



Cokesbury United Methodist Church

6701 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28212 • 704 537-5818

Reverend Dr. In-Yong Lee, Pastor • ilee@wnccumc.net

• www.cokesburyumc.net

Our Mission

To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.

Our Vision

Change lives, ours and others'.

Vol. DXLIV 544

Through Cokesbury Windows

August 13, 2018

Heart of Peace

God uses different channels to communicate with us: in Scriptures, in sermons, in dreams, in visions, in a voice, through people, through circumstances, etc. I have experienced it through all of them. How precious. There is one other medium in particular that God has used to reach me personally: through books. It was through a book that God called me to be a Christian. It was through a book again that God called me to the ordained ministry. God still keeps telling me things in a gentle, loving way through books.

Recently, a series of books has enlightened me in a special way about God's will for our lives, for mine. I have three specific books in mind. I read The Arbinger Institute's *The Anatomy of Peace* with the Western North Carolina Conference's General Conference delegation; and then I read Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth* and Gregory A. Boyd's *The Myth of a Christian Nation* with Nicky's book reading club. Their subject matters are different, of course, but there is something that all of them tell me in common.

What is it? Not to view others as objects and obstacles, but to view them as people with hopes, needs, and fears as real as my own ("heart at war" vs. "heart at peace" in *The Anatomy of Peace*); to get out of the egoic madness in constant pursuit of self-enhancement and self-interest, but to seek peace through the discovery of our inner space, our core being (*A New Earth*); and not to live in the kingdom of the world/kingdom of the sword, but to live in the kingdom of God/kingdom of the cross (*The Myth of a Christian Nation*).

What am I talking about? What do I see in them in common again? Through them all, I perceive God's call on me to focus on God's presence and God's gentle, loving power and not to be distracted by challenges and temptations, big or small. I praise God for speaking to me. May God continue this communication of blessing to me and to you.

In-Yong



- Mary Freeman gave a gift to the Prime Timers in honor of **Dan & Kay Dumas.**
- The co-workers of Bryan Cox gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Rachel Cox.**



Thank you for all your kindness shown by cards, calls, food, and prayers. I am very grateful.

Faye Chewning

Celebrate Me Home October 14

We have mailed the Save the Date postcards and have gotten several returned with no forwarding address. Please look at the list below. If you have a current address for anyone listed, please contact the office at 704 537-5818 or email jgillis@cokeburyumc.net.

Roger Spittle, III
Kevin Boswell
Jakelyn Krizhanovskiy
Mr. & Mrs. B. Norman
Andrew Galek
Dot Gregory
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Faron
Stacie Case
Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Bass
Dawn Compton

Amy Bloszinsky
Amy Donley
Vanessa Burchfield
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kurtz
Ms. Melanie Graves
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Christy
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Weatherman
David Short
Mrs. Joan Christy

**Bridging the Gap - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Presents:
Independence Festival
Back to School bash with Free Giveaways and Fun Events
Useful Information from the City of Charlotte and CMPD
Walmart Parking Lot - 1830 Galleria Boulevard, Charlotte, 28270
Saturday, August 18
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Cokes Beary Cares

By Tammy Gilmore

Join us for "Cokes Beary Cares". We are collecting new teddy bears (10 inches or larger) until September 2. We are collecting for two reasons: 1) is to give our children a chance to choose their very own prayer bear; 2) to donate teddy bears to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Independence Division. The police will use the bears to comfort children when first responders are involved with their family members.

There is a collection basket in the Narthex. We will donate the teddy bears to the police on Sunday, September 9, at a Teddy Bear Breakfast/Brunch during Sunday School time which also is National Grandparents Day. Join us for a winning combination of cuddly bears, loving grandparents, breakfast treats, and our Cokesbury friends and family!



Camp Tekoa Family Camp

August 31 - September 3

For registration, contact Bruce Fowler at Church on Sundays or call 704 578-4466 or email brucemfowler@gmail.com.

*Do not miss this time of fellowship at
Camp Tekoa!*



School Supplies for Idlewild Students

By Etta Woodall

School is just weeks away and the stores are having sales now on school supplies. Please remember the students at

Idlewild School when you are out shopping and purchase some items for them. Thank you for your support of Idlewild School.



By Tom DeVries

Mark your calendars now for the United Methodist Men's 17th Annual Fish Fry!
Tickets will be available in August.

Saturday, September 15

4:00-7:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Adults - \$8, Ages 6-10 - \$5

Under 6 - Eat Free

Volunteer Opportunities for Urban Promise

By Bobbi Abele

- **After School Homework/Reading Buddy:** Homework/Reading buddies are partnered with one student (two students for Monday/Tuesday volunteers) to work with on homework completion and reading. We ask for volunteers to commit to coming in on a weekly basis for at least one semester of the year, though they're welcome to continue through the end of the school year. We will be holding a volunteer night for those interested in being a homework/reading buddy on **August 23 at 6 p.m.** This meeting is required for new and returning volunteers.
- **StreeLeader Mentor:** A StreeLeader mentor serves as a voice of encouragement, guidance, and friendship to our StreetLeaders. Mentors are required to hangout with their StreeLeader once a month and to attend Mentor Nights that take place every six weeks throughout the school year. We ask mentors to commit to one year, though they're welcome to continue with their StreetLeader throughout their high school career. Those interested should submit an application ASAP to Jimmy at jimmy@urbanpromisecharlotte.org. Applications can be found at <http://www.urbanpromisecharlotte.org/get-involved/mentorship/>.
- **StreetLeader Tutor:** This is an excellent opportunity for folks who are comfortable tutoring in high school level math, English, foreign languages, and sciences. Time commitment depends on demand for tutoring in the subject matter. Those interested in volunteering as a StreetLeader tutor can connect with Will at will@urbanpromisecharlotte.org.



Music at Cokesbury

By Kay Dumas

Southern Express

Thursday, August 16

7:00 p.m.

We welcome back Michael Benton and Southern Express to entertain us this month. If you have enjoyed their music before, you know you are in for a treat. If you have not had an opportunity to hear them, don't miss it. This is a great opportunity for us to invite our friends and neighbors to our church. Come early (6:00) and enjoy a delicious complete hot dog supper prepared by the UMM.

United Methodist Men

By Ed Bolster

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for August 23 for our first meeting after the summer break. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. followed by our program. Our guest speaker will be from the Billy Graham Library and promises to be a good one. Hope to see all the men there!

Donations for Homecoming

Please consider donating \$1 for each year of the church, thus \$60 for 60 years, in celebration of our homecoming on October 14. Donations will help with the meal, mailings, rental tents, tables, chairs, and decorations/flowers. Thank you very much!