



# The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
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## St. Paul's UMC says ...

By Robin BeMiller

... thank you to everyone who provided food and/or served the meal at "The Lord's Table" on June 29<sup>th</sup>. You truly were the hands and feet of Christ in action in our community.....sowing seeds of Christ's love in the hearts of those in need.

We are scheduled to provide more meals at "The Lord's Table" on September 7th and October 12<sup>th</sup> sign up sheets will be made available the middle of August. Please mark your calendars.

### More Local Mission Opportunities in August



Help us collect food items on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to help Rising Hope fill their pantry. Look for the special shopping cart in the Narthex for food collection.



#### JUST ARRIVED!!!!!!

- New neighbor flyer for church members to invite new neighbors to worship with us.
- Business Cards (convenient wallet/purse size) to invite others to worship with us.
- Pamphlets to provide information about our church.

Please take as many as you need and help get the word out in your neighborhood about the fellowship that is Cokesbury.



### CAMP HIGHROAD

In September, Cokesbury will be traveling to Camp Highroad for a mini mission trip to work on sowing grass seed and other general maintenance activities. More details will

be available as soon as they are finalized with Camp Highroad.



### INVITE A FRIEND ON SUNDAY!!

October 29<sup>th</sup> is Invite a Friend Sunday! Mark your calendars and plan to invite your friends and neighbors to come to the 10:00 AM Worship Service and stay for the Worship, Pot Luck and fellowship.

*See Back Page for More Mission Information*

### Worship Services

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

Nursery available both services

The 11am worship service features a children's worship for 4-9 year olds.

***On months with 5 Sundays, Service begins at 10 AM on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

Sunday School 9:45 AM  
(For children, youth, and adults)

**Cokesbury UMC Web Site:**  
<http://www.CokesburyUMC.us>

## **Discovering God's Treasures**

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

Most students, no matter what their age, enjoy Vacation Bible School. Many adults have good childhood memories of the school, the things they learned and the things they did.

Vacation Bible School, known as VBS to those who attend, is a wonderful time of learning about what the Bible says about God, and it does it in creative and exciting ways. Perhaps it makes learning about God so fun because one key word: vacation. VBS happens during the summer, school is out, and there is an expectation that children have a break from studying. So, VBS creators and teachers use all of their creativity to put to together a multi-day program that is not only fun, but one that appeals to people with all types of learning styles. There are original and fun songs to sing, there are new craft projects to make each day, and there are puppet skits and classroom activities.

It makes sense to me that learning about God in VBS is so dynamic and multi-faceted. After all, God is dynamic and multi-faceted, and God's work in our lives is one of creating new possibilities. God gives us the opportunity to embrace new life and to live it with a new song on our heart. So it just makes sense that when we teach about God it will be in creative and dynamic ways.

Vacation Bible School does one more thing. It takes what we learn and puts it into practice through a mission project. The students not only learn about God, but they also experience what it is like to respond to God's call for Christ's followers to reach out with love and compassion to others.

Our VBS mission project collected non-perishable food products for the Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church in Alexandria. Each day the children and adults coming to VBS would bring canned and boxed food items. Each day as one more food item per student was added, we literally saw the food grow into a significant gift for people in need. It served as a reminder of God's grace that may come to us in small ways, but when multiplied by the days of our lives, it grows into the amazing gift of God's never ending love.

Thank you to all who made VBS possible. In God's grace, *Russ*

*Loving others... as Christ first loved us!*

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*By Donna Sapp  
President, UMW*

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's health kits a success, for donating items and giving generously to this endeavor and last but not least, putting the kits together.

We are planning on making school kits this coming year. So to get the best deals possible we are starting our campaign drive for school kits **NOW**. Stores have the best deals for school supplies in July and August so we want to use our money wisely. The average school kit costs \$11, but if we buy early we can cut the cost in half.

## Kit items

- 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½ x 11 ruled paper
- 1 30 – centimeter ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 1/1
- 12 sheets of construction paper (varied colors)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 cloth school bag (we will make these)

Thank you for helping the UMW Mission.



