



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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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 Carole Dysart, on the death of her husband, Paul McLendon.

Sympathy to Rick Frazier, Angie Briggs, and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Buchannan.

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

For years, I had a friend who would continually say, “Everyone needs something to look forward to.” I think that is especially true these days. I hope as a church family we all understand what a fluid situation we face with COVID-19. I want to reassure you we are reviewing our options weekly related to worship, study and fellowship planning. “We all need something to look forward to.” Here are a few things to look forward to during this very unusual Fall:

- Our worship schedule in the park includes four Sundays: August 30, September 20, October 4 and 25 at 9 a.m. in Dogwood Park.
- Communion Element Distribution: Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m. - noon, Jacob’s Ladder parking lot. A communion liturgy will be posted on our website this week for home use.
- Our new youth director, Clinton Wheeler, will be welcomed Sunday, August 30.
- A schedule of weekly Youth group activities and small groups will begin September 16.
- We are exploring options for in-person, in-sanctuary worship this Fall.
- Children and Youth Choir programming begins September 2 (see article inside).
- We have the following classes beginning this September. The study guides, links, and videos will be available on our website on September 2. Please purchase and read the books.
 - *Invitations from God*, by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m., via Zoom. Beginning September 9, led by Dr. Kevin Conrad. Check our website for the Zoom link.
 - *The Unfolding Drama of the Bible*, by Bernhard W. Anderson
A video series to be used by individuals, small groups, and Sunday School groups. Led by Dr. Kevin Conrad.
 - *Immersion Bible Stories*, by Linda Hinton. An exploration and discussion of some of the “life lessons” contained in the books of the minor prophets. Led by Dr. Bob Bell, starting September 9 at 9 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. This is an in-person class, masks and registration through the church office is required.
 - *Unafraid*, by Adam Hamilton. Wednesdays, 5 p.m., via Zoom. “Do not be afraid” is a line we read throughout the scriptures repeatedly. How do we overcome our fears? Join us as we explore fear: what it is, its grip on our lives, and how we may be able to overcome it, especially in a time such as this. Check our website for the Zoom link.
 - “Discipleship University”—A wide range of suggested curriculum options for Adult Studies, book clubs, Sunday School classes, etc., will be posted on our website by September 2.

Stay tuned! We are doing our very best to navigate the pandemic. We are all in this together—so let’s stay connected, stay prayerful, stay faithful, and stay safe!

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 235

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 213

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$30,160.67

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$46,888.05

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!

New Member Welcome



Please join us in welcoming our new church members, Rebecca Decker (pictured right), Margaret Moody, and Jayme Burnett and her children Lillie, Harper, Addison, and Benjamin!

Barbara Fletcher Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Barbara Fletcher on Saturday, September 5, at the Crestlawn Funeral Home on Jackson Street. Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m., with a service to follow at 10:30 a.m. Masks and social distancing will be observed. Lunch to follow at Courtside Pavilion (number 3) at Cane Creek Park.



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

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, and October 25

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRIES

Register now for Fall Music and Choir groups. Registration forms can be found online at www.cookevillefumc.org/ministries/music. For additional information, contact Kathy Evans at kathy@cookevillefumc.org.

Choir Club (age 3 - grade 4) has two tracks this year. Singing online only will be available Sundays at noon, with in-person recording sessions by smaller groups on the below dates. Instrumental instruction will be held in-person on Wednesdays from 4:15—5:15 p.m., starting September 2.

- **Choir Time** (vocal), consists of Young Singers (age 3 - 4), Music Makers (grades K - 1), and Choraliers (grades 2 - 4). Children will access lessons via our YouTube channel beginning August 30 at noon and will be given additional print materials. Details are available via the online brochures at www.cookevillefumc.org/ministries/music.
- **Instrumental** (on-site instruction), grades K - 4, beginning September 2, Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Class offerings for include Orff Ensemble, Drumming, and Keyboarding, for grades K - 1 and 2 - 4. Grades 2 - 4 also have an opportunity to take a Ukulele class. Each family will need to provide their own personal keyboard; see website for details.

Joyful Praise (grades 5 - 6), beginning Wednesday, September 2, 6 - 7 p.m., Sanctuary room 209. Choir activities will include choir, instrumental ensemble, handbells, and drum ensemble. All music activities will be in-person Wednesday evenings. Parents: please come to the second floor landing to sign-out your 'Tween.

Youth Choir (grades 7 - 12), starting Wednesday, September 2, 6-7 p.m. in the Choir Room. The group will be rehearsing in smaller ensembles throughout the sanctuary building. Rehearsal time will begin each week in the Choir Room, 206A-B, in the Sanctuary building. The Youth Choir is under the direction of Kevin Salter, kevins@cookevillefumc.org, assisted by Cass Roberts and Todd Arnold.

