



Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Ernie & Pat Holder**.

Judy Murphy gave a gift to the UMAR Fund in honor of the **UMAR students**.

James & Joanne Bartlett gave a gift to the UMW Reading Program in memory of **Inez Booth**.

Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Kathy Francois**.

Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to the Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Jennifer Eanes Holmes** and **Kathy Francois** and in honor of **Donna Pharr**.

Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to the Choir Fund in honor of the **Chancel Choir** and **Marty Gregory**.

Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in honor of **Pastor John Moore**.

Rev. & Mrs. Don Beaty gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **James Angel** and **Jennifer Eanes Holmes**.



Thank you so very much for the charming Christmas basket. Thanks to all of you who baked and prepared the gift. I enjoyed the tasty contents. A happy and peaceful New Year to all.

Shirley Lawrence



**Our Deepest Sympathy**

...To Roger Ellison as he mourns the death of his mother, Jennie Ellison, who passed away January 2.



**United Methodist Women Mission Giving**

Cokesbury's United Methodist Women ended 2007 in the spirit of giving. At the December banquet, funds were disbursed to the following local ministries:

Room in the Inn	\$500
Crisis Assistance	\$500
Share the Warmth	\$400
Nothing but Nets	\$200
Adult Care & Share	\$200
Idlewild School	\$200
Salvation Army	\$450
UMAR	\$450
TOTAL	\$2,900

In addition, \$800 was given to the Parsonage Funds for needed repairs and improvements and \$324 was given to the Ministers Discretionary Fund. Year-end giving totaled \$4,024.

- Submitted by Kay Dumas

**Special Membership Recognitions**

Special Mission Recognition pins were presented to three UMW members - **Katie Lane**, **Gwen Coulter**, and **Mary Ellen Atwater** for their outstanding commitment to UMW and Cokesbury and to **Dan Dumas** in recognition and appreciation for his involvement in a variety of church activities and functions. A gift for ministries with women, children and youth, has been given in their honor to The Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church.

- Submitted by Kay Dumas

**Bethlehem Center Party a Success!**

On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the United Methodist Men hosted the Bethlehem Center Birthday Party for Jesus and had a turnout of 14 children. (We shopped for two more that were not able to make it so we had 16 total - a few less than the 22-24 that we had planned on.) Everyone had a terrific time and this was a wonderful mission project that is a JOY for Cokesbury and the children and staff from the Bethlehem Center.

Many thanks to all of you who donated funds this year. This was one of the best giving years we have ever had! Thanks also to the youth and adults who helped and served as "personal shoppers" and wrappers, etc., and to those who procured all the wrapping supplies, to those who got the pizza, drinks, cookies, and UMW Circle Lydia and the Pitcock's who made up the "goodie" bags for the Bethlehem children this year.

Thanks again for your generosity and your support and participation!

God Bless You,  
United Methodist Men

**All Methodist Men**

We will gather on **Thursday, January 24** at 6:15 p.m. for dinner and a discussion at 7:00 p.m. of plans for 2008 UMM activities and election of officers. We have about 15-20 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 24<sup>th</sup> and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom DeVries know you will be attending by Wednesday, January 23 via a call 704 566-9594 or an email at [tomdev@umich.edu](mailto:tomdev@umich.edu). Also, please let us know if you are interested in a UMM officer position - President, Vice President (programs), Secretary/Treasurer.

- Submitted by Tom DeVries

## Youth Fund Raiser Success!

Thanks to you the Youth Fund Raiser selling **Auto Bell Car Wash Coupons** was a huge success! We sold out all 102 coupons and made a profit of **\$660!** A special word of thanks goes out to Dot Hailey who was our special supporter and spokesperson.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



## A Heartfelt Word of Thanks

I want to express my appreciation to the Staff Parish Committee for the gifts and kind words expressed as I left my position as Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries. I will always cherish the Willow Tree Nativity and it will remind me of my Cokesbury church family as I display it each year at Christmas. And, Dot Hailey’s special black walnut pound cake was delicious! I also want to thank Pastor John and the office staff – Joan, Louise, and Dennis – for all of the help and support during these last two and one half years. And, remember ... I am not leaving the church – only my paid staff position. I look forward to continuing as Youth Coordinator and as a member of the Children’s Council. In closing, I want to thank each and every member of Cokesbury for all of the love and support you have given me in so many ways. I am truly blessed to be a part of God’s church at Cokesbury.

*Donna Pharr*

## Adventures in Faith Sunday School Class

The Adventures in Faith Sunday School Class officers for 2008 include: President, Jim Atwater; Vice President, Steve Carter; Treasurer, Deanna Reed; Devotions Coordinator, Judy Sims; Literature Coordinator, Mitchell Hagler; Teacher Coordinator, Etta Woodall; Social Coordinator, to be filled.

– Submitted by Mitchell Hagler

**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.

**Church Staff**

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# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## Welcome, Reverend Hall

We welcome Reverend Houston Hall to our fellowship and family. Reverend Hall, an ordained Deacon, will serve us as a full-time Director of Christian Education. He comes to us from Greensboro, but calls Gainesville, Georgia “home”. He has his seminary degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky, and his ordination as Deacon from the Congregational United Church of Christ. He has served many different Christian denominations, including United Methodist, and comes to us with a very strong and well-rounded background.

To help Reverend Hall transition to ministry among us, there are two things that would be very helpful to him and us. The first is to invite him to the various fellowships and Sunday school classes as your special guest: United Methodist Women to your circles, United Methodist Men to your Thursday dinner and discussion, United Methodist Youth to your Sunday evening fellowship, and allow him to join, in turn, the different Sunday classrooms to meet you and come to learn your names and faces. In good hospitality fashion, share your name and look forward to doing so many times until Houston is able to remember it and use it. There are certain ministries the pastor and Staff Parish Committee will ask Houston to make his priorities so that others should refrain at this point in asking him to do different things. There will be plenty of time later to get your two cents in. The most immediate issue is simply getting to know you. Let it happen, and help it happen.

The second thing we should do is share our ideas and visions with Houston. He has shared with me that he is an idea person who loves to dream and imagine what could be. As we all begin to do that with him, he will become a center for our thoughts of where we would like to go in Christian education. One of my ideas is for a second time for the church family to come together in a time for teaching and learning. I see the fellowship dividing in different groups going to different places in the church for studies on various topics depending on the group and what that group wants to pursue. I also believe in retreats and I think every fellowship should have an annual retreat either somewhere else in the city or at one of the many Christian retreat centers that dot the landscape. What are your ideas for our Christian education program? Would you submit your name as a leader or teacher in that program? Reverend Hall can design an overall program, but the size of the program we need, means that we will need many persons who will present themselves as facilitators in many ways. As you meet Houston and offer your idea of what we need to do, also share with him what you would be willing to do to help it come to fruition.

A new episode is before us to build the fellowship of God’s church at Cokesbury. Let’s launch ourselves into this future with joy and delight as we see what God has in store for us and the blessings God would pour out.

Peace!  
*Pastor John*