

## CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers:** ALL members of the Church  
**Pastor:** Joseph Kim  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Joe Kohler  
**Secretary:** Linda Sue Goedke  
**Treasurer:** Diane Witcofski  
**Groundskeeper:** Phil Gough  
**Nursery Staff:** Krystyna SainzDeLaTorre

## LEADERS OF MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

Chairperson Church Council: Chelsia Binns  
Lay Leader: Joan Stout  
Mission & Ministry Chair: Harry Murphy  
Send/Outreach: Geanie Schmidt & Lynda Huffman  
Membership: Marie Madarasz & Cindy Gough  
Children's Ministries: Joan Martin  
Youth & VBS: Pat Uber  
Worship Leader: Pat Uber  
Women's Group (GALS): Wendie Carper  
UMM : Rich Updegraff  
Intercessors: Betty Sparks  
Evangelism/Welcomes/Witness: Pat Uber  
Receptions Coordinator: Barbara Gainsford  
God's Creature Keepers: Norma Carol  
Digital Photo Discovery: Tim Murphy  
S.P.R.C. Chair: Joan Carlson  
Trustees Chair: Ron Huffman  
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Finance Chair: Patsy Watkins  
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## COKESBURY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation  
of the World

*Our Vision:*  
God has called us  
...to Welcome all people: loving &  
praying for the community;  
...to Nurture & introduce people of  
all ages to Jesus through  
meaningful & positive  
experiences;  
...to Equip believers for ministry;  
...to Serve in the community & the  
larger world through the church.



## COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COURIER \* DECEMBER 2018



### *Joy to the World*

**“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord’ (Luke 2:10-11, NIV).**

We had just celebrated “Thanksgiving Day” this year. I once again thank all of you who have faithfully served our beloved church and community with all your hearts. Although Thanksgiving Day is passed, we are called to be thankful in throughout the year. We have now begun a “Season of Advent.” In today’s world, we can see Christmas trees and hear Christmas carols already. Many stores and T.V. have started to advertise their Christmas products. So I can’t blame you to celebrate Christmas so hastily. But I’d like to encourage you to enjoy the season of Advent because God has given us these four weeks before Christmas so that we can prepare our heart for the coming of our Savior.

Each Sunday during Advent, we will have special candle-lighting ceremony during Saturday Converge and Sunday Worship Services. Our choir is planning to participate in Christmas Choir Festival at Korean United Methodist Church on December 9. We are still looking for more people who can sing with us during the Winter Fest on December 14. We invite you to come to our children’s peasant on December 15. Our choir is preparing to perform “Christmas Cantata” on Sunday Morning, December 16. We are also offering “Christmas Candlelight Service” on December 24. On December 30, we are having one service followed by Pot Luck Sweet Sunday. Please invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate “Christmas” with us. On December 31, we are going to have “New Year’s Eve” Service at 7 p.m.

Wow! Why do we do all these? As you know, we celebrate Christmas because God has given us Jesus Christ to bring peace on earth and glory to God in heaven. So I invite all of you to join me to celebrate this year’s Christmas! Jesus Christ is the reason why we celebrate this season. Merry Christmas!

***Joy to the World, the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing ~ ~ ~***

I am so blessed to be your pastor -Joseph Kim

# CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Other Groups sharing the Campus:

**Monday – Friday - Victory Living** – 7:00 am – 4:00 pm – Rooms 2, 3, 4, 6  
**Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays – Spanish Alcoholics Anonymous** – 8:00 – 9:30 pm – Room 4  
**Tuesdays (except summer months) – Cub Scouts** – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Settle Hall  
**Wednesdays and Fridays – Anglo Alcoholics Anonymous** – 7:00 – 8:00 pm – Don Lowe Chapel  
**Thursdays – Spanish Al-Anon** – 7:00 – 9:30 pm – Don 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.**

