



- Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Darwin & Nancy Blaine, Bill Cooper, Nancy Cottingham, Joe & Martha Coulter, Dan & Kay Dumas, Floyd & Irma Fike, Al & Margie Forrest, Tim & Mary Freeman, Dot Hailey, Calvin & Kathryn Little, Robert & Ruth Mason, Bill & Pat McKenzie, Deanna Reed, Henry & Bonnie Springer, Louise Ward, and Buddy & Etta Woodall all gave gifts to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Bob & Dottie Burns gave a gift to the Adult Care & Share in honor of the **Adult Care & Share**.
- Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Becky McKenzie**.
- James Fosbrink gave a gift to the Work Team in honor of the **Work Team**.
- Tim & Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Adult Care & Share in memory of **Becky McKenzie**.
- Charles Hailey gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of **Dot Hailey** and to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Dennis Hailey**.
- Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Robert Richardson**.
- Bill & Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Becky McKenzie, Robert Richardson, Mrs. Cline, and Mrs. Sparling**.
- Patsy May Miceli gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Elsie Fulcher**.
- Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Habitat Fund in memory of **Becky McKenzie and Margaret Gunter**.
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **her father**.
- UMW Circle Sarah gave a gift to the Adult Care & Share in memory of **Becky McKenzie**.
- Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Robert Richardson and Becky McKenzie**.



Our Deepest Sympathy

– To Tom & Mickey Helms at the death of their son, Kelly Sipes, who passed away December 23.

UMW Share

The United Methodist Women again finished their year with generous donations totaling \$2,600 to the following charities:

Room in the Inn	\$500
Parsonage Fund	\$800
Share the Warmth	\$500
Crisis Assistance	\$500
Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$300

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

UMW Special Memberships

At the United Methodist Women's Annual Banquet a "Special Membership" pin was presented to Jane Deal and Bobbi Abele received her second "special membership" pin. On Sunday, December 13, the UMW presented a "special membership" pin to Floyd Fike. All three of these special people were selected by UMW members in appreciation for all that they do for Cokesbury.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

Supplies Needed

The Medical Clinic for Room in the Inn at Urban Ministries is in need of the following supplies: Pepcid, Zantac, or Omeprazole (heartburn), Lamisil or Clotrimazole cream (Athlete's foot), Ibuprofen (Advil), Sudafed or Comtrex cold medicine, Nyquil gel caps (no bottles please), Tylenol PM, Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Colace generic stool softeners, Preparation H or generic hemorrhoid cream, cough drops. If anyone would like to help by donating. Thanks!

– Submitted by Sandy Fowler

Prime Timer January Meeting

Thursday, January 28

Gather at 10:30 a.m. – Meal Served at 11:00 a.m.

Join the Prime Timers for the January meeting and enjoy a delicious meal. It's a first for them in a long time – it's a covered dish or pot luck, but no matter what you call it, you are in for a treat. Prime Timers will bring their favorite dishes to share. After lunch they will enjoy an afternoon of their favorite games – checkers, dominos, backgammon, to name a few. Bring your favorite game! Everyone is invited for a delicious meal and a fun, relaxing time with Cokesbury friends.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas



Boy Scout Troop 147 will have their annual spaghetti supper on **Saturday, February 13 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** This is the troop's only fund raiser for the year, and as always we appreciate the support from the Cokesbury families. The prices are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-10, and children under 6 eat free. You can purchase tickets from Bill McKenzie or Bruce Fowler or any Scout before and after worship service on Sundays. Hope to see you there for the great food and fellowship!

– Submitted by Bruce Fowler



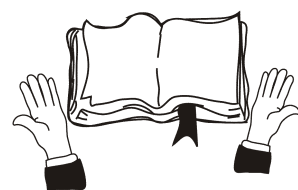
Curt Caskey's family and his Cokesbury family would like to invite the congregation to his 100th Birthday Party on January 30th in the Fellowship Hall between 2:00 and 4:00.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

On Saturday, December 12, we hosted the Bethlehem Center Birthday Party for Jesus for almost 30 children. Thank You to those who contributed funds to make this event possible, to those who coordinated the event with Family Dollar, to those who helped as the children's personal shoppers, to those who organized the wrapping materials and supplies, to those who helped the children wrap their presents, to those who bought or supplied items and made up the "goodie bags" for the children, to those who got the pizzas and the rest of the food and drink items, to those who set up and provided the video for the children to watch, to Santa for showing up, to those who took pictures and delivered them to Bethlehem Center, and for those who provided transportation for the children.

This is a wonderful mission project that continues to be a JOY for Cokesbury and the children and staff from Bethlehem Center.

Again Many Thanks,
United Methodist Men



Sermon Series

I will continue the sermon series that began Sunday, January 10 through Sunday, February 7, on *“Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”*. These are based on the book by Bishop Robert Schnase. There are two copies of the book in the church library for anyone to check out and read. The purpose of this series is to get Cokesbury UMC started on the goals we set at Charge Conference to be a part of Bishop Goodpaster’s *“Power of 3”* plan for the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. A five week devotional book, to follow along with the sermon series, is available to anyone who is interested. The cost is \$7, plus tax. If you would like a book, call the church office or write your name on the list in the narthex.

- Topics:
- January 10 – Radical Hospitality
 - January 17 – Passionate Worship
 - January 24 – Intentional Faith Development
 - January 31 – Risk-Taking Mission and Service
 - February 7 – Extravagant Generosity

These sermons are just touching the surface when it comes to these topics. During Lent, we will have opportunities to study the book in depth. If a Sunday School class would like to study it, there are leader guides available. Also, the church committees can focus on their chapters in their initial meetings of 2010.

If we take our role as followers of Christ seriously, we can do so much for the Kingdom. But it takes the whole church working together!

– Pastor Sarah

Charlotte District Leadership Conference
Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
For more information, contact the church.

ALL METHODIST MEN

We will gather on **Thursday, January 28 at 6:15 p.m.** for dinner and a short program at 7:00 to kick-off the New Year. We had great meetings last year and this is an opportunity for us to get together again for food, fellowship, and how we men can further the work of the church. Please feel free to bring guests or friends.

– Submitted by Tom DeVries

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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.



Through Cokesbury Windows

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It’s the beginning of a New Year and the time for resolutions. We can all make a resolution to strengthen our prayer life. Many people ask, “How do I pray?” Even the disciples asked Jesus and he responded by laying out *The Lord’s Prayer* (Matthew 6:9-14) that we pray each Sunday as part of our worship liturgy. I ran across this list while surfing the Internet and I thought it might help us as we try to keep our resolutions for 2010.

21 Ways to Pray

Pray...

- ▶ pray on the move
- ▶ over your favorite foods
- ▶ holding your dog or cat
- ▶ through a Family Album
- ▶ during household chores
- ▶ while brushing your teeth
- ▶ to your favorite song
- ▶ the ancient words of the Bible
- ▶ on a solitary walk in nature
- ▶ gazing at the stars on a dark night
- ▶ out loud
- ▶ with a friend about a secret you have carried
- ▶ while reading the newspaper
- ▶ while exercising
- ▶ with silence and stillness
- ▶ pray over a good meal with family or friends
- ▶ on a special day/ important event (birthday, anniversary)
- ▶ through written words
- ▶ with emotion
- ▶ with simple triggers (small stone in pocket, post-it in bathroom) place triggers in your day for spontaneous prayer
- ▶ pray now.

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