

Cokesbury United Methodist Church

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Mission Statement

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-

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Through Cokesbury Windows

March 28, 2016

Easter Bliss

What a wonderful repose I had today (Monday, March 28) after the season of Lent and the blessed day of Easter! Weeks of Community Lenten Services were held at Amity Presbyterian Church, at which pastors of neighboring churches took turns to preach and musical/drama offerings were made. So many of Cokesbury members attended those services faithfully and weren't we all blessed each Wednesday?

Particularly in the evening of Good Friday (March 25), we had such a wonderful Tenebrae service remembering Jesus' suffering and death. Choir's musical offerings, magnificent solos, reading of passages that described disciples' betrayal, Jesus' trial, agony, and crucifixion, great sound effects, and the gradual extinguishing of candles that led to the utter darkness, all contributed to our commemoration of God's great love toward the sinful humanity manifest in Jesus' atoning death. One of the visitors that night exclaimed after the service, "This is the most meaningful and beautiful service I have ever attended!"

On Saturday, March 26, we had the Easter Egg Hunt, and we had more than 40 kids from the community who came with their parents and who enjoyed crafts, Easter egg hunt, taking pictures with Mr. Big Bunny (Larry White!), and cookies/drinks. Thank you, coordinators and volunteers, who worked hard to make it happen. Special thanks go to people who blessed us during Easter Sunrise Service (March 27): Jenny Cox who preached to us; Nancy Cottingham who sang a solo; and United Methodist Men who prepared breakfast. The effect of the video showing the dawning of the day was fantastic! We were also very happy to have Room in the Inn friends with us that morning.

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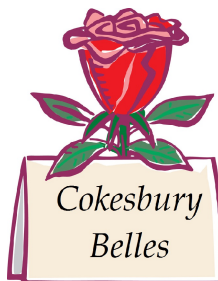
And, oh, during the Easter Service, we had such blessings as Melajah's praise dancing, the cross and the sanctuary decorated with flowers, choir's beautiful anthem, John's powerful solo pieces, JoAnne's skit as Mary Magdalene, the 2-minute video on Easter, individuals who shouted out for Call to Worship, and gifts for visitors put together by Marta which was funded by United Methodist Men... We recently put together a Worship Planning Team, who with me, will continue to find ways in which we can have our worship services fresh, more meaningful, more seamlessly flowing. And we need your encouragement and creative ideas!

Praise the Lord of Easter! Thank you, Lord, for your love for us! May our lives reflect your love and grace, so that we may bring others to you, too!

In-Yong



- Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gennie Watkins, Rebecca Dillard, and Tommy Rogers.**
- Dot Hailey gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Becky Black.**
- Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Rebecca Dillard.**
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Mathan & Jessica's anniversary** and in memory of **her parents.**
- Louise Ward gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Bonnie Springer's 80th birthday.**



By Margie Forrest

The Cokesbury Belles will gather on **Monday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Americana Restaurant in Matthews. We had our first couple of luncheons there. It is located at 1628 Matthews-Mint Hill Road, just a hop, skip, and jump from Independence Boulevard. All widows of Cokesbury are invited.



By Buddy Woodall

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 1**, when the award winning quartet, *Still Standing*, will be singing several songs during the worship service. They will be singing gospel songs in a unique a cappella harmony that you will enjoy. *Still Standing* is a quartet that has competed on the international stage.



By Sara Joines

We will have regular UMYF on all Wednesday nights in April from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

By Sara Joines

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, either by bringing candy or helping with the crafts and refreshments. Fun was had by all 40 children.

Vacation Bible School

By Sara Joines

Vacation Bible School will be **June 13-17 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.** We need lots of volunteers who can help decorate, crew leaders, a science leader, craft leader, and recreation leader. This is a wonderful opportunity to help with our children. To volunteer, please contact Sara Joines at sjoines@cokeburyumc.net or call the church office.



By Sara Joines

We are looking forward to a great weekend in the mountains with all of you **September 2-5**. Registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex. Be sure to get your registration in early. **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS May 1.**



Attic Sale

By Kay Dumas

UMW Attic Sale Saturday, April 9 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Bring Your Donated Items and Volunteer to Help!

Bring your donated items to the church between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

We remind you that this is a church-wide event and we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed:

**Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 8
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and
Saturday, April 9 from 6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
To volunteer, call Attic Sale Coordinator,
Nicky Moran at 704 365-5874.

On Saturday, April 9
SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!!!



Knitting & Crochet Group

By Sara Joines

If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! We meet on Mondays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.