01 1:00 pm - GALS Christmas Tea – Settle Hall  
**02 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**  
9:45 am – Choir Practice – Room 7  
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel  
**03 6:30 am – Trustees Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**  
05 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library  
**10:00 am – Decorate the Sanctuary**  
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library  
06 **10:00 am – Decorate the Sanctuary**  
3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall  
**6:00 pm – Mission & Ministry and Evangelism – Settle Hall**  
**7:00 pm – Digital Photo Discovery – Settle Hall – Bay 3**  
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary  
**07 6:00 pm – BBQ Dinner Fundraiser – Settle Hall**  
08 **9:00 am – (UMM) United Methodist Men’s Game Event (ONLY) – Settle Hall**  
**11:00 am – Cantata Rehearsal**  
11:00 am – Children’s Pageant Rehearsal – Lowe Chapel  
**12:00 pm – Advent Workshop – Settle Hall**  
**5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**  
**09 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**  
9:45 am – Choir Practice – Room 7  
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel  
3:00 pm – God’s Creature Keepers – Office Reception Area  
**4:00 pm – Advent Workshop (Cancelled – Rescheduled December 8)**  
7:00 pm – Korean Christmas Praise Concert – Korean UMC, Tamarac  
10 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1  
6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Bowman Library  
12 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library  
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library  
13 3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Lowe Chapel  
4:30 pm – Children’s Christmas Pageant Practice – Lowe Chapel  
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary

14 **6:00 pm – M.I.C.A.H. Winterfest – Margate Blvd. & 441**  
15 **11:00 am – Cantata Rehearsal**  
**5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**  
**6:30 pm – Children’s Christmas Pageant – Sanctuary**

**16 10:30 am – One Service - “Hope Arriving” Cantata (10:20 Hymn Sing)**  
17 1:00 pm – Lunch Bunch – Settle Hall  
19 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library  
3:30 pm – M.I.C.A.H. Meeting – Lowe Chapel  
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library  
20 3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Lowe Chapel  
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary  
22 **5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**  
**23 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**  
9:45 am – Choir Practice – Room 7  
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel  
24 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1  
**7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**25 CHRISTMAS DAY – Church Office CLOSED**  
26 10:00 am – **NO** Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library  
4:30 pm – **NO** Intercessors – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm – **NO** Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library  
27 3:00 pm – **NO** Thumbs Up  
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary  
29 **5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**  
**30 10:30 am – One Service - (10:20 Hymn Sing) – Potluck Lunch**  
31 7:00 pm – Watch Night Service with light refreshments

# CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2019

**01 NEW YEAR’S DAY – Church Office CLOSED**  
02 10:00 am – **NO** Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library  
4:30 pm – **NO** Intercessors – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm – **NO** Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library  
03 3:00 pm – **NO** Thumbs Up  
6:30 pm – Crafters – Settle Hall  
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary  
05 9:30 am – GALS (God’s Angels, Loving Servants) – Settle Hall  
**5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**  
**06 9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**  
9:45 am – Choir Practice – Room 7  
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel  
07 6:30 pm – Trustees Committee Meeting – Bowman Library

## NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES:

### **S.P.R.C. – Joan Carlson**

The year 2018 has been both challenging and rewarding for Cokesbury. We have been blessed in so many ways. Pastor Joseph and his family have brought so much to our “Cokesbury family “! SPRC would like to thank the congregation for your support and faith! We look forward to a joyful 2019 and to see where our Lord will lead us! For all things are possible through him! Remember: Cokesbury is the “greatest church in the whole wide world”.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God bless all of you!

### **CHURCH COUNCIL – Chelsia Binns**

Church Council Meetings will be the second Sunday every other month after one combined service at 10:30 but NO potluck. The next Council meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 after the combined service, around 12:00, 12:30pm. No potluck.

### **FOOD PANTRY – Lynda Huffman and Geanie Schmidt**

Thank you to everyone who contributed turkeys, trimmings and/or money to the Cokesbury Food Pantry for our clients at Thanksgiving. In addition to our generous Cokesbury people, we also received donations from Abundant Life Christian Academy, the Margate Police Department, Margate Elementary School and the mother of a Victory Living client, of which everyone was very appreciative. Christmas Eve falls on a Food Pantry giveaway day and hopefully many of our clients will join us at 7:00 pm for the Christmas Eve service. We would like to give as many participants as we can a small ham for this special day in addition to the regular items we provide such as bread, baked goods, fresh produce, fresh fruit, meat and canned/packaged staples. Thank you for your continued kindness, generosity and love to the thousands of people you have helped over the years through the Cokesbury United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

### **FINANCE COOKBOOK COMMITTEE – Linda Hollen**

We want to thank all of you who submitted your recipes for our new cookbook. They look great and are filled with some new and very exciting recipes you will want to try. Please remember this is a fundraiser in support of our church’s missions so we hope you will support us by purchasing one for \$12 or five or more \$10 each. “Please make checks payable to: Cokesbury.” They will make excellent Christmas gifts for your family and friends! Thank you for supporting “the best church in the whole world!”

