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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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Cokesbury's Youth

Praise the Risen Lord! Cokesbury opened Easter Sunday with the outdoor Easter Sunrise Service, with Steve Carter's moving Easter message and leadership. There were so many people gathered we had the shortage of bulletins. What a pleasant problem! At the end of the service, Jenny Cox and Ethan Kim, two young adults who attended the early morning service, moved the cross from the outdoor worship space to the sanctuary, and the rest of us followed their lead.

The highlight for us in the 10:45 Easter Service was the baptisms of five people and the confirmation of one youth member. You must have noticed out of the six people, four of them were youth – Melajah Delgado, Josiah White, Nathania Allen, and Lola Cabaniss-Ali (the two adults who were baptized that morning were Larry & Amedia White). What a blessing for Cokesbury to have six new members on Easter!

As I mentioned during that service, the six people had three sessions of baptism/confirmation class prior to the ceremony. Also, preceding the service, five youth members had a trip to Lake Junaluska on Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11. It was part of the baptism/confirmation preparation, but we opened it up to all youth members. Together with Nathania and Lola, Sam Lake, Brandon Dinkler, and Leo Durant, Don & Bobbi Abele traveled with me. (Other youth members – Ott, Melajah, and Josiah – were on different trips that Spring Break week.)

Right before the parents and family members sent us off in the church parking lot, Ray Cabaniss prayed for our trip. We had lunch at Wendy's in Shelby on our way to LJ, and stayed overnight at a home owned by a clergy couple who are my friends. They were so generous that we needed to pay only the utility portions of the stay. As we settled down, we had a short devotion. And then the kids went outside the house and threw a ball. After walking briefly around the lake and taking pictures, we watched one of the movies we took with us. It was "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them", a 2016 movie concerning an extraordinary array of magical creatures and their protector, and we enjoyed it.

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After dinner, kindly prepared and served by Bobbi, we played games, and then watched another movie, the 1998 version of "The Parent Trap". With great movie techniques, Lindsay Lohan played a twin, separated between their father and mother, who serendipitously find each other at an all girls' camp. And they devise a plan to bring their parents back together. After amazing turns of events, the parents, who made the mistake of staying apart from each other and from one of the twins on each side, finally and dramatically choose not to repeat the mistake. Oh, what a wonderful movie!

The next morning, we started with the morning devotion by the Abeles, and had a delicious breakfast. After loading the cars, we went down to the lake and visited two museums – World Methodist Council Museum and SEJ (Southeastern Jurisdiction) Heritage Museum – and learned a lot of Methodist history. We had pictures taken in front of the portraits of the first two American Methodist bishops – Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury. Knowing that the two men's names are the source of our church's name (Coke + Asbury = Cokesbury), it was a very meaningful moment to us.

On our way back, we grabbed lunch at Wendy's in Waynesville. On both day's trips, we listened to our youth members' favorite songs in the car and moved our bodies when a lively song came up. The fellowship, the fun, the learning, the food, the entertainment, ... all were so good! I'm thankful to God and to the congregation for the growth of our younger generations at church: children's group, youth group, and young adults are all slowly but surely growing!

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- Jim & Carol Black and Mary Freeman gave gifts to the Budget Fund in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80th birthday.**
- Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes.**
- Floyd & Irma Fike and Louise Ward gave gifts to the Prime Timers in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80th birthday.**
- The Prime Timers and Louise Ward gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes.**
- Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Louise Harpootlian.**



*To the Benton family as they mourn the death of Gladys Grimes
who passed away April 20.*

UMW Health Kit Project

By Tammy Gilmore

Please join the United Methodist Women in their Mission Project for UMCOR Health Kits. Our goal is 40 kits to be delivered at Mission U in July. Items needed include: hand towels (15x25" to 17x27", no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels), washcloths, 6" or longer regular combs, 3 oz. or larger soap in original packaging, adult toothbrush (single, in original packaging), and metal nail file or nail clippers. Additional costs for this project are approximately \$100, if you wish to donate in that way. International Law is very strict on what it allows UMCOR to take into other countries, so please adhere to the above requirements.

Deadline for all items is June 11. There will be an assembling activity and short program scheduled in the future. There is a box in the back by the bulletin boards marked UMCOR for the items. Thank you for helping with this important project.

UMW Attic Sale

Saturday, April 29,

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

By Kay Dumas

Our Attic Sale is just a few days away and we need your help!

- 1) Pick up a flyer in the narthex, post it or share it with friends, neighbors, and Facebook friends;
- 2) Bring all of your donated treasures to the church this week;
- 3) Volunteer to help, Monday-Saturday;
- 4) On Saturday - shop, shop, shop!



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. in the International Room.



By Sara Joines

The UMYF will be going to the beach May 19-21. There will be UMYF meetings each Wednesday during the month of May at 6:00 p.m.



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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 5th 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 or by calling the church office. There will also be a bulletin insert in a few weeks.