



- Jim & Joanne Bartlett gave a gift to the UMW Reading Program in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Jim & Carol Black, Floyd & Irma Fike, and Louise Ward gave a gift to Boy Scout Troop 147 in honor of **Bill McKenzie**.
- Ed & Diane Bolster gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Curt Caskey's 100th birthday**.
- Joe & Martha Coulter and Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in honor of **Curt Caskey's 100th birthday**.
- Jewell Garrison gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Kelly Sipes**.
- Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Prime Timers in memory of **Virginia Price**.
- Tom & Mickey Helms gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in memory of **R. C. Kale**.
- Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Kelly Sipes** and **R. C. Kale** and in honor of **Dylan Fesmire's Eagle Scout Award**. They also gave a gift to the Work Team in honor of **Bill McKenzie's 80th birthday**.
- Bill & Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in honor of **Curt Caskey's 100th birthday**.
- Jack & Irene Murphy gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Pat McKenzie**.
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **her father's 100th birthday**.



One of the books on the UMW's Reading List is missing from the library. If anyone has *The Monk in the Inner City*, please return it to the library so that it can be used for the upcoming book talks to the Circles. Thanks.

– Submitted by Judy Hagler

Congratulations!!

Ray Cabaniss, Bruce Fowler, and Mitchell Hagler completed the 10-hour classes to re-certify as Advanced Lay Speakers in the Methodist Church. They studied two resources: *Grow Spiritually Through Daily Discipline* and *Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition*.

– Submitted by Mitchell Hagler

Financial Report

<u>General Budget</u>	<u>January</u>
Contributions	\$26,590.56
Prepaid Pledges	\$125.00
Tower Rent	\$2,914.73
Disbursements	\$28,388.89
Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,241.40

Finance Fact for the Month: Gas & Electric expenses for January were \$3,053.58.

– Submitted by Jim Atwater

Know Your Trustees and Work Areas

2010

Chris Betts – Secretary
 Bill Coulter – Chairperson
 Tony Dyer – Interior Facilities

2011

Tom Helms – Van Maintenance
 Carol Holmes – Heating, Air Conditioning, Electric, Plumbing
 Jane Swenty – Representative on Parsonage Committee

2012

Wayne Chappell – Vice Chairperson & Exterior Facilities
 Sandi Cochran - Use of Facilities
 Judge Lane – Contracts

– Submitted by Bill Coulter

Lunch Bunch
Sunday, March 7
 Following Worship
 Honoring the UMAR Class

Menu:
 Pot Roast, Potatoes,
 Carrots & Onions, Broccoli Salad,
 Rolls, and Cakes.

Please plan on attending and enjoying a meal with our UMAR class members and their families.

– Submitted by Deanna Long



Attic Sale

Friday, March 26 – 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The UMW Annual Attic Sale is just a month away. We need your help to make it a success! **What can you do NOW?**

- ✓ Clean out your attic, basement, garage, and closets.
- ✓ Pick up a flyer on the table in the narthex and share it with friends and family, or post it on a bulletin board where you work.
- ✓ Tell all your friends, neighbors, and family about our gigantic sale.

Volunteer to help!

We remind you that this is a church-wide event and welcome anyone who would like to volunteer. The UMW gives thousands to missions each year from Attic Sale proceeds. With the economy and the devastation in Haiti, our support is needed more than ever. To volunteer to help, call Attic Sale Coordinators: Sybil Smith at 704 537-8736 or Beverly Able at 704 563-8501.

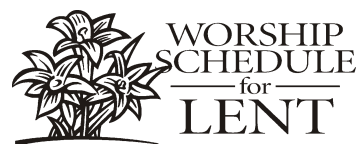
On Friday evening, March 26, between the hours of 5:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning, March 27, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon – SHOP, SHOP, SHOP. Don't miss all of our outstanding bargains!!!

– Submitted by Kay Dumas

Adult Care & Share

The Adult Care & Share Center is in need of leather or vinyl recliners. If you or someone you know has a recliner to donate, please call Maddy or Beth at the Center 704 567-2700.

– Submitted by Beth Sharpe



Lent/Holy Week Schedule for Community Services

Wednesday, Noon Services, at Central UMC on Albemarle Road

February 24	Sarah Kalish	2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10
March 3	David Wyant	Philippians 3:4-14
March 10	Arnie Corriher	Philippians 3:17-4:1
March 17	Jay Weigal	
March 24	Diane Lawhorn	Philippians 2:5-11

Wednesday, March 31 – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Wednesday at Cokesbury UMC

Thursday, April 1 – 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday at Memorial UMC

Friday, April 2 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - Tenebrae - Mass Choir
at Hickory Grove UMC

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Beginning **Tuesday, March 2**, Pastor Sarah is going to be teaching a class on *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. The classes will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and will last five weeks. The cost of the book is \$18. If you are interested, let Pastor Sarah know so there will be enough books. If you are interested in a night study, please let her know also.



Easter lilies and geraniums are for sale if you would like to purchase one to place in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one. The Easter lilies are \$10 and the geraniums (available in red, pink, violet, or coral) are \$7. Order forms can be found in the bulletin or on the table in the narthex. You may also call the office 704 537-5818 or email jgillis-cumc@carolina.rr.com to place an order. Please include your check payable to Cokesbury UMC with your order. All orders must be in by March 14.

– Submitted by Etta Woodall

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Sarah B. Kalish, *PASTOR*
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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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As we began our Ash Wednesday service, one member asked me about the origins of Ash Wednesday and what exactly does it mean. Instead of just sharing the answer with one person, I thought I would share it with all. Many times we observe these holy days but don't really know why we are observing them.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins – just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer, and penance.

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