



# The Colonnade

Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
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## World Day of Prayer

By Mary V. Wright

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will host the "Church Women United, World Day of Prayer" service at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2008.

Founded in 1941, Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

The first World Day of Prayer worship service was celebrated in 1927 and is observed on a common day of prayer each year the first Friday in March. Throughout the entire day, we collectively pray all over the world, beginning at first sunrise and ending at last sunset. Our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe across 170 countries.

## Soup-er Luncheon

It's back!! The ever popular Soup & Salad Luncheon provided by Helping Hands will meet you once again in the fellowship hall on February 3<sup>rd</sup> after the second worship service.

Soups include clam chowder, chicken noodle, potato, bean, broccoli & cheese, French onion, vegetable beef, split pea, chicken

vegetable, and chili. Add to this the crisp salad, delicious homemade cakes, crackers and beverages and you have a first-class, all-you-can eat meal.

The cost is only \$4.00 per person, and take-outs are also available.

## BE AN ANGEL!

JOIN US AT "SOUP"ER LUNCH  
WITH SOUP, SALAD, CRACKERS & CAKE



Sunday, February 3, 2008  
Noon, Right After Church  
\$4.00 Per Person

Clam Chowder  
Vegetable Soup  
Potato Soup  
Bean Soup  
and More!

Sponsored by Helping Hands

### 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>**

## ***Living with the Mind of Christ***

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)*

The Christian faith is not about making minor adjustments on the exterior of our lives. Becoming a follower of Jesus requires a radical reorientation of our thinking that results in an equally radical transformation in our living. It calls for nothing less than allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us, so that the mind-set with which Jesus came into this world, lived, died, and rose again becomes the mindset by which we live. As this transformation occurs in us, we more faithfully live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Like the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, and the forty days that Moses spent upon the mountain receiving the ten commandments, the forty days of Lent provide us the opportunity many of us need to discover new ways we can begin to live with the mindset of Christ.

The beginning of the forty days are marked by the impositions of ashes. At this service of repentance (on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>), we recall our mortality and wait upon the Lord for a renewing Spirit. This is a time for putting aside the sins and failures of the past in the light of who we are yet to become by the grace of God.

From Ash Wednesday, we move through the Lenten season. What began with the imposition of ashes becomes part of a larger environment of repentance and growth in God's grace. Through worship, study, and prayer, we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, providing us with the wisdom to recognize and the power to overcome the sin that stands in our way of a complete and fulfilling relationship with God. During the Lenten season, we make a conscious effort to examine ourselves, let go of all that is not good, and take on the mind of Christ.

The forty days of Lent is not about giving up something or a period of self-denial and sacrifice, but rather about intentionally receiving all that God offers to us so that we may joyfully participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

Clearly, in order to fully receive and enjoy God's presence, most of us need to let go of some things that stand in the way of us being at peace with God. These things are called sin, and can be reflected in our lives through a variety of emotions, such as regret, shame, fear, jealousy, anger (the list can be quite long, and as varied as we are). But, of course, the amazing message of Easter is that through Christ we find forgiveness and new life.

Forever in God's grace, *Russ*

## ***Service of Repentance & Imposition of Ashes Tuesday, February 5, 2008***

Worship Service at 7 p.m.  
(following the Pancake Supper at 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.)

# **Search my heart, O Lord!**

Loving others... as Christ first loved us!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 1 Wayne Wirick
- 2 Karla Aquinio
- 3 Mary Seltzer
- 4 Chris Green  
Jennifer Cotter
- 9 Al Embrey  
Edward Horne
- 10 Olin Bockes  
Juliette Jones
- 12 Bob Mahar  
Anna Miller  
Kyle Keen
- 14 Goldie Stacy
- 15 Brenda Johnson  
Barbara Firth
- 16 Cameron Tyrrell
- 17 Barbara Wagner
- 18 Walter Blair
- 19 Valli Cowan
- 20 David Durham  
Monica Arredondo
- 21 Jenna Lucas
- 22 Colin Tyrrell
- 23 Michael Mills  
David Goodman
- 24 Ethel Lescure  
Jerry Edmonds, Sr.
- 25 Tim Wirick
- 26 Rutherford Berry
- 27 Donna Bailey

# February

- 8 Debbie and Joe Grzeczka
- 10 Juliette and Wilfred Jones, Jr.
- 14 Virginia and Reuben Neyhouse
- 17 Mary and Emmett Wright
- 20 Nancy and Toney George
- 23 Pam and Stephen Tyrrell



"There! That takes care of social concerns for this year."

