



CONGREGATIONAL
PRAYER CONCERNS

The Asante family	Gary Kellman
Janey Bassett	Kirk Kellman
Tia Bassett	Mary Byrd King
Juanita Bilyeu	Dave Lee
Nathaniel Bone	Fred Lee
Robert Buck	Mike Lee
Savannah Lynn Caylor	Annette Lynch
Peggy Cho	Brian Maffett
Barry Clouse	Sylvia McCann
Scott Crouch	Linda McConnell
Faye Curry	Paul McLendon
Michael Curry	Claire McMillan
Mary Mac Darnell	Harper Mynatt
Ferdinand DiFurio	Larry Norton
Nadia DiFurio	Rob Poteet
Delaney Duncan	Mary Jo Rogers
Hazel Dyer	Roxanne Self
Brian Lee Foster	Hazel Smith
Elaine Funk	Sarah Stockton
Mary Garrison	Bobbie Story
Nate Griffis	Tommie Thackston
Hunter Harris	Jessie Watts
Joe Hix	Pam White
Bob Jones	Harriett Wright
Ann Kellman	

Sympathy and Prayer

Sympathy to Allen Ray and family in the death of his mother, Ann Ray.

Sunday Services

Worship Service:
8:30, 10:55, and 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Service Broadcast on
WAFX-AM 1600

Nursery Available

Sunday Worship and Sunday
School: 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Children ages birth to 4 years

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Jesus gave us his great commandment as the essence of God's expectation of us. It is the core of our approach to discipleship. Matthew 22:37 says, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.* This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: *Love your neighbor as yourself.* All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

So how do we practice this Great Commandment during this unique time? As we move through a process of "triage, transition and transformation," we are beginning to ramp up our church activities and ministries again. We will gather again in worship this next Sunday, June 21, in worship services at 8:30, 9:45 and 10:55 a.m. Other ministries will slowly re-emerge in step-by-step intervals. So how can we "love God and neighbor" in the next few weeks and months? Here are a few opportunities:

- We will love God by gathering in persons AND digitally as a community of faith. Each person and family will choose its own comfort level in progressing toward the entire community being together again. Case counts and hospitalization rates will continually guide the availability of our in-person services.
- We will love one another as we come to worship by following the protocols of social distancing, hand sanitizing and the use of masks. None of us PREFER masks. We wear them as an ACT OF LOVE for others. It is an act of love in that we relinquish or "let go" of our personal preference to NOT wear a mask for the well-being and safety of others. It is a small inconvenience done as an act of love. Talk of anyone's "freedom" being inhibited indicates valuing personal autonomy more than the well-being of others. That's not our story or our core value in Christ. Self-giving love is.
- We will express our love for graduating seniors as we gather on Monday night, June 22, at the Sparta Drive In at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate their graduation.
- We are expressing our love for children in our community by participating in the Food to the Rescue program that delivers much needed food boxes for students and their families. Our Youth Choir and a number of our adults have been volunteering in recent weeks with the deliveries.
- We will be hosting a Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry for our community on Friday, June 26, from approximately 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to address food insecurity for families.
- We will express our love and support for our Youth Choir, whose regular choir tour was canceled due to COVID-19, by supporting their performance of GODSPELL at Dogwood Park on Sunday evening, June 28, at 6 p.m.
- We will continue to phone one another for check-ins, pray for one another, and encourage our families as they cope with disrupted school schedules and as they anticipate this next school year.

You've heard the expression: keep the main thing the main thing! Love of God and neighbor is our main thing. I hope each of you will find your way to participate.

~ Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 272

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 225

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$72,703.83

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$41,898.78

Online Giving

During this time of social distancing, we have several ways for you to continue supporting the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of your church.

- Mail your check to 165 E Broad St. Cookeville, TN 38501
- Automatic draft on the 5th and/or 20th each month.
- Online giving by credit card
- Online giving through recurring donations

Please call LuAnn in the church office at 526-2177 if you would like to setup automatic draft or have any questions about other options. Online giving is available through our website at www.cookevillefumc.org/giving. Thanks for your continued support during these different times!

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

We have an annual altar flower sponsorship available for June 28. Contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177 if you are interested in either the annual sponsorship or would like to sponsor for this year only.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS



Friends at Jacob's Ladder polished up their entrepreneurial skills by selling blueberry lemonade out of their daycare door. This reporter can attest, it was delicious!



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

YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations Class of 2020!!

Please join us in congratulation this year's graduating seniors:

John Clarke Bull	Eva Maffett	Julian Surles
Maggie Collins	Ethan Moore	Katie Ward
Evie Jo Dalton	Hunter Rinehart	Kelsey Warren
John Luke Green	Emma Sells	Karlin Watson
Fort Hunter	Alexis Surles	Davis Welch

What a strange time to graduate high school. This time is usually filled with parties and celebrations, not social distancing and masks. Know that we grieve with you over this. But we also celebrate. We celebrate the time you spent with us these few years. We celebrate your ministry among us through song, making pancakes at Breakfast for Santa, and all the countless way you gave of your of your time and energy to serve others, and the many, many laughs and smiles. Those are the things that last and cannot be touched or canceled by any pandemic. We are proud of you and are excited to see how you will continue to bring the kingdom of heaven to the places you go to from here!

