



Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Jennie Ellison**.

Faye Chewing gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of **Louise Ward**.

Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to Room in the Inn in memory of **Jennie Ellison** and **Gayle Kale** (sister-in-law of Kay Dumas and Sybil Smith).

Tim & Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gale Kale**.

Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Gayle Kale**.

Tom & Mickey Helms and Henry & Bonnie Springer gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Jennie Ellison**.

Judge & Katie Lane gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Jennie Ellison** and in honor of the **50th anniversary of Ernie & Pat Holder**.

Recently in the Hospital

Wade Cox
Bobbie DeViney
Max Meredith



Our Deepest Sympathy

...To Max Meredith and his family as they mourn the death of, Mary Jane Meredith, who passed away January 22nd.

Lending Library Reminders

Our Lending Library is expanding. These are mostly fiction books that can be borrowed and returned on the "honor system". There is no checkout system.

- Submitted by Judy Hagler



**Western North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women**

THANK YOU!!
2007 Conference Giving News

Sharon Smith, Conference Treasurer, reports the following information about YOU giving in 2007:

Total giving (from local units through the districts) reached \$1,093,853.22 - an increase of \$16,137.34 over 2006.

Our 2007 Conference Love Offering totaled \$33,163.51 - an increase of \$269.18 over 2006. Our 2nd Walk for Mission totaled \$6,329.25, a decrease of \$2,170.65 over the first walk. Our Spiritual Growth Retreats offering totaled \$5,739.56, a decrease of \$573.97 over 2006.

Giving to Women's Division totaled \$961,861.84 (an increase of \$41,467.45) - \$840,595 in undesignated funds (an increase of \$43,094.20 over 2006) and \$121,266.84 in designated funds (a decrease of \$1,626.75 over 2006).

Not only did we meet our \$810,000 pledge to Mission; we surpassed that amount. Our 2007 Financial Goal was to increase giving in the Gift to Mission Channel by 10%. We increased our Gift to Mission Channel giving by 22.23%.

A total of \$10,042 was given to Other projects, which includes \$2,385 in contributions to the WNCC UMW General Scholarship Fund.

The United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference have indeed continued to show their love of mission through their giving. Thank you!!! And, thank you for all that each of you do to tell the story of the mission made possible by that giving! Every single dollar makes a difference!

Blessings for a Wonderful New Year
as you continue to serve God

through

United Methodist Women

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$36,211	\$350,243
Tower Rent	\$2,843	\$34,141
Disbursements	\$34,462	\$377,523

- Submitted by Jim Atwater



Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper
February 16th - 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Annual Work Team BBQ - March 7th
11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Lenten Learning Centers

From Ash Wednesday to Holy Friday, there will be a series of Learning Centers set up in the Prayer Room and Children's Chapel Room to help draw you deeper into the Lenten Season. These self-directed centers are designed for all ages and we welcome you to drop by, when the church is open, to spend some time in reflection using these centers.

- Submitted by Houston Hall



February 6	Memorial UMC
February 13	Third Presbyterian
February 20	Central UMC
February 27	Memorial UMC
March 5	Cokesbury UMC
March 12	St. Johns UMC

Services will be held at 12:00 noon and will last about 30 minutes. No nursery will be provided. Lunch will be served afterward at a cost of \$6. Reservations for the lunch are due no later than 12:00 noon on Monday before the service. On Ash Wednesday, February 6, there will also be an evening service at Cokesbury at 7:00 p.m.



We are putting the final plans together for this year's class of confirmands. We hope to begin on the second Sunday in February. If you would like to attend the class, please speak to Houston or call the church office at 704 537-5818.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

Thank You!

for the Warm Welcome

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Cokesbury and helping me with names and family connections. I am excited about working with the staff and members as we work toward being God's people here in Charlotte. I will be away February 10 to take care of some already made commitments in other states.

– Houston Hall



New Early Worship Service

On January 27th,
Cokesbury began an "informal" worship service
of music, prayer, and preaching
at 9:00 a.m.
Please come join us!



Through Cokesbury Windows

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Forty Days of Praise

We look forward to the Lenten journey this year as we share with our neighbors: Memorial United Methodist Church, Central United Methodist Church, and Third Presbyterian Church. You will find a detailed schedule inside the newsletter that includes noon worship on the Wednesdays of Lent and special worship during Holy Week. Following are some of the emphases of the season.

The noon services will feature the pastors of the churches offering a brief contemplation from the season. We will have a theme that is being crafted to which we will all adhere. The services will be brief (30 minutes) and will be followed with a light lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$6 with a reservation. To reserve your place for lunch, call the Memorial Church office at 704 537-2060 or you can send an email to mumcpattie@carolina.rr.com. I'm sure they will have a little extra for those who forget to make reservations, but please try to get your reservation in. This is a great opportunity for us to share with our neighbors and stretch beyond our bounds, so I'm looking for a great crowd on all the Wednesdays of Lent, and I'm looking for Cokesbury to be the largest contingent in attendance.

There are two special services being offered during Holy Week you will not want to miss. On Sunday, March 16, Palm/Passion Sunday, we will share a Seder meal at Central UMC at 5:00 p.m. The Seder meal is a family ritual meal for Jews during their celebration of the Passover that details God's power shown in their release from Egyptian slavery. As Christians, we share in this story as it reflects the sacrificial meal of Holy Communion that celebrates the offering of Christ as the Lamb of God on Calvary's hill for the salvation of the world. Also, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 19, at Central UMC at 7:00 p.m. The stations of the cross detail 14 incidents that occurred during the *Via Dolorosa*, the way of sorrows, the path the soldiers led Jesus through Jerusalem to the hill called the place of the skull outside the city for his crucifixion. We will be led through these stations and contemplate each incident as we remember the last of Jesus' earthly journey for our sakes and the life of the world.

The other two services, during the week, will feature a Maundy Thursday service held at Cokesbury on Thursday evening and a musical presentation "Requiem" by John Rutter on Friday evening at Memorial UMC. The Maundy Thursday service features foot washing, Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum which means 'command', that is the command to love one another given by Jesus on the night he washed the feet of his disciples. This will be a symbolic service, the foot washing taking place among the clergy. The "Requiem" is a praise of Christ who gave his life that we might have life. The presentation of all the services is powerful and worthy of your presence. I hope you will come!

Peace!
Pastor John

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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.