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## Sincerely Appreciate ...

Many, many thanks for the very generous Christmas gift! You are very special people and I am thankful to be a part of such a loving congregation!

*Mary Jane Fizer*

# Money Matters

By Donna Sapp, Finance Committee

The table below shows Cokesbury's financial picture as of December 31, 2007.  
2007 Funded Annual Budget = \$210,400

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	\$16,185	\$12,593	\$16,185	\$12,593	77.8%	\$12,512	100.6%
February	\$16,185	\$12,670	\$32,370	\$25,263	94.1%	\$30,462	82.9%
March	\$16,185	\$17,078	\$48,555	\$42,341	88.9%	\$43,181	98.1%
April	\$20,230	\$22,421	\$68,785	\$64,762	94.2%	\$58,130	111.4%
May	\$16,185	\$15,897	\$84,970	\$78,529	92.4%	\$85,730	91.6%
June	\$16,185	\$15,782	\$101,155	\$94,311	93.2%	\$109,830	85.9%
July	\$20,230	\$20,759	\$121,385	\$115,106	94.8%	\$121,521	94.7%
August	\$16,185	\$15,873	\$137,570	\$130,979	95.2%	\$140,090	93.5%
September	\$20,230	\$19,424	\$157,800	\$150,403	95.3%	\$160,524	93.6%
October	\$16,185	\$15,594	\$173,985	\$165,997	95.4%	\$178,554	92.9%
November	\$16,185	\$15,416	\$190,170	\$181,413	95.3%	\$195,246	92.9%
December	\$20,230	\$21,526	\$210,400	\$202,939	96%	\$209,507	96%

**\*\* As of November 30th, we have paid back \$24,110 toward our \$28,638 debt, leaving a balance of \$4528. \*\***

- **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.

## From the Financial Secretary -

If you need offering envelopes, a supply is usually in the Financial Statements box in the narthex. Please take a package when you need one. If there should be none available, please see me and I will get some for you.

Mary Jane Fizer

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## Analysis of December 2007 Cokesbury UMC Treasurer's Report

By Mary Seltzer, Treasurer

2007 definitely was a phenomenal year!! It would take many pages if we tried to list all the ministries and services that Cokesbury performed or was involved with in 2007. And yet, we did not add any new debt. As a matter of fact, we reduced our old debt by over \$9000, leaving just over \$4000.

We started an endowment program to help with future ministry, which has over \$30,000 already.

We started an elevator fund, hoping to make our building friendlier for the handicapped and seniors. This fund has over \$12,000. [Presently \$28,000]

2007 has been an awesome year. However, if the first twelve days of 2008 are an indicator, we are off to a great start for another year of fantastic accomplishments in the service of our God.



## Oratorical Contest

By Bunny Mahar

Congratulations to Michael Obeng, Jr., who was selected as a finalist in the annual Martin Luther King oratorical contest. The theme of the contest was "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on War and Peace: What Would Dr. King Do?"

Michael was one of three chosen from a finalist list that included 13 high school students from all of Prince William County. Three middle school students were also chosen from among 16 students. The finalists delivered their speeches to an audience of about 1,500 or more at Hylton Chapel on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

We were blessed to hear Michael's oration at the worship service on January 20 honoring Martin Luther King's birthday. His delivery and demeanor were beyond impressive, making not only his parents, but the entire congregation very proud. His presentation was received with long and loud applause.

## United Methodist Women

By Gayle Urban, Secretary

The UMW daytime group, "Ruth Circle", plans to do a Bible study on the book of Ruth, led by Peggy Dorton. Ruth Circle meets at 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

- The Church Women United "World Day of Prayer" service will be hosted at Cokesbury UMC on Friday, March 7.
- We plan to put together School Kits, to donate at Annual Conference in June. We appreciate help from the congregation with sewing, or donations. Contact Mary Wright or Peggy Dorton.
- Our March meeting(s) on Monday, March 10 will be our annual "Candleburning Program" led by Gayle Urban. This is a special time to honor or remember loved ones, through our financial giving which goes to missions.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> ☩          Wednesday morning, February 6          10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  <u>Where:</u> Cokesbury United Methodist Church  <u>Who:</u> Sponsored by Alexandria District UMW, for all women and guests  <u>What:</u> Service of word and communion, with imposition of ashes; led by Pastor Russ.  <i>Offering will be received, for Voices of Youth, and UMW mission giving.</i></p>
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## Methodist Men's Moments

By John Jewell  
President, United Methodist Men

2007 was a productive year for our group. We purchased new pew and youth bibles and also awarded a scholarship to Tanya Elliott. The United Methodist Men also made regular visits to the Ruxton Center in an attempt to let those individuals staying there know that we care.

This was the first year for our Thanksgiving meal and we continued to provide assistance with the Sunrise Service, Kid's Fest and the Christmas program. As always, we had a strong presence at the flea market throughout the summer.

The UMM officers would like to thank all the men who supported our programs throughout the year! You know who you are and you were AWESOME! Without your time and your spirit, nothing would have been accomplished. Thanks again.

We are encouraging all men to join us for our next meeting to be held on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us as our journey continues.

# Youth Corner

By Linda Ennis

Wow, if you thought the youth were busy in January, just wait until you see what's coming in February. Starting with Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be collecting money and cans of soup for the SouperBowl of Caring. What started out as a prayer in a church has grown to youth participation around the world, and last year a total of over 8 million dollars worth of cash and cans was collected. Each church is allowed to contribute their donations to a charity of their choice and then the total is reported to the SouperBowl of Caring organization. They will then collect the total from all participates and provide us with the grand total of donations for 2008. The Cokesbury youth have decided to donate the cash to the United Methodist Family Services and the cans of soup will be delivered to the ACTS food pantry.

We will continue the evening by having a Super Bowl Party at the church during the regular youth time. We'll have the game on, food and drinks, and ping pong where Joe has said he will take on all comers.

We will return to Messiah and Milkshakes at Sudley United Methodist Church on Feb 10. In addition to serving delicious milkshakes, there is a bible study led by other youth.

On Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, the youth will meet at Cokesbury with the program led by Joe BeMiller and Mike Gribik. We will be preparing ourselves to participate in the 30 Hours of Famine on Feb 22 and 23 and yes, the youth really do fast for 30 hours. They will keep busy with service projects, worship services, games, and oh yeah, sleep. And because of their involvement this weekend, there will not be a youth program on Feb 24.

## February Schedule

February 3 – SouperBowl of Caring in the morning, SouperBowl Party at 5:30pm.

February 10 – Messiah and Milkshakes at Sudley United Methodist

February 17 – Program on world hunger

February 22, 23 – 30 Hours of Famine at Friendship United Methodist



## Living with the Mind of Christ – Lenten Study

Cokesbury is offering a seven-session Lenten study to assist you in this discovery, reorientation, and transformation process. Pastor Russ will be teaching from the study entitled Living with the mind of Christ by James Harnish. Please plan to attend this Lenten Study; the cost for the study book is \$5.50

Lesson	Tuesday, 10 AM	Sunday, 9:45 AM
Love: The Power to Change Your Mind	Feb. 5	Feb. 10
Servanthood: Breaking the Me-first Mind-set	Feb. 12	Feb. 17
Faithful Suffering: The Foolishness of the Cross	Feb. 19	Feb. 24
Surrender: The Moment of Letting Go	Feb. 27	Mar. 2
Humility: Moving Up by Coming Down	Mar. 4	Mar. 9
Obedience: How Far Will You Go?	Mar. 11	Mar. 16
Glory: Unexpected Glory!	Mar. 18	Easter, Mar. 23



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## 2008 Holy Week and Easter Calendar of Events

(The schedule for the Lenten Study is shown on pg 6.)

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
February 5, Tuesday	5:30 – 6:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	Pancake Supper Service of Repentance & Imposition of Ashes
March 16, Sunday	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Worship Service, <b>Palm Sunday</b>
March 21, Friday	7 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service
March 22, Saturday	6 p.m. – midnight	Easter Prayer Vigil
March 23, Sunday	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:30 & 11 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service Continental Breakfast Worship Service, <b>Easter Sunday</b> Lenten Study
March 30, Sunday	10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Worship Service, <b>Easter Cantata</b> Potluck Luncheon

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