



# Cokesbury United Methodist Church

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

Reverend Dr. In-Yong Lee, Pastor • [ilee@wnccumc.net](mailto:ilee@wnccumc.net)

• [www.cokesburyumc.net](http://www.cokesburyumc.net)

## **Our Mission**

*To be a transformed and transforming community in Christ.*

## **Our Vision**

Change lives, ours and others'.

Vol. DLXI 561

Through Cokesbury Windows

May 13, 2019

## **Our Shared Values**

Thank you, my Cokesbury family, for your positive and heartfelt participation in our gathering with Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne, our consultant, on Sunday, May 5. With sincere hearts, we shared with one another the values we will hold dear, as we continue our journey towards the possible merger with Central. Karen had the same kind of session the next day with Central's congregation, which was as good as ours, she reported afterwards.

The following is what Karen put together from both meetings. When she met the pastors on May 13, she said it was amazing to see how similar those values were from both congregations. I will quote the entire report below. Let us keep these values in our minds and hearts and constantly in front of us, as we prayerfully explore all the possibilities. Thank you!

### **Shared Values We Will Be Accountable To in the Possible Merger Journey**

As we all join the conversation about a possible merger between Central UMC and Cokesbury UMC, we will hold ourselves and one another accountable to these shared values:

- ★ Respect for all persons involved or affected
- ★ Active listening and a desire to learn
- ★ Open-mindedness and a spirit open to God's will and dream
- ★ Calm trust in God and one another
- ★ Courage combined with strength
- ★ Patience and flexibility
- ★ Kindness, sharing, and support of one another
- ★ Honesty and owning our own feelings while honoring others' feelings
- ★ Transparency and clear communication
- ★ Acceptance, inclusion, NO "parking lot meeting", love for all

We will remain focused on GOD'S VISION and OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

*In-Yong*



– Kenneth & Sharley Roberts gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Liz Craig.



We want to thank you for the lovely cards, calls, prayers, visits and delicious food during my recuperation. You have been so thoughtful and caring. We feel truly blessed to be part of this congregation.

*Carol & Jim Black*

### **Joint Worship Service**

Cokesbury and Central will have a joint worship service at Cokesbury on **Sunday, June 2 at 10:45 a.m.** Please bring a covered dish to share with others. As we eat lunch in the Fellowship Hall, Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne will lead the two congregations with a wonderful sharing time together. The program will end by 1:30 p.m. Let us show Cokesbury's best to our precious guests!

### **GO Team Meeting**

We are continuing our conversations about the possible merger with Central. Now with the consultant's help, we will explore all options. In order for us to have transparency, GO Team meetings will be open to any member of the congregation. Please note the following meeting date: **Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Please come and join us and take this opportunity to be involved. By the way, this does not take the place of the discussion sessions that will be scheduled in the near future.



**Music at Cokesbury**  
**Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**  
**Featuring Harold, the Golden Oldie**  
By Kay Dumas

We look forward to having you join us on May 16 . Come early 6:00-7:00 and bring a friend and enjoy a delicious hot dog supper prepared by the UMM. We will have the Overdue Bluegrass Band in June. Also, join us July 18, as we celebrate the third year anniversary of Music at Cokesbury with the Southern Express Band with whom we began.

**Prime Timers**  
**Thursday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m.**  
By Kay Dumas

Join the Prime Timers and enjoy a time of fellowship and a complimentary lunch. No reservation necessary. It is our last meeting before our summer break, but we will be planning some interesting summer events.