

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: ALL members of the Church
Pastor: Joseph Kim
Director of Music Ministries:
Secretary: Linda Goedke
Treasurer: Diane Witcofski
Custodian: Phil Gough
Organist: Norma Brandenburg

LEADERS OF COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES

Church Council Chair: Harry Murphy
Lay Leader: Joan Stout
Finance Chair: John Monico
Mission & Ministry Chair:
Food Pantry: Lynda Huffman – Geanie Schmidt – Sheirnette Shaw – Kathleen Nolan
Membership Care: Yvonne Daniels – Min. Marva – Geanie Schmidt – David Shaw – Pat Uber
Membership: May Gordon
Children’s Ministries: Pastor David Toombs – Anthony Park
Youth: Pastor David Toombs – Anthony Park
Worship Leader: Pastor Larry Bergstrom
Interim Music Director: Esther Kim
Women’s Group (GALS): Wendie Carper
United Methodist Men: Samuel Peters
United Methodist Women: Paulet Royes-Neale
Intercessors: Pat Gilmour – Linda Goedke
Community Relations: May Gordon & Wayne Coffey
Greeters & Ushers: Chelsia Binns
Digital Photo Discovery: Tim Murphy
S.P.R.C. Chair: Chelsia Binns
Trustees Chair: Ron Huffman
Social Media: Tim Murphy
Finance Chair: John Monico
Financial Secretary: Sharon Updegraff
Vision Committee Chair: Joscelyn Richards

(Monday is Pastor Joseph’s day off, available for emergencies ONLY)
Bulletin Deadline – Thursday 3:00 pm

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COKESBURY MISSION STATEMENT

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COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH * NOVEMBER 2021 COURIER

Dear Cokesbury Church Family,

My family and I thank you so much for your love and faithfulness. We’re in this awesome ministry together! I want us to thank God for all the blessings he has given us! God is the Source of all blessings we enjoy! So, let us give all the honor and glory to Him! We’re moving into the season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

Thanksgiving: Psalm 107:1 says, **“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”**

I want you to join me looking back how God has faithfully led us to this day. In the midst of a pandemic, God has faithfully provided our needs and helped us to grow in numbers and spiritually. We’re called to give thanks to God in all circumstances in Christ Jesus, our Lord. I am aware of the suffering and hardships some of you have experienced due to the loss of your loved ones and sicknesses. Let us thank God who has comforted and sustained us during those difficult and stressful moments! I am also thankful that God has sent us many new members and happy to watch them settling in at Cokesbury. We’re truly becoming one body of Christ by His amazing grace!

Advent: Matthew 3:3, **“This is who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: ‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”**

Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. The term ‘advent’ is from the Latin translation of ‘coming.’ Many prophets in the Old Testaments prophesied of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 28 and ends on December 24. Every year, God gives four weeks to his people so that they can prepare their hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Messiah. Advent is also a season to anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ. Although Jesus was born in Bethlehem as a helpless baby, he will come as the King of kings and the Lord of lords when He returns. Are you ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year? Are you ready to meet Jesus who comes as King of kings and the Lord of lord? Are you preparing yourself to stand before God? (Read the three parables in Matthew 25).

Christmas: Luke 2:11, **“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”** Yea! What a joyful season we anticipate—Christmas! We’re going to decorate our sanctuary and church campus with the Bethlehem village, Christmas tree and lights. So, please help us decorate our church! We’re planning to have two services this year on Christmas Eve (5:00 pm contemporary and 7:00 pm traditional). We’re also going to baptize some youth members during these services. They are attending 15-week Confirmation Classes now. Once again, I love and thank all of you for being partners in ministry. We’re in this awesome ministry together—**“to shine the light of Jesus Christ in the local and global community for God’s glory.”**

Joseph Kim, I am grateful to be your pastor

NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Finance Committee – John Monico

According to Diane, our Church Treasurer, we are up to date on all our financial obligations. Thanks to you, our loving members, we will continue to reach our goals and vision for the church.

