

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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Greetings Cokesbury UMC!

I am really honored to be appointed to serve as your pastor. I have known about you for a long time. In the summer that I began my first appointment, my wife, Elizabeth, and I led the Scandinavian Caravan, an exchange ministry for United Methodist young adults in Scandinavia and Western North Carolina. One of the women in our group was Susan Heafner. Her deep spirituality and wisdom were impressive to me – spirituality and wisdom that was born at Cokesbury. In the weeks since I was told of my appointment, I have seen and heard that same depth of faith and discernment in the people I've spoken with. My introduction to CUMC has been a blessing.

I guess the best way to introduce myself to you is to tell you what I believe about ministry. To me, church ministry is about living out God's intention for creation and among the human family – on earth as it is in heaven. To me, God's intention is outlined in Matthew 5:3-11, the Beatitudes. That's where Jesus outlines some of his core beliefs about how his followers serve God – by being among the mourners, feeling closer to God when our spirits are broken, by being peacemakers. Instead of laying out a bunch of ideals that are unattainable, he acknowledges how broken the world is and offers God's blessing for those who strive to show the world God's way of living. For me, following Jesus by imitating him and seeking to live out what he taught is the best way to live this life – so I'll trust this life and whatever comes in the next to him. My prayer is that God's joy will show up in how we follow Jesus together.

I grew up in the mountains in Newland, NC, as a member of First Baptist Church. I graduated from Avery High, then went on to Lees-McRae College, where I paid my tuition through performing arts and leadership scholarships. When I graduated, I taught English at Avery Middle School (in my home county), where my principal happened to be a United Methodist pastor. That October, I joined Linville UMC, one of the six churches my principal pastored. The same day he offered me a permanent contract was the same day he handed me a catalogue for Duke Divinity School. With his encouragement, I enrolled at Duke the next fall. While I was there, I met Elizabeth Coppedge when we were among the students camping out for basketball tickets. We were married almost two years later and spent our first year of marriage in Alaska, with me working as campus minister at the University of Alaska and at Alaska Pacific University. We were both ordained in 1996 and later had the chance to serve as co-pastors at Etowah UMC then at First UMC Charlotte. Since then, I have worked to seed a congregation in Charlotte and Elizabeth is now senior pastor at Harrison UMC. We have two children, Owen (20) and Lora (14) and a smart but goofy Bernedoodle puppy named Homer.

We will have a great time getting to know one another. Together we will work to answer a lot of

questions about the future of Cokesbury. I feel that God's wisdom is at work in bringing you into my life, and hopefully in bringing me into yours. As we discern God's intentions, I believe that every story that has shaped us so far has prepared us for this time – you and I are here in this unique season as stewards of the faith that has been handed on to us.

Jonathan



– Carolyn Johnson gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Fairy Moore**.

– Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **her son's birthday**.

Dear Camp Hope Friends,

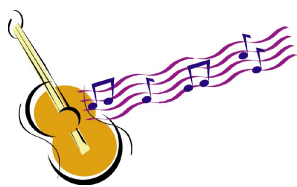
We just started week two of our summer at Camp Hope and we are thrilled to have 65 Idlewild students joining us this summer, 15 returning StreetLeaders, 15 new StreetLeaders, and 3 interns!

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@urbanpromisecharlotte.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



**Music at Cokesbury,
Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.
Hot Dog Supper at 6:00 p.m.**
By Kay Dumas

Three years ago Cokesbury began Music at Cokesbury on the third Thursday of each month, coordinated by Michael Benton and Kay Dumas, with support from the United Methodist Men and others. We have provided a variety of music, including Bluegrass, Country, Oldie Goldie, and highlighted in December by the wonderful Queen City Ringers. Our objective has been to provide entertainment for our members and to welcome our neighbors to our church. We celebrate our third year on July 18, by inviting back Southern Express. Join us Thursday the 18th at 6:00 p.m. for a hot dog supper, prepared by the UMM for only \$4. At 7:00 we will once again enjoy Southern Express. Donations will be accepted. Mark your calendar for August 15, when we will enjoy the music of Scarlett Lemonade, 60's and 70's music.

Prime Timers Sponsored Luncheon
By Kay Dumas

The Prime Timers invite you to be their guest at a luncheon on **Sunday, July 21**, as we welcome our new minister. You will enjoy a complimentary lunch of cool, refreshing picnic food, plus a variety of homemade desserts. Donations to the Minister's Discretionary Fund will be accepted.

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 ©



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

**Saturday, September 14
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!