



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	
Kirk Kellman	
Mary Byrd King	

Sympathy and Prayer

Sympathy to Mimi Copeland, family, and friends on the death of Mimi's daughter, Courtney Copeland.

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

This past week in a video message, we were happy to share two pieces of good news. Listed below, you will see our schedule for the next dates for Worship in the Park. Our first experience was exceptional—so we are hoping for more good weather and the benefit of our church family being together in one place again!

The second piece of good news is our hiring of a new youth director. After weeks of conversation and the work of our youth council, a search committee and our Staff Parish Relations Committee, we are pleased to welcome Clinton Wheeler to our staff.

Clinton is a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. He also most recently served as a Youth Intern for almost two years at his home church. He is a 2020 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, with a B.S. degree in Psychology.

Following a calling into Youth ministry in the eighth grade, Clinton served as a counselor at Camp Lake Stephens, the United Methodist Conference Camp in the Mississippi Conference, in 2017 and 2019. He has been a counselor in the Adventure (outdoor) camping program there, served as a Youth Intern at Parkway Heights United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg, and was an active volunteer and participant at the Southern Mississippi Wesley Foundation. Clinton played sports in high school, played in the school band, plays the guitar and sings, and enjoys outdoor activities including golf, hiking, kayaking, and mountain biking. He says his favorite food is mac and cheese!

Clinton met his wife, Amanda, at University of Southern Mississippi. Amanda is originally from Huntsville, Alabama, and graduated in December, 2019 as a Registered Nurse. They married June 13 of this year. Amanda has also been a Youth Intern and participant in the Wesley Foundation.

We look forward to welcoming Clinton and Amanda to our church family and staff. They will be here with us for worship in the park on Sunday, August 30. Small group gatherings are being planned now to introduce both Youth and parents to Clinton and Amanda once they arrive!

~ Kevin

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Join us for Worship in the Park on the following Sundays at Dogwood Park Amphitheatre at 9 a.m.. Bring your camp chairs and masks, and remember to Social Distance! In case of rain, worship will be moved to 11 a.m.

- ◆ August 30
- ◆ September 20
- ◆ October 4
- ◆ October 25

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 338

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 225

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$69,206.45

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$28,297.29

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



Who is that masked man, anyway? Why, it's Harry Smith! Congratulations Harry, you are the winner of the FUMC Madcap Mask Match. Thank you to everyone who helped put a little fun and humor into "masking up."

Sing-A-Long on YouTube

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

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>



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

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020



The 2020 Confirmation Class met in person for the first time since March! This has been an especially challenging year, and not all were comfortable meeting in person yet. Fortunately, we have the technology to interact online! We will be recording the Confirmation Service on September 27, which will be shared on our YouTube channel, and will recognize our new confirmands in person during our October 4 service at Dogwood Park.

COMMUNION ELEMENT DISTRIBUTION



On Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. - noon., at the Jacob's Ladder drive-thru, we will be distributing pre-packaged communion elements to those who want to participate in communion during our recorded YouTube service.

HANDBELL CHOIR RESUMES

The Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday afternoon, August 20. There will be only one Handbell Choir rehearsing this fall, on Thursday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. The group will rehearse and record for the online services. A schedule has been sent to choir members and a schedule is posted on the church website.



The new table placement will provide individual tables for each ringer, to ensure social distancing. We are very fortunate to have two five octave sets of Schulmerich Bells, which enable us to provide a safe distance rehearsal atmosphere for our musicians.

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.



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 it's mission, visit them online at www.umcmmission.org/umcor.

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>



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Worship in the Park

Come worship with us!
9 a.m. at the Dogwood Park
Amphitheatre

August 30, September 20,
October 4, and October 25

See our front page announcement
for further details.

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

NEW STUDY - "INVITATIONS FROM GOD"

Join us online Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. for Dr. Kevin Conrad's Zoom-based class "Invitations from God. No registration is needed, as the class and study outline will be available via a link from our website.

There are two sections. The first section, based on the Old Testament, will take place September 9, 16, 23, and 30. The second section, based on the New Testament, will take place October 21 and 28, and November 4 and 11.

Recorded Zoom meetings will also be made available at a later date to watch at your leisure via a link on our website.

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.

ONLINE CHURCH NOTIFICATIONS

Are you on our email notifications list? We regularly send out notifications via group email for things like class and event announcements, weather delays, and deaths. If you aren't receiving these, and would like to be on our email notification list, send an email to Juliana@cookevillefumc.org with "Email Notification" in the subject line. Be sure to put your first and last name as well as your preferred email address in the body of the email. Some email apps hide the email address, so it's important to include it in the body of the email.