



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

- The Asante family
- Janey Bassett
- Tia Bassett
- Juanita Bilyeu
- Nathaniel Bone
- Robert Buck
- Bill Burton
- Charlotte Burton
- Savannah Lynn Caylor
- Peggy Cho
- Scott Crouch
- Mary Mac Darnell
- Ferdinand DiFurio
- Nadia DiFurio
- Delaney Duncan
- Hazel Dyer
- Hollis Ferris
- Brian Lee Foster
- Elaine Funk
- Mary Garrison
- Nate Griffis
- Hunter Harris
- Bob Jones
- Ann Kellman
- Mary Byrd King
- Teena King
- Mike Lee
- Annette Lynch
- Brian Maffett
- Amy Maberry
- Sylvia McCann
- Linda McConnell
- Tim Mengler
- Harper Mynatt
- Larry Norton
- Sue Pope
- Rob Poteet
- Lou Richards
- Mary Jo Rogers
- Elinor Ross
- Roxanne Self
- Garvan Smith
- Hazel Smith
- Sarah Stockton
- Bobbie Story
- Jan Thompson
- Tracy Thompson
- Jessie Watts
- Pam White
- Carolyn Whitson

Sympathy and Prayers

Charlie Thackston, friends, and family, on the death of his wife, Tommie Thackston.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

It has been over six months now since a tornado struck our community. We all grieved the loss of life and thanked God for stories of survival. We all need some good news today, so I wanted to share a letter of gratitude from the Asante family for all the ways our church family helped support them in their recovery process related to their traumatic loss of their home in the storm. This is what Christian community and care is all about!

Dear FUMC Family,

We thank you all for your love, kindness, gifts, visits, cards, and prayers for our family as we recover from the tornado damage. We cannot find the words that truly express our gratitude and thankfulness to you all for bringing us pleasure and showing concern for our well-being.

The tornado of March 3, 2020 completely destroyed our home and injured us; the experience was startling and surreal. Our neighbors who helped us that night later told us that we were blown two houses from our house. The tornado injured all of us, and Joyce and I quickly realized that we could not walk because our ankles and feet were injured. In medical terminology, Joyce had ankle and foot de-gloving, and I had an Achilles tendon and one other tendon rupture with loss of tissue. Everything we ever owned quickly vanished. Yaw, our youngest child, said, "Daddy, we don't have books to read again." But in the midst of this difficult time, you have not left us alone. May God Bless you all!

We are so glad that we have you—our church family. You have shown us kindness and love. We appreciate that even when the world encourages us to live our own life, taking care of our own needs, you are not oblivious to the care and needs of others. Your donations, kindness, words of kindness and encouragement, and prayers for us are so important for our faith, living, healing, and happiness. We appreciate the calls from pastors, staff, and members to check on us to find out how they can be of help to us. It means so much to us that some FUMC family were waiting in our hospital rooms just when we were sent to our rooms after surgery. We all have felt and seen the horror and destruction by the tornado, but we believe the story that will be remembered is the amazing love, kindness, and support our FUMC church family has shown. We are thankful to God. We thank you, our church family, for your love and kindness, and may you experience grace and peace in abundance. We hope for the opportunity to fellowship with you all once again very soon.

Love,
The Asante Family

~ Kevin

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

Phone: 931-526-2177

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Email: office@cookevillefumc.org

www.cookevillefumc.org

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 203

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Total Online and In-Person
Worship Views: 355

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$48,132.43

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$46,919.92

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!

Spread the Love Campaign



Food to the Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, based in Cookeville, that delivers food to Putnam County students who otherwise would not have food during school seasonal breaks. 57% of Putnam County School System children are enrolled in free or reduced meal programs. FTTR partners with local businesses, organizations, and volunteers to assist in distributing food to children enrolled in our program. The goal is to ensure that time away from school does not cause local children to go hungry. Help us by joining "Spread the Love" campaign and collecting 16 ounce jars of peanut butter for our 2020-2021 distributions!



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

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING (ALL)

Adventures in Lifelong Learning (ALL), our outreach educational program, is gearing up for a modified fall schedule. We will hold our attendees safety as the highest priority. Masks will be required and we will adhere to the social distancing standards.

The program will run for five weeks, October 13 through November 12. Cost of each class is \$25. Pre-registration is necessary for our planning. Register by email at lifelonglearningcookeville@gmail.com, or online through our website at www.cookevillefumc.org.

Classes to be offered are:

- **Beginning Golf**, led by Beth Allison. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. at Belle Acres golf course. There is an additional \$25 ball charge for this class.
- **iPhone Photography**, led by Kathy Conrad and Lisa Jones. Tuesdays, 1 p.m., in Jeff Wall Hall.
- **Creating with Flowers**, led by Sarah Johnson. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at Johnson's Nursery and Garden Center. Optional purchases will be offered in class.
- **Selected Topics from WWII**, led by Dr. Jeff Roberts. Thursdays, 1 p.m., in Jeff Wall Hall.

