

Cokes Chapel UMC 2015

Worship services include 9:00 a.m. traditional and 11:00 a.m. contemporary. Three adult Sunday School classes are led by Floyd Collins, Jerry Lenox, and Carolyn Evans. Children's Sunday School and Children's Church are led by Kim Reindl, and FOCUS Youth on Sunday evenings is led by Bobby Totten. Disciple Class meets on Sunday evenings, facilitated by Jennie Underwood. Dr. Wayne Ellis teaches a Wednesday evening Bible Study. Adult Choir meets each week on Monday evenings. Men's group, the Old Goats, meet on Tuesday mornings at the local Chick-fil-A, and the Jubilee Singers have fellowship with residents at Newnan Rehabilitation Center each Wednesday morning. United Methodist Women meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are very active in our church and have their den and troop meetings weekly.

January

January 5, long-time member and dear friend, Louise Boswell, passed away.

January 8, Lunch Bunch met at Longhorn in Newnan to celebrate January birthdays.

January 11, Dianne and Walter Gammell joined CCUMC. We welcome them into our church family.

January 15, Wednesday Night Bible Study begins with focus on the books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

January 15, Sizzlin' Seniors met at the home of Nancy Williams for lunch and planning session for activities for the year.

January 23-25, Cokes Chapel held its first women's retreat. Kathy Schumacher led the planning team for this time of worship and fellowship. 28 women participated in this event at Lake Oconee at the home of Mary Beth Thompson's parents. It was an amazing experience and hopefully the beginning of an annual gathering for the women of the church.

January 21, member Randy Evans passed away after an extended illness. He and his wife, Carolyn, joined our church several years ago after she retired as a local pastor from a United Methodist church in Woodbury, GA.

Renovations on the sanctuary began in January. Floors were leveled, pillars in the middle were removed, creating a center aisle, pews were reconfigured. This has made a major difference in the flow of traffic, especially during communion. Many thanks to all members who worked so very hard to plan this project and see it through.

Bridget Adamson was hired as our new Childcare Center director. She has begun some fundraising projects to raise money for the children's playground area.

January monthly collection - \$25,255

February

February 1, Parent meeting/luncheon was held immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship service to discuss important dates, upcoming events, and growth for our children's ministry.

February 11, Childcare Center hosted Wednesday Night Supper with a Valentine theme.

February 12, Lunch Bunch enjoyed a meal at McGuire's Restaurant in Senoia.

February 15, missionaries Elliott and Katherine Stotler visited our Sunday morning worship services and shared an update on their work in South Africa. A special love offering was taken up for their ministry.

February 18, Ash Wednesday service at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.
February 19, Sizzlin' Seniors met in the Fellowship Hall for a sack lunch and Game Day – dominoes was the popular game of the day.
February 20, Cokes Chapel hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. in the Community Hall.
February 22, Homeless offering was received.
February 24, "Soup & Scripture" Bible Study group resumed at the home of Kathy Schumacher.

Weekly Lenten communion services were held each Wednesday at noon through Lent.
Pastor Mark's message series during Lent was "The Worship Life."
Prayer Partners – during Lent adults in our church family were invited to become prayer partners with children/youth. They prayed for each other during Lent, and then met for a prayer partner breakfast in March.

Everyone was reminded to put up the yard crosses that we purchased last year, with several colored cloths to represent the different worship seasons.

February Monthly collection - \$26,893

March

During March weekly Wednesday Lenten communion at noon and Lenten meditation and communion at 6:30 p.m. were held.

March 11, UMW sponsored a Wednesday Night Supper to benefit the adoption fund for Pastor Mark and Tiffany.

March 12, Lifeline Screening in the Community Hall.

March 15, during the morning worship services, Sara Greer, daughter of Tim & Sharissa Greer, presented special music. Only 13 years old, she is a very accomplished musician.

March 22, Robert and Pat Harkins transferred their membership from Heatherwood Baptist Church to Cokes Chapel. We welcome them into our church family.

March 27, Passover Seder meal was celebrated in the Community Hall. Pastor Wayne organized this very special event.

March 28, Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Sock Hop was held for the children of our church, Childcare Center, and the community.

March 29, Craig & Cindy Cox joined CCUMC. We welcome them into our church family.

March 29, Prayer Partners Breakfast was a time of fellowship between morning worship services.

March 29, Easter Cantata presented by Celebration Singers at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Update on Childcare Center – 17 new students enrolled in January and February. Total enrollment is now 118. Fundraisers include Wednesday Night Supper and Chick-fil-A Spirit Night.

March Monthly collection - \$32,696

April

April 2, Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. – communion service commemorated Jesus' Last Supper.

April 3, Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. – remembered Jesus' death on the cross and focused on the power of God's love over sin and death.

April 5, Easter 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service, with breakfast following in the Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 a.m. the wooden cross was covered with beautiful flowers representing the resurrection and new life.

