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COKESBURY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, NOV. 16-18

You're invited to Cokesbury's Christmas Open House on Nov. 16-18. Save 25% on Bibles, books, gifts, greeting cards, recorded music and more. Refreshments will be served. Call 901-683-8271.

WESTERN KY. TORNADO REUNION, NOVEMBER 12

Survivors, volunteers and Marshall County executives and employees who organized relief and recovery after a tornado devastated Western Kentucky in 2005 are invited to a **Tornado Reunion**, Nov. 12, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Mike Miller Park (large pavilion). The reunion is being sponsored by Ford RV Refrigeration. Speaking will be **Onna Lee Ford, Rev. Bill Lawson, survivors and volunteers**. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. From 3:30-5:00, there will be entertainment, grab bags for children and a gift for adults. One door prize will be given away. Please bring pictures, stories and lawn chairs.

UM BISHOPS MEET IN MOZAMBIQUE NOV. 1-6

Bishops of The United Methodist Church, including **Bishop Dick Wills**, celebrated the growth of the church in Africa when they met in Mozambique Nov. 1-6. Nearly 80 bishops from the United States, Europe, Africa and the Philippines attended. It was the first time UM bishops met as a group outside the territorial United States. Recent estimates show there are more than 2.2 million United Methodists across Africa. **Bishop João Somane Machado** of Mozambique hosted the meeting at the Avenida Hotel in Maputo. The bishops worshipped in churches across the country, participated in an event celebrating the cultures of the country and learned first-hand of the church's missions in Mozambique.

Lambuth University to raise \$20M

Funding is for scholarships, renovations to residence halls

By **PETE WICKHAM**
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The Jackson Sun

As alumni filtered in for Homecoming Weekend and a nostalgic look back, Lambuth University announced it wants to raise \$20 million to ensure future growth at the United Methodist liberal arts institution.

University President Fred Zuker, entering his third full year on the job, said the campaign came after a year of discussions with faculty, students, alumni and trustees about the future direction of the 800-student school.

"We've already done a lot of good things to get ourselves going in the right direction," Zuker said at an Oct. 27 news conference, "but this campaign comes after a lot of study to see where we need to go, not just for the next two years but for the next 50. This



Lambuth University President Fred Zuker, right, and Steve Maloan, Vice President of Development and University Relations, recently announced the preliminary work done on the university's capital funds campaign.

money will lay the foundation."

\$4M already donated

Preliminary work done during the summer has already netted 20 percent of the goal, or \$4 million, Zuker said. Another \$2 million in possible gifts could also be coming in over the next few weeks.

Zuker said that over the next two years alumni, parents, faculty and staff will be pitched, and that separate campaign phases will be conducted in the Jackson area,

Memphis and Nashville.

The lion's share of the funding will be for scholarships, renovations to residence halls and the science building and current operations. Beefing up the endowment and money for faculty and staff enhancement are also on tap.

Zuker said that acquiring land in and around campus for future expansion, increasing the school's technological capability and expanding offerings "are things we want to address down the road."

Lambuth is not alone in the capital campaign business among area colleges. Campaigns are currently under way at Union University (\$110 million goal), Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson (\$80 million) and Bethel College in McKenzie (\$23 million).

Lambuth is coming off a record fund-raising year, raising \$5.4 million during 2005-2006.

"If you're in this business, you're always about capital campaigns in one way or another," Zuker said. "As we go forward, we may get a direction from a donor, or talking with people, that we may want to add now, or in the future."

Lambuth's growth vital part of strategy for Jackson's development

Mary Bearden, executive director of Jackson Downtown Development Corp., said that Lambuth's continued growth is a vital part of the overall strategy for growth in Jackson's core.

"There's growth in Downtown. There's growth by the (Jackson-Madison County General) Hospital. Lambuth and the Lambuth area is right in the middle of the area, and a central part of the develop-

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St. Jude to host First Church worship for remainder of year

Displaced by the raging October 6 fire that destroyed First Church, the Downtown Memphis congregation will be worshipping in the Barry Building on the St. Jude ALSAC property for the rest of 2006.

The Rev. Martha Wagley, senior pastor of the congregation, is grateful to John T. Moses, ALSAC CEO, and Dr. Bill Evans, president of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, for the generous offer of

the meeting space.

Gathering and refreshments are at 9:30 a.m.. Adult Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., children and youth chapel is at 10:00 a.m. Worship will begin at 11:00.

Please use the entrance on Third Street. First Church greeters will be present to guide and welcome visitors and guests.

Wagley recently announced a new goal of \$3.1 million for the church's capital funds campaign. •



RRM Fall Food Drive

In the four county area straddling the border between southwestern Kentucky and northwest Tennessee, the number of hungry people seems to be increasing every year.

On any given month, 60 to 155 low income families are forced to apply to Reelfoot Rural Ministries for food boxes. Many are asking for assistance for the first time.

The Rev. Michael Blake, RRM executive director, is appealing to the churches and people of the Memphis Conference for help in restocking the rural ministry's depleted shelves during this year's Food Drive.

NEEDEDARE:

Cereal, Flour (5 lbs. or less), Corn Meal (5 lbs. or less), Rice (1 lb.), Crackers, Oatmeal, Pasta, Noodles, Hard Tortilla Shells, Spaghetti, Macaroni, Hamburger Helper.

Canned Vegetables (peas, corn, lima beans, spinach, carrots, sweet potatoes, beets, green beans, okra, kidney beans, tomatoes), Tomato Juice, Vegetable Juice, Dry Beans & Peas (1 lb. of black beans, kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans), Instant Potatoes, all Soups.

Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple), Apple Sauce, Juices (apple, grape), Fruit Cocktail, Raisins, Dry Fruits.

Pudding, Macaroni & Cheese, Dried Milk.

Canned Meat (ham, tuna, spam, vienna sausages, potted meats, chicken, salmon, sardines), Venison (Hunters for the Hungry program), Peanut Butter, Powdered Eggs.

Cooking Oil, Sugar (5 lbs. or less), Cake Mixes, Cookie Mixes, Jelly, Jell-O.

Coffee, Tea, Sodas, Baby Food, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Personal Hygiene Items (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet tissue), Detergent, Bleach, Paper Towels.

Blake says the ministry will be open to receive donations Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving.

The deadline for the food drive is December 2. On that day, RRM will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. •

Memphis Conference UMW leaders journey to Gulf Coast to paint houses

By REV. GLENN HILL
pastor, Aldersgate UMC, Jackson

It was sort of strange for me on October 8 as I boarded our church bus in the Aldersgate parking lot with thirteen ladies headed for a Volunteers in Mission trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. The group was composed of officials of the Memphis Conference United Methodist Women.

It felt strange because we were starting our ten-hour drive at 10:00 a.m. while most of the Aldersgate congregation was in Sunday school.

Covering for me with hospital calls and preaching that Sunday was the Rev. John Archer. It's good to have retired ministers in the congregation on whom I can call in a time of need.

Down the road we went, and before you feel sorry for me, know this: I had along with me a former member of the church in the person of "Shorty" Akers (6' 6") who came to assist in the work—and keep me company. He and his wife drove their own vehicle and I think I know why...

When we arrived in Biloxi, we were assigned a home occupied by the Parkers, a great family, to scrape and paint. It was built in 1883. During Hurricane Katrina, nine feet deep of water filled the rooms. The Parkers, a retired couple, had done much work on it themselves, re-doing the inside of the cozy house.

When our VIM team got through putting two coats of good white paint on it, it dazzled in the

sunlight and we beamed with pride in the work we had done together.

Our "boss" came over and inspected our work and was so pleased with what we had done in only three days that he assigned us another home to scrape and paint.

We started on Thursday and had only two days to work. We got it scraped and one coat of paint applied to the whole house and two coats in some areas. We felt good about that home and were proud for the owners, the Heberts (pronounced "A bears").

We packed up Friday night and headed home on Saturday morning. With a few necessary stops, a good breakfast and refueling, we arrived at Aldersgate at 5:30 p.m.

The group paid for the diesel for the bus as we traveled and left the church a donation of \$150 for bus maintenance. They also asked me to thank our congregation for the use of our fine vehicle. I drove it to the worksites daily and logged a total of 1034 miles on the trip.

Many of the homes on the Gulf Coast are still just as they were on the day after the hurricane... but are now deteriorating even further. Many businesses are the same with hotels looking abandoned and still containing their furniture. It will be years before the coast will again look as it did just over a year ago.

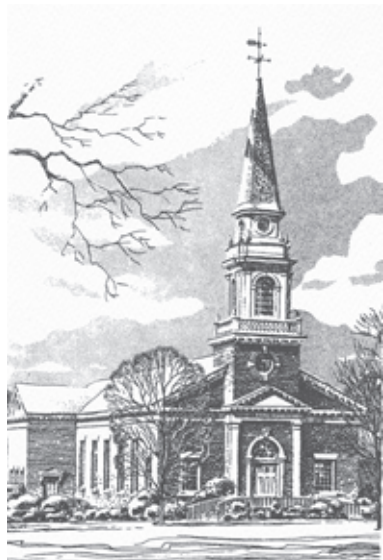
This truly was a moving experience for the group. Prayerfully consider giving some time to others in work in Jesus' name. The folks you work for will be blessed but the workers seem to bring home the greatest blessings as our lives touch theirs. •



"THE CHURCH FOLKS ARE HERE!"

That's what the United Methodist Women from the Memphis Conference heard from grateful homeowners as they arrived at worksites in Biloxi, Miss. UMW officials formed a Volunteers in Mission Team that traveled to Biloxi in October to scrape and paint hurricane-ravaged homes. Disaster coordinators estimate it will take years of volunteer work by dedicated Christians before residents of the Gulf Coast recover from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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ment that must take place," Bearden said.

Fred French, a retired Methodist minister, is a member of the Class of '57 being honored for reaching the 50-year alumni club this weekend.

"I went here," French said. "My four children went here. I've always appreciated the Christian values of this place, and if you want to see those continue, you want to see it grow," French said.

Out front, Angela Jacobs of Nashville (Class of '01) was

dodging raindrops and taking in the sights.

"Some of the happiest times of my life were here. I loved this place," said Jacobs, who now works at Vanderbilt Medical Center. "But I'd like to see them expand facilities, especially in the library. And there are some departments that could use a space of their own, rather than being scattered."

Timothy Jones, a senior history major from Stantonville, said "They've got a model in one of the dorms of how they would renovate the rooms, and they look

pretty good. We could use some upgrading in those areas, and in the area of available technology. They've done that in the business department, and it's great."

Sophomore Lindsay Sears transferred to Lambuth after a year at Purdue University in her hometown of West Lafayette, Ind. "I like the atmosphere at a smaller school, and Lambuth has filled that need," said the art student. "But it is pretty tight in our studio. We could use more room." •

Contact President Zuker or Steve Maloan at 1-800-LAMBUTH.