



**Cokesbury**  
United Methodist Church

# The Cokesbury Connection

August 2015

## ***Pastor's Page***

**Don't miss worship on August 16!**

To celebrate our trek through Everest VBS our  
**children will be leading us in music** during worship.

We will also be  **blessing backpacks** for ALL who will be headed  
back to school: that includes children, youth, college students,  
and adults!

So even though your pack and the adventure you have ahead of  
you might not look like this...



you'll still want to include God in the beginning of your  
school adventure this year!

And stay after worship for lunch and an awesome  
water party.

*Pastor Megan*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Worship Committee will meet on  
Tuesday, August 4, at 6 pm.

Choir Rehearsals will resume at  
6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 5.

Saturday, August 8, The United  
Methodist Men will meet for  
breakfast in the FLC at 8:00 am.

Sunday, August 9 through  
Friday, August 14 is VBS with  
dinner beginning at 5:30 pm.

Monday, August 10 is the  
Twin Oaks/Agape Sing-a-Long. at  
3:30 pm. Come and sing along.  
All welcome.

Wednesday, August 12 the Yah  
Yahs will meet for lunch and a  
Movie Matinee at noon in the  
FLC. Their treat!

Our Food Pantry is Saturday,  
August 15, at 9:00 am.

The Blessing of the Backpacks  
will take place during worship on  
Sunday, August 16. After wor-  
ship we will have lunch and a VBS  
Water Party on the grounds.

Thursday, August 20 is the  
**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ITEMS.**

Wednesday, August 26 at  
9:30 am, is Newsletter Folders.

### **COKEBURY 2015 BUDGET**

Offering through  
July 26, 2015 (30th Sunday)

Received to date:  
\$161,447.78

Amount needed to meet  
2015 budget:  
\$215,010.00

Shortfall to meet the  
2015 budget:  
\$53,562.22

# August 2015

## Sunday Morning Schedule 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:30 pm AA Mtg.
					Ladies Retreat July-31-Aug 2	
2  Ladies Retreat	3 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/ALON	4 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	5 11:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Emmaus 6:30 pm Choir Practice resumes	6	7	8 8:00 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast in FLC 5:30 pm AA Mtg.
9	10 3:30 pm Sing-a-Long 7:00 pm AA/ALON	11	12 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Yah Yahs 6:30 pm Choir	13	14	15 9:00 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm AA Mtg.
Cokesbury Vacation Bible School—August 9 thru August 14. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, followed by classes.						
16 Blessing of the Back- packs during worship  VBS Water Party and Lunch after church	17 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/ALON	18	19 11:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Emmaus 6:30 pm Choir	20  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 7:30 pm Emmaus Gathering at St. Andrews UMC	22 5:30 pm AA Mtg.
23	24 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/ALON	25	26 9:30 am Newsletter Folders 11:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Emmaus 6:30 pm Choir	27	28	29 5:30 pm AA Mtg.
30	31					

### August Birthdays

2 Susan Alford	16 Ian Borrelli
2 Diane Connelly	17 Bonnie Every
3 Cindy Curtis	17 Carl Hoge
3 Margie Norris	17 Vicky Warner
4 John Carter, Jr.	18 Laurie Barfield
4 Joey Peters	18 Mark Myers
5 Sandra Filer	19 Darlene Jessup
6 Patty Alford	20 Randy Keller
6 Erin Holbrook	20 Liza Riddle
6 Chel Whaley	21 Rodney Pye
8 Jamie Miller	22 John Cawley
11 Ally Thompkins	24 Joan Hilbourn
12 Dianne Cashwell	26 Sasha Brant
12 Krista Stewart	26 Michael Curtis
13 Holland Keller	29 Barbara Trusley
15 Andrew Stewart	30 Ava Stokes
15 June Stovall	
15 Renee Weaver	

### August Anniversaries

6 Randy & Terri Keller
7 Harold & Anna Goodyear
11 Allen & Jessica Keller
17 Michael & Cindy Curtis
17 David & Heather Ham
18 Correy & Denise Borrelli
18 Mike & Edie Miller
18 Pat & Patsy Patterson
24 Rob & Jeannie Keller
31 Joe & Shirley Trainor

*If your birthday or anniversary  
does not appear or is not correct  
please let the church office know  
so that we can add you to our list.*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The United Methodist Women will resume meeting on **Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 pm** at the church. There will be the election of new UMW officers at this meeting. Their speaker will be Pastor Megan who will share about the Epworth Children's Home in Columbia.

