

Cokes Chapel UMC 2013

January

Monthly Budgeted Need - \$27,852.13

January 6 – The Christmas Star still shines in 2013:

S – Skills

H – Heartaches

I – Interests

N – New Opportunities

E – Experiences for the Lord to use this year HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday School, Disciple I and Disciple II, FOCUS Youth, Bible Study start back in earnest on Sunday. On Tuesdays, small group meets at the home of Kathy Schumacher. On Wednesdays, Jubilee Singers sing at Newnan Nursing Home, a prayer meeting is held at 5:30 p.m., and a small group led by Pastor Mark meets. On the second Thursday of each month, the Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at various restaurants to honor birthdays during the month. In January the ladies met at Frank's Family Restaurant in Palmetto.

January 20, Memorial service held for Lil Warren at 3:00 p.m. God and Country Orientation is today. All children, grades 1-5 are invited to attend – they will meet for six Sundays during February, March and April. Awards Ceremony will be April 28, 2013. Jim McCarthy is in charge of this program.

January 23, the Mission Team sponsored a Chili Cook-off – Attendees voted for their favorite chili – it was a great success, making \$208, which will be used for mission projects throughout this year.

January 22, the Childcare Center hosted a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A at Thomas Crossroads from 5-8 p.m.

January 24, the Sizzlin' Seniors had a covered dish luncheon and planning session at Sabbath Pond, home of John & Brenda Hagen.

January monthly collection - \$21,802.60.

February

February 2, Leadership Training event – all elected leaders and staff to attend. They will prepare for a new year in ministry and mission for 2013.

February 3, Souper Bowl Sunday – FOCUS Youth collected canned goods and non-perishables to give to One Roof. \$223.59 was raised on this Sunday. It was announced that beginning March 3, the 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. services will merge and meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service will remain the the Contemporary Worship Center.

February 5, Lenten Study began – a 7 week series preparing us for Holy Week and Easter, using the book entitled *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

February 13, Ash Wednesday Service held in Sanctuary with very good attendance.

February 14, Lunch Bunch went to the Green Manor in Union City with 14 ladies attending.

Two new members – Bill and Donna Clements. Stop Hunger Now collections during Lent for our *Be Part of the Miracle* to provide thousands of meals to be distributed throughout the world. Childcare Center has several Spirit Nights scheduled - good meals and also an opportunity to raise extra funds: February 7 at Stevie B's Pizza, February 19 at Texas Roadhouse, and March 21 at Partners II Pizza.

February 24, Homeless Offering Sunday- \$506. February 27, Wednesday Evening Dinner sponsored by U.M.W. to raise funds for the many ministries they support - \$213 raised. February 28, Sizzlin Seniors visited the Road to Tara Museum in Jonesboro – 11 attended.

Monthly collection - \$24,549.12

March

March 3, Cokes Chapel began two distinct weekly worship services – the 9:00 a.m. traditional service in the sanctuary and the 11:00 a.m. contemporary service in the Contemporary Worship Center. It is a new journey. (Cokes Chapel has had many changes going from one service a month, then two a month, then one service before Sunday School, then two weeks later, one service after Sunday Sunday, then finally a service at 11:00 a.m. following Sunday School. Much later, an early service started at 8:30 a.m., giving us two services, then three services and now back to two distinct services. At one time we had evening services every Sunday, and we had revivals every summer – a.m. and p.m. lasting for two weeks.)

March 8-10, the high school students had a D-NOW Lock-in with seven students attending. March 10, the Youth had a Pancake Breakfast between worship services – raising \$290.00. March 14, Lifeline screening in the Community Hall. March 15-17, Our middle school retreat, The Edge, 6 attended. March 14, Lunch Bunch went to Red Lobster with 7 ladies attending (Louise Boswell celebrated her 93rd birthday.)

March 16, a group took a trip to the Antiquity Center in LaGrange, which includes a 1 ½ hour tour and a Biblical meal. Kathy Schumacher was in charge – 12 people attended.

March 17, immediately following the third Sunday lunch, David and Tammy Sweet hosted a brief seminar on financial planning, insurance needs, and other important topics.

March 23, Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Sock Hop. Approximately 76 children attended in spite of inclement weather. They hunted for thousands of eggs!

March 24, Palm Sunday evening, prior to the choir, Luke Beam presented a piano recital – so much talent! Then the Celebration Singers (adult choir) presented an Easter Cantata, beautifully sung by the choir and directed by Jennie Underwood, narration by Harvey Underwood, and Blair Graydon was the sound technician. Sopranos – Donna Collins, Debbie Erickson, Susan Todd; altos – Brenda Hagen, Brenda Hanes, Velda Graydon, Ann Navin; tenors – John Hagen, Mark Jordan, David Richards; bass – Harvey Armstrong.

