



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 United Methodist Men
- 15 Young at Heart Luncheon
- 22-23 Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Next Backsliders Speaker

- November 11 Bill Prall
- 18 Kathy Evans
- 25 Adam Daniels

WNL DINNER MENUS

November 14: Chicken and rice casserole, salad, steamed broccoli, Mountain Dew cake

November 21: No WNL meal or activities due to Thanksgiving holiday.

November 28: Pork roast, salad, carrots, roasted potatoes with gravy, red velvet cake

Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

To make reservations, call the church office at 526-2177, email us at office@cookevillefumc.org, or sign-up online at www.cookevillefumc.org.

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

As most of you know, the United Methodist Church, like many denominations, is currently in conflict over the issue of sexuality. Next February, we will have a called General Conference to find some kind of resolution to this decade's long struggle. Most people believe we'll have some kind of schism. If so, hopefully those who leave will be small in number.

A few weeks ago, our church hosted a listening session on the subject. Large numbers of churches from our District attended and shared their perspective on homosexuality. Although a few people called for grace and inclusion, the vast majority spoke negatively about becoming more inclusive as a denomination. Numerous people even compared homosexuals to pedophiles and murderers. I found the discussion extremely discouraging.

The overwhelming consensus among those who spoke at the listening session is that the Bible condemns homosexual behavior, and that we must not go against the Bible. However, it's not nearly that simple. The Bible only has about seven brief passages on homosexuality. The writers of those texts had no conception of sexual orientation, or of loving monogamous homosexual relationships. We must be extremely careful about using a few isolated Bible verses to condemn all gay people.

For example, the Bible has over three hundred verses that affirm slavery. Large numbers of verses affirm and command the practice of genocide. The Bible says that the penalty for picking up sticks on the Sabbath is execution by stoning. According to the Bible, sassy teenagers are to be executed. The Bible teaches that women are the property of their fathers and husbands. The Bible forbids women to speak in church. The Bible says that divorce for any reason is unacceptable. The Bible even says that mixing different fabrics in clothing is an abomination to God. Most Christians in the 21st century totally ignore all of those passages, for good reasons. However, many of them hold fast to the handful of verses that discourage homosexual behavior. Sadly, people use these verses to support prejudice against gay people, to discriminate against them both in society and church, and to wound them deeply.

Rather than cherry picking a handful of passages that support our prejudices, we must look at the big picture of the Bible, which values love, mercy, grace, inclusion, and justice. And, we must especially pay attention to the teaching and example of Jesus, who never said a word about homosexuality. However, Jesus constantly broke down human barriers. He offered grace, love, and mercy to all (except arrogant and judgmental religious people). And, he included all people into the community of faith.

I have no idea what General Conference will decide next February. And I'll be retired and out of the fray. But I hope and pray that United Methodists will chose inclusion over exclusion, love over hate, and justice over discrimination.

~Martin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 493

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Total Worship Attendance:

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$17,543.00

Building fund receipts \$610.00

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Budget fund receipts

Building fund receipts

Youth Ski Trip to North Carolina

The Youth ski trip is January 4-6 in North Carolina. \$175 covers lodging for Friday and Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday skiing or snowboarding (lift tickets, equipment, etc.). There is a FIRM LIMIT to how many students/chaperones we can take--we can have no more than 26 students/chaperones due to transportation and lodging limitations. Sign ups due December 16. Contact Adam at addaniels7@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Lock-In

Join us an all night extravaganza November 9 - 10! We'll meet at the church at 9 p.m. and then head to the town for some activities. We will end up back at the church for fun and games in the gym, a movie in the Youth room, snacks, and more. We'll have breakfast in the morning. The event will end at 8 a.m.

Youth—Ongoing Studies

November 11 and 18: We will follow our regular schedule, with Middle School students meeting in the Youth Room and High School students meeting at Poet's.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Marvin Barker	Brian Lee Foster	Brittany McCloud
Vivian Barnes	Elaine Funk	Wayne Nichols
Janey Bassett	Mary Garrison	Winnie Peterson
Craig Benich	Nate Griffis	Margaret Phipps
James Buck	Joe Hix	Mary Jo Rogers
Robert Buck	Alma Jean Johnson	David Sachse
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	Sarah Stockton
Peggy Cho	Mary Byrd King	Gene Evelyn Warren
Anna Cunningham	Levena Kline	Hazel Wyatt
Kurt Eisen	Karen Macke	
Dave and Pat Evans	Pat Maxwell	

Sympathy and Prayer

George Young, on the death of his wife, Sue Young.

CLUB 456 PARENTS AND STUDENTS



Jacob's Ladder Playground Clean Up Day

Join us November 11 during Sunday School Class for our service project. We will have a short lesson and prayer and then head over to the playground. Be prepared for cold weather—wear your working clothes and appropriate shoes. We will reschedule if it is too rainy. This will be a wonderful time of service with family and friends for our community!

