



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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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www.cookevillefumc.org

ADVENT CALENDAR

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8, 8-10 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

We invite you and your family to spend the morning eating yummy pancakes and visiting with Santa! This event is free and the food is provided by the FUMC Youth Group. Special crafts and a Christmas movie will also be available for the children. We look forward to sharing some holiday fun with you!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 9, 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Worship Services

Join us for the traditional readings of the Advent season with musical offerings by the Handbell Choirs, Chancel Choir, Evening Ensemble, Gospel Ensemble, Youth Choir and Brass Ensemble.

The Table Worship Service (Christmas Special)

Sunday, December 9, 6 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

Join us for a special edition of "The Table", featuring the talents of our Youth Praise Band. This worship experience will help prepare your hearts and minds for the Christmas season in a special and uplifting way!

Kids Mission Day

Wednesday, December 12, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

FUMC Kids (grades K-6) are invited to Kids Mission Day. Special projects will include newborn baby baskets for Cookeville Regional Medical Center, emergency food bag preparation for those in need, and the purchasing and wrapping of presents for children on the Rescue Mission Angel Tree.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16, 5 p.m.

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the Annual Christmas Party. For the gift exchange, bring something you already own that you would like to give away as a gift. Also, bring a donation to be used towards buying Angel Tree gifts.

Kids Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16, 3-6 p.m.

FUMC Kids, grades 3-6, are invited to go Christmas Caroling on December 16 from 3-6 p.m. We will visit members of our church who are homebound. Seeing the children brings them a lot of joy during the holiday season. Contact Shannon Auberson for more information and to sign up.

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 23, Wesley Chapel 6 p.m.

A special worship service designed for those living through difficult times during the holiday season.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Evening Services

Monday, December 24, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

For a listing of all our Advent events, visit our website at www.cookevillefumc.org and click on the front page slide.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 360

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 673

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$20,619.00

Building fund receipts \$535.00

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$26,208.33

Building fund receipts \$1,205.00

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather, 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.

The Food Pantry will follow the Putnam County School District. If schools are closed for weather conditions on a Tuesday in which the Food Pantry is normally scheduled for distribution, the Food Pantry will be closed. This is for the safety of both our patrons and volunteers.

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat, March 8 – 10, at Beersheba Springs Assembly. More details to follow soon!

FUMC Kids—Christmas Caroling

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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	Alda Harris	Mary Jo Rogers
Robert Buck	Joe Hix	Sarah Stockton
Randy Cavanaugh	Alma Jean Johnson	Keith Walker
Peggy Cho	Jan Jordan	Ron Winningham
Anna Cunningham	Mary Byrd King	Hazel Wyatt
Delaney Duncan	Karen Macke	
Kurt Eisen	Pat Maxwell	

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

THE LONGEST NIGHT



First United Methodist Church is planning a special worship service for those living through loss during the holidays. Whether the loss is new or took place a long time ago, FUMC invites the community to join with others for The Longest Night service in Wesley Chapel at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 23. All are welcome.

The holidays are not a joy-filled time for everyone, and for many the loss of loved ones and other life losses can make the holidays seem even more painful than ordinary days. Whatever the loss, whether from the death of a loved one, loss of health, or job or financial loss - many people look for a way to make it through a long season where grief doesn't seem to fit in with the parties and other activities associated with this time of year.

The Longest Night Service is intended for those who seek to reflect on both the sorrows and joys of the season through meaningful music and a compassionate message, finding hope for the days ahead. For more information contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org or Rev. Rob Wheeler rob@cookevillefumc.org.

FUMC KIDS MISSION DAY

Join us for Kids Mission Day on December 12, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Freeman Building! FUMC Kids will be helping people in our community who do not have enough food to eat by collecting items for food bags. We will also be collecting items for newborns and their mothers who are patients at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. We will put these bags together on Kids Mission Day in the Freeman Building.

You do not have to be a kid to help with this mission! Many giving hands and hearts are needed to make this outreach a success. Help us collect the following items and join us on December 12 to pack the kits!

