barrel full of non-perishable food items to donate to Loaves & Fishes for our VBS Mission Project. I hope everyone enjoyed Vacation Bible School this year and that we all learned that when we are *guided by the Word of God and powered by the flame of faith, we can reach extraordinary heights!*

Sunday School



it's for life!

Mark your calendars for...
PROMOTION SUNDAY – August 26th!

CHCHANGES!

The fall will bring with it some exciting changes to the Youth program at Cokesbury. Beginning on Promotion Sunday August 26, the Middle High and Senior High groups will combine for one Youth Sunday School Class and one United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF). After an end-of-summer swim party on August 26, there will be a UMYF Kick-Off Sunday on September 9. This year the primary fall Youth fund raiser will be selling Yankee Candle products. We also hope to have a second fall fund raiser that will help everyone fill those Christmas stockings with that little extra something special. Stay tuned for more exciting Youth News and Events!

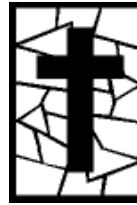
– Submitted by Donna Pharr

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.

Other Churches Worshipping at Cokesbury:

Islesia El Siloe, Pastor Felix Herera
Tuesdays & Friday 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Providence of God Free Methodist Church
Pastor Calby Patva
Sundays 6:00 p.m.



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Through Cokesbury Windows

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Welcoming a Child

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (St. Matt. 18:5). When we share in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome a child into the family of God and by so doing we welcome Christ. On Sunday, August 19, we lift up Cooper Angel through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and receive him into the fellowship and membership of Cokesbury Church. Welcome!

John the Baptist began the ministry of baptism at the Jordan River where he offered a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. In his ministry, John was preparing the Jews for the coming of the Messiah about whom John said he was not worthy to untie the laces of his sandals. When Jesus came to John for baptism and was lifted from under the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and the voice of God spoke saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (St. Matt. 3:17). Jesus transformed John's baptism from one of repentance to one of glorious affirmation in son-ship (and daughter-ship) of God. God embraces Jesus as his Son. When we baptize Cooper, it is to acknowledge that God embraces Cooper as his son and confers upon him God's grace and favor.

As a congregation, you make a commitment along with Cooper's parents and family. His family vows to keep him in the community of the church, the congregation vows to live godly lives before him that he might grow up in the image and statue of Christ. Our task is to love Cooper and all the children of the church and to tolerate their cries and play, rejoice in their growth progress, lift them when they stumble and fall, pray for them constantly, affirm them in their victories. We are the family of God, and like any family, we are responsible to make life at church child-friendly and child-safe. We must endeavor to cause every child to rejoice at the opportunity to come to church and like all the members of the church, to feel glad to have been here when it's time to leave.

Finally, we look forward to that time when because of the ministry of this church, Cooper will come before us to declare his love for God in Christ Jesus. He will acknowledge his faith in the resurrection, vow to live the life of a disciple, and commit himself to being a witness of God's grace in Jesus before the world that by his love, others might be drawn to the cross of Christ. Glory be to God for His magnificent grace and power in us that we should be called children of God! Welcome, Cooper Angel, to the community of sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus! Amen.

Peace!
Pastor John

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