



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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Thank You, My Friends

Yesterday, which was Sunday, June 23, I was worshipping at the annual conference in lake Junaluska. There were five others from Cokesbury: Chris, Cokesbury's lay delegate, and his wife, Pam; Steve, Nicky, and Ethan, who are District-at-large members of the annual conference. We all sat together as a family.

Because it was a closing worship, it included the fixing of the appointments. First, Bishop Paul Leeland asked all the pastors to stand up, and we followed a litany with him. After pastors sat down, lay people were asked to stand, and they followed another litany with the bishop. At the end of it, the bishop said, "Now, I declare that the appointments are fixed".

Those final words caught me off guard. Now, it was official. Now, it was final. I had known that it was real all along. But hearing those words was different. Tears welled up and kept coming out. My beloved friends, you have been my family. Cokesbury has been my home. How unnatural it is in a way for a pastor to come and become part of the congregation for a while and to go away to call some other congregation her family!

However, I am not leaving you for good. I will stay as your friend, but not as your pastor. You will have a wonderful new pastor, Rev. Jonathan Coppedge-Henley. Love him and support him the way you have loved me and supported me for the last four years. Starting from July 1, he is your pastor. May God bless you even more than God has so far! May your lives be filled with joy and hope! Thank you so much for your love and support at Cokesbury. I am grateful to God for each and every one of you!

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– Lunce & Diane Bass, Bronwyn Poplin, and Bill & Marie Rogers gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Fairy Moore**.

– Bill & Gwen Coulter gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **Bert Proctor** and **Fairy Moore**.

– The International Class gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **Ray**

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– Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **George Harpootlian**.

Dear Camp Hope Friends,

We just started week two of our summer at Camp Hope and we are thrilled to have 65 Idlewild students joining us this summer, 15 returning StreetLeaders, 15 new StreetLeaders, and 3 interns!

I would like to take a moment to invite you to witness our StreetLeaders in action during our Coffee at Camp on July 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in Cokesbury's Fellowship Hall. You will get a chance to hear from our StreetLeaders first-hand about their experiences as leaders and tour our camp. If you would like to join us, please RSVP at erika@urbanpromisearchlotte.org.

I hope you can join us and see the beauty of our camp! If you can't make it but would like to come in for a tour on another day, please let me know and I will be happy to schedule one with you.

I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Faithfully,
Erika Reynoso

Mission Opportunities

Central UMC invites you to:

Summer Suppers

July 10, 17, 24, 31 – 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(No reservations needed)

Summer Literacy Program*

June 14-August 9 – 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Summer Camp*

July 22-26 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

VBS*

July 20 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Please call Susan if you can help:

704 536-9157 or

704 242-0914 (c)

Rescue Mission Needs

By Ed Bolster

We received a request for men's shaving cream from the Rescue Mission. There seems to be an urgent need for this item. The UMM and Men's Bible Class have decided to help. You can help by bringing shaving cream to the church or by writing a check to the UMM this Sunday.