Registration begins September 28. For more information, contact Pat Jordan at 349-7483 or visit www.cookevillefumc.org and click on the front page slide.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK



Join us for Worship in the Park October 4 and October 25 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.

Children's Singing and Recording Schedule

- **Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Joyful Praise** sing at Dogwood Park at Sunday services on October 25.
- **Children's Choirs and Instrumental Choirs** record:
 - Wednesday, September 30
 - 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.

YOUTH NEWS

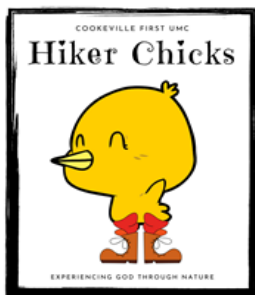
Hello, all! As you may have heard, Youth activities will be canceled until September 30, due to COVID-19. This means that our Sunday reveal for House Cup will now be on the 30th as well. We will be treating this night as a Youth Kickoff, so we are going to make this night as fun as possible. You'll want to be there so we can celebrate coming back together for the year! Be sure to bring and wear a mask.

Some other announcements:

- This Sunday, September 27, will be our first Youth Hang Out! We will meet in Dogwood Park from 3:30—5:30 p.m. to play games and be in community with each other.
- I am also creating a Groupme for each grade—please ask your students to send me their name and grade (if they haven't already done so), so I can place them in their group. My number is 769-223-9753. Contact me if you have any questions!
- Just a reminder that health forms need to be notarized. Most banks can do this for you.
- One last thing—some people have said our emails are being filtered to their Spam folder, so if you haven't received anything from us in a while, be sure to check there. You can sign up for Youth News at youth@cookevillefumc.org.

~ Clinton Wheeler

HIKER CHICKS



Mark your calendars for October 21, when we will venture a little further and visit Black Mountain in Crossville. This is a favorite spot, and the views should be gorgeous with the fall colors! We will meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m., hike, then gather for a time to socialize. Bring your own chair,

a sack lunch and drink. Pat Jordan has shirts for those who ordered one. Feel free to invite a friend and pass this along to other church groups or circles!

If you would like more information or to be added to the email list contact Cindy Garrett: cindybgarrett@gmail.com or 261-4403.

DOGWOOD SERVICE—HELP WANTED



As much as we love doing outdoor services at Dogwood Park, transporting all that equipment is a job! We need help the evening before, the morning of,

and immediately following our services on October 4 and October 25. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours to help our overworked music staff set up and break down equipment, contact Kathy Evans at 526-2177.

SERVANT MINISTRIES UPDATE

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):

Check on a Friend or Neighbor – While gathering is still a risk for many of our seniors, a phone call or card can be a welcome gift.

Mind (learning): Adventures in Lifelong Learning

Class schedule is available now at www.cookevillefumc.org. Just click on the front page slide.

Soul (worship and prayer): Prayer

Prayer for Caregivers

May God gift you with
Balm for your heart
Peace for your mind
Strength for each challenge
Courage to hope
Grace for each moment
Rest for each day
Faith to trust
In God's loving ways. Amen.

Strength (service):

Adopt a Senior Buddy

If you would like to support one of the seniors at Willow Heights, please call Tamika or Kathy Conrad at 526-2177 to get your buddy's wish list.

Drive Through Food Pantry

September 29 from 2 - 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to pack boxes prior to the drive-thru and to load cars during the drive-thru. Call Tamika at 526-2177 to sign up.

NOMADS

NOMADS (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service) is a United Methodist mission outreach in which teams of retirees in their own R.V.s meet at a common site, such as a church camp, a children's home, or another ministry. There, they spend about three weeks offering volunteer labor to check items off the organization's to-do lists. For more information, check out the website at www.nomadsumc.org.



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Worship in the Park

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

October 4 and October 25

See our inside announcement
for further details.

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

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our Music Scholarship Students are back at TTU, and are providing leadership through participation in the choirs, leading our on-line services, and leading the in-person services at Dogwood Park.

Cass Roberts and Kevin Salter, our Assistant Directors of Music, and Josh Voiles, who serves at Trinity UMC in Birmingham, were all three participants in the Music Scholarship program here at Cookeville FUMC.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund that provides opportunities for these students to lead and experience opportunities in church music, please give your contributions to LuAnn Throgmorton.

KROGER REWARDS CARD



Did you know God's Grace Food Pantry can receive cash back from purchases using your Kroger Rewards Card?

Last quarter the Food Pantry received \$663.59 as a result of folks adding the Food Pantry to their card! You get to keep all your same gas benefits and discounts, this is just an additional benefit provided by Kroger.

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**.

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 IS BACK!

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 at 2331 W. Broad Street.