Food Bag Items:

All canned or packaged items need to be pop top. We also need bottled water, peanut butter pouches, peanut butter and crackers, cheese and crackers, cereal bars, protein bars, pop tarts, fruit cups, juice boxes, and a protein: bean and franks, chili, ravioli, tuna pack, or potted meat, Slim Jim or small beef jerky packs.

Newborn Items:

Diapers, wipes, crib sheets, bottles, lotion, wash clothes, onesies, baby caps, NO POWDER

For more information, or to drop off items, contact Shannon Auberson at 526-2177 or children@cookevillefumc.org.



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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We have sanctuary flower sponsorships available for the 2019 calendar. Sponsors are listed in the Sunday bulletin with a brief dedication notice. If you are interested in providing altar flowers on any of the dates below, please contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177.

- February 10
- March 3
- March 31
- September 29
- October 6

2019 CALENDAR DONATIONS

If you receive any 2019 calendars from local businesses and won't be using them, please consider donating them to the food pantry! We will distribute the calendars in our annual Christmas Food Distribution boxes.



CHRISTMAS BOXES

Once again the pantry is offering you the opportunity to purchase a Christmas food box in honor or memory of an individual. The cost is \$35 each. We are planning to distribute 400 boxes this year. Order forms are available in the narthex and the church office. Forms and payment will be accepted until Christmas, however to ensure your acknowledgement cards are received before Christmas, orders forms must be returned by December 17. Please consider supporting the ministry of the Food Pantry in this way as we continue to share God's love and our gifts with our neighbors.

YOUTH SCHEDULE—MAIN EVENTS

- December 8 Breakfast with Santa
December 15 Placement of Wreaths on Veterans' Graves
December 16 Christmas Party
January 4-6 Ski Trip

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.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9

- 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. Women's Bible Study — B206
Youth Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. *The Table* — Wesley Chapel

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

- 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
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, December 12

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry General Meeting — B213
3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
4:00 p.m. Kid's Mission Day — Youth Room
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

Thursday, December 13

- 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

Friday, December 14

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

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Thanks to all of you who have already turned in your pledge cards for 2019. While we've had a good response, we hope to receive many more responses this week. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so soon. Your annual pledge is a crucial part of our ministry planning, so we deeply appreciate your generous spirit. You can place your pledge card in the offering place during a worship service (extra pledge cards can be found in the pew racks), mail it in, email luann@cookevillefumc.org or call LuAnn at 526-2177.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR DR. MARTIN THIELEN

Sunday, December 16, in the Christian Life Center, during the Sunday School hour. Please join us as we bid a fond farewell to our Senior Pastor, Dr. Martin Thielen, as he makes his way into retirement.

Breakfast with Santa



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Join us for Santa and pancakes!
Wednesday, December 8
8-10 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS



Poinsettia order forms are available in the narthex, in the church office, and online at www.cookevillefumc.org. Red poinsettias are \$18 and wreaths are \$15. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary for Sundays, December 16 and 23 and may be picked up after the 7 p.m. service on Monday, December 24. The deadline to submit orders is Friday, December 7, at noon.

FUMC KIDS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

- December 8 — Breakfast with Santa
- December 12 — Kids Mission Day
- December 16 — Christmas Caroling
- January 13 — 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- February 10 — Sunday School GLOW Sunday
- March 5 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- March 6 — Ash Wednesday
- April 14 — Palm Sunday
- April 18 — Maundy Thursday
- April 19 — Good Friday
- April 20 — Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21 — Easter Sunday
- April 29 — Confirmation Sunday

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON



Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Celebrate Christmas with delightful reminiscing! “Mining Your Memories” class members will share stories from Christmas’ past. Tree ornaments and table decorations will have you saying, “I remember those!” Join in the remembering and enjoy a delicious lunch. Cost: \$5 per person. Make reservations by Tuesday, December 11 by calling the Church Office at 526-2177.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall
Be a hero! Donate blood! Go online to www.cookevillefumc.org, click on the front page slide and enter code FUMCCookeville19.

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**.