

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: ALL members of the Church
Pastor: Joseph Kim
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Secretary: Linda Sue Goedke
Treasurer: Diane Witcofski
Groundskeeper: Phil Gough
Nursery Staff: Christina Celona

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
Men’s Group: Rich Updegraff
Intercessors: Betty Sparks
Evangelism/Welcome/Witness: Tony Torchia
Receptions Coordinator: Barbara Gainsford
God’s Creature Keepers: Norma Carol
Digital Photo Discovery: John & Gerry Leone
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COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH COURIER * AUGUST 2018



“ . . . Train yourself to be godly. “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers” (1 Timothy 4:7b-10, New Living Translation).

Dear My Cokesbury family,
It’s been a little more than one month since my family has moved to Margate. We have truly enjoyed worshiping, fellowshiping, and serving our community together with you. All of you have made my family feel truly welcomed. On behalf of my family, I’d like to express my deep gratitude to all my Cokesbury family. Cokesbury UMC is an AWESOME Community of Faith that cares for one another and has a heart to serve its community.

I think that Margate is a great place to live. It’s so convenient since everything thing is so close within a few miles. I confess I still do not know everyone’s name yet, but I am trying hard! So far, I have attended a few meetings, led some worship services, visited some of your houses, taught Bible Studies, learned about Food Pantry and MICAH ministries, interacted with the staff and clients of Victory Living, and of course, Sweet Sunday Pot Luck, Men’s Group Game Event, met some of the pastors in the area, and more . . . etc. I know I have a lot more to learn, but I like what I have experienced so far. I look forward to journey with you as we continue to listen and follow Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Yes, there are some areas we need to improve such as financial health and children’s ministry, etc. We are also seeking God’s guidance for the future direction of our church though prayer, visioning, learning, and discussion. As your new pastor, I’m planning to offer “leadership training” for different committees in our church as well as some classes for discipleship and prayer. I encourage you to participate one or more of these training opportunities. That’s why Paul said to Timothy, **“Train yourself to godliness.”**

Our mission is *“to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”* But unless we become disciples of Jesus, we cannot fulfill the mission God has given to us. So please be diligent to grow spiritually and receive the necessary trainings for your task. Why do we have to work so hard like this? Paul said that it is because **“our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.”** It is because we are the stewards of our vision. Our vision is to welcome all people, to introduce people of all ages to Jesus; to equip them for ministry; and to send them out to the community and the world so that they can serve. I thank you for letting me be your pastor. With the spirit of unity and love, let us make our beloved COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH to become one of the most fruitful and vital congregations in our district.

Joseph Kim
I love being your pastor

MISSIONAL VITAL SIGNS FOR JULY 2018

DATE	ATTENDANCE	SALTY SERVICE	TITHES & OFFERINGS
07/01	142	25	3,377
07/08	105	51	2,333
07/15	130	27	5,592
07/22	116	49	3,810
07/29	112	12	2,562

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

“Leadership Training” will be offered in the near future for the different committees in our church as well as some classes for discipleship and prayer. I encourage you to participate in one or more of these training opportunities as we want to be well informed about what we are doing and why.

THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

invites us to attend

MISSION STUDIES SAMPLER: TRANSFORMING GRACE

Saturday, August 18th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Miramar United Methodist Church, 2507 Utopia Drive, Miramar. Join your UMW sisters for fellowship and an overview of the three 2018 Mission Studies taught at Mission at Bethune-Cookman University in July. Meet study leaders from the South East District who led these studies and learn how you can lead a mission study for your church.

Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Geographic: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

WAY FORWARD REPORT RELEASED IN ALL FOUR OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward has been released in English, French, Portuguese and Swahili; all four official languages of the General Conference. The report will be presented to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference. Subject to final copy editing, the report will be printed in the Advance Daily Christian Advocate (ADCA) in November. Here is a statement from the moderators of the Commission and the President of the Council of Bishops on the release of the report:

“To the People of The United Methodist Church,

“We offer the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward, translated in the four official languages of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church: English, French, Portuguese and Swahili. In the Nicene Creed, we are taught the marks of the church—one, holy, catholic and apostolic. We are catholic in that we care not only for the parts of the church, but more significantly for the whole. We have refrained from commenting about the plans contained in this report until the time when our sisters and brothers could read this in their own first language. With this distribution, we give thanks that this work can now begin, and we can have a conversation that represents our global and catholic nature—more fully who we are as The United Methodist Church.”

Bishops Sandra Steiner Ball and David Yemba
Moderators, Commission on a Way Forward

Bishop Ken Carter
President, Council of Bishops

(We encourage you to read this in detail by going to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church Website at <https://www.flumc.org/newsdetail/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-conference-11608979>.)

REMEMBER OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER



Jane Berg-Sabol



Breana Binns, back surgery



Jane Fullerton, hip surgery



Elidia Gray – upcoming surgery



Lois Hyska



Gladys Norris

CONGRATULATIONS

Confirmand Thoby Laraque, 14 years of age, is being baptized **Sunday, August 12th**. Please plan to attend the baptism in a swimming pool (to be announced) to encourage and support Thoby and his family.

