



Nancy Angel gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

Ann Benoit gave a gift to the Africa University Fund in memory of **Rachel Edwards, Mary Harrison, Martha Young, and Dot Fowler**.

Betty Cross gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

Margaret Sellers gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Letha Ganus**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Henry & Bonnie Springer**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Africa University Fund in memory of **Dot Fowler, Martha Young, Lillian Saint Prix, Mary Purvis, Rachel Edwards, and Mary Jane Meredith**.

Lifelong Girlfriends at Belk Stores Services, Inc. gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

Wayne & Jane Chappell gave a gift to the Youth Fund in memory of **Dot Fowler**.

Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Martha Young and Dot Fowler**.

Carol & Diane Holmes gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Fennie Burnette, Mary Purvis, Rachel Edwards, Jennie Ellison, Gayle Kale, Henry Theiling, and Letha Ganus** and in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Henry & Bonnie Springer**.

Elsie Reed gave a gift to the Library Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

Jim & Connie Short gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

C. W. & Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Mary Purvis**.

Tom & Nancy De Vries gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Henry & Bonnie Springer**.

Tim & Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Mildred Cannata**.

Jack & Irene Murphy gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Lillian Saint Prix**.

The Adventures in Faith Sunday School Class gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Martha Young**.

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Don Williams**.

#### Recently in the Hospital

Ida Mae Malloy  
Max Meredith



#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

...To Carol Van Lieu at the death of her mother, Mildred Cannata, who passed away April 3.

#### **Confirmation**

We have four young people who are taking the classes in preparation for Confirmation. The mentors have been selected and will be meeting with the young people before and after the Confirmation Service on May 11.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

#### **UMW Annual Attic Sale a Success!**

The UMW Attic Sale on April 4-5, was an outstanding success thanks to all of you! We raised over \$4,500. A very special “thank you” to:

- ★ All United Methodist Women who spent many hours volunteering – setting up for the sale, pricing items, sorting, helping customers, baking, and cleaning up after the sale.
- ★ The Youth who pitched in to help move items from the basement and to help out the day of the sale.
- ★ The men who were always available when needed to pick up items, to help set up, and clean up.
- ★ The staff who pitched in to help in a variety of ways.
- ★ The SHOPPERS – we could not have done it without you.
- ★ Irma, Jane, and Beverly who coordinated the sale.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas for UMW

#### **All Methodist Men**

We will gather on **Thursday, April 24 at 6:15 p.m.** for dinner and a discussion of *A Man and His World: A Man and His Friends* – plus, 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 De Vries know you will be attending by Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 704 566-9594 or email [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), or secretary/treasurer.

– Submitted by Tom De Vries

#### **Prime Timer News**

“Methodist in Mecklenburg”, a history of the United Methodist Church in Mecklenburg County will be the topic of the Prime Timer’s program on **Thursday, April 24**. Russ Ford, a member of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, who retired from WBTV-WBT, is the author of “Methodist in Mecklenburg” and will speak to the Prime Timers at their 11:00 a.m. meeting. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to come, enjoy our program, and stay for lunch. Dottie Burn’s group has planned a delicious potato/salad bar lunch for us.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

#### **Travel with the Prime Timers**

On **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Prime Timers will travel to Bishopville, SC to tour Pearl Fryar’s three-acre topiary garden. Pearl has been featured in a documentary about his life, which was shown recently at the Manor Theater. He has received numerous awards for his truly “work of art”. The cost of the trip – Prime Timers only \$19, non-members only \$29, which includes everything – transportation, lunch, and all gratuities. Please make checks payable to Prime Timers and send/give to Carol Black. Space is limited to 26 passengers. If you have any questions, call Dot Hailey or Kay Dumas.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

#### **Lunch Bunch May 4<sup>th</sup> Honoring our Senior Adults**

In recognition of “Older American Month”, and to say “thank you” to a special group of Cokesbury members, we are honoring them at a luncheon on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you are 65+, we invite you to be our guest. A delicious meal of baked ziti, salad bar, French bread, and dessert (strawberry shortcake, New Orleans bread pudding, and coconut pie) is planned. Reservation forms will be in the bulletins April 20 and 27 or call the church office.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

## Africa University

“Western North Carolina Conference United Methodists continue to contribute to the conference-wide mission initiative, Africa University. The money will allow construction of a building and endow scholarships to underwrite the education of African leaders for generations to come.” As of March 23, \$1,084,373.74 was reported. “The goal is \$2 million by the end of 2008.”

The Mission Committee, with guidance from the Finance Committee, will continue to strive to reach our goal of \$3,120 for Africa University. We are over one-third of the way there. Please prayerfully consider and give generously.

– Submitted by Judy Sims



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

Our first gathering was to the Checkers Hockey Game. We did not bring the team any luck, but had a great time. We had five Cokesbury people and we had four guests with us. Our next event is a meal at the home of Debbie Jackson (5120 Unaka Ave.) on April 18 at 8:00 p.m. Please email Houston [hhall-cumc@carolina.rr.com](mailto:hhall-cumc@carolina.rr.com) if interested in attending.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

## New Home

As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, Houston Hall will be in his new home at 1203 Maple Shade Lane, Charlotte, 28270. You can reach him at 336 402-0321 or email [miter\\_envy@yahoo.com](mailto:miter_envy@yahoo.com).

**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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# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## Gospel Politics

The political race for the White House is heating up around us. There has already been a fierce battle as the Republican Party has settled on its nominee for the general election and the Democrats are narrowed to two candidates. Soon the primary race will come to North Carolina and we've already begun to see political ads on television and polls being conducted by phone. Candidates and their proxies have begun to appear around the state and soon we will be drawn into the debate about the economy, jobs, education, the war, and what kind of change is needed in our government.

This is a good time to discuss Gospel Politics and how it relates to what's going on in the nation. Gospel Politics is the relation of the world's power structure to life in Christ, and how we conduct our lives in a world that knows little of Christ, and how we use the power of God to influence the world in ways that bring the Kingdom of God to fruition in this world. Power is at the heart of much about politics both in the world and in the Kingdom of God. Power has to do with the ability to move others, to meet various kinds of need and to make things happen in your favor. Power can be in the form of money, influence, or perception. Surprisingly, the church uses all these forms of power and others to plot its course in this world just as the political structure of our society does. Gospel Politics is different from that of the world in its motivation. We are directed by the demands of the good news of God in Christ Jesus, which is to love God and neighbor unconditionally. The ethics of Gospel Politics will not allow us to use any means at our disposal to accomplish our goals as how we behave is as important to the gospel as the outcome of love.

Gospel Politics relates us to the world and its power structures as one thirsty person who knows where to find water to another thirsty person who does not. We cannot claim to be terribly different or wonderfully enlightened, but we have a faith we believe makes a difference in how life is lived and where life finds its culmination. If you believe in the resurrection of Christ, it will color your political perspective by redirecting your energies. Gospel Politics makes you less concerned about your own welfare as that of the others who live around you and with you. You will be no less concerned about all the things others are concerned about but for different reasons. I am concerned about the economy not because of my loss of stock shares but because those who suffer when the economy is good will be the hardest hit when it is bad. My income and purchasing power may suffer, but there are thousands who no longer have an income and are in danger of becoming homeless.

Gospel Politics leads us from Holy Scripture to Main Street and Wall Street, from the pages of the gospels to the pages of the Charlotte Observer and the Wall Street Journal. Gospel Politics is the practice of being Christian.

Peace!  
Pastor John