



Donna Bailey and Arianne Graddick gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Jim & Carol Black and Joe & Martha Coulter gave gifts to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Christopher & Robin Neville gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Bill Campbell, Sr.**

Bill & Gwen Coulter gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Steve Nivens, Julia Cawelti, Nell Stegall, and Ruby Moore**.

Jewell Garrison gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Lois Garrison**.

Mitchell & Judy Hagler gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Nell Stegall and Ruby Moore**.

Linda Horne gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **William Horne**.

Rev. Henry and Renee Justice gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Dan & Kay Dumas, Tim & Mary Freeman, Dot Hailey, and Judy Sims gave gifts to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Jack & Irene Murphy gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in honor of the birthdays of **Margaret Sellers and Lil Larson**.

Margaret Vincent gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Walter Cottingham**.

Tim & Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Nell Stegall** and to the Library Fund in memory of **Julia Cawelti**.

Jim & Connie Short gave a gift to the Budget Fund

in memory of **Nell Stegall and Julia Cawelti** and the Music Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

C. W. & Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Homecoming Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore and Nell Stegall**.

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Sascha's 34th birthday**.

Recently In the Hospital

Florence Tiberg



Our Deepest Sympathy

...To Florence Tiberg and her family as they mourn the death of her husband, James, who passed away October 5.



<u>General Budget</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$18,197.28	\$248,289.95
Tower Rent	\$2,373.25	\$25,883.27
Disbursements	\$29,021.95	\$283,420.89

From time to time the Finance Committee will make suggestions for Special Gifts and Memorials. The present suggestions include: Maintenance Reserve Fund, Minister's Discretionary Fund, Room in the Inn, and Unrestricted Special Gifts.

- 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



A volunteer is needed to review the church financial records for 2008. The review will take approximately six hours, including approximately two hours at the church office during office hours, in late February. No accounting or bookkeeping experience is required. Please contact Tom DeVries or Jim Atwater.

- Submitted by Jim Atwater



St. John's UMC is holding a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on November 8 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. to help raise \$15,000 needed to replace three air conditioning systems that were vandalized and insurance did not cover. The tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. If anyone would like to purchase tickets, make a donation of cash or items for the silent auction, they can call Rev. Lisa Martinez at 980 253-0005. (St. John's UMC is at 4305 Monroe Road, Charlotte, 28205.)



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 or 704 545-4696.

- Submitted by Jane Chappell



"Students Away" for October 19 and 26 are:
Taylor Fesmire: 1400 Greene Street, USC Box 81703, Columbia, SC 29225.
 Email: fesmire@mailbox.sc.edu
Cori Fowler: 101 Raleigh Street, Alderman Hall, Room 211, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Email: fcori@email.unc.edu.



Gwen and I would like to express our appreciation to all of those who worked on the Homecoming Committee. We believe all aspects went well and were enjoyed by all. When you have good team work, it is a pleasure being a part of the team, and what a team we had. Everyone chipped in wherever

they were needed.

We couldn't have had a better group on this committee. We really do appreciate all the hard work that everybody did, from the beginning to the very end. We could not be more pleased with how everything turned out.

Cokesbury had a wonderful 50th celebration enjoyed by all. We had approximately 435 people to attend. It was nice to look around to see old friendly faces with new additions to their family. Everyone seemed to enjoy the worshiping and fellowship that was offered. We heard many compliments on the worship service and the food.

Thank you one and all!

– Submitted by Bill & Gwen Coulter

**Cokesbury's Annual Chili Cook-off
and
Men's Dessert Bake-off
Sunday, November 2
12:00 Noon**



PRIZES AWARDED TO THE WINNERS!

\$3 Adults
\$1.50 Children (under 12)

Enter to Win! Who is the best chili cook at Cokesbury? Which Cokesbury man can bake the best from scratch or cake mix cake, pie, or cookie? Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office to enter. No reservations necessary. The menu will be: a Variety of Chili, (cheese, sour cream and chopped onions, provided), Salad Bowl, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Cornbread and Crackers, Homemade Desserts prepared by the "Men of Cokesbury", Tea and Lemonade.

Enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship, with church friends!

– Submitted by Deanna Long

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.

Church Staff
 John A. Moore, PASTOR
 Houston Hall, DIR. OF CHRISTIAN ED.
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Listening to Numbers

What a great and wonderful time we had for our 50th Anniversary celebration and Homecoming! All three events between Saturday and Sunday were wonderful successes with bunches of folks returning to Cokesbury who were happy to be here and see old friends. Many spent time catching up, viewing photos, and hugging one another. There were bunches of children and young people, families, and clergy who were returning to revisit a place where life and growth took place for them. Our preacher, Paul Christy, the son of a former pastor now deceased, shared with us in worship on Sunday and demonstrated how a nurturing congregation can produce fruits of joy in return. Indeed, from this congregation there have been many to hear the call of God and find their place in the ministry of Christ somewhere in the church.

When we began our planning for homecoming, we speculated about how many to anticipate with numbers that ranged from 250 to 500. The official count was 435. It caused me to consider the church and its relationship with numbers. We often count how many attend worship each Sunday as well as with other events often consider the success of an event based on how many attend. We must exercise caution for the ministry of the church is not based on numbers. Our aim is to be faithful to God and, as the hymn says, "trust and obey". Yet, we note many significant numbers in scripture such as 4, the number for creation; 10, the number for completion; 7, the number for perfection; and 12, the number for the people of God. There are also combination numbers of distinction such as 40 which is 4 times 10 and the number for time spent in the presence of God; and 144,000 which is 12 times 12 times 10 times 10 which is the number for the full complete people of God. There is however, another number of distinction we should know and it is the number all. God desires that all might be saved, that all might be received into the holy habitation, that all peoples of every nation, race, tongue, and ethnicity might taste the goodness of God.

When we gather together, our aim is to so fashion our fellowship that all might be invited and feel comfortable before God. Our goal is to embrace all with our joy in Christ Jesus that by all means some might follow us to Cokesbury where we worship. Our gathering for homecoming is but a taste of what is possible every Sunday if we are faithful to our calling and continue to trust and obey the voice of God.

Peace!
Pastor John