



– Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater, Jim & Carol Black, Ed & Diane Bolster, Larry & Shannon Fike, Tim & Mary Freeman, Dot Hailey, Eric & Allison Hoffman, Linda Horne, Dick & Ann McCain, Charlotte, McCloy, Charmaine Simmons Nutt, Deanna Reed, Judy Sims, and Louise Ward gave gifts to the Adult Care & Share in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater, Julia Cox, Mitchell & Judy Hagler, Louise Ward, and Buddy & Etta Woodall gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **John Cresswell**.

– Julia Cox, Gus & Jane Deal, Mitchell & Judy Hagler, Sue Keene, Bob & Jane Kellis, Polly Shropshire, Buddy & Etta Woodall gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Jim & Carol Black and Tom & Mickey Helms gave gifts to the Room in the Inn in memory of **John Cresswell**.

– Lynn McLendon Beckham, Mary Butler, Bobbie DeViney, Dan & Kay Dumas, Brenda Payne, Bill & Bert Proctor, Ray & Marion Ross, Lisa Siao, Flo Sowell, and Roy & Sylvia Weedman gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Music Fund in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Bill Cooper, Joyce Dear, Barbara Hicks, and Mary Kale gave gifts to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Bobbie DeViney gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **John Cresswell, Wade Cox, and Curt Caskey**.

– Dot Hailey gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in memory of **John Cresswell**.

– Dot Hailey and Deanna Reed gave gifts to the Adult Care & Share in memory of **Frank Simmons**.

– Floyd & Irma Fike and Tom & Mickey Helms gave gifts to the Room in the Inn in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Sue Keene gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Wade Cox**.

– Charlotte McCloy and Ann Schenk gave gifts to the Boy Scouts 147 in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.

– Bill & Bert Proctor gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Wade Cox**.

– Judy Sims gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **John Cresswell**.

– Henry & Bonnie Springer gave a gift to the Choir Fund in memory of **Bill McKenzie**.



Cokesbury Family,

We moved to Park Pointe Village in Rock Hill, SC the 27th of December. Leaving you, our church family, was our hardest decision in the move. You have been supportive in our joys and illness. We express our appreciation for the gift card and the recognition. You will always be in our hearts and we will continue visiting and keeping in touch.

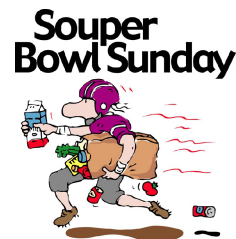
Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater



Spaghetti Supper

Boy Scout Troop 147 will have its annual Spaghetti Supper on **Saturday, February 11 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will be used to benefit the troop's camping programs.

Adults – \$7
Children 6-10 – \$3
Children under 6 – Free



February 5 – Following the Worship Service

Sponsored by Adult & Family Ministries and the UMYF
in Support of the Souper Bowl of Caring

Menu:

Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Noodle, Bean w/Ham Soup,
Tossed Green Salad, Cornbread Muffins, Crackers,
Tropical Bread Pudding, Bananas Foster w/ Toasted Pecans,
Brownie Fudge Sundae

Donation:

Adults – \$5.00 +
Children under 12 – \$3.00
Children under 3 – Free

Also, Bring a Can of Food to Donate!

Proceeds to be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.
Reservations due by February 1. See insert in bulletin.

Friends of UMAR Luncheon

The annual *Friends of UMAR Luncheon* is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. at Providence United Methodist Church. Ann Bourgeois, owner of Charlotte Art Consultant, is the speaker at the benefit luncheon. RSVP to 704 659-7632 or email lenab@umarinfo.com.

– Submitted by Kay Dumas



The UMYF went to Winter Jam on January 8 and a lot of fun was had by all.

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss by James W. Kemp is going to be offered on Thursday nights starting January 26 at 7:00 p.m. We will look at different books written by Dr. Seuss and see how they can help us understand the Bible.

January 29, we will have regular UMYF. Bring your ideas, because we will be decorating the boxes for the canned food drive being held during the Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch.

