



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'.

Gratitude for the Wedding

This is a short message from me giving thanks for the wedding ceremony of our younger son, Ju-Sung, and our new daughter, Mimi. It was held at Cokesbury on Sunday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Korean traditional bowing ceremony and reception. The two Asian cultures – Vietnamese and Korean – were mixed in the bride's and bridegroom's wedding outfits, the bowing ceremony, some of the decorations, of course wedding guests, and food which was Vietnamese vegan. My family and I are very thankful we could have it at Cokesbury and that it was so beautiful. The regret I have is that it was such a small one I couldn't invite all the Cokesbury family. However, you all have blessed it wholeheartedly. Thank you very much for your blessings!

In-Yong



– Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in honor of the **Prime Timers**.

– Judy Sims gave a gift to the Starfish Ministry in honor of **Marty Gregory and the Chancel Choir**.

Idlewild School ESL Volunteers

By Etta Woodall

The ESL program at Idlewild is in need of volunteers to work with the ESL students. The needs vary greatly. Some of the children come from refugee camps and have had no formal education, while others have been to school in their country. There are approximately 27 different countries represented in this classroom.

The volunteer does not need to know a foreign language as the goal is to help the child with English. Sometimes it is as simple as helping with ABC's, sight words, etc. You can read age appropriate books to the child so he/she can hear spoken English and look at pictures together and talk about the meaning of the picture. Last, but not least, is to establish a relationship with the child so they have a connection. Ms. Lockerman is very flexible and appreciative of her volunteers. Please contact Cynthia Lockerman at c.lockerman@cms.k12.nc.us or call her at Idlewild School at 980 343-6411.

What an amazing opportunity to be a blessing!

Sunday School

By Sara Joines

We still need a few more volunteers on Sunday mornings to be helpers in the Children's Sunday School class. If you would like to volunteer, please see me.



By Sara Joines

The UMYF meets every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. We only serve a snack, so please eat dinner before you come. A Parent Meeting will be September 20 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring the new youth health forms.

Prime Timers Date Changed

by Kay Dumas and JoAnne Gunter

Mark your calendar for our September Prime Timer meeting which has been changed to **Thursday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m.** The topic of the program will be "Healthy Lifestyle" and will be presented by Sheila Wright and JoAnne Gunter of the Faith Community Health Ministry.

If you plan to attend and have lunch, the cost is \$6. Please use the sign-up sheet that you will see posted in the narthex or call JoAnne Gunter if you will be attending. Her number is 980 785-6626 and leave a message.



Music at Cokesbury Thursday, September 21 7:00 p.m.

By Kay Dumas

If you have not been to one of these music events, this is one you will not want to miss! We welcome back Shelly Ruffin and Soul Revival (American and Gospel Music) to our Music at Cokesbury event on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Come at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a delicious hot dog supper – grilled all beef hot dogs with all the trimmings, prepared by our United Methodist Men.

Remember our objective is to reach out to our neighbors and invite them to Cokesbury. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you. Donations will be accepted (we'll pass the hat). Refreshments will be served.



By Tom DeVries

United Methodist Men's
16th Annual Fish Fry!
Saturday, September 23
4:00-7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Adults \$8
Ages 6-10 \$5
Children under 6 eat FREE
Tickets are available from any
Methodist Men's Member.

Listening Session

By Etta Woodall

You are invited to the Listening Session that will be held on **Thursday, September 28 at Idlewild Elementary School from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

CMS personnel will be on the panel and ethnic minority parents will be in the audience. Previous sessions have included the police, young adults, and the Nepalese. Creating a safe space in which all of us can share our ideas and experiences by listening to one another, and understanding one another better through it, are the purposes of these sessions.

Small Group Studies for the Fall Season

By Bobbi Abele

We'd love to have you share in our fellowship and spirit of learning more about God's love. You can choose from one of the following groups and sign-up at the church:

Sara Joines's group will be studying *What's Your Story?* By Sara Heath on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning October 3 at the church.

Don & Bobbi Abele's group will study *He Still Moves Stones* by Max Lucado on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning September 20, every other week for six weeks, and will meet in their home in Matthews.

Bill Coulter's group will study *He Still Moves Stones* by Max Lucado on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 26, every other week, at Bill's home in Mint Hill.

Nicky Moran's Book Club meets Saturday mornings in her home and will begin a new book in the fall.