

# Life at Cokesbury

December 16 - December 22, 2019

## Calendar

- Administrative Board meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Everyone is invited, but only board members can vote.)
- Advent Series on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
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- Music at Cokesbury on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Room in the Inn is Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

## Joy of Giving

Urban Promise is having a Joy of Giving celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 18 and we would like to provide them with cookies, brownies, holiday snacks, and drinks. Also, you can volunteer to give assistance. A clipboard will be available in the narthex for signing up.

## Music at Cokesbury

The Queen City Ringers (a Hand Bell Choir) will be here on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served and a love offering will be taken. Come and enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season!

## AutoBell Car Wash Gift Cards

The UMYF will be selling AutoBell Car Wash Gift Cards for \$20. Half of the money will go to the UMYF account and will fund the programs throughout the year. For more information, see Ann Lake.

## GoFundMe

If you would like to contribute to the fund to help with expenses for the young boy from McClintok School who was killed, please visit this web-site.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/11year-old-tragically-killed-in-charlotte-nc>

## UMW News from Tammy Gilmore

Congratulations to Cokesbury United Methodist Women for achieving the requirements for becoming "A Mission Today Unit" once again. Your hard work and dedication to the women, youth, and children of the world is appreciated.

## From the Western North Carolina Conference

As we enter the season of Advent and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, we remember that Jesus began his life fleeing persecution as a refugee in Egypt. On September 26, the White House issued an Executive Order that may drastically reduce, if not entirely stop, the resettlement of refugees in our state. We are deeply concerned that this executive order will prolong family separation for refugee families, create chaos and confusion about where refugees can be resettled, and leave refugees, former refugees, and United States citizens without supportive services. The administration has also proposed a refugee admissions goal of 18,000 refugees for this year which stands in stark contrast to the historic average goal of 95,000 refugees here in the United States. Our Christian faith calls us to extend

hospitality and offer a chance for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. As United Methodists, we are called to “provide wherever possible pastoral care and crisis intervention to refugees”. This proposal is contrary to Scripture which calls us to “show hospitality to strangers”, particularly those in need. In response, we invite you to contact your Senators and Representatives to let them know that welcoming refugees is an important matter of love and justice.