Dinner and a Show

On November 11, Club 456 will enjoy free play in the gym, have a dinner together, then go to A Little Off Broad Street hosted by the Youth Choir.

Drop-off: 4pm @ The Freeman Building
Pick-Up: 7:00pm @ The Wesley Chapel

Contact Shannon Auberson at



CONFIRMATION CLASS



A new year of Confirmation has begun! Please pray for the incredible 6th graders at FUMC as they dive into their faith and take this important step in their spiritual journey. For more

information about 6th grade confirmation, contact Shannon Auberson at children@cookevillefumc.org.

YOUTH SCHEDULE—MAIN EVENTS

November 9 - 10 Youth Lock-In

November 11 "A Little Off Broad Street"

November 25 *The Table*

December 8 Breakfast with Santa

December 15 Placement of Wreaths on Veterans' Graves (Crestlawn)

December 16 Christmas Party

January 4-6 Ski Trip



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

UMW's HARVEST OF BLESSINGS



Please join us for United Methodist Women's annual Harvest of Blessings on Friday, November 9, from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

This is our only fundraiser, and the monies raised go toward local missions. Last year, over \$2,000 were donated back to the community. Some of the venues that benefited were FUMC's own Disaster Relief Team, Emergency Fund, and God's Grace Food Pantry. We also contributed to Putnam County's Rescue Mission, Teens Need Training program, and Cookeville Regional Medical Center Foundation.

In addition to the soup that is served and the baked goods that are sold, we will have areas specifically for plant sales and gently used cookbook sales.

JUST A LITTLE OFF BROAD STREET

Sunday, November 11, 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. Mark your calendars for *Just A Little Off Broad Street*, the annual show put on by the Youth Choir and Youth Choir Friends and the main fundraiser for their 2019 Tour. This year's show is a BROADWAY comes to BROADSTREET theme, with a variety of numbers presented by individuals, the Gospel Ensemble and the 2018-2019 Youth Choir. This year's show will feature some Aretha Franklin tunes! There is no charge for either the show or the fantastic snacks. It is our hope that you will support the fundraising efforts of the Youth Choir through your generous tips. Tip jars will be available in Wesley Chapel.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Young at Heart Thursday, November 15 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. *Why is God not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution?* with Dr. Calvin Dickinson. Join Young at Heart as Dr. Dickinson, a retired TTU history professor, speaks on the U.S. Constitution. None of the six men who wrote it were Christians. What did they believe? Come learn more about this intriguing topic. Make reservations by November 13 through the Church Office, 526-2177. Cost: \$5 at the door.



CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 11 — Veterans Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Club 456 Dinner and a Show — Gym/Foundations Classroom
- 5:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study — B206
Confirmation Class — B214
- 6:00 p.m. *Just a Little Off Broad Street* — Wesley Chapel

Monday, November 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall

Tuesday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, November 14

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry General Meeting and Peer Support—B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
Choir Club — Music Suite
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II — B214
Financial Peace University — Conference Room
Incarnation — B213 and B210
Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God — Youth Room
The Broken Way — B206
Youth Choir — Music Suite
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, November 15

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213
- 11:00 a.m. Young At Heart Luncheon — Jeff Wall Hall
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, November 16

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

Just a Little Off Broad Street



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Join us Sunday, November 11
at 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel
for the Youth Choir and Youth
Choir Friends Annual Fundraiser
for Choir Tour 2019!

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

CHRISTMAS AT BEERSHEBA

Join us for a day trip to “Christmas at Beersheba” on Thursday, November 29. Enjoy Christmas music, a delicious meal and a meaningful worship service in the chapel. The menu is turkey, ham, cornbread dressing, gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, pumpkin or pie and a beverage. We’ll leave FUMC at 8:30 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 per person; reservations and payment to Patricia in the church office. Reservation deadline: November 14. Limited seating. Questions? Contact Lynne or John Maddux.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



THANKSGIVING

Our church-wide Thanksgiving luncheon will take place November 22 in the Christian Life Center. We will meet at 11 a.m. and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The church will provide the turkey, dressing, and drinks.

Bring a friend— and a side-dish or dessert to share! If you are interested in attending or volunteering, please contact Tamika Parker at Tamika@cookevillefumc.org, or call 526-2177.

FOOD PANTRY

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

- Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cranberry sauce
- Grocery and newspaper bags that are clean and flattened

KROGER CARD—FOOD PANTRY BENEFITS

Did you know God’s Grace Food Pantry can receive cash back from purchases using your Kroger Rewards Card? And you can still keep all your points and benefits!

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card. You will be asked for the NPO number for God’s Grace Food Pantry, which is **96948**.

ANGELS ATTIC

Thank you for your patience with Angel’s Attic. We are hoping to reopen around the first of next year. Please hold all donations until we make a final decision on the opening date as we do not have available staff at this time.. If you need to get rid of items sooner, please consider giving to other local charities.