



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day
Campus Closed
- 26 Campus Closed

BACKSLIDERS SPEAKERS

January 7

Members of the Cookeville
Dulcimer Society

January 14

Steve Frye

January 21

Bob Bell

January 28

The Glorylanders Music Group

FROM OUR PASTOR

This Sunday, on Christmas Eve, we will observe a different schedule than normal. Instead of two services, we will have one worship service only at 10 a.m. Sunday School classes will not meet. That evening, we will celebrate two Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion services at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning service and the evening services will be different, including different messages, so we hope you will attend both. If you do not have a time preference for Christmas Eve, you might want to consider attending at 7:00 p.m. when it will not be as crowded. And please remember, Christmas Eve is a great time to invite guests to FUMC.

I want to thank all of you who have turned in financial pledges for 2018. If you have not yet pledged, and plan to, please consider turning in your commitment this week. We are finalizing the 2018 ministry budget and this information is crucial for our planning. You can place your pledge in the offering plate, or mail it in, or email it to LuAnn at luann@cookevillefumc.org or call it in to LuAnn at 526-2177. I deeply appreciate the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Finally, it was good to receive Liz Carter as a new member. Welcome to our church family.

Merry Christmas to all!

~ *Martin*

Sunday Services

Worship Service:

8:30, 10:55

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Service Broadcast on
News Talk FM 94.1/AM 1600

Nursery Available

Sunday Worship and Sunday

School: 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Children ages birth to 3 years

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Service (No Sunday School)

10 a.m.

Evening Candlelight Service

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.



BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 662

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 425

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$52,693.75

Building fund receipts \$1,465.00

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$37,415.00

Building fund receipts \$6,345.00

ANGEL'S ATTIC UPDATE

Thanks to the many people who donated to Angel's Attic and the volunteers who helped, our November 7th distribution was a success! We provided 78 families with household items and clothes including coats, sweaters, hats and other cold weather items. As we move into winter those cold weather items will be especially important.

Your continued generosity is what allows this wonderful ministry to be so successful. Thank you very much. Please contact Tamika Parker or Gaynell Sachse if you have any questions about Angel's Attic.

HANDICAP ACCESS PROGRESS

In the next few weeks you may notice the absence of two half sections of pews on the right as you enter the sanctuary. This was done to accommodate those that may be in wheelchairs, using walkers, or needing portable oxygen tanks. We apologize to those who may be displaced from their customary seating locations. However, we know our church membership is fully understanding of the need to provide for the accessibility and comfort of all.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

To request prayer or to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office or use the prayer cards in the pews. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Marvin Barker	Faith Holdredge	Susan Pangle
Vivian Barnes	Mary Ann Huffines	Winnie Peterson
Lida Canella	Virginia Hunter	Margaret Phipps
Michael Carver	Alma Jean Johnson	Mary Jo Rogers
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	Tanya Samples
Kayla Colson	Anna Karch	Joan Tansil
Ed Edenfield	Mary Byrd King	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Jeannine Lynn	Julia Woodford
Virginia Gibson	Brian Maffett	Hazel Wyatt
Nate Griffis	Pat Maxwell	
Dan Hearn	Evangeline O'Kain	

Sympathy and Prayer

Jan Fritz, family and friends of Fran Fritz.
Todd Arnold and family on the death of his grandmother, Levena Jobe.

PRAYER TEAM INVITES YOU TO PRAYER

Knowing someone is praying for us can have powerful consequences for our lives. In most cases, congregational prayer requests are announced during Sunday morning services and published in the bulletin, but sometimes we receive requests for individuals who prefer to keep their requests private, yet they still desire prayer. These individuals and their prayer requests are maintained on a separate prayer list that is not published. Each week a group of dedicated friends offers prayer for those on both the published and the unpublished prayer lists.

If you know of someone who would like to receive prayer, whether it's someone from this congregation, or a family member, friend or neighbor let us know and we will include them in our prayers.

The Prayer Team meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Jenkins Chapel, and we welcome you to join us. For more information or to have your name or someone else's added to the Prayer Team list, contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org.

