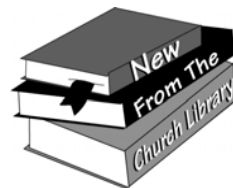




- Robert & Elizabeth Atterberry, Jr., Ann Benoit, Ed & Diane Bolster, Tom & Nancy DeVries, Roger & Kathryn Ellison, Bill & Carolyn Galloway, Brenda Payne, C. W. & Martha Simpson, and Joe & Jennie Wilson, gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Tom & Nancy DeVries and Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in memory of **Becky McKenzie**.
- Tim & Mary Freeman and Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Adult Care & Share in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Mitchell & Judy Hagler gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Mrs. Cline**.
- Harley & Sybil Smith gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes** and **Becky McKenzie**.
- **Carrie Winkler** gave a gift to the Prime Timers in honor of Curt Caskey's 100th Birthday.



The following books were given to the UMW Reading Program in memory of Kelly Sipes:

- Caring for Mother, given by Circle Rachel and
- A Monk in the Inner City, given by the Discovery Sunday School Class.

– Submitted by Judy Hagler



Our Deepest Sympathy

–To Kay Dumas and Sybil Smith as they mourn the death of their brother, R. C. Kale, who passed away January 13.



♥We would like to thank the family of Cokesbury for their prayers, support, and memorial gifts during the sickness and death of our daughter and sister, Becky McKenzie.

May God Bless You All,
Muriel Morrison and Barbara Moore

♥We appreciate all the expressions of sympathy at the loss of our son, Kelly Sipes. We feel lucky to belong to such a caring congregation.

Tom & Mickey Helms

♥The Come to Christmas project has been completed. Fourteen Valentine boxes have been sent to the troops. So many made homemade Valentine cards. We also sent candy, snacks, and supplies. Thank you for your overwhelming response for items and postage.

– Submitted by Judy Hagler and Deanna Long



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



Adult & Family Ministries Committee is sponsoring a program to match members who need transportation to church with volunteers who will provide transportation. If you need a ride to church or if you can volunteer to help, call Irma Fike at 704 568-5355 or email her at emmyf9@aol.com. We want you to continue to worship with us when you can no longer drive.

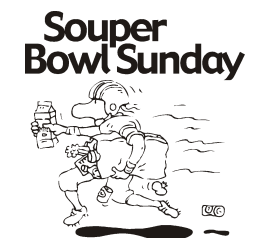
– Submitted by Kay Dumas



General Budget	December	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$21,307.21	\$253,468.02
Prepaid Pledges	\$5,250.00	\$63,000.00
Tower Rent	\$2,914.73	\$34,986.76
Disbursements	\$30,578.52	\$334,783.73
Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,106.58)	\$16,671.05

Finance Fact for the Month: A detailed Financial Report will be completed soon.

– Submitted by Jim Atwater



February 7
Following Worship
\$3 for Adults, \$1.50 for Children under 12,
Children under 3 Free

Proceeds to be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank and UMCOR.

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our conference web site (www.wnccumc.org) or the United Methodist Church web site (www.umc.org). In both places you will find news and information that will be helpful as we go forward.

Second, there are some specific things we can do right now to assist. At several sites around our conference, United Methodists are responding by preparing meals for shipment through Stop Hunger Now. We are working to coordinate this effort with the hope of filling at least one entire container of meals (142,500 meals) to be directed to Haiti. Also, as many of you are already doing, making health kits is a hands-on project, and those kits are urgently needed. Contact your District Office, or Mike Collins at the Conference Office for details and locations. And, of course, please continue to make financial contributions through UMCOR. Again, check our conference web site for information.

Third, we are in the process of developing a conference-wide strategy for response that will invite all of us to focus our work in a way that will make a long-term difference. I have already had an initial conversation with several persons who have been actively involved in Haiti for years. As those plans are finalized, in partnership with our Haitian churches and friends, we will announce and invite your participation. We know this will be a mission effort of many years and we are taking that view as well as trying to meet the needs on the ground right now.

Thank you for all your gracious and generous response so far. In the midst of all the concerns and difficulties that some of you are facing in your own personal lives, your primary commitment to Jesus Christ and to helping in this great need is evident. For that, I am, as your bishop, most appreciative and encouraged. Continue to pray. Continue to share. Prepare to serve.

Christ, have mercy!
Larry M. Goodpaster
bishop@wnccumc.org

Cokesbury UMC is a very Mission focused church and for this I am very proud. Some of us feel helpless in the midst of this tragedy, not knowing how to respond. We can all pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and that is what I am doing every single day.

*See you on Sunday!
Blessings,
Pastor Sarah*

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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.

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Our Bishop has sent this letter to help us understand the ways the United Methodist Church, specifically the Western North Carolina Conference, is responding to the crisis in Haiti. I feel a responsibility to keep the congregation informed of the comings and goings of the United Methodist Church. I strongly urge you to support these efforts in whatever way you can.

Dear sisters and brothers,

For more than a week now our television and computer screens have been filled with images of the devastation in Haiti. We have witnessed the emotional stories of rescue, and the heart-breaking accounts of death and destruction. Like you, I have offered prayers on behalf of all who suffer and mourn as well as those who work for hours on end to rescue. Like you, I have offered financial resources to assist in the massive relief efforts that will extend for years to come. As members of the Body of Christ we know that as one part of the Body suffers, we all suffer and share the grief and pain.

One of the prayers posted on the General Board of Discipleship web site expresses our call and commitment well: "These are our sisters and brothers, not projects for a time, but family for our lifetimes. When others leave, call us to stay. And keep our hearts stirred, not satisfied until these and all our family, in every place, can live with joy and dwell in peace. Lord, have mercy."

As we through our many church and personal connections and through our United Methodist Committee on Relief prepare for the long work of rebuilding and restoring lives, I want to encourage all of you to do and be aware of several things.

First, I know that many want to rush in and offer assistance. There will be time for that, but for now we must allow those who are first responders, the trained rescuers and aid workers to do their work. We have been cautioned a number of times not to take teams into Port-au-Prince immediately. UMCOR and our Volunteers-in-Mission coordinators will be organizing and planning for our on-the-ground response. Please follow the news and developments either through

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