



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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Looking at a Way Forward

I am very thankful to you for your sincere participation in “A Way Forward” conversation last Sunday, August 19. After the delicious meal that was prepared by loving hands of Mary Freeman and of Larry and Amedia White, we had an hour-long conversation.

We gathered great discussion materials from different sources and put together a hand-out for both the conversation on August 19 and on September 30. The reason that we put the two days’ materials together is so that everybody may understand the whole thing, whether they participate in only one of the two sessions or both. Even those of you who may not be able to take part on either date may look at it and understand things by picking up a hand-out from the Narthex. Please do so.

After viewing Tom Berlin’s sugar packet video, we discussed at each table where each of us was located in terms of our view of LGBTQ inclusion – Traditionalist Non-Compatibilists (this second word is a little confusing to me, but it is what Berlin uses), Traditionalist Compatibilists, Progressive Compatibilists, and Progressive Non-Compatibilists – and where we thought Cokesbury was located in that regard as a congregation. What was clear is that a congregation has already diverse opinions on this issue.

Reading and discussing two Bible passages – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 and John 17:20-23 – helped us see on what ground we need to look at this issue: our unity in Jesus Christ. The following is the collection of three words that each participant wrote on a sticky note as those that described their feelings at the moment. Look at the words with the frequency of each word’s occurrence in parentheses. I am showing them to you in the order of frequency.

Love/loving kindness (18)

United/unity/one (8)

Respect (6)

Jesus/Christ/Christlike/love of Christ (5)

Acceptance (5)

Openness (4)

Listening (3)

Forgiveness (2)

Prayerful(ly) (2)

Hope(ful) (2)

Hurt (1)

Pain (1)

Help people in need (1)

Trust (1)

Faith (1)

Understanding (1)

Justice (1)

Questioning (1)

Different (1)

Compatible (1)

Confusion (1)
Disorganization (1)
Disappointment (1)
Compromise (1)

Change (1)
Tolerance (1)
Actions (1)
Reflective (1)

I know the total is 73, not 72. It is because one person put 4 words instead of 3. You see the whole array of feelings, which is totally understandable. We are going through a significant change in the way we understand our faith, in the way we look at God and at one another, and in the way we live as a church.

When we meet next time on Sunday, September 30, we will all bring our own lunches and eat after the worship service, and will have another hour-long conversation. May God bless us, as we discern God's way in prayer and love!

In-Yong



– Tom & Nancy DeVries gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of Dan & Kay Dumas' anniversary.

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.

Amy Bloszinsky
Dawn Compton
Kevin Boswell
Vanessa Burchfield
Mr. & Mrs. B. Norman
Andrew Galek
Ms. Melanie Graves

Stacie Case
Mrs. Joan Christy
Amy Donley
Dot Gregory
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Faron
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Weatherman
David Short



Cokes Beary Cares Reminders

By Tammy Gilmore

On Sunday, September 2, during the Children's Moment, the children will be able to pick their very own Prayer Bear to take home. Parental help in selecting is welcome for the younger ones. The children will also be given a prayer booklet.

The following Sunday, September 9, starting at 9:30 a.m., will be the Cokesbury Cares Brunch. Come fellowship with us and celebrate National Grandparents Day. There will be fresh fruit, a yogurt bar, bagels and muffins, hot oatmeal bar, and juices. If you would like to donate items for Brunch, please contact Judy Sims at 704 846-3027. We also need a few volunteers to help set-up at 9:00 and ask that everyone help with clean-up.



By Tom DeVries

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

Saturday, September 15
4:00-7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Adults - \$8, Ages 6-10 - \$5
Under 6 - Eat Free

PRIME TIMERS DATE CHANGE

By Kay Dumas

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m.** Our September meeting is changed to the third Thursday!

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. Any amount will be appreciated. Thank you very much!

Home Building Team Needs Your Help

By Bobbi Abele

If you have any photos from 2009 through the present of special events or groups, please share them with us for our anniversary celebration. You may turn them in to the church office or send to Joan by email. We need them as soon as possible. Thank you!

After School Reading Teacher

By Bobbie Abele

After School Reading Teacher
is needed by Urban Promise at Cokesbury
Mondays & Tuesdays from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Sept. 10, 2018 - May 21, 2019

\$30 per hour

NC Teaching Certificate preferred
Bachelor's Degree in any field of study

Send resume, cover letter, or inquiries to

Jimmy McQuilkin at

jimmy@urbanpromisecharlotte.org

Safe Sanctuary Training Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults

By Tammy Gilmore

Cokesbury's Safe Sanctuary Training for those who work with children, youth, and the UMAR class, parents of children and youth, Trustees, Staff Parish members will be Sunday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to everyone attending and updating their training.



Items needed for the Starfish Ministry for next month are: pasta, pasta sauce, soup, rice, jelly, and bar soap.