



Ann Benoit gave a gift to the Africa University Fund in memory of **Mildred Cannata** and in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Henry & Bonnie Springer**.

Bobbie DeViney gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Conrad Holmes** and **Martha Young**.

Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Henry & Bonnie Springer**.

Jewell Garrison gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in honor of **Pastor John**.

Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Conrad Holmes**.

Jim & Joanne Bartlett gave a gift to the UMW Reading Program in memory of **Martha Young**.

Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Zelda Glovier**.

Elsie Reed gave a gift to the Library Fund in memory of **Conrad Holmes**.

Recently in the Hospital

Rachel Cox
Charles Jones
C. W. Simpson



Our Deepest Sympathy

...To Carol Holmes whose brother, Conrad Holmes passed away.
...To Kay Dumas and Sybil Smith whose sister, Zelda Glovier, passed away this month.



Carol Davis recently made a contribution to the Public Library in honor of Cokesbury Methodist Church. This gift will be used to purchase new materials for our collection or to fund library programs. We are grateful for our patrons' support of the Library as we strive to expand minds, empower individuals, and enrich our community.

Karen Beach, Director of Community Engagement



Join the Adventures in Faith Sunday School Class for an evening at the theater. We'll gather Saturday, July 19th for a light supper in the Fellowship Hall and then go to see "Crazy for You" in the beautiful Halton Theater at Central Piedmont Community College. Tickets are \$21. Call Mary Ellen Atwater to make your reservation.

What is "Crazy For You"? Think five words... Gershwin, tap dancing, show girls. This is a high energy musical comedy of mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers, and classy Gershwin music. Don't miss what is bound to be the tap-dancing highlight of the summer.

– Submitted by Mitchell Hagler

All Methodist Men

We will gather on **Thursday, May 22 at 6:15 p.m.** for a Steak Dinner and a discussion of "A Man and His World: A Man and His Money" 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 22nd and feel free to bring guests or friends. Please let Tom De Vries know you will be attending by Tuesday, May 20th via a call at 704 566-9594 or email tomdev@umich.edu.

– Submitted by Tom De Vries

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Mark your calendars and circle the date! The **Youth Worship Service** is scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at 10:55 a.m. Also...please note that there will be **NO 9:00 a.m. Informal Worship Service** on that day.

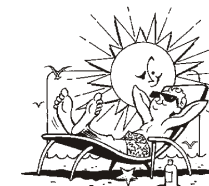
– Submitted by Donna Pharr

GRADUATES

We plan to honor our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, June 1**. Please contact the church office with the student's name, school, and if they are continuing their education, the name of the new school.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

BEACH RETREAT



Be sure to save the dates August 1-3 for our church-wide Beach Retreat (Vacation Bible School). This is for all ages and look forward to a good time together. You are also invited to attend Vacation Bible School at: **Memorial UMC**, June 20-21, on Friday night and Saturday and **Central UMC**, June 24-27 from 9-Noon

– Submitted by Houston Hall



We moved the date to June 1, due to several factors, but we look forward as we welcome new members to our congregation.

– Submitted by Houston Hall



The Trustees will be holding a Work Day for our grounds on **Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Chris Betts if you have any questions or suggestions. Please plan to come out and help us! We look forward to seeing you there!

– Submitted by Chris Betts



Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing Are:
May 20, 21, and June 2 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Kinsey at 704 845-8484. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

– Submitted by Bobbi Kinsey

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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Lay Person of the Year 2008

Marta Cox presented the Lay Person of the Year Award to Max Carroll and Bruce Fowler. She made the following presentation:

It is my pleasure to present the Lay Person of the Year Award. I'm substituting this morning for Tommy Pharr, our Lay Leader, who is on vacation. While the award is presented to one, or in some cases, more individuals, it is actually an award that acknowledges the contributions of all lay people who diligently contribute their time and talents at Cokesbury and strive to make Cokesbury a better place.

The recipients have their names inscribed on a plate on the award and they will be recognized at a District Banquet honoring winners from all of the churches in the Charlotte District. The recipient will also be recognized by the Western North Carolina Conference at the Gathering of the Laity in August.

Past recipients have included: James & Nancy Angel, Jim Atwater, Bill Broome, Bill Campbell, Bill Cooper, who lives in Taylorsville; Bill & Gwen Coulter, Marta Cox, Kay Dumas, Floyd & Irma Fike, Mary Freeman, Mitchell & Judy Hagler, Ida Mae Malloy, Tommy & Donna Pharr, Jim & Connie Short, and Henry Springer.

Today, we honor two individuals whose contributions touch so many significant aspects of our church life and our outreach efforts.

The first recipient is the face of our Crop Walk effort each year. In this capacity, he recruits volunteers and is responsible for Cokesbury's continued support for this mission. For the past few years, he has also chaired the Room in the Inn program and has not only secured volunteers, but has done almost every task needed: cooked breakfast, cleaned up, spent the night, plus a myriad of other thankless jobs to keep the program going. He is also involved with the Christian Education program including Family Life and UMAR, and is also a Sunday School teacher.

Our second recipient has also been involved in many facets of church life here at Cokesbury. Adult Sunday School teacher, UMYF counselor, Lay Speaker, storyteller during Children's Time, Worship Leader at the Brian Center, are some of his current activities. In the past, he has also been a member of the Children's Council and a strong advocate and leader of Godly Play and Children's Church. He is an avid Boy Scout and Boy Scout Leader, not only in the local troop at Cokesbury, but also on a regional level. He leads, once a year, a Boy Scout event for "at risk" inner city youth in our Charlotte community.

Please join me in welcoming our 2008 Lay Persons of the Year, Max Carroll and Bruce Fowler

– Submitted by Tommy Pharr