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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 Window

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Poverty Simulation

A few months ago, I had visitors in my office. Two women came from Morning Star Lutheran Church on Idlewild Road. One of them remembered I had read the Scripture during the community joint Advent evening service in that church a couple of years before. I was one of the pastors in our area who participated in that service.

They came to invite me and our congregation to a Poverty Simulation, which will happen this Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Morning Star Lutheran Church (12509 Idlewild Road, Matthews, 28105). I had planned to attend a different event that day, but I changed my mind and signed up for this one.

The following is an excerpt of several pieces of literature they left with me about the event. I hope this will explain to you what "Poverty Simulation" is about and inspire you to attend it with me.

What is it like to live in poverty?

Why don't people in poverty get a job so they can get out of poverty?

Do government assistance programs keep people from wanting to work?

Aren't people poor because they are lazy and don't want to work?

Have you asked these questions about poverty? The Poverty Simulation will break down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others and to realize how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are.

- A single parent with limited resources and no transportation must find a way to get to work and get their child to childcare.
- An elderly person must find a way to pay for both utilities and medication.
- A young adult must care for siblings while their parent is incarcerated.
- An elderly couple must raise their grandchildren and deal with their own health and employment issues.

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The Poverty Simulation is a profoundly moving experience. It moves people to think about the harsh realities of poverty and to talk about how communities can address the problem. Most importantly, it moves people to make a difference. The Poverty Simulation is the first step to get people and communities moving.

Cokesbury has been looking for ways in which we could reach out to our community and to engage with our neighbors. This is one such opportunity to learn to do it. Why don't you join me this Saturday? Please register at <https://goo.gl/forms/rvPD6ylTTr0JngLh2>. Free lunch will be provided. Thanks!

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- Jim & Carol Black and Dan & Kay Dumas gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bill Cooper**.
- Ed & Diane Bolster gave a gift to the UMM Fund in memory of **Gus Deal** and **LeRoy Taylor**.
- Bill & Gwen Coulter and Floyd & Irma Fike gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Gus Deal, LeRoy Taylor, and Bill Cooper**.
- Jason & Robin Dumas gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in honor of **Dan & Kay Dumas**.
- Tom & Mickey Helms gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Bill Cooper, Shirley Griffin and Linda Foster**.
- Sue Keene gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **LeRoy Taylor**.
- Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Shirley Griffin and Linda Foster**.
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **her 67th birthday**.

UMCOR Hygiene Kits

By Tammy Gilmore

In response to the devastation that Hurricane Florence inflicted upon our beloved state, both the United Methodist Women and the Prime Timers are asking for donations for UMCOR Hygiene Kits during the months of October and November. Some requirements have changed and are as follows:

- wash cloths
- hand towels, 15"x25" or 17"x27" – no kitchen towels or micro fiber
- large sturdy combs – must have 6" of teeth
- sealed toothbrushes
- finger or toenail clippers – no nail files
- 3 oz. or larger wrapped bath soap – no Ivory or Jergens
- wrapped regular size band-aids

We usually seem to have a shortage of hand towels. All items will eventually be wrapped in re-sealable ziplock gallon bags. We will also need monetary donations of \$2 per kit. All items are needed before November 18. There will be a donation basket in the Narthex.

Prime Timer Happenings

By Kay Dumas

Our October meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m.** The "Livable Meck" program has been rescheduled for January. We will spend our time together enjoying lunch and sharing "something you do not know about me". Please bring the following items for UMCOR Health Kits to our meeting: hand towels (no kitchen or micro fiber), wash cloths, comb (sturdy, 6"), clippers (toenail or fingernail), soap (bath size, 3 oz. or larger), toothbrush (packaged), 10 adhesive bandages (3/4x3"), gallon size re-sealable bags.

The Catawba Queen Cruise is scheduled for Thursday, November 1. The cost is \$19.20. Please let Kay or Jane Parks know if you plan to go. Reservations and payments are due in advance.

United Methodist Men

By Ed Bolster

Just a reminder our meeting is **Thursday, October 25 at 6:15 p.m.** This is the meeting we invite our wives to attend to enjoy our supper and program with us. Hope to see you there!

Safe Sanctuary Training

Cokesbury's Safe Sanctuary Training for those who work with children, youth, and the UMAR class, parents of children and youth, Trustees, Staff Parish members will be Sunday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to everyone attending and updating their training.

National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day

By Tammy Gilmore

This past Sunday, October 21, was National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day. Cokesbury thanks it's dedicated Sunday School teachers for consistently being the heart of our Christian Education program. If you were not at Sunday's service, please see me for a small token of our appreciation.

Breakfast / Brunch to Benefit UMCOR

Sunday, October 28

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

By Kay Dumas

Join Kay and Dan and their family for breakfast/brunch with all proceeds going to UMCOR. They will have breakfast ready for you to enjoy before going to Sunday School or morning worship. The menu is: breakfast casserole, quiche, grits, biscuits and sausage gravy, fruit, and a variety of muffins, with honey-nut cream cheese spread.

Join us as Cokesbury once again reaches out to our neighbors in need. Donations accepted - cash or check to Cokesbury UMC, marked UMCOR.



Prime Timer Coat Drive

By Kay Dumas

During the month of November, the Prime Timers will sponsor their annual Coat Drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry for the needy men, women, and children in our community. Bring your new or gently worn coats and place them in the box in the narthex.

United Methodist Women Bake Sale

By Kay Dumas

If you have not had an chance to sign up for the UMW Bake Sale, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Between November 1 and 15, everyone will have an opportunity to purchase these delicious treats. They will be baked and ready for you on November 18 to enjoy for Thanksgiving.