## Cokesbury Yard Sale - August 12, 2006

(Rain date August 19, 2006)

*By Melissa Clark*

We are seeking donations for a Cokesbury Yard Sale. Our church will be reserving space at our flea market on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will accept donations of any kind, i.e., clothes, books, furniture, knick knacks, bikes, play equipment, etc., etc.

If you have large items and you need someone to pick them up, please call Barbara Firth during July at 703-577-2670 or in August call Melissa Clark at 703-491-8659. You may

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also drop off items at the church anytime the church is open. No item will be refused!!!

All proceeds will go to the “Get Out of Debt” campaign.



# SENIOR HOUSING

*By Bunny Mahar*

Virginia United Methodist Housing Development Corporation is owner of a number of affordable senior and family apartment complexes for low and moderate income families and seniors. Among them is Enoch George Manor, located at 10231 Brittany Commons Boulevard in Spotsylvania, two miles west on Route 208 from Route 1 in Fredericksburg.

Enoch George Manor is presently running a special leasing program for persons over age 62 whose income does not exceed about \$40,000. Several unit types are available from 1 bedroom/1bath to 2 bedroom/2 bath deluxe apartments. Rentals run from \$596 to \$709 for a 12-month lease. Rent includes water, sewer, and trash. This special program will be for a limited time only.

If you are interested in more information, seniors should call Kathy Olmstead, 540-710-9989.



## Check It Out

*By Ann Miller Mooney*

A delightfully funny book that our church library has in its collection is *Being Dead is No Excuse* by Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays. Subtitled “The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral,” it contains rules and rituals for departing this life with taste and dignity.

Funeral fare is of utmost importance and no one in the South can be properly buried without tomato aspic. The debate about whether Episcopal or Methodist ladies prepare tastier dishes for this event is carried on with great wit. (“Episcopalians are snooty because they spurn cake mixes and canned goods, without which there would be no Methodist cuisine.”)

## CRUISE INTO HISTORY

By Bunny Mahar

Would you like to take a cruise to Athens, Rome, Maples, Pompeii, Malta, Sicily, and Corinth. Join the Virginia Conference and Bishop Charlene Kammerer on Paul's Fourth Mission Journey and cruise into history.

The ten-day cruise begins on November 9, 2007. This journey of a lifetime includes roundtrip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, chartered cruise ship, first class Athens hotel, guided shore excursions, breakfast daily, dinner daily, lunch aboard ship, entrance fees and services of Educational Opportunities Tour staff.

A lecture series entitled, "The Studies of Paul's Life and Teachings" will be available. Bishop Will Willimon's lecture titles are The Conversion of Saul to Paul, Paul, Missionary to the Gentiles; Paul and Peter in Conflict over the Future of the Church; Paul at Sea: Sailing with Paul.

If interested, please call 863-648-0383.



## After Service Hospitality Volunteers Needed

As Christians, we are to show honor one another (1 Peter 4:9; 3 John 1:8). One of the most touching ways we show honor is through hospitality.

Making people, especially strangers, feel welcomed and loved is much needed in a fast-moving, no-time-to-talk world. For those of you who join us for

Hospitality on Sunday mornings, you know what a wonderful opportunity it is to gather together, enjoy refreshments, and get to know each other a little better.



If you would like to volunteer to provide and serve refreshments indicate a Sunday of your choice by signing up in the Hospitality Book located in the Narthex. If you can provide refreshments but are unable to serve, please contact the Family Care Committee and one of our members will be more than happy to serve for you. Keep it simple. Nothing fancy is required. Cookies, brownies or cake along with juice is all that is needed. Coffee and serving supplies are available in the Church kitchen. If you should have any questions about the 8:30 service you can contact Cheryl Pettit at (703) 590-2495 and for the 11:00 service you can contact Diane Haggart at (703) 491-3645.



