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Tom & Mickey Helms, and the Adventures in Faith Sunday School Class.

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory
of **Letha Ganus** by:

Ralph & Shirley Frazier, Lorena Ganus & Teal Hill, and Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Little.

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in memory of **Martha Young** by:

Jim & Hazel Davis, Elizabeth DeFravio, Steven & Carolyn Festa, Leon & Anne Joyner, Pamela Martin, Ernest & Linda Stegall, William & JoAnn Young, Judge & Katie Lane and Bill & Pat McKenzie.

Gifts were given to the Homecoming Fund
in memory of **Dot Fowler** and **Martha Young** by:
Mitchell & Judy Hagler and Dot Hailey.

Tom & Nancy DeVries and Buddy & Etta Woodall gave gifts to
the Youth Fund in memory of **Dot Fowler**.

Tom & Mickey Helms gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve
Fund in memory of **Rachel Edwards, Harry Theiling, and
Mary Jane Meredith.**

Carolyn Noland gave a gift to the UMAR Fund
in memory of **Mary Jane Meredith.**

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Proctor gave a gift to the Memorial Fund
in memory of **Rachel Edwards.**

Judy Sims gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of
Martha Young and Dot Fowler.

Bill & Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Memorial Fund
in memory of **Dot Fowler.**

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund
in memory of **all firemen.**

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Youth Fund
in memory of **Martha Young.**

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Missions Fund
in memory of **Lillian Saint Prix.**

Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund
in memory of **Lillian Saint Prix.**

Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the Memorial Fund
in memory of **Lillian Saint Prix.**

Earle & Shirley Wolfe gave a gift to the Choir Fund
in memory of **Lisa Ann Wolfe.**



Circle Sarah has donated the book *Letters of a Young
Doubter* to the church library in memory of Mary
Jane Meredith.

Circle Sarah has also donated the book *Grace Matters*
in memory of Lillian Saint Prix.
Both books are UMW Reading Program books for 2008.



♥The Work Team would like to thank everyone for the success
of the BBQ. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard, thanks
to all the ticket sellers and buyers, thanks to all the ladies for the
delicious cakes. From all of this effort, we will realize a net income of
over \$2,000. Again, thanks.

– Submitted by the Work Team

♥Thank you to everyone with your various acts of kindness
and remembrances to me and my family during the death of my
mother. We appreciate all the memorial gifts sent to the church for
various funds, all the sweet cards, emails, phone calls, and also all the
food sent to our home during my time of need with my mother's
funeral. It is so nice to have the support of friends that you go to
church with to be with you during difficult times like these. Cokesbury is always there to lift you up in spirit for sure, what a
wonderful church family.

Thanks again for everything,
Martha & C.W. Simpson

Palm Saturday Event

Thank you for making the Palm Saturday Event such a
success. Thanks to Janelle Carroll, Seret Dinkler, Brett Howie,
Cindy and Adam Springer, and Priscille Wembo for giving
leadership to the event. And to our nine children who attended
the event. I was very proud of our children and especially our
Youth since they were the only Youth who came to help. Thanks
to Memorial for hosting this event.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

UMW News

Cokesbury's United Methodist Women voted to make a \$500 donation to our 50th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Charlotte District UMW Annual Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, March 8th, six UMW members attended the annual prayer breakfast at Pineville UMC. Hundreds attended and heard Reverend Susan Pillsbury-Taylor's message "Pure Hearts". Dr. George Thompson, Charlotte District Superintendent led the communion service.

UMW Mission Study

Please note our Mission Study has been changed to Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will be on Music and Mission, presented by Rev. Alec Alvord. All are welcome to attend and that includes MEN also.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas & Dottie Burns



Plans for a new, updated pictorial directory are under way for our congregation. The dates for family portraits to be taken are: May 20 and 21 and June 2. Appointments will be available from 3:00-9:00 p.m. each day. Extended families that are not members are also welcome to have their portraits taken. Their picture would not be included in the directory, however. Details concerning appointments, etc. will be announced the middle of April. Please call Bobbi Kinsey with any questions (704 845-8484).

– Submitted by Bobbi Kinsey

Young Adults

The Young Adults had a great first gathering after the Good Friday concert. Thanks for all who came out and parents who provided some tasty food. We have made plans for our next gathering to be on Friday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. with dinner at Debbie Jackson's house (5120 Unaka Ave., Charlotte). Please mark your calendar and let Houston know if you are coming (hhall-cumc@carolina.rr.com).

– Submitted by Houston Hall

International Lunch

April 13 (following 10:55 worship service)

at Fontanella's

Buffet \$10.50 plus beverage

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Confirmation begins April 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Information on Bishop's Day on April 12 will be forthcoming.

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 Sioe, 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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What I Have Gained from Holy Week and Easter

If you ever think you've had a bad week, you should take out your scriptures and view the week Jesus had that led to his death. He staged a parade into Jerusalem and began an uproar as people sought to know who he was. He cleansed the Temple with a whip in what has to be the most serious display of anger throughout his time on earth. He cursed a fig tree that later withered and he allowed Mary to anoint him with a very costly and highly aromatic perfume. He had dinner with the twelve and gave permission to Judas to leave to betray him; he prayed in the garden with such intensity that some say he sweat drops of blood. He allowed himself to be arrested, endured the sham court of the Sanhedrin, stood before Pilate's judgment seat, took a brutal beating for the Roman guards, carried his cross through the city streets till he collapsed under its weight, submitted himself for crucifixion with nails driven in his hands and feet, accepted a thief into paradise, forgave an unforgiving crowd, and died with a loud cry. Three days later he rose from the grave.

When I consider the many persons who participated in Jesus' bad week, whom Jesus forgave because they did not understand what they were doing, I first cry and then I try my best to forgive those who participate in my bad weeks. At our very best, we only possess a very small portion of the knowledge of what's going on around us, and we share in an even smaller portion of the truth of life. I also can't help but be aware that as someone is part of my bad week, I am part of someone else's bad week. I need forgiveness as much as I need to forgive.

When I consider that Mary was one of the few bright spots for Jesus during his week, it makes me hang my head in shame that there were not others willing to offer the Lord some measure of help or comfort. Mary's kindness makes me think that as much as she spent for the perfume she poured out for Jesus, there are many less expensive ways we can show favor and kindness to those around us. A bouquet of flowers, a meal, a garment or a scarf, a greeting card, whether needed or just appreciated, there are many things we could do to make life a little sweeter for those around us and others in the world if we just made the effort believing it would make a difference. It does you know, it really does!

When I consider that Jesus's bad week did not have to happen at all, but that he deliberately took on the harrowing experience of our sinful world in order to redeem what was lost, I am both humbled and gladdened. It is too much for me to think that somehow my bad weeks might be redemptive for someone, but I think it would be positively shameful to fail to realize that Jesus died for me and lives for all. I think that means that somehow I must find a way to bring the news of Jesus' redemption to someone, no matter how much it may cost me personally. It is the cost of belonging to God, and I'm glad about that!

Peace!
Pastor John