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... and a host of others serving in quiet but powerful ways.

CONTACT a member of the Board of Trustees if you see something in need of repair: Lorrie Nero, Joan Carlson, Garrett Gruber, Jane Berg-Sabot, Don Goetke, Patty Catalano, Mike Uber (& advisors: Pastor Scott & Pastor CJ).

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Cokesbury's Mission: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Our Vision: God has called us of all ages to Jesus through meaningful & positive experiences.

...to Equip believers for ministry,

...to Serve in the community & larger world through the church.

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Publicists: May Gordon & Gerry Leone  
GALS (God's Angels, Loving Servants) Pres.: Wendie Carper  
Men's Ministry: Rev. Rich Updegraff  
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Finance Committee Secretary: Linda Hollen  
Digital Photo Group: John & Gerry Leone  
God's Creature Keepers: Norma Carol  
Evangelism Chair: Tony Torchia



REFORMATION SUNDAY is 29th October. See article in this COURIER about Martin Luther & the Reformation.

THE COURIER

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Along the Way: A Lamp for Feet On Uncertain Ground

Where do you turn when the world goes upside-down? In this week's Christianity Today Kate Shellnutt shares that

Bible Gateway analyzed search patterns surrounding Sunday night's concert shooting as well as 18 other major incidents of violence over the past decade, including Virginia Tech in 2007, Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012, San Bernardino in 2015, and Orlando's Pulse nightclub in 2016. Among the site's 150 million-plus visitors a year, the four verses that saw distinct spikes in readership around those shootings were:

- John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Psalms 34:18: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Romans 12:19: "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."
- Psalms 11:5 "The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion." ([christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com) on Oct. 2, 2017)

Shootings, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, famines and war cry out for a response. To pray is to express our awareness that much of life is not in our control, that as we hold victims before the mercy of God we know "there but for the grace of God go I." While we believe the very worst does not have the last word, we grieve, lament, petition, and hopefully take action against all evil.

Whether your prayers are "your own" words or words of scripture and liturgy or just groans doesn't really matter—nothing can fully express our response to such sorrow. What does matter is that we pray. Pray with humility and sorrow and trust that God cares more than we can ever imagine.

Pray for the victims and their families and friends. Pray for leaders to make godly, wise choices with awareness of the interconnectedness of issues. Pray for unity, and for God's church to be his word embodied as Jesus said, "light of the world, salt of the earth." With God's guidance we, the Body of Christ, are bearers of hope called to lead others to God's preferred future when God's kingdom comes and God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. The ground may be uncertain but God is solid.

Blessings for the journey,  
Pastor CJ





**All Saints Observed Sunday, 5th November**

We are assembling list of names of loved ones who died between November 6th, 2016 till present to be read on All Saints Sunday, November 5th. Please **WRITE** name, date, relation in a note to the Office on the Friendship Pad or send via email. Thank you.



**ADOPT-A-STREET:** Gerry Leone, Liaison, attended the City of Margate Program and relayed parameters for Cokesbury and our street, NW 66th Avenue from 18th Street to Atlantic Boulevard. A Committee of 12-15 people will be needed and two events per year to cleanup our street are required. Only time for one cleanup this year which will be October 28th but a training meeting prior will be Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 (following Men's Breakfast). To make residents aware of this event, Gerry plans on distributing door hangers with all pertinent information.<sup>10</sup>



**God's Creature Keepers** is excited to announce that the Pet Blessing will be Spring 2018 in partnership with First UMC Boca East and West! Christ Church in Fort Lauderdale has shown interest but still needs confirmation. It will be so special to reach out from Boca to Fort Lauderdale. Watch for the date!



**Red Bird Mission** still needs Box Tops. Yet more support is always welcome. Cokesbury is in process of reaching out to other churches in our district - within reasonable mileage-- to if we can partner with either a trip up to assist physically and/or financially. Check out [www.rbm.org](http://www.rbm.org).



**IGNITE!**  
**1st November 2017 to 30th April 2018**  
**Six months of intentional growth in company with God & one another.**

Members and friends of Cokesbury work together in making disciples for the transformation of the world. That transformation begins with each of us. Grow in faith by committing to an IGNITE group, meeting once a month for six months. Please fill out bulletin insert about topic/format that meet you where you are right now in your spiritual journey. We will form groups of 6-8 according to responses and would like to invite outside resource people for groups as needed. THANK YOU!



**Name tags** help everyone! We all have memory lapses.... Please wear your name tag every Sunday. If you don't have one: please request one in the Sunday Friendship Pad (black folder found in each row). You do NOT have to be a member to have one.