April 9, Lunch Bunch at Pascal's Restaurant in Peachtree City.

April 16, Sizzlin' Seniors toured the World of Coca Cola Museum in Atlanta followed by lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room.

April 19, Baby Shower for the Jordan's.

April 23, CCCC Spirit Night at Stevie B's Pizza.

April 26, Thom and Debbie McCague joined the church. We welcome them into our church family.

April 29, Wednesday Night Supper sponsored by the Children's Ministry. The children of the church made arts and crafts to raise money for the Jordan's adoption fund. They call their project "Mia's Market." They had a table set up at the dinner with all their gift items for sale.

April 30, member Harry Newton passed away. Funeral services took place in his hometown in Michigan.

Sermon series after Easter and through May was "U Turns Allowed."

April Monthly Collection - \$32,462

May

May 3, Brian and Arianna Smith joined the church. They have two children, Sara Beth and Jackson, who were added to our roll as constituents.

May 9, Race for the Orphans – the Jordan's were awarded an adoption grant (amount determined by number of registrations or sponsorships.) Many members either ran in the race or supported it with donations. It was a huge success.

May 10, all mothers were honored at both worship services.

May 13, new Bible study on the book of Mark began with Pastor Wayne (ends June 24).

May 14, Lunch Bunch celebrated May birthdays at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville.

May 20, UMW sponsored their annual hamburger/hot dog Wednesday Night Dinner.

May 21, Sizzlin Seniors visited Gibbs Garden in Ballground, GA.

May 29, Pentecost and Graduate Sunday celebrated in both worship services. Graduates included Sara Beam, Sam Erickson, Dominic Gonzalez, Alessandra Harms, Matthew Reindl, Alexis Rose, Justin Sharp, Maya Smith, Anna Turiej, Jennifer Booth, Amanda Lyons.

May Monthly Collection - \$31,375

June

Pastor Mark began a new message series on Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

June 8-12, GROW Day Camp. Cokes Chapel was selected as a site for this program of the North Georgia Conference UMC Camping Ministries. Counselors were sent from the Conference to bring activities such as archery, nature studies, etc. to the students. We had approximately 25 children participating in this program.

June 11, Lunch Bunch to Outback Steakhouse in Peachtree City.

June 16-19, Annual Conference in Athens attended by Pastor Mark, Debbie and Larry Carter, Kim Reindl

and Bobby Totten.

June 29-July 1, VBS Camp Discovery, "Jesus at Work Through Us." Mission project for this year was filling "Blessing Bags." for the homeless.

June Monthly Collection - \$20,416

July

July sermon series: Heroes of the Bible, including Hannah, Gideon, Nehemiah, and Samson.

July 5, Quilts of Valor were presented to Joe Todd, Wayne Ellis, and Albert downs at the 9 a.m. service.

July 9, Lunch Bunch to Frank's Restaurant in Fayetteville.

July 9-12, FOCUS Youth River of Life Mission Trip in Macon, GA.

July 16, Sizzlin' Seniors enjoyed a meal at Carrabba's Restaurant and a production of "Footloose" at the Legacy Theater in Tyrone.

July 25, volunteers prepared 300 to-go lunches for Trinity Table in Atlanta.

July 19-August 2, school supplies were collected for a Bright Day (a children's organization in Coweta Co.)

July 26, Shelby Calderwood, granddaughter of Jerry Freeman, joined the church.

Highlights from the CCCC: Enrollment has reached 136 children, with a full summer camp (64 children enrolled. New staff members have been added, and a mission project is in the works to collect hygiene supplies for One Roof.

July Monthly Collection - \$22,755

August

August 9, FOCUS Youth Sunday evening gatherings resume.

August 13, Lunch Bunch to Green Manor Restaurant in Union City.

August 13, presentation of Quilt of Valor to Butch Cassell.

August 16, Megan Coggins joined the church.

August 18, presentation of Quilt of Valor to Ralph Cook, who passed away the next day, August 19.

Funeral service was held in the sanctuary on August 21.

August 20, Pastor Mark and Tiffany left for China to finalize the adoption of Mia and to bring her back to her "forever home." Pastor Mark is taking an 8 week family leave so that he will have an extended period of adjustment and bonding with Mia.

August 20, Sizzlin' Seniors Game Day in the Fellowship Hall.

August 23, Health Workshop, "Sugar Blues," led by Patty and Julie White, holistic health coaches.

August 30, Movie & Dessert, showing of "Do You Believe?" (from the makers of "God's Not Dead.")

Dessert and fellowship followed the showing of the movie.

August Monthly Collection - \$29,069

September

Pastor Wayne is filling the pulpit in the absence of Pastor Mark. We are very blessed to have him taking on the pastoral duties while Pastor Mark is on leave with newly adopted daughter, Mia.

September 10, Lunch Bunch to Red Lobster in Newnan.