March 25-29, Holy Week. Daily communion at 12 noon and a self-guided Stations of the Cross exhibit in the Contemporary Worship Center at various times during Holy Week. It was a wonderful experience.

March 28, Maundy Thursday service with communion. March 29, Good Friday service – our prayers and petitions were nailed to an “old rugged cross.”

March 31, Sunrise service led by Larry Carter. Regular services led by Rev. John Hagen and Dr. Mark Jordan. Flowers were placed on the cross by worshipers. The music was beautiful, sermons were awesome, weather was lovely and we had very good attendance.

Monthly collection - \$32,990.10

April

April 7, Pastor John's sermon, *Understanding the Resurrection* was excellent. Not as many in the congregation this Sunday. Don and Joyce Harmon joined our membership. As of Sunday, April 7, we have raised \$6700 for Stop Hunger Now. On Monday night, the Administrative Council met.

April 11, The Ladies Lunch Bunch met at Applebee's – 12 attended.

On Saturday, April 13, a Western Dance was held in the Community Hall. This was for all adults. Everyone was encouraged to wear "Country Western" attire with boots! The Rebel Reelers square danced and instructor, Carlene Bohanon, taught line dancing steps. Everyone had a great time.

April 14, Larry Carter filled the pulpit in Pastor John's absence. On Saturday, April 20 we prepared 31,320 packages for Stop Hunger Now. Volunteers from 19 different churches helped with this projects. Total amount raised was \$8,800. \$7500 was used for this event, we have \$1300 in reserve for next year.

April 21, Pastor Mark filled the pulpit for both services. God & Country Program Awards for students grades 1-5 were presented.

April 28, Pastor John was back in the pulpit. Trustees met after the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

April Monthly Collection - \$20,708.08.

May

May 5, Pastor Mark filled the pulpit for both services. Disciple I & III Bible Study and FOCUS Youth met today.

May 9, Ladies Lunch Bunch met at Fried Tomato Buffet in Newnan – 15 attended.

May 12, Mother's Day – Confirmation of Corey McCarthy and Erin Harrison. They received Bibles from the church.

May 16, Sizzlin' Seniors left for an overnight trip to Chattanooga – 13 attended.

May 19, Pentecost Sunday – Pastor Mark filled both pulpits today. 5-6 p.m. Pastor Mark led an exciting Pier 345 event. All children in grades 1-5 came and brought friends. There were games, snacks, and a great time. They learned of God's love for all of us.

May 22, The parsonage roof has been repaired at a cost of \$6,373. So far, we have raised a total of \$911. The UMW had their annual Wednesday Night Supper serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Over 100 plates were prepared.

May 26, Rev. David Adamson filled the traditional pulpit. He preached a very inspirational sermon about *The Garden Club*. Scripture text was John 16:12-16. Today was Graduate Recognition Sunday at the Contemporary Worship Service.

May Monthly Collection - \$20,284.63.

June

June 2, Pastor John Hagen filled the 9:00 a.m. pulpit, Pastor Mark Jordan filled the 11:00 a.m. pulpit.

June 6, John and Brenda Hagen are hosting a covered dish luncheon at Sabbath Pond for Sizzlin' Seniors, Ladies Lunch Bunch and the Old Goats (men's group). – 30 attended.

June 9, Farewell combined worship celebration at 11:00 a.m. for Pastor John and Brenda Hagen with a barbeque lunch (prepared by Floyd Collins). Music furnished by our praise band, church choir, and Tommy and Rita Godwin. Dr. Mark Jordan was our host, with testimonies by Bobby Totten, Rev. David Adamson, Jennie Underwood, Larry Carter, and Debbie Johns. Gifts were presented to Pastor John and Brenda. There were over 200 in attendance.

June 11, Annual North Georgia Conference – Rev. John Hagen was honored at the Conference. Dr. Mark Jordan was named pastor of Cokes Chapel UMC.

June 13, Ladies Lunch Bunch met at Red Lobster – 13 attended.

June 16, Father's Day – Last Sunday for Pastor John. He has served 15 years as pastor of Cokes Chapel. His sermon was *Amen, Let It Be*. We have now raised \$2,161.28 for our roof fund. We received three new members into our fellowship, Keith and Jackie Simpson on profession of faith, and Carolyn Jones, restored membership.