### **TRUSTEES COMMITTEE – Ron Huffman**

God is blessing Cokesbury by not having any critical repairs to manage. We have a goal to renovate the ladies restroom in the sanctuary by year end 2019. In the meantime, we will concentrate on minor repairs and painting. We will also be doing some inexpensive beautification on the outside grounds.

The lawn maintenance continues to work very well. Several men have provided their time to keep the grounds looking good. Thanks to everyone who is making this a successful endeavor.

Thanks to Trustee Don Goedke, the sidewalk lighting has been repaired and the marquee in front of the church has been completely gutted and refurbished complete with a new light on the flag.

The Trustees will coordinate the 2019 spring sale. This much-needed revenue will go toward future maintenance and repairs of the campus.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church is now sharing the campus on a full-time basis. Their primary worship day is Saturday. However, they use other parts of the facility on other days. Please join us in welcoming them to their new home at Cokesbury.



## MONTHLY VITAL SIGNS – NOVEMBER






WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE FOR CUMC IS \$5,055.31






DATE	ATTENDANCE	SALTY SERVICE	TITHES & OFFERINGS
11/04	150	36	\$2,957
11/11	108	50	\$4,099
11/18	140	27	\$2,927
11/25	122	59	\$2,032





## REMEMBER OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER

 Elaine Agosta  
 Jane Berg-Sabol  
 Lois Hyska  
 Gladys Norris  
 Janet Reilly

 Sondra Bass  
 Hyacinth Earle  
 Linda Moyer  
 Lou & Kathleen Parell  
 Nancy Rutan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY

Come and enjoy the excitement as we prepare our lovely sanctuary for Christmas on **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am!

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

Changed from **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 pm to Saturday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at noon in Settle Hall. Samples of what you will be making are in the Narthex with a sign-up sheet so we will have enough supplies. Light refreshments will be served.

### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS PACKING PARTY – Sharon Updegraff

Please have ALL donations for the shoeboxes turned in by NEXT **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a Packing Party on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm in Lowe Chapel with light refreshments. Everyone is invited. The shoeboxes will be distributed to children in the local area. In 2017, Cokesbury donated 60-plus boxes; let's see if we can break that record this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Joan Martin

Save the date "**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>!**" The Children's Pageant will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary followed by cookies and refreshments. All children from Cokesbury, Thumbs Up and the neighborhood are invited to participate. Practices will be **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am and, again, (after Thumbs Up), **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

### COKESBURY CHOIR – Joe Kohler

"*Hope Arriving*," will be presented **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** in one service at 10:30 am with a hymn sing at 10:20 am and NO potluck. Rehearsals began **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am every Saturday in the Choir Room #7. We would love to have anyone join us that likes to sing and even if you cannot read music. Contact Joe Kohler to join. Mark your calendar and don't miss it!

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

This year, there will ONE service only at 7:00 pm with real candles. Invite your family and friends to attend this lovely service to celebrate Christ's birth. The offering taken will be given to victims of Hurricane Michael at the direction of our United Methodist Conference Bishop.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Will be one combined service at 10:30 am with a Hymn Sing at 10:20 am followed by a Potluck lunch.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm only. No collection will be taken at this service and we would like to have people share personal testimonies of the past year. There will be light refreshments following this service.

### I LOVE MY CHURCH T-SHIRTS

We ordered over 100 t-shirts and have approximately 25-30 left in round-neck sizes S, M, L and V-neck sizes S, M, L, XL. They are \$12 each. Thanks to Pauline Torchia for this idea and to May Gordon for making it happen!