## 2007 Budget

By Walter Blair  
Chairman, Finance Committee

Budget forms for the 2007 Committee Budget Requests were distributed at the June Administrative Council meeting. All committees and groups which incur expenses against the budget need to fill out their requests for 2007 and return them to the Finance mailbox (upstairs #7) BEFORE the August 22nd Finance Committee meeting.

If you have not been involved in the budget process before and are not sure how to proceed, you may contact any member of the Finance Committee or attend the July 11<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting and we will be happy to help you. If you do not expect to return as the head of your committee or group you should still submit a 2007 Budget Request.

This is an important process in helping to plan our church goals and Faith-in-Action activities for 2007 and we need YOUR help to complete this work.

Extra copies of the Budget forms are in box #7 or you may download and print them from the church web site. You will find a link for them in the upper left of our home page at <http://www.CokesburyUMC.us/>

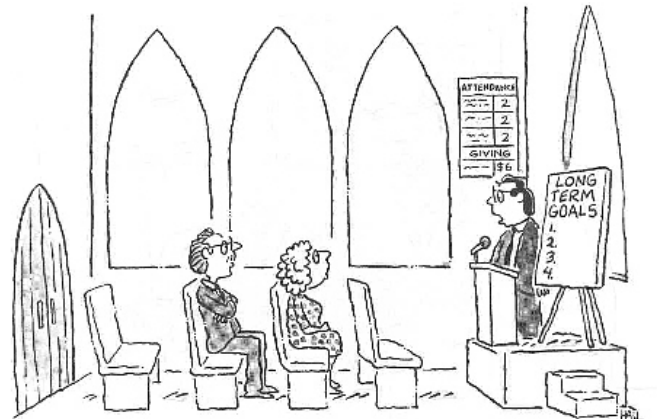
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 1 Steve Herin  
George Johnson  
Kevin Kornieck
- 2 Deborah Stead
- 3 Juanita Brown  
Peggy Embrey
- 6 Jonathan Harris
- 8 Jimmy Harris
- 9 Brenda Hall  
Bryan Hatch  
Robert Powell, Jr.  
Carl Zeigler, Sr.  
Cheryl Yoho
- 10 Jarod Owen
- 15 Karen Lucas
- 18 Robert Stead  
Hafsatu Sesay
- 20 Hazel Alvarado  
Lisa Miller  
Mabel Obeng
- 21 Krista Herin
- 23 Preston Elliott  
Esther Addy  
John Derickson  
Kimberly Wirkner
- 24 Emmett Wright  
Darlene Seyler
- 25 Rose Palmer
- 26 Anna Calender  
Jim Hall
- 27 William Burkett  
Barbara Woods
- 29 Melanie Blair  
Erin Deyerle

# AUGUST

- 1 Norma and Joe Burnette
- 3 Mary Jane and Harry Fizer
- 6 Becky and Jeff Ash
- 9 Alyssa and Chris Drye  
Rita and George Johnson
- 13 Karen and John Lucas
- 15 Barbara and Ed Horne
- 19 Doris and Steve Price
- 21 Marian and Oless Gherke
- 27 Debra and William Clark  
Peggy and Kyle Keen
- 29 Peggy and Don Dorton



"So, you think we should become a mega-church, Earl?  
Would you elaborate on that?"

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## Pot Luck and Praise

*Is coming to a church near you*

*On*

*August 12, 2006.*

*Join us in singing Praises to our Lord*

**AND**

*Enjoy some good grub, too.*

# Money Matters

By Walter Blair, Finance Committee

**\* The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of July 16, 2006.  
2006 Annual Budget = \$212,107**

Month	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date Income			Year-to-Date Expenses	
	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Required to meet the Budget	Budgeted Income Received	Percentage of the Budget Funded	Budgeted Expenses	Income to Expenses
January	\$14,130	\$16,510	\$14,130	\$16,510	128.5%	\$13,416	123.1%
February	\$14,130	\$14,167	\$28,260	\$30,677	108.6%	\$27,214	112.7%
March	\$19,381	\$16,148	\$47,641	\$46,825	98.3%	\$40,425	115.8%
April	\$19,531	\$18,231	\$67,172	\$65,056	96.9%	\$65,056	100.0%
May	\$21,519	\$16,514	\$88,691	\$81,570	92.0%	\$81,570	100.0%
June	\$17,230	\$16,893	\$105,921	\$98,464	93.0%	\$93,328	105.5%
July*	\$17,230	\$13,802	\$116,259	\$112,266	96.6%	\$110,476	101.6%
August	\$17,230						
September	\$22,381						
October	\$20,881						
November	\$14,230						
December*	\$14,234						

