



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Sympathy and Prayer

Lisa Brooksbank and family, on the death of Lisa's father, Lonnie Cox.

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

Over the last several months, our lives have been interrupted. It's hard to deal with continuous interruption. Our personal lives have changed dramatically. All our relationships are being altered in one way or another. Our routines are totally new routines. The normal flow of church life is now severely restricted. As we approach August, parents and students are preparing to return to school, yet with apprehension about multiple types of interruption.

Over the last several weeks, I have been thinking about how we might grow in grace and maturity during our current circumstances. What occurred to me is that the Bible is full of people whose lives are interrupted by either God or by calamity through which God can work. Think about the disruptions of your life. Some were good. Some were traumatic. Some were challenges requiring growth. Some were great opportunities. How we respond to interruption makes all the difference in the world. Biblically, interruptions are the way God can do something new in our lives.

In his wonderful book, *The Life You've Always Wanted*, John Ortberg tells about a Russian Orthodox tradition of spiritual leaders, monks and faithful disciples "always leaving the latch off the door" as a sign of availability. It is a metaphor for being spiritually agile enough to receive an interruption at any moment as an opportunity for grace and growth. The goal is to prepare yourself to be perpetually open to God's drawing near, a neighbor in need, listening for an answer to prayer or even an act of compassion and care. It is generally known in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition as "the ministry of availability." It's all about being open and responsive to how God can use interruptions to bring something new to our lives.

As we continue to adapt and cope with interruption, I pray we experience new experiences of grace in shared availability to God and one another.

~ Kevin

PROGRAM UPDATES

- The Music Staff is in the process of putting the plans together for the new schedule for this fall. Normally we would begin our fall schedule in mid-August. However, we are moving the start times until September 2. Please know that we are watching all of the information very carefully and making every attempt to make wise choices and workable plans.
~ Kathy Evans
- The Youth Council is working hard to plan for this upcoming fall. Youth activities, small groups, and Sunday school will begin in September. More information will be sent as it is finalized. Thank you so much for your patience.
~ Heather Sawyer

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 410

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 224

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$59,057.50

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$32,093.21

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!

Madcap Mask Competition

We all need to Mask Up, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun. So, we are making lemonade out of lemons and announcing the first (and hopefully the last) FUMC Madcap Mask Competition. Send in a photo of your most creative, zany, fabulous mask. The contest is available to all ages. Families or groups of friends may submit an entry together. Please email a photo of your mask to Connecting@cookevillefumc.org before August 9, 2020. The winner of the Madcap Mask Match will have their photo featured in the next FUMC Newsletter. May the best mask win!



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

WHO WE ARE AS UNITED METHODISTS



The people of The United Methodist Church are a worldwide connection of more than 12 million members in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States. The United Methodist Church was formed when the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged in 1968. But we trace our heritage back to the movement begun in 1729 in England by John and Charles Wesley. Below, you will find a brief list of some of the distinctive characteristics of our denomination. The United Methodist Church is:

- **Global:** Today we speak many languages and live in many countries — with different cultures, ethnic traditions, national histories and understandings of Christian faith and practice.
- **Connectional:** Every United Methodist congregation is interconnected throughout the denomination via a unique, interlocking chain of conferences. The United Methodist Church practices representative democracy in its governance. Conferences elect delegates who are authorized to act and vote.
- **Inclusive:** All persons are welcome to attend our churches and receive Holy Communion, and are eligible to be baptized and become members.
- **Grounded in Scripture:** United Methodists trust free inquiry in matters of Christian doctrine. Our faith is guided by Scripture, tradition, experience and reason. Of paramount importance, however, is Scripture as the witness of God's creating, redeeming and sustaining relationship with God's people.
- **Wesleyan:** The United Methodist Church has a Wesleyan heritage, and as such, places an emphasis on mind and heart (knowledge and vital piety) and putting faith and love into practice.
- **Concerned about social justice:** For more than 230 years, The United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies have expressed concern for God's children everywhere — the poor, the orphaned, the aging, the sick, the oppressed and the imprisoned.
- **Mission-oriented:** Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In uncomplicated terms, this means we strive to nurture followers of Christ who then reach out and teach others about the love of Jesus.
- **Ecumenical:** United Methodists consider dialogue and missional cooperation between United Methodists and other Christians as a valid witness to the unity of the body of Christ.

Source: <http://ee.umc.org/who-we-are>

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.

MASKS—WHY WEAR THEM?

Cloth face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control. This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, paired with emerging evidence from clinical and laboratory studies that shows cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

We have an altar flower sponsorship opportunity for August 16, this year only. Contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177.

FUMC YOUTH

*Growing into
Christ's commandment to
"love your neighbor as yourself."*

August 5, 12, 19 and 26
5-6 p.m. for grades 5-8
6-6:30 p.m. pizza dinner provided
6:30-7:30 p.m. for grades 9-12
♦ Sanctuary Building ♦



*Parent
volunteers
appreciated.
Contact
Kathy Evans.*

Topics will include:

- ♦ Recognizing Prejudice ♦
- ♦ Acceptance vs Tolerance ♦
- ♦ The Moment of Decision ♦
- ♦ Thoughts into Actions ♦

*Masks required
and will be
available if
needed.*

With guest speakers: Camron Gray; Composer Mark Miller via Skype; Dr. Leo McGee, retired TTU; and Dr. Robert Owens, TTU.

For more information, contact Kathy Evans or Jessica Welch in the church office at 526-2177.

Email Kathy Evans to let us know you are attending:
kathye@cookevillefumc.org.



UMCOR'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

UMCOR would like to say "Thank You" to all who have supported our community, nation, and the world during COVID-19. Over the last 4 months, UMCOR has been working diligently to assess needs and provide support through partners around the world. They have dispersed over \$2.2 million to 34 countries (31 US states) through 204 grants. They have added 91 partners around the world who are on the front lines helping people in need, and have served over 1.7 million people. Much of their response has been providing food, clean water, and basic essentials to those impacted by the virus and the ensuing economic fallout. UMCOR will continue to collaborate well into the future with Global Health, Missionary Services, and other groups to serve people who have been affected.

For more information about UMCOR and its mission, visit them online at www.umcmmission.org/umcor.

SING-A-LONG ON YOUTUBE

Reminder: The May Madness Hymn Sing is still available on the Youtube Channel! Enjoy a sing-a-long time with some of your favorite hymns!



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Worship in the Park

Come worship with us
Sunday, August 2, at 9 a.m.
at the Dogwood Park
Performance Pavilion!

Please remember to wear your mask
and socially distance.

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

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 2 at 9 a.m. at the Dogwood Park
Performance Pavilion

Join us in praise and worship with a very special Sunday
Worship service! Bring a chair or blanket—there's plenty
of space to to social distance.

The morning will be filled with music, a message from
Dr. Kevin Conrad and our annual Blessing of the
Backpacks! - our way of sending our kids off to school
with love!

Join us! We're saving a space just for you!

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.

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.

WAYNE EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Wayne Evans Memorial Scholarship are now
available on the church website www.cookevillefumc.org. The
scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Cookeville First
United Methodist Church who will attend Tennessee Technological
University during the 2020 Fall term. Completed application
information is due August 1, 2020.

Prior to his death in 2011, Wayne was an active member of
Cookeville FUMC. The scholarship was established in his memory
and is awarded annually to a deserving member of the church
family. For additional information, contact Kathy Evans at
music@cookevillefumc.org or 931-526-2177, ext. 204.