GOD SPEED

It is with heavy hearts that John and Gerry Leone announced they will be moving back to Pennsylvania to be with family. They have freely given so much of their talents and gifts to Cokesbury. Please keep in your prayers all that is involved in making a long-distance move so it will be a smooth and pleasant transition for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Friday, August 10th from 6:00-8:00 pm in Settle Hall. Tickets are \$10 and children under 10 FREE; see Ron Huffman for tickets. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship while supporting your church!

MEN’S GROUP BRRAKFAST

Cokesbury men will meet **Saturday, August 11th**, 9:30-11:30 am in Settle Hall.

And...ALL are invited to join the men for a Jupiter Hammerheads Minor League Game on **Friday, August 17th**, 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$7-8; parking is FREE. Carpooling is available.

NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES:

CONVERGE SERMONS – Pastor Joseph

- August 11: I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:17-27)
- August 18: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14: 1-10)
- August 25: I am the True Vine (John 15:1-10)

GALS (GOD’S ANGELS, LOVING SERVANTS)

Reconvening on **Saturday, September 1st**, at 9:30 am for our Annual Planning Meeting for the upcoming year.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES – Joan Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

We are in need of someone willing to teach Sunday School during the 9:30 service. After four years, Sondra Bass, my right--hand person is stepping down due to medical reasons and I am in need of additional help to secure our future, our children. If you love Jesus and you love children, I need you. Sometimes there may be only one child and then occasionally we are blessed with 14 or more. At the 9:30 service, we have Sunday School for children ages 3-12. At the 11:00 service we have Children's Church for children 3-12. At both services, we try to offer nursery care for all up to age 2. Joan Martin. 314-210-0958 or jm4259@icloud.com

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to the lack of teachers and the limited number of youth attending, we have not provided a Sunday School Program for those ages 13-18. However this last Sunday it was brought to my attention that we need to revive this service for our youth. We currently have four or more youth that want to share their thoughts and love of God with each other. I would love to have a Sunday School Program during the 11:00 service for the YOUTH.

I have talked with a couple people hoping to fill this void. Are you up for a challenge, enthusiastic about what God has done and can do, can you be a good example to others? Then please contact me to mentor and teach our youth. Joan Martin. 314-210-0958 or jm4259@icloud.com

THUMBS UP VOLUNTEERS

With the new school year getting ready to start, we were asked if the Thumbs-Up Program will be available for children of Margate Elementary School. I need to know how many are willing to step up and participate in tutoring and mentoring children on Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30-5pm. The children last year were greatly blessed by this program.

Please call me or let me know by **Wednesday, August 15th** if you are willing to participate in this Program. Joan Martin. 314-210-0958 or jm4259@icloud.com

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

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.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 05 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children's Church**
9:45 am – **NO** Choir Practice – Room 7
- 06 **6:30 pm – Trustees Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**
- 07 6:30 pm – **NO** Evangelism Committee Meeting
- 08 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 09 7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 10 **6:00 pm – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Settle Hall**
- 11 **9:30 am – Men’s Group Breakfast – Settle Hall**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 12 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children's Church**
Thoby Laraque Confirmation/Baptism & Back-to-School Blessing
9:45 am – **NO** Choir Practice – Room 7
12:15 pm – God’s Creature Keepers – Office Reception Area
- 13 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
- 15 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library

- 16 7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 17 **6:30 pm – Men’s Jupiter Hammerheads Game**
- 18 **9:00 am – SEDUMW Mission Sampler/Transforming Grace – Miramar UMC**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 19 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**
9:45 am – **NO** Choir Practice – Room 7
- 20 **1:00 pm – Lunch Bunch – Settle Hall**
6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Bowman Library
- 21 **6:30 pm – Mission & Ministry Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**
- 22 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 23 7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
- 25 **5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall**
- 26 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**
9:45 am – **NO** Choir Practice – Room 7
- 27 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
- 28 **7:00 am – Primary Voting – Settle Hall**
- 29 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 30 7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 01 **9:30 am – GALS (God’s Angels, Loving Servants) – Settle Hall**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
- 02 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Sunday School & Children’s Church**
9:45 am – **NO** Choir Practice – Room 7
- 03 **6:30 pm – Trustees Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**
- 04 **6:30 pm – Evangelism Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**
- 05 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessory Prayer – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
- 06 **6:30 pm – Crafters – Settle Hall**
- 08 **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
12:15 pm - God’s Creature Keepers – Office Reception Area
- 10 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Bowman Library

Pastor’s Day Off

Tuesdays of each week will be Pastor Joseph’s official day off (Sabbath); however, feel free to contact him in case of an emergency or call the church office. Thank you for your consideration.

Meet with Pastor Joseph

Please sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office to make an appointment for Pastor to visit with and get to know you and your family.

