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

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:	May Gordon
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/Welcome/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
Social Media:	Tim Murphy
Public Relations:	May Gordon
Finance Chair:	Patsy Watkins
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Updegraff

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.

Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors...

The people of the
United Methodist
Church
®

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COKESBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ----- MARCH 2019 COURIER

40 Days of Journey

Dear Cokesbury Family,

I invite you to join me in these 40 days of journey, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. 40 is a significant number throughout the Bible. God sends rains for 40 days and 40 nights during the time of Noah. Moses spent 40 days on top of Mt. Sinai and received the Ten Commandments. Prophet Elijah walked 40 days to get to Mt. Horeb where he heard the voice of God. Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness and was tempted by the devil before he started his earthly ministry. I have no doubt in my heart that how we live our lives during the upcoming 40 days can make a lasting impact for eternity.

During the months of January and February of this year, I attended several meetings such as Church Council, Finance, Trustee, Women's Group, Men's Group, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Worship Design, Mission & Ministry as well as District Wide Training for Adults and Youth. I am sure that all of these meetings will help us to become the more faithful and fruitful congregation God wants us to be! Since each of these groups planned for their future events, I encourage you to help us make all of those events to be successful. Whether they are Spring Sale, Art Craft and Bake Sale, Evangelism Training, Visiting the Shut-Ins, Children's Ministry or Special Services during the Holy Week…etc. The list can go on and on. Please pay attention to our church announcements, News Letter, Website and Flyers on our church campus so that you will be part of this LIFE-TRANSFORMING and SPIRIT-LED Movement of God!

Most of all, I thank you for all your faithful services, generous giving, and fervent prayers. Indeed, we are the church together. Please make sure you take extra time to nurture your soul. You may choose to attend our Morning Prayer Services, Wednesday Bible Studies or Prayer Meeting, Saturday Converge, one of our Sunday Worship Services and Sunday school. If you are homebound, I encourage you to stay connected with us by faithfully watching our church website. During the 40 days of Lent, God will transform our hearts and lifestyle. God will change our church and community in NEW and AMAZING WAYS! That's why God said, "**See, I'm doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"** (Isaiah 43:19). So I invite you to join me in these 40 days of exciting adventures. I want you to join me for thanking God for the CROSS on the evening of Good Friday and also to celebrate the JOY and the POWER of CHRIST'S RESURRECTION on Easter Morning. May our Lord Jesus Christ richly bless you and our church as we follow Him during this Lenten Season!

Joseph Kim
I'm so thrilled be your pastor

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2019

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 may be meetings NOT listed; thank you.

Morning Prayer Service – Tuesday through Saturday – 7:30 am – Sanctuary

10 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Adult Sunday School & Children's Church**
10:00 am – Choir Practice – Room 7
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel
11:00 am – Children's Church – Courtyard Room 9
4:00 pm – Children & Youth Night – Settle Hall
4:15 pm – God's Creature Keepers – Bowman Library
11 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
6:30 pm – Trustees Committee Meeting – Bowman Library
12 7:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Room 7
7:00 pm – 7th Day Baptist Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
13 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
14 3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
16 **10:00 am – 7th Day Baptists Church – Sanctuary and Settle Hall**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
17 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Adult Sunday School & Children's Church**
10:00 am – Choir Practice – Room 7
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel
11:00 am – Children's Church – Courtyard Room 9
18 1:00 pm – Lunch Bunch – Settle Hall
6:00 pm – Church Council Meeting – Bowman Library
19 7:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Room 7
7:00 pm – 7th Day Baptist Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
20 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
3:30 pm – M.I.C.A.H. – Lowe Chapel
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
21 3:00 pm – **NO** Thumbs Up (Early Release)
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
23 **10:00 am – 7th Day Baptists Church – Sanctuary and Settle Hall**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
24 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Adult Sunday School & Children's Church**
10:00 am – Choir Practice – Room 7
10:45 am – Adult Sunday School – Lowe Chapel
11:00 am – Children's Church – Courtyard Room 9
25 **9:00 am – Evangelism Committee Meeting – Bowman Library**
4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
26 7:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Room 7
7:00 pm – 7th Day Baptist Bible Study – Lowe Chapel
27 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
28 3:00 pm – **NO** Thumbs Up
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
30 **10:00 am – 7th Day Baptists Church – Sanctuary and Lowe Chapel**
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
31 **10:30 am – Sweet Sunday – One Service – 10:20 Hymn Sing – International Food Potluck**
11:00 am – Children's Church

