



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5 Esther Circle
- Dorcas Circle
- Mary Martha Circle
- Trustees Meeting
- 6 Anna Rebecca Circle
- 9 Second Harvest Delivery
- 13 Shrove Tuesday Dinner

WNL DINNER MENUS

February 7: Cheesy chicken spaghetti, salad, lima beans, Butterscotch Delight

February 14: Baked ziti, salad, green beans, chocolate cake

Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner. To make reservations, call the church office at 526-2177, email us at office@cookevillefumc.org, or sign-up online at www.cookevillefumc.org.

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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FROM OUR PASTOR

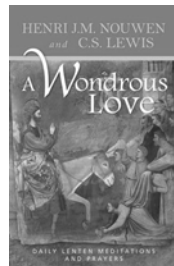
In this week's newsletter, I'd like to bring you up to date on our finances at FUMC. The news is all good.

- We had a strong financial year in 2017. We paid all our ministry expenses, including 100% of our apportionments (United Methodist connectional ministries), and still had a solid surplus of income over expenses (\$67,000).
- We received strong pledges for 2018. That, along with estimated unpledged gifts, puts us in good financial shape for this year.
- Our 2018 budget, which was just approved by Church Council, is slightly higher than 2017. We increased it by \$11,000, which represents an increase of less than one percent (0.66).
- Our debt, which was almost six million dollars not that long ago, is down to \$125,000.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God's work at FUMC in all areas, including our finances. I deeply appreciate your generosity.

~Martin

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



As a way to encourage thoughtful study and meditation throughout the season, FUMC has provided a Lenten devotional entitled *A Wondrous Love*. Two of the most widely read and respected spiritual writers of the 20th century, Henri Nouwen and C.S. Lewis, are brought together in this Lenten daily devotional booklet. Nouwen and Lewis offer their deeply personal insights, understanding and pastoral sensitivity. It is an ideal accompaniment for the holy season of Lent.

You are encouraged to pick up a copy of this wonderful devotional to read throughout the season. You'll find *A Wondrous Love* available throughout the church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

For this Lenten Season, adult Sunday School classes are encouraged to participate in this year's Lenten study, *Embracing the Uncertain, A Lenten Study for Uncertain Times*.

From the publisher:

"*Embracing the Uncertain* invites readers throughout Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them."



BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 522

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 506

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$19,636.91

Building fund receipts \$740.00

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$28,075.87

Building fund receipts \$765.00

Emergency Pastoral Care Needs

If you are a church member and need to reach a pastor after hours or on weekends for emergencies of death, imminent death or life-changing tragedies, call 372-8347. The call will be forwarded, so please be patient as it connects—you will hear a dial tone as the call is forwarded. You may be asked to leave a message, in which case your call will be returned as soon as possible. For all other pastoral care needs, your call will be returned on the next business day, or you may always call the church office during normal business hours, 526-2177.

Volunteers Needed for Second Harvest Delivery

On February 2, 9:45 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel parking lot, we will be receiving our monthly Second Harvest truck delivery. Please join us as we serve those in our community and become part of God Grace Food Pantry. Contact Suzie Perdue or Tamika Parker at 526-2177 for more information.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Loving the snow, but dreaming of summer!
Vacation Bible School, June 10—14, 6—8 p.m.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

To request prayer or to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office or use the prayer cards in the pews. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Marvin Barker	Faith Holdredge	Evangeline O'Kain
Vivian Barnes	Mary Ann Huffines	Susan Pangle
Lida Canella	Virginia Hunter	Winnie Peterson
Randy Cavanaugh	Alma Jean Johnson	Margaret Phipps
Anna Cunningham	Jan Jordan	Mary Jo Rogers
Ed Edenfield	Anna Karch	Joan Tansil
Brian Foster	Mary Byrd King	Gene Evelyn Warren
Mary Garrison	Jeannine Lynn	Julia Woodford
Virginia Gibson	Karen Macke	Hazel Wyatt
Nate Griffis	Brian Maffett	
Dan Hearn	Pat Maxwell	

PRAYER TEAM INVITES YOU TO PRAYER

Knowing someone is praying for us can have powerful consequences for our lives. In most cases, congregational prayer requests are announced during Sunday morning services and published in the bulletin, but sometimes we receive requests for individuals who prefer to keep their requests private, yet they still desire prayer. These individuals and their prayer requests are maintained on a separate prayer list that is not published. Each week a group of dedicated friends offers prayer for those on both the published and the unpublished prayer lists.

If you know of someone who would like to receive prayer, whether it's someone from this congregation, or a family member, friend, or neighbor, let us know and we will include them in our prayers.

The Prayer Team meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Jenkins Chapel, and we welcome you to join us. For more information or to have your name or someone else's added to the Prayer Team list, contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org or call the church office at 526-2177.

