



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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What A Two Weeks It Has Been!

In the last two weeks that I have been your pastor, I've had a great chance to get to know so many of you. You have a wonderful collection of people, great family of God's people.

I know as a congregation we face challenges due to the fact we're not as large of a congregation as we used to be, we don't do as many programs as we used to do, or maybe we just don't feel as energized about church as we once did. However, what I see here at Cokesbury is a wonderfully diverse mix of people who are good to the core, who are kind and generous, and who enjoy being at church together. Sure things are changing all around us – change has always been normal and change will surely come again – but it is not mere accident that we are all together. God has drawn us together and we've responded. Now the work is to hear God's spirit yet again.

Discernment has always been more challenging than doing a lot of active work, but now we're in a season where our most important work might be the work of surrendering our stances so that we can move where God wants us. That requires lots of prayer time, lots of calmness, lots of willingness NOT to accomplish things. For folks used to doing good work, our most important skill might be the ability to keep an open mind – and ability that is equal parts humility and curiosity.

I know God does not lead us into the wilderness of discernment to starve us. I know Jesus promises to be with us always. I know the Holy Spirit binds us together and rewards us with a presence of strength and comfort. I know we are in this together.

Grace,
Jonathan



– Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Fairy Moore**.

– Mrs. Frances Oliphant & Family gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Fairy Moore**.



**Mark your calendars now for the
United Methodist Men's
18th annual Fish Fry**

**Saturday, September 21
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

in the Fellowship Hall

**Donation of: Adults - \$8.00
Children Ages 6-10 - \$5.00
Children under 6 eat FREE**

Tickets will be available in August from any Methodist Men's member!