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

01 6:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Bowman Library
02 7:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Sanctuary
7:00 pm - 7th Day Baptist Bible Study – Room 7
03 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
04 3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Lowe Chapel
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
06 9:00 am – Spring Sale – Settle Hall
9:30 am – GALS (God's Angels, Loving Servants) – Lowe Chapel
10:00 am – 7th Day Baptists Church – Sanctuary and Lowe Chapel
4:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Sanctuary
5:30 pm – CONVERGE – Settle Hall
07 **9:30 & 11:00 am Worship; also Adult Sunday School & Children's Church**
08 4:30 pm – Food Pantry – Settle Hall and Room 1
6:30 pm – Trustee Committee Meeting – Bowman Library
09 7:00 pm – Easter Cantata Practice – Sanctuary
7:00 pm - 7th Day Baptist Bible Study – Room 7
10 10:00 am – Morning Bible Study – Bowman Library
4:30 pm – Intercessors – Sanctuary
6:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – Bowman Library
11 3:00 pm – Thumbs Up – Settle Hall
6:00 pm – Mission & Ministry Meeting – Library
6:30 pm – Crafters – Settle Hall
7:00 pm – Praise Band Practice – Sanctuary
12 7:00 pm – Digital Photo Discovery – Settle Hall

NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES:

Choir – Joe Kohler

Last call!!! If you'd like to sing in the Easter Cantata, please see Joe Kohler. The name of this Easter's Cantata is "Lift Up the Cross" and will be performed complete with a synchronized video! Rehearsals are each Tuesday at 7 pm plus a couple Saturday mornings later on. (It's okay, you won't need to attend every rehearsal.) We will be performing on Palm Sunday, April 14.

Children's Ministry – Joan Martin

Children's Church is continuing with Deep Blue Program following Jesus and His Miracles.
Thumbs Up Program – Children will be off March 21st and 28th for spring break. As always, we are looking for more "volunteers" to work with students two hours on Thursdays. Please call 314-210-0958.
Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at 10:00 am. Again, we are collecting donations of candy, books, crayons, coloring books, small prizes or gifts to give the children. We do not need plastic eggs. Thank you for all your support and contributions to our Children's Ministry.

Church Council – Chelsia Binns

The next Council meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Future meetings will be every other month on the third Monday of such month at 6:00 pm.

Evangelism Committee – Pat Uber

Evangelism Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:00 am in the Bowman Library. For further information please contact Pat Uber at 954-968-7668 or fishfanpat@comcast.net God is counting on YOU!

Food Pantry – Geanie Schmidt/Lynda Huffman

Sharing the Good News: The Food Pantry is trying a new process. Clients wait in the Sanctuary until time for the food to be distributed on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. At 4:20 pm, songs are sung and Pastor Joseph and Nellie (Spanish) say a prayer. This way they can hear and not be affected by the weather or air-conditioner units. While waiting, they are welcome to pray and/or read the Bible. Then at 4:30 their names are called. So far this has been well received.
Notice: The Food Pantry is thankful for all who donate; however, until further notice, please provide only canned goods and peanut butter. Also, please discontinue bringing plastic grocery bags, we are no longer using them. Thank you for your generosity, Geanie and Lynda

Digital Photo Discovery – Tim Murphy

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm in the Bowman Library. We made $15 at the GALS Craft Fair.