Children's Singing and Recording Schedule

- **Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Joyful Praise** sing at Dogwood Park at Sunday services on September 20 and October 25.
- **Children's Choirs and Instrumental Choirs** record:
 - Wednesday, September 23
 - Wednesday, November 11
 - Wednesday, December 2
 - Wednesday, December 9
- All Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Worship Services, in addition to the Hanging of the Greens, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve Service will be recorded. All recording sessions will adhere to safe distancing. Children's groups will be recorded in smaller groups and edited for online services. Masks are required on FUMC grounds.

WELCOME, CLINTON AND AMANDA!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to welcome Clinton and Amanda Wheeler, our new Youth Director and his wife, to our church family and staff. They will be here with us for Worship in the Park on Sunday, August 30.

We want to give Clinton and Amanda a warm introduction to our congregation and help them get to know the places we love in our community. To that end, we invite you to contribute a gift card to one of your favorite local stores or restaurants so we can welcome the Wheelers and help them discover the places they'll love in our fine town! The gift cards may be mailed to the church or dropped off at the office, or you may place them in the basket that will be available during the Worship in the Park service on August 30.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BIKE RIDE



SAMPLE PRAYER FROM BELIEFNET.COM

God you grant us only a few short years of life on this earth. It seems sometimes that youth is indeed wasted on the young and that by the time we have the wisdom of age we have lost the strength to use it. But Lord, we do thank you that you have preserved and passed along the wisdom of experience in the and through the lives of those among us who have lived enough years to know the difference between what seems prudent and what truly is prudent. God, give us all enough "wisdom" ourselves to pause and ask and then rely upon the true wisdom of our elders. Give them encouragement to apply their age advantage and give them the strength to stay engaged enough to pass along their wealth of wisdom and their legacy of understanding. We open our lives, our families, our neighborhoods and our entire society to this buried treasure of wisdom. Convert us to truly value human life in all forms and stages. We thank you for the aging ones among us. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Source: Beliefnet.com

SERVANT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Even in our time apart, the mission and outreach ministries are continuing through our church. Things look a little different. Projects have been adapted. To help us better communicate with you, we have developed a calendar with a monthly focus. We hope this will bring greater attention to service opportunities in our church and community as well as bring greater awareness of the needs in our community and world. This is an evolving list. If your favorite ministry is not listed, please email any information we may need to Tamika at Tamika@cookevillefumc.org

Monthly Emphasis

January	Homeless Ministries
February	Regional Missions: Disaster Relief, Redbird Build
March	Angel's Attic and Remote Area Medical Clinics
April	Wesley Foundation and Earth Day
May	Mental Health Crisis Awareness
June	Hands-On Cookeville
July	HOPE Academy and Wesley College Tanzania
August	Jere Whitson Elementary
September	Senior Spotlight
October	Habitat for Humanity
November	God's Grace Food Pantry
December	Community Event

Opportunities for Service

Opportunities for service are grouped into four areas of emphasis. Contact Tamika in the church office at 526-2177 for more information.

Heart (relationships): Parade for our Homebound

Parade visits to some of our members and friends who are shut-in at home. We notify those we will be visiting and ask them to wait on their front porches. The cars meet at the church parking lot and follow each other to our destination.

Mind (learning): Adventures in Lifelong Learning

We're actively considering the safest way to make these popular classes available again.

Soul (worship and prayer): Prayer

Our congregants on the prayer list (see front page) appreciate your thoughts and prayers. See sample prayer (left).

Strength (service):

Donate to the Pantry

To address our community's hunger needs, we are asking for donations of protein rich drinks such as Boost, Ensure, and similar products. We will have a donation bin located at the Freeman Building drive-thru. Please drop off donations anytime Monday-Friday.

Adopt a Senior Buddy

Willow Heights Buddy Program. Seniors living at Willow Heights are on extreme fixed-incomes and some have no family members. Contact Tamika in the church office if you are interested in Adopting a Senior and contributing to their wish lists.



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Worship in the Park

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

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See our front page announcement
for further details.

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

ADULT MUSIC MINISTRIES

- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals resume September 2. The choir will be divided into smaller ensembles that will rehearse from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. Service music will be recorded by smaller ensembles of the Chancel Choir with recording sessions occurring during the rehearsal time.
- **The Gospel Ensemble** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m and will follow the same guidelines as the Chancel Choir with recording sessions occurring during the rehearsal time.
- **The Handbell Choir** rehearsals have begun, with both handbell choirs rehearsing on Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. Masks and gloves will be worn by each player, and tables are appropriately spaced.
- **The Praise Band** regularly participates in worship services. We are always seeking singers and players for this group. Contact Cass Roberts at cass@cookevillefumc.org for more information.

Social distancing will be strictly adhered to and masks will be required at all times for all participants. If you are comfortable participating under these guidelines we look forward to seeing you in person. If not, we respect and honor you in that decision. We all look forward to the time we can once again gather, sing, praise, and pray together. For more information, contact Kathy Evans at kathy@cookevillefumc.org.

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.

DIPSY DOODLE GANG RESUMES

The Dipsy Doodle gang has resumed meeting at Dipsy Doodle Restaurant at 8 a.m. on Fridays. All men are welcome to join them in the newly updated restaurant.