



Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Ann Benoit gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Julia Cawelti, Walter Cottingham, Zelda Glovier, Mary Sparling, and Bill Campbell, Sr.**

Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Rusty Black**.

Bob & Dottie Burns gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in honor of **Tommy Pharr**.

Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore** and to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Julia Cawelti** and **Nell Stegall**.

Tom & Nancy DeVries and Buddy & Etta Woodall gave gifts to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Floyd & Irma Fike, Dot Hailey, Bill & Pat McKenzie, C. W. & Martha Simpson, Carol Van Lieu, and Louise Ward gave gifts to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Julia Cawelti**.

Velma & Mike Furr gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Roger Furr**.

Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Nell Stegall**.

Ronald & Marchant Martin gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Walter Cottingham**.

Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Julia Cawelti** and to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore** and **Nell Stegall** and in honor of **Ida Mae Malloy**.

Judy Sims gave a gift to the Missions Fund

in memory of **Nell Stegall**.

The *International Sunday School Class* gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in honor of **Billie Caskey**.

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Dillie, Helen, & Carmen**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Nell Stegall** and to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Wade Cox**.



**Our Deepest Sympathy**

...To Pastor John and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Ruby Moore, who passed away September 10.

**Recently In the Hospital**

Bob Burns



<u>General Budget</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$28,381.83	\$230,092.67
Tower Rent	\$2,914.80	\$23,510.02
Disbursements	\$27,185.74	\$254,398.94

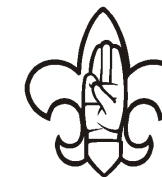
- Submitted by Jim Atwater



**International Lunch**

We are going South of the Border to Las Margaritas Mexican Restaurant on **Sunday, October 26**, after the 10:55 worship service. Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

- Submitted by Houston Hall



**Scouting at Cokesbury**

Scouting has been at Cokesbury from the beginning of the church. As we start our 50<sup>th</sup> year of scouting, the pack and the troops demographics have changed. We have always served the young families that live within walking distance of the church. This has not changed, but the young families have changed. I am asking for church members to help, just an hour a month or every three months or whenever or however you can help. The members of Cokesbury have supported the scouting program financially by attending and contributing to the fund raisers; however, we need your help by sharing your gifts, time, and presence. The program needs people to help with crafts, outings, and just being there for these young boys to talk to. The cub pack meets Monday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the Boy Scouts meet Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please call or email Bruce Fowler (704 376-0756 or [bnmfowler@aol.com](mailto:bnmfowler@aol.com)) to take part in changing a young persons life.

- Submitted by Bruce Fowler  
Chartered Organization Representative



**Family Fun Fall Festival**  
**October 25**  
**3:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Sponsored by the Girl Scouts**

Please join us for a night of FUN! Tickets are \$5 for a hot dog supper, cake walk, and three games of Bingo. Extra food and extra games of Bingo can be purchased. Games and activities for all ages are included at no extra cost. Craft tables and Bake Sale items will be available for purchase also. Please contact Jane Chappell for tickets at [jchappell136@yahoo.com](mailto:jchappell136@yahoo.com) or 704 545-4696.

- Submitted by Jane Chappell

**Camp Tekoa**

Once again, we had a great time on our Mountain Re-Creation weekend. Thanks to everyone who made it a great weekend. Thanks to Marta Cox for all her planning; to Dot, Kay, and Mary for meal planning and preparing; and also to Dan, for the working man who hauled, cleaned, and did so much in the kitchen.

- Submitted by Houston Hall

## Young Adults Away

We are reaching out to our Young Adults who are away from us. They may be in college or in the service and we will feature one of them each week and encourage you to write or email them. We will list them in the worship bulletin and "Life at Cokesbury This Week". Let's remind them how much they are missed and loved.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

## Extra Adult Classes

We have two great groups who are off and running with their respective studies. If you come across a book and have a suggestion for a study in the future, please let Houston know.

– Submitted by Houston Hall



**Beautiful Star: An Appalachian Nativity  
at the Triad Stage in Greensboro  
Saturday, December 6  
2:00 p.m.  
Cost \$22**

If you are interested in going, please contact Houston. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m., have lunch downtown, then go see the show and head back home. If there is enough interest, we will rent a small bus for about \$30 extra per person; otherwise, we will carpool. The show does sell out fast, so please sign-up today!

– Submitted by Houston Hall



**Cokesbury  
United Methodist Church  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Homecoming  
October 4 & 5**

**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**  
John A. Moore, PASTOR  
Houston Hall, DIR. OF CHRISTIAN ED.  
Louise Ward, FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
Marty Gregory, MUSIC DIRECTOR  
Joan Gillis, SECRETARY  
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# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## Homecoming: Back and Forward

It is said that, yesterday is history, today is a gift, and tomorrow is a mystery. As we prepare to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year at Cokesbury, we will experience all three areas. We will probably spend most of our time in our history. We will remember past pastors, former members, and those who have gone to heaven to be with the Lord. We will rejoice in the thought of programs and events from the past that have claimed a special place in our memory and with fondness, we will cherish times gone by as the best of times. Such thoughts are important to the life of the church and to each of us individually as these are the ingredients that have gone into making us the disciples we are and the human beings we have become. Nostalgia, however, can claim more of our time and effort than is healthy and prevent us from a critical analysis of our present and who we are now.

We have an urgent need to give critical thought to who we are now and the resources we have available as the church of God in this present time. This present time brings many challenges and difficult decisions as we consider the shape of Cokesbury today. We are surrounded by a community vastly different from what existed fifty years ago and the needs of the community at large has changed substantially. It is not as easy to know the directions the church must take and how we will grow from where we are. What is clear is that the present brings the challenge of repentance for mistakes and missteps imbedded in our past as well as a new sense of courage to engage the world around us and proclaim the gospel in new ways to an essentially new world. We are being called to sense God's joy in Cokesbury and to let that be the center of our celebration. We celebrate not what happened in the past, but the God who is with us in the present.

More than remembering the past and examining the present, is our need to look forward to our future. We do not know what the future holds; but, we know that the God who holds us guides the future. We know that God has a goal of salvation for all and a desire to share his love with all. We know that the unfolding of the future will hold a special place for those who seek to be faithful to God and desire to be disciples of Christ. In that future, are many people who are in need of a church home, children in need of a safe place to grow, and teenagers in need of an exciting place to discover life. Our connection with this bright and beautiful future is through our prayers that God will give us the courage to boldly step out of our past, beyond our present, and into the mystery that is tomorrow. See you at Homecoming!

Peace!  
Pastor John