WHEN LIFE HAPPENS, CALL A STEPHEN MINISTER

- Loss of job
- Empty nest syndrome
- Illness
- Financial difficulties
- Mild depression
- Retirement adjustment
- A difficult child
- Divorce
- The death of a loved one



When life happens, where do I turn? When I can't talk to family (they may be part of the problem), and friends are tired of listening, when life happens, where should I go? Things are not severe enough for professional help, I just need to talk.

There is a group within your church who can help. We are not counselors, but listeners. A Stephen Minister is able to step in and be there when life happens. We listen; we support; we are there.

We do not judge or advise, we are just there to support, listen, pray, and walk along beside you. The Stephen Ministry has strict confidentiality guidelines, which are emphasized in our 50 hours of training as Christian caregivers.

When life happens there is no need to feel alone in your walk. For more information ask a pastor, a Stephen Minister, or contact Noel Poston at noel@cookevillefumc.org.

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday

February 13, 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

A fun evening of fellowship, including games and activities for the kids, and a Mardi Gras menu of pancakes, a King Cake, and more. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate before we observe this holy time!

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

The official beginning of Lent is marked by Ash Wednesday. It is an opportunity to set our hearts on the sadness of sin and death in the context of the gift of redemption given through Jesus Christ.

FUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, 10 a.m. - noon, Dogwood Park

We hope you will invite your friends to come together and enjoy this time in our community!

Palm Sunday

Sunday services, March 25 in the sanctuary

Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday as it is referred to in some Christian churches, is the sixth Sunday of Lent and last Sunday before Easter. On this holy day we commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

On Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), we commemorate the Last Supper.

Good Friday

March 30, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

We come together to remember the suffering of Christ on the cross.

Easter Services

April 1

☞ 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wesley Chapel

☞ 8:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

☞ 9:45 a.m. Sunday school classes

☞ 10:55 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Please join in

Ecumenical Holy Week Services

First Presbyterian Church

20 N. Dixie Ave.

Cookeville, TN

Monday - Friday, March 26-30

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch served: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms

10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Teens — B214

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — B214

Disciple I Fast Track — B213

The Grand Sweep — B206

Youth Super Bowl Party — Youth Room

Monday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213

10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — Parlor

Esther Circle Day Meeting — B210

10:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle — B213

1:00 p.m. UMW District Meeting — B213

3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206

Trustees Meeting — B213

6:30 p.m. Esther Circle — B214

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel

9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B

10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor

2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112

9:00 a.m. Hope Academy

9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B

10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym

10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213

3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214

Choir Club

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center

6:00 p.m. An Immersion Into Psalms — B213

Invitation to the New Testament — B214

JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym

Our Wesleyan Heritage — B210

Wesley Class Meeting — B206

Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401

Youth Choir

7:00 p.m. 7 - 8 Special for Youth — Youth Room

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

Thursday, February 8

9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B

10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training — B206

1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble

6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble

Friday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast — Dipsy Doodle Restaurant

9:45 a.m. Second Harvest Delivery — Wesley Chapel Parking Lot

Shrove Tuesday

The Feast Before the Fast



February 13, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Christian Life Center

\$4 per person or \$15 family maximum

Make reservations online at www.cookevillefumc.org,
or call the church office at 526-2177 by noon on
Monday, February 12

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YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

February 15 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. "Stories Worth Sharing," with Jennie Ivey. Experience a memory-making morning as Jennie shares some stories she's written! She will also share some basics about writing our own memorable stories for the inspirational market (Guideposts, Chicken Soup for the Soul, etc.). Plus enjoy a Grade A meal! Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations by Tuesday, February 12 to the church office or online at www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events.

THE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider adding these items to your grocery shopping list so we may help provide needed items to our friends and neighbors:

- Bath soap, baby food
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.

MISSION MEALS

FUMC has been partnering with the Cookeville Rescue Mission for over three years. We serve the dinner meal the first Tuesday of every month and are ready to add your name to the 2018 calendar! If your class, circle, or other small group would like to prepare and serve meals to our neighbors at the mission, please contact Tamika Parker in the church office to pick a date. Your time and efforts make a difference to those in need!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, February 2 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Go to the FUMC website to register. Plan to donate and save a life!

CONGRATULATIONS 3RD GRADERS



Congratulations to the 3rd grade students who received their Bibles on Sunday, January 28. Prudence Turner, Sabrina Sergio, Molly Ross Williams, Sarah Bell, Opal Dyer, Jackson Jones, Cain Asher Dalton, Molly Jane Faulhaber, Adam Thorton, Kason Watson, Creed Hardison, Not pictured- Olivia Foutch, Janaya Washington, and Gavin Parker.