

# The Cokesbury Connection

November 2012

## Upcoming Events & Activities

UMW Yard Sale, Saturday, November 3, 8:00 am-noon.

Make, Bake & Grow Auction Sunday, November 4 after worship.

> District Lay Leadership Training, 3:00-5:00 pm Sunday, November 4.

Remember ELECTION DAY is on Tuesday, November 6.

Sunday, November 11, PPRC after worship.

Sunday, November 11, Church Council, 5:00 pm

Monday, November 12, Yah Yahs meet at church at 9:30 am to go to N. Charleston Veterans Day Celebration

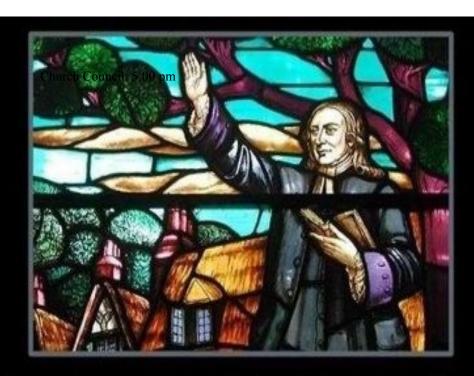
Sunday, November 18, All adult SS classes meet in multi-purpose room. Pastor Megan will speak.

Sunday, November 18, after worship service, church wide Thanksgiving Dinner in FLC

Monday, November 19, at 7:00 pm in sanctuary Church Charge Conference. All are invited.

Sunday, November 25 is United Methodist Students Day and we will receive a special offering.

## Pastor's Page



"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

- John Wesley, October 6, 1774

Pastor Megan

## November 2012

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	2	3 UMW Yard Sale 8:00 am - noon
4 Make, Bake & Grow Auction after worship. Lay Leadership Training.	5 3:30 pm Twin Oaks 7:00 pm AA & Al Alon 7:00 pm WSID	6 1:00 pm Emmaus 5:00 pm Camellia Gar	7 9:00 am Petal Pushers Gar. Club 6:30 pm Choir	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	9 AA Dinner (FLC) all day	10
11 Church Council 5 pm Duet Recital 3-7 pm	12 7:00 pm AA & Al Alon 7:00 pm WSID	13 1:00 pm Emmaus 7:00 pm UMW	14 6:30 pm Choir	15 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	16	17 9am Food Pantry Hagar Single Parent Awards (FLC)
18 Thanksgiving Dinner after worship. Distribute the Thanks- giving boxes.	19 7:00 pm Church Charge Conf. 7:00 pm AA & Al Alon 7:00 pm WSID	20 1:00 pm Emmaus	21 6:30 pm Choir	22 Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! church office closed	23	24
25 United Methodist Student Day special offering	26 7:00 pm AA & Al Alon 7:00 pm WSID	27 1:00 pm Emmaus	28 9:00 am Folders 6:30 pm Choir	29 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	39	

Good "Stuff" is coming up at Cokesbury in December:
Check out our church website and watch your calendar for activities during
the Advent Season and for our Christmas Services.

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Evan Brunson
- 1 Daryl Shorter
- 2 Shalyn Beasley
- 3 Libby Myers Heise
- 5 Sid Adler
- 5 Kitty Barfield
- 5 John Coleman
- 5 Janet Ivey
- 5 Molly Weaver
- 7 Larry Fulmer
- 7 Woody Ganis
- 7 Julius Tumbleston
- 9 Cecil Barwick
- 9 Samuel L. Bunch10 Francis Harter
- 11 Bradley Barwick
- 11 Dayle Marie Brooks
- 11 MacKenzie Fulmer
- 14 Debbie Buck

- 14 David Ham
- 15 Brady Lee Gentry
- 15 Zora Keile
- 17 Rebecca Moore
- 18 Ella Kate Keller
- 19 Laura Moore
- 19 Norma B. Norman
- 20 Gloria Bunch
- 20 Milton Hamilton
- 20 Jessica Jessup
- 21 Marlana Burns
- 22 Aaron Boyer
- 22 Shirley Galloway
- 23 Howie Perry
- 23 Lisa Quick
- 24 Christopher Miller
- 27 Lyn Bridges
- 29 Robbie Broyles
- 29 Chad Weaver
- 30 David Williams

#### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Keith & Julia Ivey
- 1 Stacey & Shelly Thompkins
- 6 Mark & Susie Bishop
- 7 Scott & Cindy Peek
- 7 Howie & Amy Perry
- 15 David & Dianna Flake
- 17 John & Pam Coleman
- 24 Joe & Kathy Jo Long24 Wattie & Christine Smith

If your name is not included in our birthday or anniversaries lists or if you know of names that should be deleted from the list please contact the office.