Bette Renaud would like for the Ladies who are in the **UMW Reading Program** to please be ready to turn in your book list by category to her by August 10. If you have any questions call Bette at 821-6804. Bette and Ruth Ann both thank you so much for your participation in this endeavor to achieve the Five Star Mission Award.

### TWIN OAKS/AGAPE SING-A-LONG

Every **second Monday** of the month, at **3:30 pm**, a group of our Cokesbury members gather at Twin Oaks/Agape Retirement Home to lead a **Sing-a-Long** for the residents. This important monthly outreach ministry of Cokesbury would be delighted to add new voices to their group. No prior experience required. Call Mac Ham for more details.

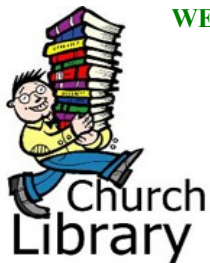
### EMMAUS NEWS

**The Emmaus Gathering this month will be at 7:30 pm. on Friday, August 21, at St. Andrews UMC.**



Our Shepherd's Crook Reunion Group meets at the church on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

Currently the Emmaus group is able to recycle used prescription eye-glasses, cancelled stamps with a 1/4" border around the edges and aluminum tabs from soft drink cans. They can no longer use greeting cards or prescription bottles.



### **WE'VE GOT SOME CHANGES GOING ON!!**

The Cokesbury Library now has three new Librarians: Yes, just like *The Music Man* we now have Marian the Librarian (Gentry) and her sidekick, Nancy the Cat Lady (Williams) plus Ms. Christine Smith, now in charge of maintaining our library. They are dusting, sorting and rearranging books to make things easier to find. Our Church Library is always available on Sundays and also Monday thru Thursday from 9 am-3 pm. The Library will now be self-service using the honor system. No more signing books out—just borrow them. Please remember to return your books in a timely manner so others can enjoy them also. Check out the library soon! There is always something new to read or DVDs to watch.

Our Home Bound Ministries are always pleased to serve holy communion to anyone who is home bound. If you are home bound or know someone who is and would like to receive Communion from Cokesbury UMC please contact the church office at 552-4061.



Sue Shipman is always looking for more volunteers to take home bound communion to those who need it. No experience is needed—just a willing heart and a desire to help the home bound feel like they are a part of Cokesbury.  
Our shut-ins always enjoy the chance to visit with their church family.



### *The Yah Yahs present a Movie Matinee!*

*On Wednesday, August 12, beginning at noon the Yah Yahs invite you to lunch (their treat) and a Movie Matinee (also their treat) complete with popcorn. Plan to stay a little longer and enjoy a good movie and a time of fellowship.*

### COKESBURY FOOD PANTRY

Our monthly **Food Pantry** is held every third Saturday at 9:00 am. If you are aware of anyone in the 29405 or 29418 zip code who needs food assistance please tell them about our monthly Food Pantry.



While the Hat lady can't be with us right now we welcome the new **"Hat Man"** who will be collecting money for the Food Pantry every fourth Sunday after worship.

Please don't forget that we furnish 50 to 60 bars of Bath soap to the Shalom Ministries at Cherokee Place UMC each month. Please help by donating. You may bring your soap to the office or give it to Marian Gentry any Sunday.



**THE COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST MEN INVITE YOU TO THEIR MONTHLY SATURDAY MEETING.**

**MEN, PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 8:00 AM, IN OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

**ALL UNITED METHODIST MEN ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF THIS FELLOWSHIP.**

**YOU MAY CALL DAVID MOORE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**



# Teachers' Supply Closet

## Top 10 Needs

- Pencils
- Copy Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Composition Notebooks
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pink Erasers
- Folders
- Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer
- Scissors

*Our  
Mission  
Project for  
August and  
September*

**Donate a Toy/Book** – encourage children you know to clean out their toy chest and book shelves. Toys that are new or slightly used make fantastic incentives for the teacher's treasure chests and every book a teacher receives enhances her classroom and the learning of a student. Teaching children how to give at an early age helps instill the value of giving throughout their lives.



