

# Cokesbury United Methodist Church

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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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## **Entering Holy Week**

Today (April 9), we entered Holy Week, which is a week before Easter. It starts with Palm/Passion Sunday and continues through Saturday. During Holy Week, Christians remember Jesus' passion (suffering) – from his entrance into Jerusalem to his betrayal, arrest, trial, and to his crucifixion. Following is this morning's sermon, "Surely Not I, Lord?", I wanted to share with you Luci Shaw's poem "Judas, Peter".

### **Judas, Peter**

because we are all  
betrayers, taking  
silver and eating  
body and blood and asking  
(guilty) is it I and hearing  
him say yes  
it would be simple for us all  
to rush out  
and hang ourselves  
but if we find grace  
to cry and wait  
after the voice of morning  
has crowed in our ears  
clearly enough  
to break our hearts  
he will be there  
to ask us each again  
do you love me?

Cokesbury will celebrate Good Friday on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. (please note the time change) with our beautiful Tenebrae (darkening) service. One of the songs that our choir will sing that night is "Is It I, Lord?" composed by Douglas E. Wagner with Charlotte Lee's lyrics. I quote its lyrics here, because it

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extends the theme above, and because with this I want to invite our entire congregation to the service. Please note the change from the question, "Is it I, Lord?" into the admission, "It is I, Lord". Please come Friday night and join us in this meaningful journey toward Golgotha, and ultimately to Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

### Is It I, Lord?

Is it I, Lord, is it I?  
Is it I who could not wait and watch this night?  
No comfort I take, no excuse I dare now make,  
for I know that my heart has been untrue.  
It is I, Lord? Is it I, Lord?  
Is it I who will betray and then deny?  
I walk in despair with the weight of shame I bear,  
for O Lord, by my sins you're crucified.  
It is I, Lord, it is I.  
It is I who silent stand when foes deride.  
Your tears I did not dry,  
heard you not when you cried,  
in the garden as you prayed alone.  
It is I, Lord, it is I, it is I, Lord.

*In-Yong*



- Phil & Marta Cox gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in honor of the **Larry & Amedia White's anniversary**.
- Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the UMAR Fund in honor of the **UMAR Sunday School Class** and a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of **Larry & Amedia White's anniversary**.
- Theresa Hall gave a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of the **UMAR Teachers**.
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of Cinnemon's birthday.

## Annual Lenten Food Drive ro Crisis Assistance and Starfish

By Bill Coulter

Goal: 1,000 pounds  
6 week during Lent



### Easter Egg Hunt

By Sara Joines

**Saturday, April 15** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cokesbury will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come for an afternoon of hunting eggs and making crafts. There will also be a snack and a visit from a very special guest.



Dinner with Friends

By Etta Woodall

Come join us on **Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.** for Dinner with Friends. Cokesbury Kid's Club is at 6:30 p.m. Also, mark your calendars for May 17.



## Music at Cokesbury Presents: The Flowers Family Band Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Hot Dog Supper at 6:00 p.m.

By Kay Dumas

Come early and enjoy a delicious hot dog supper prepared by the UMM. Invite friends and family to join you.

## Prime Timers April 20 at 11:00 a.m.

By Kay Dumas

Our program will be the one we had planned for March. We will spend time reminiscing, sharing favorite Cokesbury memories, and enjoying our photo albums and scrapbooks. Join us and enjoy the food and fellowship. No reservations necessary and lunch is only \$6.

We will not be meeting the fourth Thursday in May, but have scheduled a meeting for June 1. This will be our last meeting before our summer break!

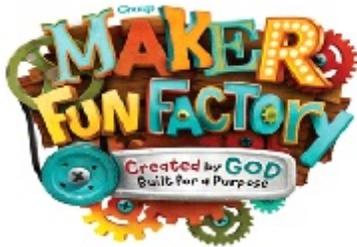
## UMM and Charlotte Rescue Mission

By Ed Bolster

The UMM are partnering again with the Charlotte Rescue Mission to help with Dove's Nest which is the women's part of the mission. We will be collecting ladies razors, regular size body wash, and regular size lotion. Your help will be greatly appreciated. There will be a bin located at the front of the church for your donations.



There will be a Bible Study on Revelation given by Pastor In-Yong for the Prime Timers and anyone else who is interested every Thursday in May at 11:00 a.m. No lunch will be served.



By Sara Joines

Maker Fun Factory VBS will be June 12-16. At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them – and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Science-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Fun shop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:00 p.m. Kids at Maker Fun Factory VBS will join a

mission’s effort to fund the digging of effective clean water wells for remote villages in Peru. Maker Fun Factory is for kids from 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day.

### Volunteers for VBS

To make the Maker Fun Factory happen, we will also need all sorts of volunteers to help in the kitchen, lead different stations such as Preschool, Bible Adventure and Missions, Closing Circle, games, KidVid Cinema, Craft Play, and Exploration Station. If you would like to volunteer, please let Sara Joines know at [sjoines@cokeburyumc.net](mailto:sjoines@cokeburyumc.net) or by calling the church office. There will also be a bulletin insert in a few weeks.



By Sara Joines

The UMYF will help bring up Attic Sale items from the basement at 2:00 p.m. on April 23. We will also have regular meetings on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.