September 11-13, North Georgia Conference Children's Ministry Retreat at Camp Glisson. No children's Sunday School or Children's Church on the 13th.

September 21-25, Scholastic Book Fair in CCCC.

September 24, CCCC Open House

September 27, Methodist Children's Home offering received during worship services. Children's Ministry Family Picnic after 11:00 a.m. worship service.

September Monthly Collection - \$22,737

October

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

October 8, Lunch Bunch to City Café in Fayetteville

October 10, Church Yard Sale sponsored by United Methodist Women.

October 14, Wednesday Night Supper sponsored by Eagle's Nest Christian Homeschool Assoc.

October 18, Children's Bible Sunday. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (14 students) received a Bible as a gift from their Cokes Chapel church family.

October 18, BBQ sponsored by Boy Scouts (prepared by Floyd Collins and team).

October 18, Health & Wellness gathering at 5 p.m. in Contemporary Worship Center.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes made available for church family. Boxes are due back on November 1.

October 26, Charge Conference at Cornerstone UMC with District Superintendent Carol Cook presiding.

October 26, "Trunk or Treat" 3-5 p.m. Cokes Chapel reaches out to the children of the Childcare Center and the community through an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

October 28, Wednesday Night Supper prepared by Bill Kennedy to benefit Congregational Care Team.

October was our pledge month in which we make our financial commitment for 2016. Pledge cards were included in bulletins on Sundays.

October Monthly Collection - \$22,087

November

November 1, All Saints Sunday. This was Pastor Mark's first Sunday back in the pulpit. The saints that went to be with the Lord since last year's service are: Louise Boswell, Ralph Cook, Randy Evans, Betty Head, Patricia Wilkerson, Bri Calhoun Hitchcock.

November 1, Cokes Chapel sponsored the lunch meal at Trinity Table. Volunteers made 1200 sandwiches on Saturday and packed 300 lunches. Volunteers left the church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to prepare a spaghetti lunch for the homeless and distribute the to-go sack lunches.

November 7, a group traveled by bus to the Hollonville Opry where Rita and Tommy Godwin were performing.

November 9, David Adamson received a Quilt of Valor at a special service in the sanctuary.

November 12, Lunch Bunch to McGuire's Restaurant in Senoia.

November 13, Sizzlin' Seniors holiday party at the home of Nancy Williams.

November 15, Advent Seminar on Incarnation and the Sacraments led by Kim Reindl.

November 16, 91 Operation Christmas shoeboxes were delivered to the Coweta collection site at Unity Baptist Church.

November 19, Ladies Holiday Dinner and Secret Sister Reveal.

November 22, Hanging of the Greens for Advent and Christmas. Chrismon Tree and Joshua Tree were decorated. Chili supper followed the decorating of the church.

November 23, volunteers prepared 14 Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to needy families.

November 24, Turkey Fry sponsored by our FOCUS Youth.

November 29, First Sunday in Advent, lighting of the Candle of Hope

November Monthly Collection - \$28,583

Sermon Series for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany):

Christmas in the Stars: A Star Wars Message Series

November 29, A New Hope (**Hope** gives power for a new life in Jesus)

December 6, The Phantom Menace (**Peace** in a fallen world and the slippery slope of sin)

December 13, Empire Strikes Back (When all seems lost, God's **love** is in full force)

December 20, The Attack of the Clones (Finding the **joy** that comes from authenticity in the spiritual life)

December 24, The Force Awakens (The birth of Jesus awakens (**enlightens**) us to a new reality of life with God)

December 27, Return of the Jedi (The missionary journey of the Christian life)

January 3, Gathered (The coming of Christ is the fulfillment of the promise that we all shall be given a place in God's family)

December

December 6, Second Sunday in Advent, lighting of the Candle of Peace. Christmas Bonfire at 5 p.m.

December 13, Third Sunday in Advent, lighting of the Candle of Love. Youth caroling at 4 p.m. followed

by Youth Christmas Party.

December 17, Ladies Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon at the home of Wanda Moore.

December 19, Breakfast with Santa, with our own Thom McCague as Santa. This event sponsored by our Children's Ministry.

December 20, Fourth Sunday in Advent, lighting of the Candle of Joy. Christmas Cantata, "Unto Us," presented by the Celebration Singers, at 5 p.m. with reception following in the Community Hall. At the 9 a.m. service we received a new member, Steve Corbett, into our congregation by transfer of membership from North Fayette UMC.

December 24, Christmas Eve communion and candlelight services at 4, 7, and 9 p.m.

December 29, combined worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Mark announced that Pastor Wayne has been appointed to Salem UMC in Pine Mountain, GA. He will begin his assignment the first Sunday in January. He and his family have been a vital part of our church for several years. They will surely be missed.

December Monthly Collection - \$32,610

Yearly General Fund Offering \$326,938

Yearly Communion Offering \$ 9,092

Submitted by Brenda Hanes