



- Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Don Broome gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Carlene Coggins gave a gift to the Prime Timers in honor of **Curt Caskey's 100th birthday**.
- Floyd & Irma Fike and Louise Ward gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Bill & Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- The Prime Timers gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in memory of **Becky McKenzie**.
- Bill & Mary Rast and Louise Ward gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in honor of **Curt Caskey's 100th birthday**.
- Jim & Connie Short gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.



Thank you Cokesbury friends for your many acts of kindness expressed to us at the time of our brother, R. C.'s death. We sincerely appreciate your many expressions of sympathy, your gifts to Cokesbury in his memory, those who attended the funeral, your prayers, cards, and calls. To quote from Carlene's card, "We see God in your faces, we hear God in your voices, and we feel God's touch in your hands".

*Dan & Kay Dumas
Harley & Sybil Smith*

Newsletter Deadline Reminder

In order to have your article in the newsletter for the 15th of the month, it must be in the office by the 1st of the month. Articles for the newsletter for the 30th of the month, must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2009

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/09</u>
Unrestricted Funds	\$35,147.81	\$34,843.78
Prepaid Pledges	\$63,000.00	\$1,500.00
Restricted Funds		
Maintenance Reserve	\$3,303.68	\$10,719.51
Other Restricted Funds	<u>\$45,317.47</u>	<u>\$37,089.59</u>
	\$146,768.96	\$84,152.88

The Operating and Program expenses for 2009 were \$351,544 (86.1% of budget). The primary reason for the level below budget was Director of Christian Education vacancy for seven months of the year and a reduction in Minister's salary resulting from the appointment of a new minister effective July 1, 2009.

All known obligations were paid in full by the end of the year.

Projections for 2010:

The Operating and Program budget for 2010 is \$379,825. This is a reduction of \$28,622 from the budget for 2009. The number of pledges for 2010 is 82, an increase of 12 from the previous year. The amount pledged is slightly less than for 2009.

As noted above, Prepaid Pledges are significantly less than for the previous year. The Trustees do not anticipate any major repair expenses for 2010. Hopefully, our Maintenance Reserve Fund can be replenished over the next couple of years.

From time to time, the Finance Committee will make suggestions to those who may wish to make Memorial Gifts or Special Gifts above pledges. The Finance Committee recommends consideration of the following areas during 2010: General Operating and Program Budget, Missions, Maintenance Reserve Fund, Transportation Fund, Youth Program/Carolina Cross Connection.

A detailed Treasurer's Report is available in the church office. Please contact the secretary if you would like to receive a copy.

– Submitted by Jim Atwater

Health Kits for Haiti

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Prime Timer's assembling of Health Kits for Haiti. We had a tremendous response and delivered the following to be included in UMCOR's ongoing mission of providing Health Kits when disaster strikes: 21 complete Health Kits, 6 sets of hand towels/wash cloths, 5 hand towels, 22 wash cloths, 5 bars of soap, 31 combs, and 12 toothbrushes.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

Parsonage Kitchen Remodeled

Under the leadership of Floyd Fike, the parsonage kitchen has been updated from a 60's look to a more modern 2010 look. The cabinets and countertops have been replaced. There is a new stove, microwave, dishwasher, and sink. Along with newly painted walls, there are new light fixtures.

Many thanks to everyone who helped financially with this project. And a special thank you to the following who put time and effort into this undertaking: Floyd Fike, Don Broome, Jim Black, Dan Dumas, Bill Coulter, Jim Short, Carol Holmes, Tom Helms, Irma Fike, Mary Ellen Atwater, Martha Coulter, Bobbi Abele, and Connie Short. There are plans for an Open House soon, so the church family can see the results first hand.

– Submitted by Connie Short

Name Tags

The Evangelism Committee is considering name tags for all Cokesbury members and regular attendees to be worn during Sunday school, worship service, and during functions at the church. This will help visitors and newcomers feel at ease in talking with everyone. It will also help us identify visitors and help many of us who are not good at remembering names.

– Submitted by the Evangelism Committee

Prime Timers Thursday, February 25

We will gather at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 11:00. Dottie Burns is planning our program and has invited a comedian to entertain us. Dot's group will prepare a delicious meal for us to enjoy. Everyone is welcome. No reservation necessary and the cost is only \$6.00.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

Soup on Sunday

The Soup on Sunday to benefit the Adult Care & Share “*Care Fund*” is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21** after worship. The menu is Brunswick stew, chili, cornbread muffins, and dessert (bread pudding and cake). Suggested donation is \$3+ for adults and \$1.50 for children. Make your charitable donation payable to Adult Care & Share. No reservations necessary. Questions: call Kay Dumas at 704 814-4567.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

United Methodist Women Annual Attic Sale

The Attic Sale is scheduled for March 26 and 27. Mark your calendar! United Methodist Men will be available to pick up large items. Call Bill Coulter at 704 545-3328, Sybil Smith at 704 537-8736, or Beverly Able at 704 563-8501.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men concluded its small group study of the Book of James. During the five week study, 15 men attended at least one or more of the sessions, including two men who are not members of our church. Another study will be offered later in the year.

– Submitted by Mitchell Hagler

Scouts Honored

Eagle Scout, Dylan Fesmire, was recognized during Scout Sunday, February 7th. Dylan has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, an achievement that only 2% of scouts ever achieve. Congratulations, Dylan.

Bill McKenzie was honored with two Scouting awards for his 45 years of service to the Scouting program and to his church. The God and Service Award and the Torch Award were presented on Scout Sunday. Bill also celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations, Bill.

– Submitted by Mitchell Hagler

Dishes Left in Kitchen

If you are missing a favorite casserole or plastic container in your cabinet, you might have left it in the church kitchen. Check the table in the Sunday School narthex on Sunday, February 21 and 28 to pick up your dish. Whatever is not claimed, will be added to our Attic Sale collection.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

CHURCH STAFF

Sarah B. Kalish, *PASTOR*
Louise Ward, *FINANCIAL SECRETARY*
Marty Gregory, *MUSIC DIRECTOR*
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Dennis Cannon, *SEXTON*

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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On Wednesday, February 17th, we begin the season of Lent for 2010. Lent is a time for penitence, prayer, fasting, etc. It is a time to discover and/or participate in the many disciplines of a spiritual life.

Lent lasts for 40 days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. The reason that Sundays are excluded from the count of 40 days is that Sundays are considered “little Easters”, therefore fasting (or the giving up of certain foods) is not practiced.

The emphasis need not always be on giving something up. Why not add something to your Christian walk during this season? Some examples are: praying more, strengthening your regularity of study and meditation, reading the Bible more, or performing more acts of service. Many times these habits can continue beyond the Lent/Easter season to be regular parts of our spiritual life.

During Lent, we will have many opportunities for you to be involved as a community in worship. Besides our regular Sunday morning worship services, we will be having an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th (with the imposition of Ashes) and we are participating in the Community Lenten Services with Central UMC, Hickory Grove UMC, Memorial UMC, and Third Presbyterian. These services will be held Wednesday, February 17-March 24 at 12 noon (no lunch) at Central UMC on Albemarle Road. We will also be having evening services during Holy Week: Wednesday, March 31 at Cokesbury UMC, Maundy Thursday, April 1 at Memorial UMC, and Good Friday, April 2 at Hickory Grove UMC. These services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

May this Lenten season be especially meaningful for you and your walk with Jesus!

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