



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'.

Beautiful Words

I'm learning every day. What am I learning these days? I'm learning how wonderful kind and positive words are. How do I learn it anew now? By hearing them from you. Yes, it is important to be truthful. What's as important is how to say truthful things in love. How can we be truthful without hurting others?

It is the all-too-important balance between justice and love, the two essential virtues for Christians. Oh, how easy it is for us to look for justice without love! Also, how easily do we overlook justice in the name of love? The more I seek to live out these Christian virtues, the more clearly I see how inadequate my efforts are. My attempts fall short.

What consoles me in the moments of the inadequacy, though, is that humility seems to guide me closer to God. The renewed realization of my utter need for God's grace seems to bring me closer to the understanding of what Micah 6:6-8 says: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Yes, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. That's what we learn all our lives. It is a lifelong process of learning. Lord, help us be able to say beautiful words of truth and love to one another!

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- Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of Richard Lowndes.
- Martha Simpson gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Merle Taylor and Elisabeth Djia.



To Nancy DeVries and her family as they mourn the death of her father, Russ Anys, who passed away November 4.



December 16

By Tom DeVries

On Saturday, December 16, we will be hosting the Bethlehem Center Birthday Party for Jesus for 25-30 children. Over the next few Sundays, we will be handing out envelopes for donations. You can simply write a check to the United Methodist Men and note for the Bethlehem Center Party and place it in the offering plate or send your check to the church office and we will make sure your gift is used on December 16.

This is a wonderful mission project that is a joy for Cokesbury and the children and staff from the Bethlehem Center. We will be making up the goodie bags for the children and giving a quality stuffed animal/toy so please continue to give generously.



By Worship Planning Team

On November 19, if possible, please wear the colors of Autumn to our worship service. On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will prayerfully reflect upon God's many blessings in our lives.

UMW Thanksgiving Bake Sale November 19

By Kay Dumas

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to bake your speciality for our Thanksgiving Bake Sale. Almost all our goodies have been sold – check the list. Thanks to you too, for buying our special treats for your Thanksgiving meal. If you volunteered to bake an item, please bring it to the church on Sunday morning, November 19. If you purchased an item, please pick it up AFTER church. (We need time to mark and price each item.)

Prime Timers Annual Coat Drive

By Kay Dumas

During the month of November, bring your new or gently worn coats to be given to Crisis Assistance for the needy and homeless in our community. Leave them in the box in the narthex.

Prime Timers Mark Your Calendars

By Kay Dumas

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. We will not have a November meeting/luncheon.



The Youth will be making Blessing Bottles for Room in the Inn guests for the month of December. These will be reusable drink bottles/insulated plastic cups stuffed with the items below. We will have a collection box in the narthex. We need enough items for 36 bottles and also the bottles that need to have a wide enough mouth to insert these items.

Items needed:

Warm thermal socks, packets of pain relievers, Chap-stick, travel size lotion, personal anti-bacterial wipes, lifesavers, cough drops, and soft foods like Nutra-grain type bars.

United Methodist Men

By Ed Bolster

Just a reminder that we will be meeting Thursday, November 16 this month at 6:00 p.m.