June 17-19, Vacation Bible School, Mary Beth Thompson led this year's VBS – theme was *Super Heroes for Christ*. 80 children attended.

June 23, first Sunday after Conference with Dr. Mark Jordan serving as pastor of both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Trustees met after 9:00 a.m. service. Cynthia Myers joined our membership.

June 25, Administrative Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

June 30, Fifth Sunday Night Sing.

June Monthly Collection - \$28,582.00

July

The first week of this month was wet – very wet. Our nation's birthday was not rained out in Atlanta. Fireworks were outstanding.

Our Youth left on July 10 on their annual mission trip to Macon, GA – 17 youth and 4 adults participated in the River of Life to "shine God's light." They returned on Sunday, July 14. They shared their wonderful experiences at the church service on July 21.

July Monthly Collection - \$22,527.75.

August

200 bras have been shipped to "Free the Girls" in Centennial, California, an organization collecting undergarments to help women rescued from human trafficking to earn a living selling secondhand clothing.

August 1, Sizzlin' Seniors dinner and a play at the Legacy Theater in Tyrone, GA – 20 attended. August 8, Ladies Lunch Bunch met for lunch at Fried Tomato Buffet – 10 attended. Aluminum pop tops are being

collected for Ronald McDonald House. School supplies are being collected for Brighter Day Coweta Children's Organization.

August 11, Michael and Patty White and Carma McCallie joined the church. A new adult Sunday School Class has begun, led by Carolyn Evans, meeting in the Contemporary Worship Center. Dr. Mark is back from vacation. Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, the FOCUS Youth group are having a back to school event – all 6th grade through 12th grade are invited.

August 28, Mike Roberts was baptized by Dr. Mark and accepted into church membership.

August Monthly Collection - \$22,508.88.

September

September 1, Three new members, Carol and Alice South and Meghan Stephens.

September 7, 9 a.m. – Trinity Table Outreach Project – volunteers gathered to prepare 1200 sandwiches. On Sunday, September 8, approximately 25 volunteers traveled to Atlanta on Sunday to feed the homeless.

September 7, United Methodist Men's Rally and Christian Craftsmen kick-off event held at Cokes Chapel from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. All men are welcome to learn about the Christian Craftsmen Project, a team of volunteers to assist churches in our district that need to make repairs/improvements.

September 8, Disciple II, led by Jenny Underwood, began a 36 week study.

September 12, Ladies Lunch Bunch met at Red Lobster – 14 ladies attended.

September 15, following the Third Sunday Lunch, a care team orientation was held for volunteers willing to serve on teams to help shine the light and love of Jesus and to make a difference in our community.

September 19, Sizzlin' Seniors carpooled to LaGrange to have lunch at the Taste of Lemon Restaurant, then tour Hills and Dales (the Callaway Estate) – 8 attended.

Thanks to our trustees for the recent pressure washing and painting. Cornelia Cunningham is retiring after 33 years of preparing communion elements for our worship services.

September 29, Fifth Sunday Night Sing, not a big crowd but enjoyed by those who attended.

September Monthly Collection - \$31,754.61.

October

October 3-6, pictures taken for new pictorial directory.

Stewardship Campaign begins - Mrs. Cynthia Myers gave the Stewardship Moment for Kick-off Sunday. Theme for this year's campaign is "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity." \$700.25 collected for Methodist Children's Home. \$3,796.28 total roof fund so far.

October 13, Dr. Mark is away. Larry Carter gave the Stewardship Moment, Don Harman delivered our sermon.

"Miracles for Mozambique" has begun to provide Bibles and hymnals for a church in Mozambique. On the first Sunday we received over \$500 for this mission.

October 16, Sizzlin' Seniors traveled to Dahlonga for sightseeing and lunch at the Smith House.

October 26, FOCUS Youth participated in the 31st annual Wesley Walk for Others at Stone Mountain, sponsored by Wesley Community Centers. Six people attended.

October 27, our annual Trunk or Treat was enjoyed by approximately 350 children. Participants enjoyed goodies from decorated cars.

Our "Miracles for Mozambique" campaign has surpassed its goal of \$2000. We have raised a total of \$2,671.17 for the Bibles and hymnals.

Roof fund is now \$4,296.28.

October Monthly Collection - \$26,963.72.

November

November 3, All Saints Sunday – we honored loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. At 3:30 pm., Rev. Carol Cook, District Superintendent, presided over our annual Charge Conference.

November 10, Operation Christmas shoe boxes filled with goodies were brought to the church by individuals to be sent to children all over the world. We sent 65 boxes via Samaritan's Purse.