Food Pantry – Lynda Huffman - Geanie Schmidt – Sheirnette Shaw – Kathleen Nolan

The new “drive-through” program is going well with our trained volunteers the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. We have more and more new clients each give away day.

G.A.L.S. (God’s Angels, Loving Servants) – Wendie Carper

G.A.L.S. meet the first Saturday of every month at 9:30 am in Settle Hall for a light breakfast, meeting and program. **Saturday, November 6th**, we will be preparing fruit baskets for our church family shut-ins. The December 4th program will feature Mary Sanchez from Drew Parenting. This year for Christmas they are requesting gift cards such as Publix, Walmart, Target or fast food restaurants.

United Methodist Men – Samuel Peters

The men meet the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in Settle Hall for breakfast and a program. The next meeting will be **November 13th** and our guest speaker will be Robert Logan of Gideon’s International. All men are welcome.

United Methodist Women -Paulet Royes-Neale – Meet the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am in Settle Hall

Trustees Committee – Ron Huffman

Purchase of the Village UMC 2017 Ford church bus is final. The FPL LED parking lot light project will begin the first week in November. Tile in Room 1 will be replaced in the very near future. We passed our 40 year structural and electrical building inspection. The physical appearance the campus is in good shape thanks to our resident volunteers.

Visioning Committee – Joscelyn Richards

Task Force Teams (TFT) Update

- Conveners have been named for each TFT
- 1. Youth & Children Engagement – Convener – Pastor Joseph Kim
- 2. Community Outreach & E-Ministry – Leader – Ron Huffman
- 3. General Membership Care & Development – Convener – Kathleen Nolan
- 4. Worship – Convener – Min. Marva Franklin
- 5. Christian Education – Convener – Samuel Peters
- 6. Financial Adequacy – Ron Huffman

Thus far TFTs 1 and 2 have met and are working on their goals and objectives. Pastor Kim presented all 5-CDs by Pastor Bill Hybels via zoom meetings to further sensitize members of the vision process and the commitment required by the Church to achieve our 5-Year Vision. Pastor Kim also disseminated the “Achieve Your Dreams – Remember Your ABC’s nuggets. We anticipate with God’s guidance all 6 TFTs will be working on their goals and objectives deliberate drive and enthusiasm. After all TFTs have met and embarked on their goals and objectives, a Vision Casting Congregational meeting will be held where the 6 TFT Leaders will provide updates.

Youth Ministry

We are thankful for Anthony Park and all the volunteers who help with our children and youth on Sundays from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in Settle Hall. We are averaging 12-17 per week. We are pleased that eight are also participating in a 15-week Confirmation Class to be baptized during our Christmas services! In 2022, we plan to begin Youth Praise Band and Debate Team!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Welcome New Member - Joseph Melvin Merica

Directories available in the narthex or by email; call the church office.

MONTHLY VITAL SIGNS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE FOR CUMC IS \$5,055.31

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TITHES & OFFERINGS</u>	<u>ONLINE VIEWING</u>
09/05	96	\$5,940.00	122
09/12	89	\$4,183.00	79
09/19	95	\$3,191.00	73
09/26	106	\$3,501.00	79

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TITHES & OFFERINGS</u>	<u>ONLINE VIEWING</u>
10/03	100	\$6,193.00	70
10/10	98	\$4,315.00	57
10/17	108	\$4,681.00	70
10/24	93	\$3,812.00	74

INTERCESSORS meet every Wednesday at 4:30 pm via Conference Call. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request card found in the Narthex, send an email to cokesbury@bellsouth.net or call the church office at 954-972-3424. It is our privilege to take you and your loved ones to the Lord in prayer.

