Pastor’s Page

Change the World weekend is May 18-19, 2013. Change the World involves United Methodist congregations around the world seeking to make a life-changing difference in the lives of people in their community and throughout the world. These efforts are part of the “Rethink Church” movement that demonstrates church is not simply a place to go, but a way of life. We will be starting a new four week sermon series that weekend, Change the World: Be. Go. Do. This will be a time for us as a congregation to dream big dreams about how Cokesbury United Methodist Church can be an agent of change.

We will kick off this series by offering a time of fellowship to those we serve once a month at our food pantry. On May 18 from 7-9am in the Family Life Center we will invite those who are waiting to receive food to join us for breakfast. I hope that you will come and be with the people of our community on that day. You can bring something to share but most of all we would love for you to share yourself that morning.

We are encouraged to participate in another great way to change the world. BEST SUMMER EVER. From June 9-August 18 we will be joining together to show our gratitude to all of the people in our lives who do so much for our community who could use a personal and encouraging word. Each family or person participating will receive a calendar with 77 days worth of people to who we can say thank you and a pack of note cards to use for that purpose. You will hear much more about this in the coming weeks.

You may be wondering if it is really possible for us to change the world. But as I was reminded recently, we are the church! Of course we can change the world! That is our purpose. We have been called by God to participate in God’s mission of transforming the world into the good creation that God intended it to be. And there is no failure in God!

Peace,

Pastor Megan
May 2013

Sunday Morning Schedule
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS MONTH

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2 Suzan Phillips
2 Cheyenne Taylor
3 Correy Borrelli
3 Seth Graham
3 Frankie Hamrick
3 Charles W. Short
6 Ainslee Flowers
8 Chris Fulmer
8 Melissa Myers
9 Joan Fried
9 Maggie Weaver
10 Charles Phillips
11 Patrick Allen Johnson
14 Dara Ham
15 Katie Bilsbach
15 Susie Mellott
16 Billy Conyers
16 Melinda Stewart
17 Jimmie Warren
19 Barry Mangum
19 Randy Wall
20 Wayne Bell
20 Edwin Mangum, Jr.
22 Tony Bunch
22 Keys Hamilton
22 Vicki Waller
23 Carla Austin
23 Annie Mae Bunch
24 Susan Bishop
24 Kyle Hamm
25 Krista Gentry
26 Lora Boyer
27 Peyton Diane Buck
28 Michael Waller
29 Bette Ackerman
29 Melissa Cook
29 Loring Hamm
29 Melissa Harrelson
30 Max Krasae
31 Christopher Ramirez

MAY ANNIVERSARIES
2 Butch & Laurie Barfield
13 Brad & Mandy Peterson
16 Rusty & Melody Keller
24 Tommy & Charlotte Myers
24 Donald & Angie Jacobs

If your birthday or your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please let the church office know so we can make the proper corrections.

Monday Morning Schedule
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MAY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The UMW will not hold their regular monthly meeting in May. Instead all the ladies of Cokesbury are invited to attend their ANNUAL MAY GARDEN PARTY, on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. This will be a catered meal at a cost of $15.00. Tickets are currently on sale until May 12th. See Janice Pye or Helen Ford to purchase your ticket.

Also, remember that all dedications for the Special Mother’s Day Bulletin must be to the church office by the Monday before Mother’s Day. Dedication forms are available in the narthex and in all adult classrooms.

In June, the UMW will sponsor a special Father’s Day Bulletin. The dedication forms for this bulletin will be available starting on Sunday, May 26.

TWIN OAKS SING-A-LONG

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

FOOD PANTRY

Our monthly Food Pantry is held every third Saturday of the month 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.

Every fourth Sunday of each month Romayne Eaddy, our host lady, will collect a special offering after worship service to replenish our monthly food pantry. Please remember those in need.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY IS HERE FOR YOU.

Come and enjoy your Cokesbury Library on Sunday mornings or during regular church office hours (Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.). The library is located in the Education Building across from the Women’s Restroom and next to the Pastor’s office. The library has a wonderful variety of Christian books and DVDs for your entire family, including sections devoted to Children, Youth, Fiction, Christian Living, Christian Growth, Reference, etc. There are several overdue books that need to be returned to the library. So others can enjoy them. Please check your shelves to see if you have any of our library books and RETURN or RENEW.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joan Hilbourn at the passing of her brother-in-law, Jack Hilbourn.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Henrietta Herrmann and her family at the passing of her sister, Miriam Allen.

Our deepest sympathy also is extended to James Thomas at the tragic death of his grand-niece, Becky Dewitt of Walterboro.

Thank You to the Cokesbury Family

Joyce Buck wants to thank all her family and friends at Cokesbury for all the cards and prayers that have been sent her way during the recent months. Each remembrance has been appreciated.

WE STILL NEED SOAP!

Thanks to all of you who have given soap to his on going ministry. Each month Cokesbury UMC furnishes 50 to 60 bars of soap to the community supported Shalom Ministries. You may also chose to give money toward the soap ministry. For more information on this important outreach ask Marian Gentry.

Notes from the Music Ministries.

Dear Congregation!

I’d like to express my gratitude for allowing me to organize two piano camps during the summer. Your fantastic buildings, facilities and instruments will be serving many piano students of the Greater Charleston Area. With the Charleston Music Teacher Association, we invite all piano students to our camps on the weekends of July 22nd - 26th and August 12th - 16th. Register via the website: https://eszterstudio.musicteachershelper.com

You’re invited to . . .

