



Edith Pearson gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Dan & Kay Dumas**.

Carlene Coggins, Dot Hailey, and Bill & Pat McKenzie gave gifts to the Homecoming Fund in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Dan & Kay Dumas**.

Joe & Martha Coulter gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Walter Cottingham**.

Tim & Mary Freeman, Amelia McGee, Ken & Jan Penland, and Deanna Reed gave gifts to the Music Fund in memory of **Walter Cottingham**.

Tom & Mickey Helms gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Bill Campbell, Sr., Walter Cottingham, Zelda Glovier, Conrad Holmes, Hester Narron, Larry Powell, Mary Sparling, and Boyd Smith**.

Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to the Habitat Fund in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Dan & Kay Dumas**.

Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Habitat Fund in memory of **Bill Campbell, Sr., Boyd Smith, and Zelda Glovier**.

Ken & Jan Penland gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in honor of **Bill & Gwen Coulter**.

**Recently in the Hospital**

Billie Caskey  
Bobbie DeViney  
Jeffrey Marquis



...Dan & Kay Dumas celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 27<sup>th</sup>.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the phone calls and cards following my recent surgery. Cokesbury is a caring congregation.

Sincerely,  
Tom Helms



Mark you calendars now for the United Methodist Men's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry!

**Saturday, September 27 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Adults: \$7; Ages 6-10 \$5; Under 6 Eat Free**  
*(Our prices have not changed in 7 years!)*

Proceeds will be used to support our Youth programs and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration here at Cokesbury. (Last year we raised over \$1,000.) Tickets will be available in mid-August from any Methodist Men's member.

- Submitted by Tom De Vries

**Missions**

Did you know that the poverty rate in North Carolina is 14.4% and the child poverty rate is 18.3%? This summer, so far, the Cokesbury congregation has given over 550 pounds of food and over 100 rolls of paper towels and toilet paper. During August and September there will be baskets for school supplies to be given to needy children at Idlewild Elementary.

- Submitted by Judy Sims

**Prime Timers**

Cokesbury's Prime Timers have made a \$300 donation to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Homecoming" Fund.



The Prime Timers will be taking a trip to Lake Lure on **Wednesday, October 15** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 for Prime Timers and \$65 for non-members, who may sign-up after September 15.

The first stop will be the Lake Lure Inn to view a collection of Music Boxes and to have lunch. Then a Boat Cruise around the lake followed by a trip to the Church of the Transfiguration.

For more information, please contact Dot Hailey at 704 537-7423 or Kay Dumas at 704 814-4567.

**It Takes a Church...**

It always amazes me and warms my heart when so many people step forward to support the Youth in their endeavors whether focused on mission, spiritual, or just plain fun! The 2007/2008 UMYF year was no exception and I want to thank everyone for their support. In doing so, I want to thank those of you that designated your monetary donations for the Youth activities - as individuals, the United Methodist Men, and everyone that supported the Youth fundraisers. Without the funds to do it, it just couldn't happen.

I also want to thank those of you that supported the Youth with your time and talents - Jane Chappell, who coordinated the Snack Supper Schedule and those of you that prepared and served Snack Suppers - Debbie Jackson, who coordinated the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship services at the Brian Center, and those of you that led the worship services there - Joyce Brooks, for leading the Youth Choir - Pam Betts, who gave up a weekend to cook and serve meals during the spring Camp Tekoa Work Retreat - Marta Cox, the contestants, and too many others to name, that made the *Not So Newly-Wed Game* fundraiser such a success - those of you that drove during the Scavenger Hunt, and Teresa Fesmire and Tommy Pharr for staying up all night with me during the Youth Lock-In - Tommy Pharr, who coordinated and delivered the message during the Youth worship service - Mary Freeman and Dot Hailey, who cooked and served meals for an entire week during the Beach Retreat - Carol Holmes and the group of men, who gathered and marked tools for Carolina Cross Connection, as well as those who loaned their tools for CCC - Wayne Chappell, who drove the church van to meet Houston and drive Houston's car back to Charlotte so that Houston was able to participate in CCC - Jim Atwater and Houston Hall, who spent a week with our Youth at CCC. And, a special thank you, to Teresa Fesmire, Bruce and Sandy Fowler, LeAnne Craig, and Houston Hall for their dedication and leadership throughout the year.

We are now looking forward to the 2008/2009 year and we know that with your continued support, it will once again be a wonderful and successful year. It does *Take a Church...* and once again... *Thank you!*

- Submitted by Donna Pharr

**Attention All Youth!**



It is almost time to start thinking about fall leaves, football, and cooler weather. It's also time to start thinking about the UMYF End of Summer Swim Party, the first day of the new school year and the UMYF New Year Kick-Off! So, be sure to mark these dates on your calendar! *(You will be receiving detailed information in the mail.)*

**August 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 p.m. - End of Summer Swim Party**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. - UMYF New Year Kick-Off**  
- Submitted by Donna Pharr

## Announcing the Adult Extra Bible Study

### Harlot by the Side of the Road: Forbidden Tales of the Bible

by Jonathan Kirsch

A book study held on Tuesday evening, beginning September 23 for eight weeks. Cost is \$16 for the book. Houston will be the leader.

### Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen

A book study held on Wednesday morning, beginning on September 24 for seven weeks. The cost is \$15 for the book. Houston will be the leader.

### Christian Believers: Know God with Heart and Mind

This doctrinal study is a 31 week commitment and will begin early September 11 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 for the books. Tommy Pharr will be teaching.

Each class will be limited in size.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

## College Students

We are gathering information on our students who will be in college, in town or away, so that we can recognize them each week throughout the school year. Please notify the church office or Houston with their name, address, and email address.

– Submitted by Houston Hall



Soon everyone will be receiving a letter of invitation to the Cokesbury 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming events. Included in the letter will be a RSVP postcard that we ask you to complete and return to the church either via USPS mail or by dropping it in the offering plate or by the church office. Be on the lookout for the letter and be sure to RSVP promptly! In the meantime, enjoy these facts about Cokesbury!

*Did you know...*

- Cokesbury began participating in the Room in the Inn program in 1997 under Patsy Johnson's leadership.
- On January 27, 2005 Michael Wayne Chappell earned his Eagle Scout Award.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

## All Methodist Men

We will gather on **Thursday, August 28 at 6:15 p.m.** for dinner and planning for our September 27<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry.

– Submitted by Tom DeVries

**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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### Treasurer's Report Six Months Ending June 30, 2008

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
For General Budget	\$118,861	\$61,066	\$179,927
Tower Rent	8,528	8,601	17,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,389</b>	<b>\$69,667</b>	<b>\$197,056</b>

<u>Disbursements</u>			
Actual	\$ 97,935	\$96,266	\$194,201
% of Budget	96.2%	94.5%	95.3%

### Comments:

Collections averaged \$8,619 for the first 17 weeks; \$3,771 for weeks 18-26. The average for the 26 weeks was \$6,920 per week. Disbursements have been steady, averaging \$7,469 per week. From time to time, the Finance Committee will make suggestions for special gifts and/or memorials. The present list of suggestions is:

	<u>Projected Need for next 6 months</u>
Anniversary Fund	\$3,200
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Room in the Inn	\$1,500
Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$2,000
Unrestricted special gifts/memorials	This space left blank

– Submitted by Jim Atwater