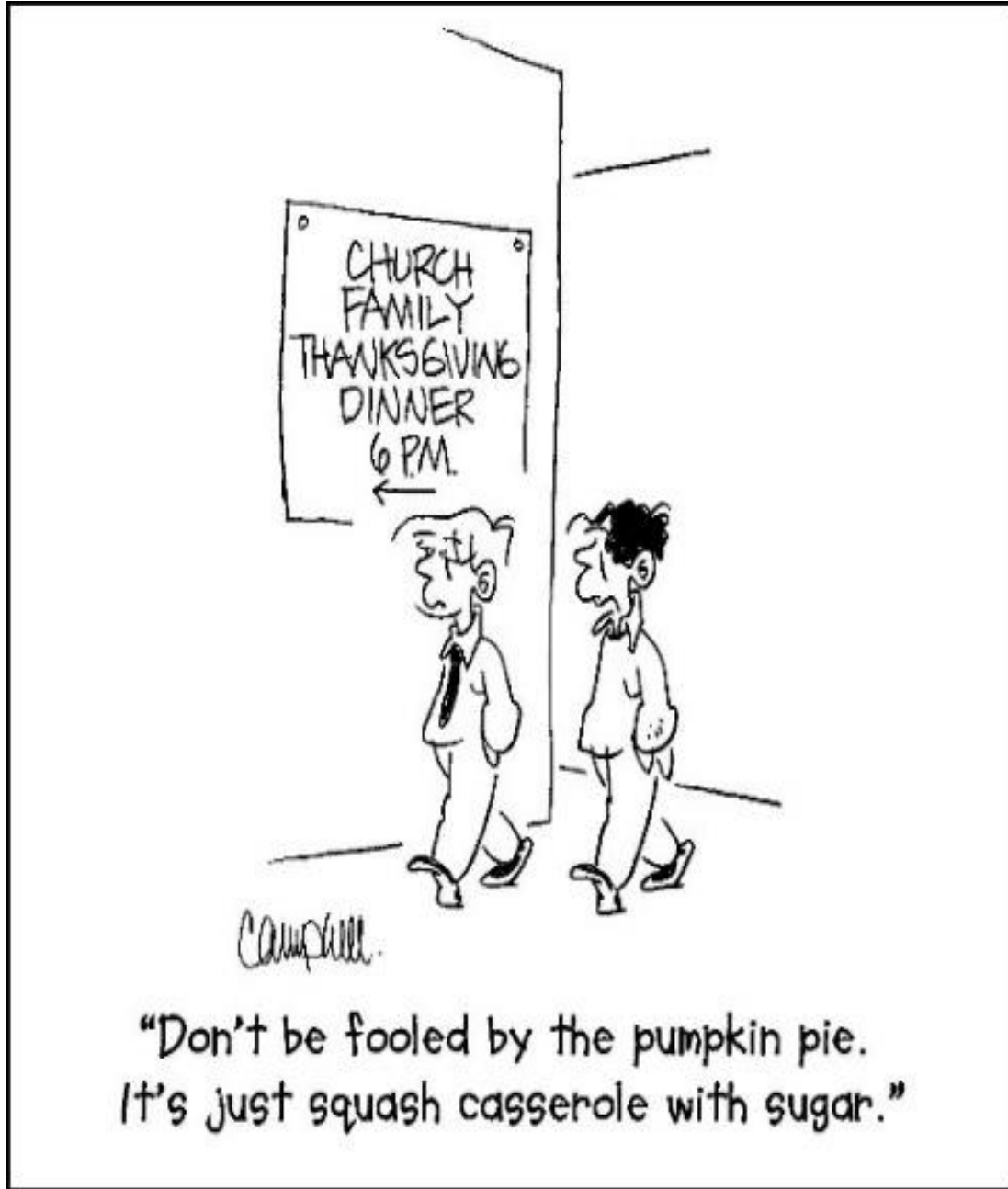
LEGACY BRICKS

Honor or memorialize your family, friends, or special occasion by purchasing a legacy brick for the Memory Garden north of the sanctuary.

4x8 brick - \$60 - 8x8 brick - \$90 - Replica tile - \$10

Order Forms are in the Narthex

M.I.C.A.H. First Responder Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared and delivered by Cokesbury to a Margate and Coconut Creek Fire Department Tuesday November 16th. If you would like to donate to help to defray costs it will be appreciated.



