



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 Window

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Young Adults for Charlotte

You would have been really proud of them, if you had seen our young people last Sunday evening. We had at least 30 people total during the presentation and discussion over pizza (7 young adults and 3 older adults from Cokesbury; 16 young adults, 1 older adult, and 3 younger kids from our Nepalese congregation).

Judy Sims, Sue Keene, and I coordinated the presentation using the booklet, *2018 Charlotte State of the City Report*, that had been created by For Charlotte – a network of churches in Charlotte that collaborate to work for the city. In 2014, Harvard University and UC Berkeley published their study, which reported that out of 50 largest cities in the US, Charlotte “ranked dead last, 50 out of 50 in America” in upward economic mobility.

Shocked by the report, For Charlotte examined ways in which the Church can contribute to the betterment of the city and shared their study results in the booklet. After our young people saw and heard the PowerPoint presentation, they unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to focus on Cokesbury’s existing ministry program for the homeless, the Room in the Inn, by strengthening it together, rather than creating a new project.

Our next step will be meeting again on Sunday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss specific ways in which they can take part in the Room in the Inn this winter. Another thing they will do that evening is to make plans for leading a worship service on the morning of Sunday, November 11 at Cokesbury. It will be a completely young-adult-led service, praising God for the opportunity to serve together.

Please pray for them, as they endeavor to pour their time and energy as young Christians to help the homeless in the city, and applaud them while working alongside them. Thank you!

In-Yong



-- Phil & Marta Cox gave a gift to the Maintenance Reserve Fund in memory of **Gus Deal** and **LeRoy Taylor**.

– Tom & Nancy DeVries gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gus Deal** and **LeRoy Taylor**.

– Dan & Kay Dumas gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in honor of **Dot Hailey** and **Mary Rast**.

– Mitchell & Judy Hagler gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Gus Deal**.

– The Prime Timers gave a gift to the UMCOR Fund in honor of **Dot Hailey** for serving as their leader for many years.

– Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **LeRoy Taylor**.



To Betsy Taylor and her family as they mourn the death of her husband, LeRoy Taylor, who passed away September 21.



Jane and I want to thank the Cokesbury Church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during my recent hospitalization and recovery after my accidental fall and severe injury on August 2. It has been a slow process, but I am improving everyday. It was very encouraging to hear from you and we really appreciate your concern. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers for complete recovery. Thank you so much.

Bill Swenty

Safe Sanctuary Training

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.

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!

Tree Concert

**September 30 at Providence UMC
by Metropolitan Music Ministries**

**Five Choirs will be participating
with organ and brass.**

Reception to follow.