DULCIMER SOCIETY SERENADES PANTRY PATRONS

Thank you to the Dulcimer Society for providing music at God's Grace Food Pantry. It was wonderful and we look forward to hearing you again!



THE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider adding these items to your grocery shopping list so we may help provide needed items to our friends and neighbors:

- Baby food, cake mix
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.



For updated information, please visit us online at www.cookevillefumc.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Liz Carter

POVERTY SIMULATION EVENT

FUMC will host a Community Action Poverty Simulation on Wednesday, January 10, from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. The simulation will be presented by representatives from the Putnam County School's Family Engagement team. Volunteers and participants from the Caney Fork District are encouraged to be a part of this event.

Why a Simulation? Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families, but unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive immersion experience designed to sensitize community participants to the realities of poverty.

CAPS breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others, which can be a profoundly moving experience. It moves people to think about how communities can address the problem. Most importantly, it moves people to make a difference.

The simulation involves participants who take on the roles of family members all facing a variety of challenging, but typical, circumstances. Volunteers play the roles of resource providers in the community. After the experience, individuals have the opportunity to discuss what they've learned with their peers.

CAPS is a tool that helps participants rethink the challenges that millions of low income individuals must face each and every day. More importantly, this tool helps people identify areas of change that can directly impact the effects of poverty on individuals, families and communities.

This event is open to adult participants 18 and older. For more information and to become a participant or volunteer for this event, contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org, or Tamika Parker, tamika@cookevillefumc.org, or call the church office at 526-2177.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, December 25

Christmas — Campus Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Campus Closed

Wednesday, December 27

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym

Thursday, December 28

No events scheduled

Friday, December 29

- 8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast — Dipsy Doodle Restaurant

Saturday, December 30

No events scheduled

Sunday, December 31

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Services — Sanctuary

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day — Campus Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- Campus Closed
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home

Wednesday, January 3

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214

Thursday, January 4

- 1:45 p.m. Juilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:45 p.m.; Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

Friday, January 5

- 8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast





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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 24

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10 a.m.

Open hearts. Open minds. Open Doors. The people of The United Methodist Church.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Join us Thursday, January 18, at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Elvis will be in the building! Come hear the King of Rock and Roll as Elvis returns to the stage with his signature style and songs! Join in the fun as Elvis visits FUMC, plus enjoy a Grade A meal!

Cost: \$5 per person. Call the Church Office, 526-2177 or go online, www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, January 16.

FREEMAN BUILDING ACCESS

For security reasons, the Freeman Building may now be accessed only via the canopied entrance from Broad St. after 4:30 p.m. The parking garage and all other doors will be locked at 4:30 p.m.

MISSION MEALS

FUMC has been partnering with the Cookeville Rescue Mission for over three years. We serve the dinner meal the first Tuesday of every month and are ready to add your name to the 2018 calendar! If your class, circle, or other small group would like to prepare and serve meals to our neighbors at the mission, please contact Tamika Parker to pick a date. Your time and efforts make a difference to those in need!

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions intended for the church for 2017 must be in the office by noon on Friday, December 29, or must be postmarked by December 31, 2017. If you have questions concerning your giving, please contact LuAnn at 526-2177 or email luann@cookevillefumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS ASSESSMENT

Youth Ministry Architects is coming this January 7-9 to do an assessment of our Youth Ministry, provide feedback and clear goals for the future. They will be conducting several listening groups and will be presenting their findings at the end of their stay. We need as many youth and youth parents as possible to participate in this effort as we look forward to how our church will do youth ministry in the years to come! Please look at the schedule and R.S.V.P Adam Daniels, our Director of Youth Ministries, if you can participate by calling 931-808-6804, or emailing addaniels7@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 7:

- 12:00 p.m. General Members
- 1:30 p.m. Youth Volunteers
- 3:00 p.m. Middle School Parents
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Members
- 5:30 p.m. High School Parents

Tuesday, January 9:

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Youth Room (for Youth and Parents Only)
- 6:30 p.m. Public Presentation of Findings in the Youth Room (For Youth and Parents Only)