**Fall Festival at Margate Elementary School**  
**Friday Evening, 27th October**

**COKESBURY'S CONTRIBUTIONS:**

TEN of the TWENTY cars making up **TRUNK or TREAT**. The cars are parked together in the lot behind the school. Trunks are highly decorated and filled with candy or other treats for visiting children. WHOLE CONGREGATION encouraged to contribute to the give-out goodies!

Our other responsibility: hosting the **CAKE AUCTION** with all proceeds to the FOOD PANTRY. Cakes needed strictly by signup and in these categories:

1. Character—Superhero, princess, etc.
2. Halloween—Fun "scary"
3. Fall—harvest, plenty, etc.

Are you willing to decorate a cake? Fill out bulletin insert with your offer—thank you!



**First Community Thanksgiving Celebration**  
**Sponsored by Cokesbury (with MCAH support)**  
**Sunday 19th November, beginning at 5. Many Cultures Sharing Harvest-Thanksgiving Traditions through food, dance, artwork, music, & an inter-faith thanksgiving observance. Are you willing to help organize/host?**



**What Is Reformation Day?**

Reformation Day is a day set aside to recognize, remember, and celebrate the Protestant Reformation. In some countries, it is observed as an official holiday. It remembers Martin Luther and the central role he played in the reform movement that split the western church of Rome.

**When Is It Observed?**

Reformation Day is October 31 of every year. That is the day in 1517 when Dr. Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was Luther's act that caused the initial furor that resulted in the Reformation. Luther had earned his Doctor of Theology degree in Wittenberg and was a respected professor there, as well as the assistant pastor of the Castle Church. Luther chose October 31 because it was the day before All Saints' Day. The Castle Church's front door opened on a main street of the city, and it was a good place to post a notice for public viewing. Luther knew that on the next day, November 1 — All Saints' Day — the church would be filled with worshipers, many of whom were educated and literate. His act of posting his *Ninety-Five Theses* on the door was the equivalent of publishing a journal article, taking out a newspaper ad, or putting up an Internet website today. Reformation Day is most often observed today on the Sunday prior to October 31.

**Why Did Luther Post His 95 Theses... and why is it important to us today?**

Continue reading the article by Dean McIntyre at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/search/results?q=reformation%20day>





CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER- EARLY NOVEMBER

Other Groups Sharing the Campus:

Monday through Friday, Victory Living, 7 am- 4 pm, Rooms 2, 3, 4

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Spanish Alcoholics Anonymous, 8-10 pm, Grace's Place (Room 4)

Tuesdays Cub Scouts, 6 pm, Settle Hall

Wednesday and Fridays, Anglo Alcoholics Anonymous, 7-8 pm, Don Lowe Chapel

Thursdays, Spanish Al-Anon, 8-10 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

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship also Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am – Choir Practice – Room 7

10:45 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
- 02

7:00 pm – Trustees Meeting – Bowman Library
- 03

7:00 pm – Evangelism Meeting – Bowman Library
- 04

10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library

4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 05

3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall

7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 07

9:30 am – GALS (God's Angels, Loving Servants) – Settle Hall

5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 08

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship also Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am - Choir Practice - Room 7

10:45 am – Adult Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
- 09

4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall & Room 1

6:30 pm – Finance Meeting - Library
- 11

10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library

4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 12

3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall

7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 14

9:00 am – Men's Group Breakfast Meeting – Settle Hall/

5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 15

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am - Choir Practice - Room 7

10:45 am – Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
- 18

10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library

4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library

- 19

3:00 pm – Thumbs Up

3:30 pm – M.I.C.A.H. Meeting – Lowe Chapel

7:00 pm – Digital Photo Discovery – Room 6

7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 21

5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 22

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship also Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am - Choir Practice - Room 7

10:45 am – Bible Study – Lowe Chapel

3:00-6:00 We host CHARGE CONFERENCES:

3 pm: Village, First Coral Springs and Bethesda

4 pm: CLUSTER WORSHIP, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems preaching

5 pm: Cokesbury, St. Paul and Parkway
- 23

4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall & Room 1
- 25

10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library

4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 26

3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall

7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 27

FALL FESTIVAL – MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 28

9:30 am Adopt-A-Street Semi-Annual Clean-up: all hands needed!

5:30 PM – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 29

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship—Reformation Day; Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am - Choir Practice - Room 7

10:45 am – Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
- 31

Halloween/All Hallow's Eve
- 01

All Saints' Day

10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library

4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 02

3:00 pm – Thumbs Up
- 04

9:30 am – GALS (God's Angels, Loving Servants) – Settle Hall

5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 05

TIME CHANGE: FALL BACK

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship—All Saints Sunday; Sunday School & Children's Church

9:45 am - Choir Practice - Room 7

10:45 am – Bible Study – Lowe Chapel