Veteran's Sunday – veterans were recognized and honored by the congregation.

November 14, Ladies Lunch Bunch went to Broadway Diner in Fayetteville for lunch – 10 attended.

November 21, Ladies Holiday Dinner and revealing of Secret Sisters. 20 ladies attended. Short meeting of UMW. Thanksgiving Baskets given to the needy, total of \$735 collected. \$1180 sent to UMCOR for the Philippines' loss from the storms.

November 26, FOCUS Youth smoked/fried 55 turkeys for Thanksgiving fundraiser.

November 30, Hanging of the Greens and Christmas tree decorated. As usual, Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship Center look beautiful.

November Monthly Collection - \$24,012.50

December

UMW is selling pecans this month as a fundraiser.

December 1, First Sunday in Advent is Hope and the candle was lit. Dr. Mark preached on Hope.

December 8, Second Sunday in Advent is Peace and the candle was lit. Dr. Mark preached on Peace. Poinsettias decorated altars in both sanctuaries. At 4:45 p.m., Alisha Powell, violinist presented a mini-concert of Christmas favorites prior to the choir's beautiful cantata, *The First Noel*. Following the cantata, FOCUS Youth had a dinner and Christmas party.

December 10, Sizzlin' Seniors toured Fantasy in Lights at Calaway Gardens. 20 attended.

December 12, Lunch Bunch met at the home of Wanda Moore for a covered dish luncheon – 37 ladies present. Childcare Center had its annual Christmas program at 7:00 p.m.

December 15, Third Sunday in Advent is Love and that candle was lit. Dr. Mark preached on Love. Gifts for the Angel Tree were returned. There are gifts for 26 children. The Youth had a bonfire late in the afternoon, then went caroling around the community. Hazel Beaty joined the church.

December 18, Brenda Hanes was honored at a Retirement Dinner. She was church secretary for five years. Brenda will remain as organist/pianist. There were 140 plus at the party.

An active children's Sunday School ministry is vital to a church, and Fonda Totten is in charge of this ministry. The goal is to begin the new year with this active children's program. Age groups are 3-4 years old, K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, youth 6th through 12th grade.

December 22, Fourth Sunday in Advent is Joy and that candle was lit. Dr. Mark preached on Joy. The choir excelled. The Sanctuary was full.

December 24, Christmas Eve – at 7:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service for the family, and at 9:00 p.m. the traditional Candlelight and Communion Service.

December 29, 11:00 a.m. combined worship service in Sanctuary – special music from both groups.

December Monthly Collection - \$41,611.59

Missions/Outreach, \$1,259.30

Memorial Gifts, \$1,515.00

Roof Fund, \$400.00

2013

16 New Members: Bill and Donna Clements, Cynthia Myers, Michael and Patty White, Carrma McCalie, Keith and Jackie Simpson, Carolyn Jones, Michael Roberts, Carl and Alice South, Meghan Stephens, Hazel Beatty, Don and Joyce Harman.

Confirmation: Corey McCarthy, Erin Harrison

Churchwide Charities:

Operation Christmas– 65 shoe boxes

Youth Souper Bowl Sunday (One Roof) - \$223.59

Youth Turkey Fundraiser – 55 turkeys

Angel Tree Gifts – 26 children

Stop Hunger Now – 31,320 meals, raised \$8,800.00

Trinity Table Outreach Project – prepared 1200 sandwiches/served lunch to 300 at soup kitchen

Thanksgiving Baskets - \$735.00

UMCOR (for Philippine relief) - \$1,180.00

Miracles for Mozambique (Bibles and hymnals) - \$2,671.17

Methodist Children's Home - \$700.25

Eubanks Sunday School Class Charities:

Sent \$100 to Elliott Stotler, missionary in South Africa, plus books for the children that he serves.

The children loved the books – they had never had any books.

Fellowship Class Charities:

One Roof - \$700.00

River of Life - \$50.00

Burned kids - \$100.00

Thanksgiving Baskets - \$100.00

Trip to LaFayette - \$75.00

Paint - \$35.00

Trinity Table Mission - \$246.00

Personal Gifts - \$495.00

United Methodist Women 2013 Projects:

Placed Easter lilies in church for Easter

Murphy Harpst - \$400.00

Community Welcome House - \$300.00

Children's Home - \$150.00

One Roof/Luthersville communion offering

Meals on Wheels - \$400.00

Placed poinsettias in church for Christmas

Ongoing study on book entitled, *There's a Hole in Your Soul That Only God Can Fill*.

Looking forward to 2014.

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