



# 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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## **The Twelfth Man**

In this newsletter article, I decided to share with you a devotional I read some time ago and that has inspired me ever since. It is found in the November 16, 2016 entry of *Our Daily Bread* written by David McCasland. I hope it will inspire you, too.

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

“A large sign at the Texas A&M University football stadium says ‘HOME OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> MAN’. While each team is allowed eleven players on the field, the 12<sup>th</sup> Man is the presence of thousands of A&M students who remain standing during the entire game to cheer their team on. The tradition traces its roots to 1922 when the coach called a student from the stands to suit up and be ready to replace an injured player. Although he never entered the game, his willing presence on the sideline greatly encouraged the team.”

“Hebrews 11 describes heroes of the faith who faced great trials and remained loyal to God. Chapter 12 begins, ‘Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us’ (v.1).

“We are not alone on our journey of faith. The great saints and ordinary people who have been faithful to the Lord encourage us by their example and also by their presence in heaven. They are a spiritual 12<sup>th</sup> Man standing with us while we are still on the field. As we fix our eyes on Jesus, ‘the pioneer and perfecter of faith’ (12:2), we are spurred on by all those who followed him.”

Do you feel weary in your journey of faith? Are you not sure whether you are doing things all right? Do you sometimes feel lonely, that nobody cares about you? Remember there is a great cloud of witnesses who cheer you on in your heavenward journey. Remember, too, there are fellow sojourners who walk alongside you. You are not alone. I remember it and move on, another day, another week.

*In-Yong*



- Jim Atwater gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer and Nancy Angel**.
- Bill & Gwen Coulter gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes and Nancy Angel**.
- Phil & Marta Cox gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel and Chuck Hailey**.
- R.R. & B. C. Davis gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Tom & Nancy DeVries gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer and Nancy Angel**.
- Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Chuck Hailey and Nancy Angel**.
- Katy Hancock gave a gift to the Prime Timers in memory of **Chuck Hailey**.
- Tom & Mickey Helms gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes, Chuck Hailey, and Nancy Angel** and a gift to the Honorarium Fund in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**.
- The International Sunday School Class gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gladys Grimes and Chuck Hailey**.
- Jim & Janie Judy gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer**.
- Pat McKenzie gave a gift to the Prime Timers in memory of **Chuck Hailey** and to the Budget Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Catherine Neal gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- The Prime Timers gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer**.
- Mary Rast gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Norma Jean Spencer, Chuck Hailey, and Nancy Angel**.
- Dennis & Pat Riley gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Patricia Savino gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Gary & Anne Schenk gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.
- Judy Sims gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Kay Dumas' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday** and in memory of **Nancy Angel, Gladys Grimes, and Chuck Hailey**.
- Synergy Home Care of Charlotte and Lake Norman gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Nancy Angel**.



*To Dot Hailey and her family as they mourn the death of her son,  
Chuck, who passed away May 7.*

*To the family of Nancy Angel who passed away May 11.*



By Sara Joines

We had a great time at the beach this past weekend and want to thank Joan Hargett for letting us use her house.

Youth Sunday will be June 10 at 10:45 a.m. It is going to be a great service so I hope you will make plans to be here.

The Youth Mission trip will be July 16-22. If you would like to make a donation to our Mission trip, please contact Sara Joines or Ann Lake.

### United Methodist Men

By Ed Bolster

This is a reminder to all men and their friends that this Thursday will be our last meeting until we begin again in August. Hope to see a huge turnout for dinner and our program!



By Sara Joines

It's that time of year to fill out the forms for Family Camp at Camp Tekoa which is scheduled for September 1-4. Come and join us for a fun-filled weekend. The forms are located on the table in the narthex.

### Prime Timers June 1 and 11:00 a.m. Origin and History of Hymns By Kay Dumas

Join the Prime Timers for our last meeting before our summer break. Enjoy Jo sharing with us the history and origin of hymns and enjoy singing some of our favorites led by Jo and Pat.

Reminder : Bring the following items for

UMW Health Kits:

Hand towels 15x25

Wash cloths,

Comb, 6 inches

Soap, 3 oz.

Adult toothbrushes

Nail File or Clippers

Enjoy lunch (only \$6) and fellowship with friends. No reservation necessary.



By Sara Joines

Marker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School is **June 12-16 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

We would like to borrow some lamps, fans, and colorful household items that will be returned after VBS.

We also have a few leader positions to fill. If you can help, please see Sara Joines.

## **Books for Urban Promise**

By Etta Woodall

We look forward to being the east side site for Urban Promise in September. Children from kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the after school program from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The program is in need of books for these young children to read. Julia's Café and Bookstore as well as the public library have children's books for sale. Maybe there are some in your own library you would like to donate. We will be collecting these books through the summer.

## **Listening Session**

By Etta Woodall

There will be a listening session on **Sunday, June 25 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to this session where the police are the panelists.

Please mark your calendar for this session and join us, as we all are learning how better to listen to one another. Thank you!