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

#### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

The UMW will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 20**, at **7:00 pm**. This will be their annual Pledge Service Meeting.

Cokesbury Ladies: Just a reminder to save the date of our annual UMW Christmas Party which will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 18, in the Family Life Center. This will be a catered meal and ornament exchange (bring ornament to exchange) with lots of fun for everyone. Keep watching your bulletin and newsletter for cost and times of the ticket sales. This will replace the regular meeting.



#### **EMMAUS MONTHLY GATHERING**

This month's Emmaus Gathering will be held at Pinopolis United Methodist Church in Pinopolis, on Friday, November16, at 7:30 pm.

#### 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 20418 zipcode who needs food assistance please tell them about our monthly Food Pantry.

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

#### **Our Church Library**



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. To see

a list of the books currently in the library, please visit our online catalog at <a href="http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Cokesbury">http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Cokesbury</a>.

The library now operates on a SELF-SERVE basis. Please check your books out (4 weeks for books and 2 weeks for DVDs) using the check out box by the window. When you return your items, please retrieve your card from the check out box and put the material back on the appropriate shelf. There will no longer be a 'Book Return' basket. We also currently have several books and movies that are OVER-DUE. Please remember to RETURN or RENEW your books or DVDs so others may also enjoy them. If you would like to donate gently used CHRISTIAN books or DVDs to the library, please drop them off in the 'Donation' basket in the library.

The library only accepts Christian material and can no longer accept cassette tapes or VHS tapes. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Cokesbury UMC, mark "library" in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate. All gifts are very much appreciated!

This month the YAH YAHS will meet on Monday, November 12, at the church and will leave at 9:30 am to go to Park Circle for the City of North Charleston Veteran's Day Celebration. The meal will be provided there. If you have any questions you may call Jimmie Gore or Peggy Peek. There will not be a luncheon at the church this month.



#### With Deepest Sympathy

Cokesbury extends our deepest sympathy to Joan Johnson and her family at the recent loss of her son, Roger.

#### Thank you

I want to thank all of my church family and friends for their cards and prayers. They all meant so much.

Joan Johnson

#### WE STILL NEED SOAP!

Thanks to all of you who have given soap to this 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.

Children's Choir - The Hosanna (2nd-6th grade) choir will sing on December 16, as their first service singing in front of the congregation! We are preparing Bart Millard's incredibly beautiful song: I Can Only Imagine, which is wonderfully fitting for the Advent Season! If you need a CD recording for practicing reasons, please, let me know (call 513-6443) and I will give you one. It is important that those who would like to participate learn the lyrics and the moves really well. Please make every effort to come to rehearsals.

Adult Choir – We are preparing for the Christmas season and our doors are still open for "seasonal singers". Please, give it a chance; come and sing with us! We would love to have you! Being a choir member is a big commitment and sometimes making it to rehearsals every week is difficult. If you like to sing, but can't be a permanent choir member, why don't you give it a try for only this Christmas season? We would very much appreciate your willingness to join as we prepare to sing our Christmas Cantata on December 23.

**Praise Music** – Rudy Krohn volunteered to join us on the drums! Thank you so much! If you're reading this and you're someone who plays the guitar or the keyboard - we want to hear from you, too!

Contact Eszter with your questions or your comments at <a href="mailto:eablonczy@hotmail.com">eablonczy@hotmail.com</a>, or call the church office or my cell phone: (843)513-6443. Thank you.

#### **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**.

### The DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER WILLBE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

You may call the office, email your announcements, news items or pictures to <a href="mailto:cokesburysecretary@comcast.net">cokesburysecretary@comcast.net</a> or drop them by the church office.

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





Cokesbury has been selected to host a Group Publishing VBS FunShop event May 4, 2013. This vacation bible school workshop will offer hands-on-training to representatives from multiple churches in our state, on everything from fundraising to recruiting and from decorating to cleanup.

Also... Mark your calendars! Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School will be held at Cokesbury the week of June 9th.

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THANK YOU!!! To everyone who helped out with the fall festival! Cokesbury is blessed to have such an awesome group of people who are willing to pitch in and help whenever and with whatever!



#### The Children's Department needs cereal boxes!

Now through April 2013 we will be collecting cereal boxes for our June 2012 VBS. These boxes will be painted and used to make a huge "stone" wall. You can open the ends and flatten them out to make storage easier. Drop them off in the old sanctuary or the mission room located across from the game room at the end of the education hallway. Thank you for your help!

#### The Cokesbury Monthly Mission for November is Lowcountry Orphan Relief

Lowcountry Orphan Relief, Inc. (LOR) is a non-profit organization that provides goods and services to children who have been abused or neglected. They work directly with other non-profits, schools, foster parents, and government agencies to identify the individual needs of these and other children in severe situations.

