



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 Poverty Simulation Deadline
- 7-9 Youth Ministry Architects
- 10 Poverty Simulation Event
- 18 Young At Heart Luncheon
- 28 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

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

Happy New Year!

I hope you will begin the New Year by gathering with your congregation this Sunday for worship and Sunday school. My message this Sunday will be "Facing Down a Giant." The New Year is an excellent time to invite friends, so I hope you will invite a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker or fellow student to join you for worship.

You may have heard that Josh Voiles has accepted a position as full time Music Minister at First United Methodist Church of Greensboro, Georgia. He and Camille will be leaving in mid-January to accept the position. Although we will miss Josh and Camille, I'm grateful for their many contributions to FUMC in recent years. Josh has served as part-time Associate Music Minister, and Camille has served as part-time Assistant to the Youth Minister. Please pray for them and us as we make this transition. Todd Arnold and Kevin Salter will assume leadership positions in the Music Ministry in mid-January.

As always, it is a privilege to be your pastor. Please let me know if I can ever be of service.

~ Martin

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



The Youth ministry made pancakes for Breakfast with Santa!



FUMC Kids hanging out over Christmas break.



...and Christmas caroling!

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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BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 1,011

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 346

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$12,428.45

Building fund receipts \$705.00

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$70,391.25

Building fund receipts \$22,730.00

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather on a day other than Wednesday, the church office will make a determination whether activities will be cancelled for weather related purposes. If an activity is cancelled, an announcement will be posted on the homepage of the church web-site by Noon and the activity leader will be informed. Participants should contact their leader or the church office with any questions. When activities are cancelled, the facility will not be open nor will anyone be available to open or close the facility.

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	Mary Ann Huffines	Winnie Peterson
Vivian Barnes	Virginia Hunter	Margaret Phipps
Lida Canella	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	
Faith Holdredge	Susan Pangle	

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.

POVERTY SIMULATION EVENT DEADLINE

First United Methodist Church will host a Community Action Poverty Simulation on Wednesday, January 10, 6 – 9 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. We are in need of 45 volunteers to sign-up by Friday, January 5 or the simulation will be cancelled. The simulation will be presented by representatives from the Putnam County School's Family Engagement team.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others. CAPS is 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 event is open to adult participants 18 years old and older. For more information and to become a participant or volunteer, contact Noel Poston or Tamika Parker at 526-2177.

GRIEFSHARE

A new GriefShare support group will begin on Monday, January 8, for those who have recently lost a loved one and find themselves in mourning. We will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room B206 of the Freeman Building for informative videos and facilitator-led discussions with participants receiving compassionate comfort in a faith-based setting. For more information contact Robert at 644-2435.



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

REPURPOSING CHRISTMAS TREES



Do you have an artificial Christmas tree that is ready to be repurposed? FUMC Kids is in search of trees to use as decorations for Vacation Bible School 2018. We would gladly accept all donations of trees, any size and any shape. Trees

can be dropped off at the church office or we would happily pick up at your home!

THANK YOU STOCKING STUFFERS!



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the kids at Jere Whitson Elementary by stuffing stockings to make their day a bit merrier and brighter!

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.

HOPE ACADEMY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The crew at Hope Academy enjoyed their Christmas party with special music, lunch with their families and a visit from a very special guest.



CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — B214
- Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206

Monday, January 8

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry — B206
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- Poverty Simulation — Gym and Christian Life Center
- 5:00 p.m. Parents Meeting for Youth — Youth Room

Thursday, January 11

- 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training — B206
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

Friday, January 12

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

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM JAN FRITZ

To my church family: "Thank you" is hardly enough to express what this church, First United Methodist Church, has meant to Fran and I since arriving here 25 years ago. The outpouring of love and all the support—by way of prayers, hugs, and concern—is overwhelming. Christ is alive and well and working here in our midst. You have truly been His hands and feet. God is good.

~ Jan Fritz



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Third Grade Bible Presentation

**Sunday, January 28
8:30 a.m. service
in the Sanctuary**

If you would like your third grader to receive a Bible and have not been contacted, please email Beth Wheeler at children@cookevillefumc.org.

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!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, February 2 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Go to the FUMC website to register. Plan to donate and save a life!

YOUTH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS ASSESSMENT

Youth Ministry Architects are 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 hold our youth ministry in the years to come! All meetings will be held in the Youth room of the Freeman building. 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)