February 5 is the Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch and all youth are expected to stay and help after worship to serve and clean-up after the meal. We will **not** have UMYF that night.

Save the Date! May 5 – Senior Prom – and think about who your date is going to be! Stay tuned for more information.

We are looking for people to serve dinner to the UMYF on Sunday evenings. All that is needed is the main course for about 30 people. If you would like to serve on one of the following dates, please email Sara Joines at sjoines@cokeburyumc.net.

(January 29, February 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15, 29, May 20, 27, or June 3)

– Submitted by Sara Joines

Remember,
if you need a ride to church,
please contact Irma Fike at
emmyf9@aol.com or 704 568-5355.

Adult & Family Ministries

Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk Award



During the annual Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk Recognition Dinner on January 10, our very own Stephanie Nivens was the recipient of the 2011 Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk New Walk Participant Award! This is an annual award that recognizes individuals who are fairly new to CROP, but have shown great enthusiasm and inspiration to the cause.

As the person who nominated Stephanie for the award, I had the privilege of introducing her as she was presented an award plaque by Jennifer Hall, the Administrator of Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk. I felt honored and privileged as I shared that Stephanie was the top CROP fundraiser at Cokesbury UMC with 28 donors in the amount of \$286.10. Stephanie exhibited such spirit and enthusiasm that she inspired those whom she asked to donate whether as little as ten cents or as much as \$40. And Stephanie not only raised the money, but she also walked the walk, both literally and figuratively, as she joined with her fellow Cokesbury UMC walkers to raise money for the hungry in the largest CROP Hunger Walk in the world on that sunny warm day on October 16.

In addition to Tommy and myself, Stephanie was joined at the banquet by her mom and her mom's guest, as well as Stephanie's UMAR family, from the Myers Park and Holt UMAR homes.

It was a special night for Stephanie, and we as her church family at Cokesbury, congratulate her and are all very proud of her.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

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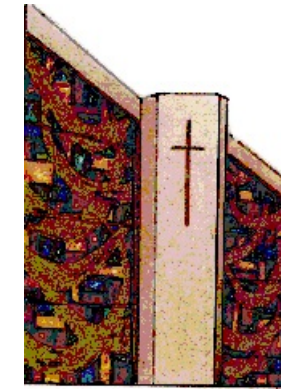
Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, check WBTV or WSOC for announcements. But also, use your own judgement; some areas may be worse than others. Even if we are not closed, we want everyone to be safe.

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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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Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28 (TEV)

My mother taught us about God's love and often concluded our conversations with, "Take it to God in prayer."

I did not appreciate the wisdom of her counsel until my life was filled with storms. Day in and day out, I found myself saying one steady prayer: "God, I need your counsel. I need to hear from you. Guide me; teach me; talk to me." However, the storms kept coming. I struggled to reconcile my continuing troubles with my relationship with God.

One night while I was in the gym's pool, taking a break from swimming and saying again my prayer for God to speak to me, God finally got my attention. I heard God say, "Look how the water becomes calmer and clearer when your movement stops. Cast your burdens at my feet, and I will give you rest."

We want answers to our prayers here and now. God says to us, "If only you would stop moving around and making so much noise! Stay quiet in my presence, and I will open the gates of heaven and bless you until your cup runs over." (See Mal. 3:10) I realized that even in prayer, we have to stop talking in order to listen.

Deborah Dimowo (Lagos, Nigeria)

Prayer: Precious Lord, teach us to recognize that you are powerful and that we are not. We live not by our own power, but only by your grace. Amen.

The sermon about Samuel and Eli (on the 15th) talked about us learning to listen for the voice of God. In this devotional, we are reminded again about the power of listening to God. Sometimes our prayers need to be silence awaiting the voice of God. We don't have to do it all. God is there for us to lean on.

Try taking a little bit of time to be quiet and listen to what God has to say on the matter. Instead of telling God what to do, let's let God lead us.

Pastor Sarah