Having said that, we still want to celebrate! On June 22, at 7:30 p.m., we are inviting all seniors and their families to the Sparta Drive-In for our annual Senior Send Off/Year End celebration. It will be a little different than usual, but we've got some fun ideas up our sleeve that we think will make it a night to remember! Please RSVP by sending Adam an email at addaniels7@gmail.com with your name and the number of people in your party. We want as many as possible Youth who are not seniors to be there, but our space is limited at the Drive-In, so please let Adam know if you plan to be there!

~ Adam Daniels

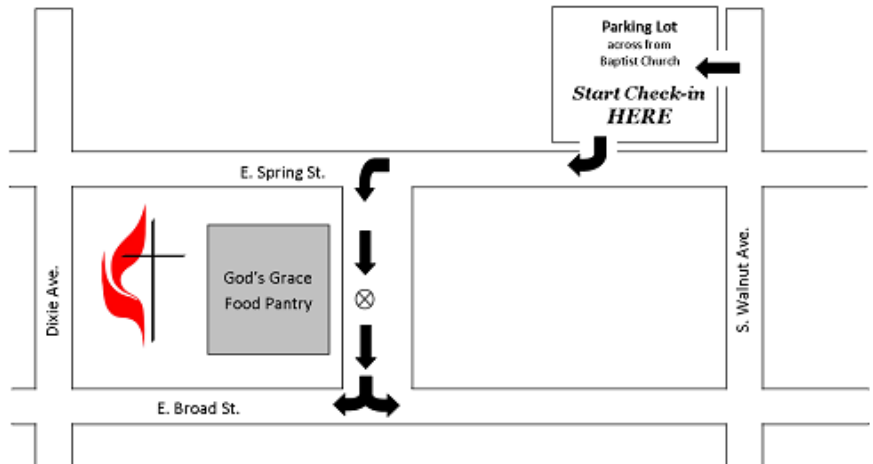
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Friday, June 26, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., or while supplies last.

FUMC and Second Harvest Food Bank are partnering to provide a mobile pantry for Putnam County families needing food assistance.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Vehicles are not allowed before 9:15 a.m.
- Please have your trunk cleaned out before you arrive.
- No more than two (2) families may pick-up per vehicle.
- Remain inside and open your trunk or van door.
- Animals are not allowed inside the vehicle.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



American Red Cross

Friday, July 17, in Jeff Wall Hall, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive. All donors will receive a free T-shirt. Go to the FUMC website under upcoming events to register. Donate and save a life!

FOOD PANTRY



God's Grace Food Pantry is still in operation. We are adhering to the safe practices of social distancing, which makes this ministry look extremely different. Our guests are important to us, and we miss seeing

them on a weekly basis. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we value their safety and wellbeing and also long to help them meet their basic needs.

Our Pantry team discussed several options and decided on the appointment system. We speak with the guest by phone and discuss their needs, which allows us the opportunity to create a box specifically for their family. Just prior to their pickup appointment time, the box is set outside the door. While this may appear impersonal, Tamika is able to wave through the window and offer signs of peace and encouragement. We are also including a note with a scripture and devotion.

As this COVID-19 emergency continues, we will explore other ideas and ways we can be most helpful to our community. Stay tuned for updates during these ever-changing times. We place our hope and faith in God, who sustains us as we continue to fulfill our calling to share the story of grace in the heart of town.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are in need of a few tents, a couple of golf carts with drivers, emergency blankets (to help keep cold things cold), and bottled water. We need volunteers to help with traffic, pack and load boxes, and clean up. Shifts are 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and clean up team. Contact Tamika Parker if you would like to be part of this outreach to our community.



VBS KICK-OFF—SCAVENGER HUNT



GODSPELL

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Sunday, June 28, 6 p.m.
at Dogwood Park

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on, practice good social distancing, and enjoy the Stay Tour production of this fabulous Broadway musical!

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

GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Consider getting the Cookeville Methodist digitally! In addition to helping us save on postage and printing costs, you'll get the newsletter in full color before the printed copy has even been folded! Email office@cookevillefumc.org with "Newsletter" in the subject line with your first and last name. Every other Tuesday you'll receive an email with a link to the current newsletter. You can also find it (along with past editions) on our website at www.cookevillefumc.org/resources/fumc-newsletters.

YOUTH CHOIR SERVICE PROJECTS



The Youth Choir Tour for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19, but the spirit of service and preparation has continued through service projects involving Project Transformation, VBS, Food to the Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mobile Food Pantry.

HOW TO ACCESS SUNDAY SERVICES

Visit www.cookevillefumc.org, and click the *Sunday's Service and Devotionals* slide. From there, you will be taken to a page that lists all the previously recorded sermons. Click on the date of the sermon title you want to watch, and you will be redirected to our YouTube page and the list of sermons. You can also live stream our service each Sunday on YouTube under CookevilleFUMC. There is a link to that page above the sermon titles on our web page.

Don't have Internet access? We also broadcast via radio at 11 a.m. on NewsTalk FM 94.1.

CONNECTING

It is a blessing to hear all the creative ways our congregation is staying connected. Last Friday, FUMC Cookeville held its first-ever drive-by Parade. Led by Grand Marshal Hill Carlen, the "Krewe of Cookeville Methodist" loaded in cars to parade by the houses of loved ones who are unable to leave home during the pandemic. This merry motorcade provided a fun, uplifting way to share love and celebration with friends who are homebound. The church office received several calls of gratitude from the recipients. They are thankful to everyone who participated.

You don't need a float made of roses or a second line. A symphony of car horns played with lots of love can strike a chord of joy for all who hear it.

~ Jess Welch