GALS (God's Angels, Loving Servants) – Wendie Carper

The Third Annual Craft Fair was enjoyed by shoppers and vendors alike with a variety of beautiful crafts! They made a profit of $713.76 with 20% going to GALS and 80% donated to Cokesbury! Congratulations on a job well done and thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

MONTHLY VITAL SIGNS – JANUARY

WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE FOR CUMC IS **$5,055.31**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	SALTY SERVICE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	ONLINE VIEWING
01/06	114	29	$5,333	0
01/13	143	73	7,421	2
01/20	130	34	7,773	13
01/27	123	65	3,552	5

MONTHLY VITAL SIGNS – FEBRUARY

WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE FOR CUMC IS **$5,055.31**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	SALTY SERVICE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	ONLINE VIEWING
02/03	142	40	$5,272	50
02/10	180	64	3,988	31
02/17	156	34	6,326	38
02/24	149	62	6,001	32

"Thank you" to everyone who donated to the new ice maker and to Phil, Ron and David for installing it. There are so many activities at Cokesbury and a good ice maker is important for efficient service.

REMEMBER OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER

- Elaine Agosta
- Jane Berg-Sabol
- Hyacinth Earle
- Lou & Kathleen Parell
- Diane Witcofski
- Sondra Bass
- Ray Beerman
- Lois Hyska
- Janet Reilly
- Debbie Wolf

Our Linda Moyer went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 6th, her birthday and Ash Wednesday. Linda loved Cokesbury and her friends here and came as long as she could though she was very ill. Please remember her daughter, Diane and their family in your prayers.

God's Creature Keepers – Norma Carol

Thank you to all who participated in the Brown Bag Event and Pet Blessing held on Sunday, January 13th, 2019. There was a good turnout and Pastor Joseph was very excited to bless pets for the first time! The Blessing is available to watch online at www.cokesburymargate.org and click on Recent Sermons. Your Brown Bag donations were shared among four rescue organizations: Animal Aid, Duck Haven, Florida Humane Society and Wildlife Center. GCK meets the second Sunday of the month at 4:15 pm in the Bowman Library.

S.P.R.C. Committee – Joan Carlson

SPRC held their first meeting of 2019 on February 7th. "Welcome" to our new members Liz Hill, Wayne Coffey and Rich Updegraff. They are joining Wendie Carper, Harry Murphy, John Monico, Andrea Richards, Joan Stout and Chairperson Joan Carlson for this year's committee. We would like to give a "big thanks" to Jamie McCullough and David Nero for all their hard work through 2018. We will miss you! Pastor Joseph conducted training and we reviewed the responsibilities of SPRC.

It was our honor to interview David Toombs for candidacy as a local Pastor. This is the first step in his journey. All SPRC members were in full agreement to endorse David to pursue candidacy. We are very proud to be a part of this process and ask that the congregation continue to give David and his family our full support! SPRC is looking forward to a blessed year at Cokesbury! If you have any concerns or issues regarding staff, please contact a member of our committee.

Trustee Committee – Ron Huffman

Preparation and planning have started for our **Cokesbury Estate Spring Sale** on Saturday, April 6, 2019. We began collecting items on Monday, March 4, 2019 that will appeal to buyers that are looking for quality usable items. Our goal is to collect 1000 items that will sell for a minimum of $10.00 per item. More expensive items can be sold for much more. The math is very simple. We intend to net $10,000 for the sale. This means that we need 100 people to donate 10 items each. All items need not come from your household. Again we are asking you to get friends, co-workers and family to assist you in obtaining your 10 items. We would like new-to-slightly-used items that will meet the minimum $10.00 criteria. Some examples are hand tools, lawn and garden equipment, digital cameras, art work and computers. Our plan is to store smaller items until the time of the sale. We would appreciate it if you could hold on to larger items and release them one week prior to the sale. Just let us know what large items you have so we can keep an inventory of the product. This way we will not clutter up the campus. i.e., the Sanctuary. We are asking that heavy furniture not be donated. It's been proven that these items do not sell. We would like for this to be a church-wide project in order to make the sale a total success. Thank you in advance for the wonderful effort that you will put forth in getting this done.
Faithfully,

