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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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Through Cokesbury Windows

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Youth Sunday Blast

Wow, what a special worship service it was June 11! A fully youth-led, creative service it was! About two months ago, Sara came to me asking whether we could have a Youth Sunday. I said, sure." We looked at our calendars and set the date on June 11. She kept me informed how its preparation was going, what kind of music our youth members had chosen, who would do what during the service. What intrigued us the most was the enacted Scripture reading/sermon time.

Yes, it was the biblical story of Noah. Sara said that it was rewritten in a modern style by Kevin, who is the youth minister at St. Andrew's UMC, and was welcomed at the Family Camp at Camp Tekoa last year with great applause. Ever since, she had thought about using it during a youth Sunday at Cokesbury. I loved the idea. And our youth members worked on it, particularly over their beach trip.

Didn't they do a wonderful job during the service? Leo did his Worship Leader's role; Sam did Children's Moment; Ott gave the offering prayer; Brandon, Lola, and others served as ushers; Leo, Josiah, and Kody's graduation was celebrated; and... the skit! Nathania and Sam as narrators, Chris Betts as Noah, Karen Lemmert as Noah's wife, Michael as God, and our youth members as Noah's sons and their wives... and the animals! Two of each – elephants, zebras (was Floyd a zebra?), chimpanzees ... even Corey as baby elephant!

The three heathens, enacted by Phil Cox, Steve Carter, and Don Abele, were so funny that we all laughed. When it rained 40 days and 40 nights, Ann Lake opened her umbrella, and it gave a special effect!

The entire sanctuary turned into Noah's ark and we could envision ourselves as Noah's family and animals that were kept from the great flood. Yes, we are remnants of faith, pilgrims on the ark, those who await the receding of water from the surface of the earth. As those on the ark waited for 150 days even after the rain stopped, let us stay faithful, waiting patiently for a day when God will show us the land full of life! Thank you, our youth members, youth counselors, and families!

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- Jim & Carol Black, Ed & Diane Bolster, Mary Freeman, Mitchell & Judy Hagler, Tom & Mickey Helms, Jan Jacobs, Pat McKenzie, the Prime Timers, and Mary Rast, and Judy Sims gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bob Burns**.
- Bill & Gwen Coulter gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **Eleanor Hampton** and **Bob Burns**.
- Phil & Marta Cox and Ray & Karen Saito gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Bob Burns**.
- Annette Davis, Dan & Kay Dumas, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Maloy, Kathy Hoehn, Steve & Joan Roberts, and the Woodberry Forest Home & Garden Club gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Eleanor Hampton**.
- Tom & Nancy DeVries gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Eleanor Hampton** and **Bob Burns**.
- Jim & Carol Black, Mary Freeman, Tom & Mickey Helms, and the Prime Timers gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Eleanor Hampton**.
- Lyle & Brenda Hill and Ron & Lee Smith gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Pat McKenzie and Mary Rast gave gifts to the Prime Timers in memory of **Eleanor Hampton**.
- Jim & Connie Short gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel, Chuck Hailey, Bob Burns, and Eleanor Hampton**.
- Robert & Lora Spencer gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer**.
- Carrie Winkler gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes, Norma Jean Spencer, Nancy Angel, and Chuck Hailey**.



*To Sue Keene as she mourns the death of her mother, Eleanor Hampton,
who passed away June 13.*



Music at Cokesbury

Thursday, July 20

7:00 p.m.

By Kay Dumas

Come join us this month when we will be entertained by Southern Express. A Hot Dog supper will be available at 6:00 p.m. The cost is only \$4 and includes hot dogs with all the trimmings, potato chips, pickle, dessert, and beverage. Hope to see you then!

CMPD High School Academy

By Etta Woodall

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is looking for high school students to participate in a one-week, hands-on course for young people who are interested in a career in law enforcement or students who would like to find out more about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The dates are July 17-July 21 or August 7-August 11 from 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The location is 1770 Shopton Road, Charlotte, 28217. To obtain more information or an application, please visit www.cmpd.org.



The Prime Timers invite you to a complimentary summer picnic on Sunday, July 16 following the worship service. There will be a variety of sandwiches, salads, and sweets. No reservation necessary!

Adult Sunday School Opportunity

By Etta Woodall

Recently several adult Sunday School classes have joined together and are meeting in the Adventures in Faith classroom. We have four more sessions from Chuck Swindoll's book, *Three Steps Forward Two Steps Back*. On July 16, we will begin a study using the book by Adam Hamilton: *Christianity's Family Tree*. We will be examining eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Come and join us!

Books for Urban Promise

By Etta Woodall

We look forward to being the east side site for Urban Promise in September. Children from Kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the after school program from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The program is in need of books for these young children to read. Julia's Café and Bookstore, as well as the public library, have children's books for sale. Maybe there are some in your own library you would like to donate. We will be collecting these books through the summer.



By Sara Joines

The Youth Mission trip to Henderson, NC will be July 16-22. If you would like to write a special note of encouragement to our youth to be given during that week, please submit it to Sara Joines by July 9. The youth and adults going on the trip are: Sam Lake, Nathania Allen, Brandon Dinkler, Leo Durante, Ann Lake, and Sara Joines.