“Best of Cokesbury”--a fundraiser concert on Sunday, June 2nd! Join us for a Sunday afternoon of praise and great music performed by our own musically talented members: Angelina Wade, Victoria Hemphill, Caelan and Brianna Rasmussen, Yahki Jackson, Adam Reed, Kyle Stovall, Rudy Krohn, Joan Adler, Suzanne Flowers and many others. Bring your friends and family and many others and support the Music Ministry and the Children’s Choirs.

EMMAUS MONTHLY GATHERING

This month’s Emmaus Gathering will be held at Bethany UMC at Summerville at 6:30 pm. Please come to support our new Walk to Emmaus Pilgrims.

Our Emmaus Reunion Group, the Shepherd’s Crook, meets at the church each Tuesday at 1:00 pm

OUR NEW ROOF

Cokesbury now has a beautiful new roof and repaired gables on our Education Building thanks to all of you who have donated funds to help pay for this much needed repair. Some of the funding for the must needed roof came from our grounds and maintenance budget so we still need funds to help finish paying for the new roof. Please continue to give to this fund.

YAH YAH'S LUNCHEON

Come out to a Lasagna Lunch with the Yah Yachs on Wednesday, May 8, at noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dessert or tea to share. Enjoy the wonderful fellowship as well as the great food.

Out to LUNCH!
Vacation Bible School June 16-21st
Registration will begin this month!
Please contact Pam Coleman If you would like to be part of our VBS leader Team! colemanps@comcast.net

June 16-21 - Kingdom Rock VBS!!! Dinner will be served at 5:30 each night and the program will begin at 6pm. Ages 3-10. Pre-registration will begin in May. If you would like to volunteer please contact Pam Coleman

Monthly Mission for May

Carolina Youth Development Center is a non-profit organization assisting children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment and severe emotional disorders. The Mission of the Carolina Youth Development Center is to assist children in reaching their full potential as healthy and well-adjusted individuals by delivering prevention, assessment, intervention, treatment, and independent living services. CYDC has been caring for children since 1790, serving the Lowcountry and coastal South Carolina. runaway and homeless youth under 18 years of age called the Beacon, runaway and homeless youth under 18 years of age called the Beacon, runaway and homeless youth under 18 years of age called the Beacon. They also provide mentoring and other services for at risk youth through: The Beacon (a homeless shelter designed to serve runaway and homeless youth under the age of 18), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carolina Youth Development Center, Callen-Lacey Center for Children, Charleston Emergency Shelter, Freedom Schools®, Horizon House Clinical Day School, Ledford House, Linda and Tony Bakker Career Center.

In order to be able to provide the children in their care with the necessities of life and stimulating and educational things to do in their spare time, they need our help.

Wal-Mart gift cards
Deodorant
Mild / moisturizing bar soap
Feminine hygiene products
Paper cups
Plastic flatware (forks and spoons)
Swimsuits (male and female — toddler to youth, all sizes)
Beach towels
Sun block
Beach / pool supplies (goggles, sand buckets, swim ‘noodles,’ etc.)
Mild laundry detergent
Bleach
Sheet sets (twin)
Pillow cases
Pillows
Towels and washcloths
Shower curtains
Socks and underwear

Monthly Mission News: In March Cokesbury donated a total of 119 pounds of food to the Lowcountry food bank to be used for the Backpack Buddy program! Thank you for helping!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Cokesbury United Methodist Women will sponsor a Ham Dinner with all the “fixins” after church on Sunday, May 5. Your donations will be used to benefit various UMW mission projects. Don’t miss this meal!

Epworth Children’s Home Offering

PLEASE DON’T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR THE EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME ON THIS MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 12.

On Mother’s Day we buy flowers, call our mothers and maybe take them out for lunch. Most of the 75 children at Epworth’s Children’s Home will not be celebrating with their mothers. Instead they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Epworth receives less than 30% of its funding from the government. Faithful Methodists from the past and present have invested the remaining portion of the budget to provide comprehensive care for every child who calls Epworth home. As you consider what God is calling you to do to support our church’s ministry to children, remember Christ’s command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. You may also visit Epworth at their website at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26. Your gifts to this ministry support: Peace with Justice ministries in the conference, overseen by the conference Board of Church and Society and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society.

Cokesbury is currently saving the tabs from soft drink cans for the Ronald McDonald House. You may leave the tabs in the Missions Room in the back of the Education Building.

LADIES’ RETREAT 2013

July 26 - July 28
Camp St. Christopher,
Seabrook Island, SC
COST: $150
$50 Deposit Due May 5th
Full Balance Due June 16th

The Registration Forms for the 2013 Ladies’ Retreat are now available in the Narthex, Library, or classrooms. We always have a great time at our beach retreat and last year was our biggest yet! The dates for the retreat are the weekend of July 26-28 at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. The cost is $150, which includes your room, meals, and conference materials for the weekend. A deposit of $50 is due by May 5th to hold your spot.

LADIES’ RETREAT SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER

Sunday, May 19th (following worship)

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner immediately following our worship service on Sunday, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall to support our 5th Annual Ladies’ Retreat. We will also have salad and desserts and as a special treat, pizza will be provided for our children to enjoy. Donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support with this ministry!

HOME BOUND COMMUNION

Home Bound Ministries would be pleased to serve communion to anyone who is homebound. If you are home bound (or know someone who is) and would like to receive communion from Cokesbury please contact Sue Shipman at 552-7239.
On Sunday, May 19, the Charleston District will have a chance to meet our new Conference Bishop at the North Charleston United Methodist Church at 4:00 pm. All are invited to come and welcome Bishop Holston.

The sanctuary at Cokesbury will be open for personal prayer on Thursday, May 2 from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. We encourage all who are able to come and pray for the nation of America, for our own church and for our people.

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