COKESBURY TRUSTEES – SPRING SALE COMMITTEE

Joan Carlson Don Goedke Phil Gough Ron Huffman Charlie Madarasz
Lori Nero Doug Schuler Mike Uber

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 LAY March 23rd & 24th LAY SERVANT MINISTRY TRAINING – at Christ Church 4845 NE 25th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33308. Whether you're a new church leader or a leader in search of renewal, check out Lay Servant Training. Three courses will be offered: Lay Servant Ministry basic course, Dancing with Words and Lay Servants as Transformative Christian Leaders. The training runs 8:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday and 1:00 – 3:00 pm Sunday. Course Fee is $50.00 and includes course material, light breakfast and lunch on Saturday. To register, contact Connie Bookholt, Lay Servant Ministry Director, at 954-440-4187.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief

March 31st – UMCOR/SWEET SUNDAY – It will be one service at 10:30 am preceded by a Hymn Sing at 10:20. There will be a potluck after service in Settle Hall of "International Foods," with tables decorated with name of the country. There will be a "Signup Sheet" in the Narthex for food and kitchen help. We will also be taking a special collection during service for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) as there are many people in our District are still in need of assistance from devastation by Hurricane Michael.

April 14th PALM SUNDAY/EASTER CANTATA – **LIFT UP THE CROSS** will be performed in one service at 10:30 am preceded by a Hymn Sing at 10:20 am. There will be NO potluck but light refreshments will be served following the service. **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Jesus' final entrance into Jerusalem.

April 18th – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – at 7:00 pm service will offer voluntary 'foot washing' and 'Holy Communion' as we contemplate our denial, betrayal and desertion of Jesus.

April 19th – GOOD FRIDAY – Lentil Soup Dinner at 5:30 pm and in Settle Hall followed by a Service of Darkness (Tenebrae) with readings and candles extinguished one by one to complete darkness as we move to Jesus' death and burial. At the end of the service, the altar is stripped of everything portraying the totality of grief death brings to us.

HELP NEEDED

KITCHEN

We really need more help in our kitchen for Sweet Sundays. Two volunteers have been handling this for a very long time. It would be ideal if we could get a few more volunteers who could be trained to help in this area. We need volunteers to be there to 'receive the food that is brought in prior to one service' and before the service ends be there to set the serving tables with food and coffee and beverages. If you are willing, please notify Wendie Carper at 954 695-8194.

FRIENDSHIP CART

Do you miss refreshments between services? Harry Murphy has retired from this ministry after many years. If you are interested, please talk to Harry about it for details.

VOLUNTEER NURERY ATTENDANT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Cokesbury could also use nursery attendants for 9:30 and 11:00 services as well as a Sunday School teacher for 9:30 service. If this could be your calling, please contact Joan Martin at 314-210-0958.

April 20th – EASTER EGG HUNT – at 10:00 am on our front lawn for children 1 to 10. Donations of candy and prizes for the children are welcome. You may bring them on Sundays or to the church office. We DO NOT need plastic eggs. We will need help before the event to hide the eggs and welcome our guests. Any questions, please contact Joan Martin.

April 21st – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES – He is risen! We will celebrate that truth with a 7:00 am Sunrise Service and breakfast at Village United Methodist Church at 1001 SW 71st Ave, North Lauderdale, FL 33068, and 9:30 and 11:00 services at Cokesbury. Bring your Lent coin banks.

April 30th – KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL COUNCIL – Our "Cokesbury Choir" will be singing at this event on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 pm at 6501 W. Commercial Boulevard, Tamarac, FL, 33319. The service will be translated in English.

May 4th – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN MARGATE – Organized by MICAH (Margate Initiative for Community Action and Hope). Observance will be Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm at Margate Elementary School at 6300 NW 18th St, Margate, FL 33063. The theme is "Love One Another." There will be a guest speaker, special performances and children from each church will pray. Cokesbury and the community are invited.

June 6th – 13th – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – will be Sunday through Thursday. If you are interested in participating in any capacity, please let Pat Uber know. Details will be available in the near future.