



Bill & Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Ruby Moore**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Jim & Carol Black**.

Recently In the Hospital

Lynne Rankin Crum
Norma Jean Spencer



...Jim & Carol Black celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 19th.

Thank you!



We wish to express our gratitude to our Cokesbury family for the memorials, prayers, cards, and concerns following the death of Harley's brother, Boyd Smith. Your caring, kindness, and expressions of sympathy are most sincerely appreciated.

Harley & Sybil Smith

Dear Friends,

I am so sorry I couldn't get to your 50th anniversary celebration. I had planned to come but the week before your celebration, I had a really bad fall – my face was all banged up with seven stitches over my right eye. Had numerous bruises and lots of soreness. I just couldn't move very well and still have a black eye!

Have followed your progress through the years since Bill and I were there. He was so proud of you and so am I. Maybe I'll surprise you and come for worship soon.

My best to all and congratulations on 50 years of ministry!

Lovingly,
Marjorie Bass



**Pilot Club of Charlotte's
30th Annual "Love Lights"**

Light a candle in memory or in honor of loved ones and support Alzheimer's disease research. A \$50,000 grant awarded to the Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Duke University Medical Center was made possible with donations collected through the Pilot Club of Charlotte's Love Lights.

The 30th Annual Love Lights are scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd around Freedom Park Lake. You are invited to view the luminaries between the hours of 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. To light a luminary, make your donation payable to Pilot International Foundation (PIF) and give to Pilot Club Member Kay Dumas or mail to 2419 Hatherly Road, Charlotte, NC 28209. If you have questions, please call Kay Dumas at 704 814-4567 (www.geocities.com/pilotclubofcharlotte).

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

Art for Your Heart

Please stop by our Prayer Room to look at this month's "Art for Your Heart". During special seasons of the church year, we will have one or more pieces of art to help you in your spiritual growth. Using the words of St. Louise de Marillac: "to see the image of Christ in each person" this month I offer a work of art from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England. In the room, you will find a sheet to help discover more from the art.

– Submitted by Houston Hall

Gathering of the Young Adults or Exodus

The Young Adults/Exodus group will gather on **Sunday, November 30** during the Sunday School hour in Room 105 to catch up and spend time together.

– Submitted by Houston Hall



Special Advent Service

Pastor John and I are still debating about a name for the service; but, we want to offer a special service for people who do not find the Christmas holiday as the "most wonderful time of the year". It will be a service to honor the pain and grief that a person is journeying through. We are looking at a week-night during the middle of December. Help us, as we make this offer not only to our Cokesbury people, but to the greater community.

– Submitted by Houston Hall



"Students Away" for November 2 and 9 are:

Brittany Kinsey: 9810-M Campus Walk Ln., Charlotte, NC 28262-1907. Email: blkinsey@uncc.edu

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*God's grace and goodness are so bountiful,
way beyond our human need –
And our lives can be so very full and happy,
if we'll only let Jesus take the lead.*

*Pray! Rejoice and be forever happy,
and never give in to doubt and despair –
For life's dark clouds will evaporate
when Thanksgiving is in the air.*

– Bob Wickline, Minister
Saltair Church of Christ
Bethel, OH

*“Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.”*

– Author Unknown



Through Cokesbury Windows

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Faith Before Politics

It is an imprudent thing for a church pastor to tell his parishioners how to vote. There are some who are doing so even now and by so doing disgrace the gospel and pervert our democratic system. It disgraces the gospel by presuming that neither the church nor God will be able to stand up under one presidential leader or another; it perverts our democratic system by trying to dictate to the citizens of our nation what their faith requires them to do, casting us back to a time when the church ruled over the state. Our constitutional fathers lived in a world that knew, both the rule of state over the church and the rule of the church over the state, and found both to be repugnant to a civil and democratic government. As we have recently sought to see how Jesus stood the test of his faith, we should remember two things when we go to vote.

In one passage from Matthew's record of the gospel, we heard Jesus speak about the image of the Emperor versus the image of God (St. Matthew 22:15-11). Remember that the image of God is within you and God rules over all. I always thought when reading this passage of trying to calculate what it meant to say "give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's." It seems to me that the emperor gets nothing since all things belong to God. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it (Psalm 24:1)." What is certainly true is that both God and the church have survived emperors and kings, dictators and presidents, for a very long time and only a person severely lacking in faith would be concerned this time. We do not take our civic duties lightly, but we can vote with a heart free of tension and fear trusting that God reigns over all and by his unseen hand, God directs our lives and all the nations of the world to bring about that glorious time when every knee will bow and tongue confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God. What a wonderful thing!

Secondly, from Matthew's story of Jesus asking the Pharisees a question about the Lordship of the Messiah (St. Matthew 22:41-46), Jesus is challenging our own perception of himself as Lord of our lives. If you claim Jesus as Lord, you also surrender yourself to his Lordship of your life. We try regularly to pray and ask for guidance and we should submit to that guidance especially when we vote. You have heard all the ads, debates, and interviews with the candidates and most have a fairly good idea of what they represent, as well as a goodly amount of misinformation in the mix. When you enter the voting booth, it is just you, your conscience, and your Lord. Do not let your pastor or any other pastor try to tell you how to vote. That is the task of your Lord; and that's how you put faith before politics.

Peace!
Pastor John

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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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