**\*\*\*\* As of July 11, we have paid back \$8,565 toward our \$28,638 debt, leaving \$20,073\*\*\*\***

- **Month to Date: Required to meet the Budget** – Amount the church needs to meet its projected funding. These figures are based on the projected monthly revenues based on offering history and projected fundraisers.
- **Month to Date: Budgeted Income Received** - Amount the church has received toward the budget for the month indicated.
- **Year to Date: Required to meet the Budget** - Cumulative budget needs to date.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Income Received** – Cumulative amount the church has received toward the budget.
- **Year to Date: Percentage of the Budget Funded** - Comparison of budgeted offerings received vs budget needs.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Expenses** - Year-to-Date amount the church has spent against the budget. 'N/A' indicates that expenditures have not been updated since the last end-of-month period.
- **Year to Date: Budgeted Income vs Budgeted Expenses** – Percent of income received to expenses received.

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Articles for *The Colonnade* are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next month's edition.

## Get Out Of Debt

*As of July 11*

we have paid back to ourselves  
\$8,565  
toward our debt of  
\$28,638!

That is  
29.90%  
Of the total!

The Lord is SOOO good to us!

# Cokesbury August 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>*FOOD COLLECTION RISINGHOPE AUGUST 13</b>						
6 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG	7 6:00 Hand bells 7:00 Prayer Group	8 7:00 Stewardship Committee	9 7:30 Book Club 7:30 Choir	10 7-9:30 COGP	11 7:00 Helping Hands Ice Cream Social Urban Home 7-9:30 COGP	12 7:00 Flea Market + Church-wide Flea Market Sale 10-12 Recovery, Inc 6:00 Potluck/Praise
13* 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG	14 6:00 Hand bells 7:00 Prayer Group 7:30 UMM/UMW	15 7:00 Admin Council	16 7:30 Choir	17 7-9:30 COGP	18 7-9:30 COGP	19 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc (Rain date for church flea market)
20 8:30/11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 1:30-5 COGP 4:30 CMG	21 6:00 Hand bells 7:00 Prayer Group	22 7:00 Finance Mtg	23 7:30 Choir	24 7-9:30 COGP	25 7-9:30 COGP	26 7:00 Flea Market 10-12 Recovery Inc. 5:00-7:00 Founders' Day Picnic
27 <b>Founders' Day</b> <b>10:00 One Worship Service</b> Potluck to follow 1:30-5:00 COGP 4:30 CMG	28 6:00 Hand bells 7:00 Prayer Group	29	30 7:30 Choir	31 7-9:30 COGP		

## Missions and Outreach Events

By Robin BeMiller

Look for more information on Missions and Outreach events into the community and the world on the Missions/Outreach Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Not only can you find information but you can also find different pamphlets and flyers about ways in which you can be involved both in our community and the world.

### Counter Call

By Walter Blair  
Chairman, Finance Committee

It is time again to refresh our Counter Corps and we need **YOUR** help. All that is required is basic math and organization skills and 1 hour or so per month after the 11:00 Sunday service. This is an important and ongoing task that ensures that all monies received by the church are properly accounted and directed. If you are interested in serving as a regular counter or as an occasional fill-in, please email us at [counters@cokesburyumc.us](mailto:counters@cokesburyumc.us) or contact the church office.

*Editor Note: This is your chance to be involved in the stewardship program. The gift of **Time** is just as important as any gift we can give. One hour (give or take a few minutes) each month isn't a lot, but it goes a long way in helping with the Christian Mission of Cokesbury UMC.*

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