**Beat the Heat  
this summer!  
Climb a Mountain  
with us at VBS !**

**Our theme for Vacation  
Bible School this summer will  
be Mount Everest. This  
summer our Vacation Bible  
School will be held**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9–  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.**

**Dinner begins at 5:30 pm.  
Mark your calendar for this big  
event.**

**Check our church website for  
how to register.  
[www.cokesburyumc.com](http://www.cokesburyumc.com)**

**This year Miriam Graham and Leigh Ann Sayer will  
teach a class for middle schoolers at VBS.**

Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) is a non-profit organization that provides free school supplies to teachers in the Tri-County area who work at schools where 88 percent of the students are on the free or reduced lunch program.

To supply the store, donations of school supplies, new and gently used office and art supplies, excess inventory, slightly damaged merchandise, and tradeshow products, are accepted, and everything is made available to teachers for use in the classroom.

**Clean Your Cupboards** – to keep the products in our store stocked we accept donations of new and gently used office, school and art supplies, excess inventory, new or slightly damaged merchandise and outdated and tradeshow products. Teachers are extremely creative and can make use of many items that wouldn't seem fitting for a classroom, such as: clipboards, mailing tubes, wooden sticks, file folders, three ring binders, etc.



## Prayer Flags

A **prayer flag** is a colorful rectangular cloth, often found strung along mountain ridges and peaks high in the **Himalayas**. They are used to bless the surrounding countryside.

Please pick up a blank prayer flag from the table in the narthex. Take it home, write a prayer, decorate, and pray over your flag. We want to hold the country of Nepal in prayer as they continue to recover from their devastating earthquakes. Bring the flag back and it will be used to decorate the church as we lead up to our Mt. Everest VBS in August.





## OUR CHOIR NEWS

The “rested and refreshed” Celebration Choir will resume their regular Wednesday practices on August 5 at 6:30 pm.

If you ever thought about joining the choir come to practice and see if this could be your ministry gift.

## COME BE PART OF OUR CHOIR FOR ONE SUNDAY

On Sunday September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day, the choir would like to invite everybody—children, youth and adults—to sing the anthem for the Offertory with us. We’ll be singing an old favorite, something that’s familiar to all of us. We’ll make it fun and easy for everyone who joins us.

Rehearsal is not required to be part of this special time, but we will meet for choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm and again on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 am.

We want to give everyone the experience of singing in the choir. Try it and you may want to experience it every Sunday.



**Check out the collage of pictures from the Middle Tyger and Santee Salkehatchie Summer Service Camps. Red framed pics are from Middle Tyger Camp attended by Kyle Stovall and Pastor Brad. Green framed pics are from the site worked by Pam Coleman, Sydney and Perry Gentry and Randy Fulmer. Blue framed are from site worked by Pastor Megan.**



Milton and Keys Hamilton welcomed a new baby brother, for Rease. Ellis Crawford Hamilton, joined their family on June 22. Congratulations to them!

Shelby Bishop was selected for Palmetto Girls State which is a huge honor. Only a few girls are selected from each local high school. Way to go Shelby!

*Congratulations!*

Palmetto Girls State is a one-week leadership and citizenship training program created to educate outstanding high school students about state and local government and citizenship.



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## ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

**Don't forget our Cokesbury website  
is always available to you 24/7.**

### **Newsletter Information**

The deadline for announcements and news items.  
for the August Newsletter is Thursday,  
July 23. Call 552-4061 or email Lyn at the office at  
[cokesburysecretary@comcast.net](mailto:cokesburysecretary@comcast.net)

Our newsletter is available each month, along with  
our weekly bulletins and other valuable Cokesbury  
information on our website [www.cokesburyumc.com](http://www.cokesburyumc.com)

We mail out our church newsletters monthly to those  
on our mailing list and offer extra copies in the  
narthex, but **if you would like to have your news-  
letter emailed to you instead of receiving it by  
regular mail or reading it on the website please  
notify the church office and give us your email  
address.**

**We want to be sure everyone who wants  
one has a copy of our newsletters.**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

*Please remember to drive safely and  
watch for all our children as they  
begin their new school year. Thanks.*



**The Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place  
during the worship service on Sunday, August 16.

### **Cokesbury Staff**

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