Want to make a donation to help LOR's children?

They collect VERY gently used: clothing, pajamas, coats, books, stuffed animals, and shoes- all sizes from preemie to adult (suitable for teens), especially khaki and navy pants and shorts and solid color polo-type shirts for school uniforms!

They would love new: socks, underwear, toiletries (can be travel sizes), school supplies and book bags.

All donations can be dropped off in the Mission box that is located outside of the Cokesbury sanctuary doors each Sunday or in the narthex during the week

#### Other mission related news:

For December please support the United Methodist Women's angel tree project. The Angel Tree will be in narthex on Sunday, December 2.

For the month of September, Cokesbury donated 107 lbs of food to the Backpack Buddies.



On Sunday, October 21th, our Youth Group walked 2.5 miles at Hampton Park at the Crop Walk for Hunger. We had 9 youth participate along with Stephanie Ferguson's Aunt Debbie. Our Pastor Megan Gray joined us for the walk. The goal was to raise \$250.00 and thanks to our wonderful church we were able to give \$545.00. We are truly blessed. Thanks to all.

In November the Cokesbury Youth will be volunteering at the Summerville Miracle League on Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 am. We will "buddy" for two games there.

Also, in November the Youth will put together and distribute Thanksgiving "turkey" boxes to the needy on Sunday, November 18 after our church dinner. We will need funds to furnish these boxes. Our goal is 30 boxes at \$30.00 each box.

Our Cokesbury Youth at Crop Walk at Hampton Park.



## Yes, it's almost here and it's big!

On Saturday,
November 3, the
Cokesbury UMW will
hold their annual Fall
Yard Sale. (from 8 am
till noon) Please
come and let all your
friends know about it.



All proceeds from the Yard Sale will go to missions and outreach ministries.



Our Cokesbury UMC Volleyball Team has almost finished their season, but would be delighted to have some cheerleaders show up for their games. All games will be played at Highland Park Baptist and the team This is the November schedule for our team.

Thu 11/1/12 7:00 pm Tue 11/6/12 8:00 pm Mon 11/12/12 8:00 pm Tue 11/18/12 7:00 pm

Did you know that some of our members have handmade shawls and blankets just for those who need them most? If you know of anyone who would like to be covered in prayer through our prayer shawl ministry please contact the church office. We hope that you will help us in ministering those who would be blessed by receiving a shawl.





#### STAY CONNECTED WITH COKESBURY!

If you would like to receive periodic emails containing prayer requests and general information of events at Cokesbury, ask to be added to the church email group. Send an email to <a href="Cokesbury.Family.Friends@gmail.com">Cokesbury.Family.Friends@gmail.com</a> or call the church office at 552-4061. If you are not on our mailing list to receive our monthly newsletters please call the office to receive a copy each month.

Also, if you are not on our birthday or anniversary list please call the church office so you can be added. To our lists.

Mark Sunday, November 18, on your calendar! We will be having our annual Cokesbury Family Thanksgiving Dinner immediately after our worship service on that day. The meats will be furnished by the church, but we ask you to bring either a side dish or a dessert to share—something that reflects a typical southern Thanksgiving Dinner. Please come & enjoy dinner with your Family at Cokesbury.

Suggested items for menus are located in adult classrooms, the narthex & on the bulletin board.

## It's a Cokesbury Tradition!

The B.A.S.I.C. Class will once again sponsor their annual Make, Bake and Grow Auction.





will be provided so come hungry.

The proceeds from this event will be used to help with special missions of our church and community.

This annual event was started years ago by a B.A.S.I.C class member, Jamey Holt. Although Jamey lost her life to cancer several years ago her memory lives on in this worthwhile event. Over the years our Make, Bake and Grow Auction has raised funds for Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, Salkehatchie, Costa Rica mission trips, our own Food Pantry and many children in our area schools.

Your donations of homemade baked goodies, plants and handmade crafts are what makes this event a big success. Contact Terri Keller or Vicki Keller to donate your items for the Make, Bake and Grow Auction this year.



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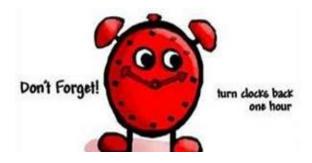
Our Website is back up and it has some new and exciting features on it. If you missed a Sunday Service you can go on line and hear the sermon. Our bulletins and newsletters are there and upcoming events are featured. Check it out and add it to your "favorites".

Our thanks to Trina Hemphill for all her hard work to make our website all it can be.



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#### Sunday, November 4th



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