A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the Book of Luke in the Bible each evening. **There are 24 chapters.** On Christmas Eve, you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing **WHO** and **WHY** we celebrate!

ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVANCE – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 7th

M.I.C.A.H. FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION BASKETS
Delivery November 16th

Coconut Creek and Margate Fire Departments

MULTI-CULTURAL THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
November 21st

Sanctuary decorated with harvest fruits and vegetables for sale after service to support a ministry.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, November 25th

Settle Hall – Sign-up sheet in narthex

ADVENT SUNDAY
November 28th

DECORATE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS
Thursday and Friday - December 2nd and 3rd
10:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Friday, December 24th
5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES
Friday December 31st
7:00 pm followed by food and fellowship
11:00 pm

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Other Groups sharing the Campus:

Mondays/Tuesdays Quilters – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Lowe Chapel
Monday – Friday Victory Living – 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday-Saturday Spanish AA – 8:00 – 9:30 pm – Room 4
Tuesdays & Saturdays Seventh Day Baptists T 8:00 – 9:00 pm – S 10:00 am-4:00 pm - Sanctuary
Tuesdays (except Summer) Cub Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Wednesdays and Fridays AA – 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Lowe Chapel
Thursdays Spanish AI-Anon – 7:00 – 9:30 pm – Lowe Chapel

Always check with our Church Secretary about room availability before you schedule usage as there are one-off meetings NOT listed; thank you.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2021

01 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 AM – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall

02 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
2:00 pm – Susanna Wesley Bible Study with DVD in Settle Hall

03 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – ZOOM and Lowe Chapel
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Conference Call
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – ZOOM

04 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall
6:30 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary

05 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
12:00 pm – Noon Prayer w/Holy Communion – ZOOM

06 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
9:30 am – G.A.L.S. God's Angels Loving Servants – Settle Hall

07 **9:00 & 11:00 am Worship - All Saints Day Observance - Daylight Savings Time Ends**
10:15 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
1:00 pm – Adult Sunday School – Settle Hall
3:00 pm – Charge Conference – Lowe Chapel
4:00 pm – Children & Youth Night

08 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall

09 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
Food Pantry Setup – Settle Hall
6:30 pm – Finance-Trustee Joint Meeting - ZOOM

10 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – ZOOM and Lowe Chapel
4:00 pm – Food Pantry Drive-Through
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Conference Call
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – ZOOM

11 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall
6:30 pm – Praise Band Practice

12 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**

13 **12:00 pm – Noon Prayer w/Holy Communion – ZOOM**
7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call
9:00 AM – UM Men's Group – Settle Hall

14 **9:00 & 11:00 am Worship**
10:15 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
1:00 pm – Adult Sunday School – Settle Hall
4:00 pm – Children & Youth Night

15 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall

16 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
12:00 pm – MICAHA First Responder Baskets Delivery
6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting - ZOOM

17 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – ZOOM and Lowe Chapel
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Conference Call
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – ZOOM

18 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise Class – Settle Hall
6:30 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary

19 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
12:00 pm – Noon Prayer w/Holy Communion - ZOOM

20 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – United Methodist Women – Settle Hall

21 **9:00 & 11:00 am Worship - Multi-cultural Thanksgiving Sunday**
10:15 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
1:00 pm – Adult Sunday School – Settle Hall
4:00 pm – Children & Youth Night

22 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise Class – Settle Hall

23 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
Food Pantry Setup – Settle Hall

24 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
4:00 pm – Food Pantry Drive-thru

25 **THANKSGIVING DAY**

28 **9:00 & 11:00 am Worship * First Sunday of Advent**
10:15 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
1:00 pm – Adult Sunday School – Settle Hall
4:00 pm – Children & Youth Night

29 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2021

03 **7:30 am – Morning Prayer Service – Conference Call**
10:00 am – Ladies Exercise – Settle Hall
10:00 am – Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas