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Our Mission

To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.

Our Vision

Change lives, ours and others'.

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Season of Mutual Care

In this newsletter article, I wanted to share some prayer concerns with you. We are dealing with many deaths and illnesses.

As you heard on Sunday, May 7, Norma Jean Spencer passed on Thursday, May 4. Her visitation will be held Tuesday, May 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at McEwen Funeral Home on Monroe Road. Her memorial service will be Wednesday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord. Her family is asking people to give to Cokesbury in lieu of flowers.

Nancy Angel is in hospice. When I visited her Sunday afternoon, she was barely responsive. I was happy to see, though, that she was surrounded by all three of her children and other relatives.

Chuck Hailey passed away on Sunday after the heart attack. I first learned it through Carol Davis, who left me a phone message at the parsonage. LeAnne Craig, Chuck's older sister, confirmed it. Dot Hailey, his mother, was in shock when I called her Sunday afternoon. They are deep in grief.

Deanna Reed had an eye-lid surgery about a month ago, and for some reason she cannot see things. Her doctor tells her that they have to wait and see for a few months. He asks for our prayers. She might need some help with doctor's appointments and grocery shopping, etc., even though her daughter and granddaughters are helping her as much as they can.

There are others who had surgeries or procedures and are recovering from them; and those who are waiting for one.

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At the dinner on Monday, May 8, UMAR members showed such beautiful concerns for all our members who are going through tough times. Their words and facial expressions were so genuine that I was greatly moved and was filled with gratitude to them. It helped me realize anew that tough times come and go in our lives, but when we face them together with mutual care and love, we can come out of them stronger.

So, please remember all the above and those we have on our prayer list in your prayers. Let's surround them and lift them up with our love.

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- Jim & Carol Black, Mary Freeman, Pat McKenzie and Mary Rast gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes**.
- Ed & Diane Bolster gave a gift to the Starfish Ministries in memory of **Gladys Grimes**.
- Pat McKenzie gave gifts to the Prime Timers in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80th birthday** and in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer**.
- Mary Rast gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80th birthday**.
- The UMW gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes**.



The family of Gladys Grimes would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, and food that you so generously sent us during mom's illness and after her passing.



To the family of Norma Jean Spencer who passed away May 4.

**UMAR Art Center
Open House
Saturday, May 20
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

By Kay Dumas & Kenna Johnston

Join us for the Arts Open House at the new UMAR Charlotte Arts Center at 3015 South Tryon Street, Morningstar Building. Meet participants and purchase handmade art. For more information, go to www.umarinfo.com/ArtOpenHouse.

UMAR Says Thank You

By Kay Dumas

Cokesbury's UMAR group homes say *thank you* to all of you for your generous donations of paper products!



By Sara Joines

It's that time of year to fill out the forms for Family Camp at Camp Tekoa which is scheduled for September 1-4. Come and join us for a fun filled weekend. The forms are located on the table in the narthex.



By Sara Joines

There will be regular UMYF meetings on Wednesday nights in May from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The youth will be heading to Sunset Beach the weekend of May 19-21.

UMW Health Kit Project

By Tammy Gilmore

Please join the United Methodist Women in their Mission Project for UMCOR Health Kits. Our goal is 40 kits to be delivered at Mission U in July. Items needed include: hand towels (15x25" to 17x27", no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels), washcloths, 6" or longer regular combs, 3 oz. or larger soap in original packaging, adult toothbrush (single, in original packaging), and metal nail file or nail clippers. Additional costs for this project are approximately \$100, if you wish to donate in that way. International Law is very strict on what it allows UMCOR to take into other countries, so please adhere to the above requirements.

Deadline for all items is June 11. There will be an assembling activity and short program scheduled in the future. There is a box in the back by the bulletin boards marked UMCOR for the items. Thank you for helping with this important project.



By Sara Joines

Maker Fun Factory VBS will be June 12-16. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them – and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Science-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Fun shop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:00 p.m. Kids at Maker Fun Factory VBS will join a mission’s effort to fund the digging of effective clean water wells for remote villages in Peru. Maker Fun Factory is for kids from 4 years to 5th grade and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day.

Volunteers for VBS

To make the Maker Fun Factory happen, we will also need all sorts of volunteers to help in the kitchen, lead different stations such as Preschool, Bible Adventure and Missions, Closing Circle, games, KidVid Cinema, Craft Play, and Exploration Station. If you would like to volunteer, please let Sara Joines know at sjoines@cokeburyumc.net or by calling the church office or fill out a volunteer form

found in the church bulletin.



Dinner with Friends

By Etta Woodall

You are invited to the May Dinner with Friends on **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Come join in the fellowship with our neighbors and friends.

Cokesbury Kid’s Club is t 6:30 p.m.

Michigan Men’s Glee Club

By Tom DeVries

The Michigan Men’s Glee Club is on their Bicentennial Summer Tour throughout the U.S. starting in Michigan and going through D.C., Georgia, Florida, and the Carolinas and other cities around the country. They will be here in Charlotte on May 17 performing at the CPCC Halton Theater at 7:00 p.m. You can buy tickets at: <http://tix.cpcc.edu/events/um-mens-glee-club-in-concert>.