



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 26 "Ladies Night Out" Bunco
- 29 Confirmation Sunday

MAY

- 2 Children's Musical
- 15 Young at Heart—Elvis
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive

WNL DINNER MENUS

Note: May 2 will be the final Wednesday Night Life Meal of the Spring semester.

May 2: Chicken salad, salad, fruit bowl, banana cake (no nuts)

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

Phone: 931-526-2177

Fax: 931-372-9905

Email: office@cookevillefumc.org
www.cookevillefumc.org

FROM OUR PASTOR

Like almost all mainline churches, the greatest need and challenge before us is to reach out to, invite, and welcome new people to our congregation. Our primary reason for doing this is because people need Jesus, and because they need a community of faith in the United Methodist tradition of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors." A secondary reason is because, if we want to have a viable future as a congregation, we must constantly reach new people. In that spirit, it was a joy to recently receive the following twelve people as new members of FUMC:

- Dan, Erica, Opal and Hazel Dyer
- Wade, Laurin, Kennedy and Palmer Wheaton
- Jerald and Linda Hardison
- Dorman Parrish
- Debbie Schaefer

Welcome to our church family. And while FUMC rejoices in welcoming these new members, let us always remember—there is room for more!

~ Dr. Martin Thielen

FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bishop Bill McAlilly and the Nashville Area Cabinet of the Tennessee/Memphis Conferences, worked prayerfully together to make missional appointments to every church in our Annual Conference. As chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I give thanks for the ministry of our pastors, Martin Thielen and Rob Wheeler, who continue to be servant leaders among us and am happy to share that they will be returning as our pastors for the 2018/2019 conference year.

~ Jim Batson, SPRC Chairperson

ANGEL'S ATTIC UPDATE

Thanks to the many people who donated to Angel's Attic and the volunteers who helped, we had another successful distribution on April 3. We provided 56 families with household items and clothing, including sweaters and jackets to get them through the last days of winter. Our next distribution is Tuesday, May 1. If you have any of the following items we would appreciate receiving them:

Infant thru age 3 clothing, towels, sheets (any size), men's Levi's

Your continued generosity is what makes this wonderful ministry so successful. If you have any questions about Angel's Attic or would like to volunteer two hours per month, please contact Tamika Parker in the church office at 526-2177.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 422

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 432

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$11,995.00

Building fund receipts \$1,205.00

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$18,291.50

Building fund receipts \$775.00

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.

Elevator Update

Due to a change in state codes, the elevator in the Christian Life Center will be out of service until all upgrades are made. Thank you for your patience.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive,

Friday, May 25 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code FUMCCookeville19. Plan to donate and save a life!

Law Enforcement Luncheon

All Cookeville/Putnam County police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Fire, EMT, and TTU police are invited to a luncheon in your honor on Tuesday, May 10, from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Sponsored by FUMC and Friendship FUMC. Thank you for your service to our community.



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	Dan Hearn	Winnie Peterson
Vivian Barnes	Mary Ann Huffines	Margaret Phipps
Craig Benich	Bishop Holliman	Glenn Ramsey
Sue Box	Alma Jean Johnson	Mary Jo Rogers
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	John Schaefer
Anna Cunningham	Mary Byrd King	William Stribling
Faye Curry	Jeannine Lynn	Joan Tansil
Ed Edenfield	Karen Macke	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Brian Maffett	Julia Woodford
Mary Garrison	Pat Maxwell	Hazel Wyatt
Nate Griffis	Evangeline O’Kain	

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.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Dan, Erica, Opal, and Hazel Dyer



Wade, Laurin, Kennedy, and Palmer Wheaton



Jerald and Linda Hardison



Debbie Schaefer, with husband and church member John Schaefer.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- May 1:** Service Opportunity: Rescue Mission Meal
May 6: Senior Banquet from 5-7 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall
May 9: LAST Wednesday School pick up!
May 25: First Day Out: Dollywood, leaving at 8 a.m. (\$50)

For more information on Youth events and ongoing studies, contact Adam Daniels at Adam@cookevillefumc.org, or download The Cookeville FUMC Youth App, available in Apple and Google Play app stores!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Register Now For VBS 2018!

June 10 - June 14, 6-8 p.m.

VBS for Pre-K through 5th grade will kick off with a family dinner in the CLC on June 10 at 5 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

VBS would not happen without amazing volunteers! Use your gifts to help make this a magical and memorable week for the children. We are looking for volunteers to help lead the VBS stations: story telling, science, crafts, and recreation. We also need tour guides to travel with groups, snack preparation volunteers, decoration volunteers, and sign in and sign out volunteers.

Please consider using your time and talents in one of these areas! Your help will make VBS an incredible experience for the children.

ELVIS!



You are invited to come hear Elvis, the King of Rock and Roll! Thursday, May 17 at 11 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Join us as Elvis returns to the stage with his signature style and songs. Plus enjoy a Grade A meal! Cost: \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday, May 15

online, www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events, or by calling the Church Office, 526-2177. Sponsored by Young at Heart.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
Confirmation Brunch — Christian Life Center
10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band — Choir Room
5:00 p.m. The Grand Sweep — B206
UMYF — Youth Room

Monday, April 30

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213
10:00 a.m. Angels Attic Workday — Wesley Chapel
UMW Executive Meeting — B213
3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting — Conference Room
5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
4:00 p.m. Choir Club Dress Rehearsal — Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, May 2

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
Angel's Attic Workday — Wesley Chapel
10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
6:00 p.m. Children's Musical — Sanctuary
Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
Our Wesleyan Heritage — Conference Room
7:00 p.m. 7 - 8 Special for Youth — Youth Room

Thursday, May 3

- 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training — B206
3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

Friday, May 4

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

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**“Table for Five ... Thousand!”
End-of-Year Children’s Musical
Wednesday, May 2
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

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

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

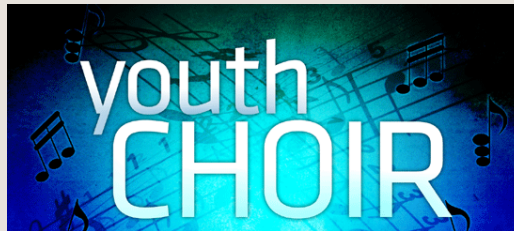
If you are a church member and need to reach a pastor after hours or on weekends for emergencies of death, imminent death or life-changing tragedies, call 372-8347. The call will be forwarded, so please be patient as it connects—you will hear a dial tone as the call is forwarded. You may be asked to 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.

KROGER CARD—FOOD PANTRY

Did you know God’s Grace Food Pantry can receive cash back from purchases using your Kroger Rewards Card? You still keep all your points and benefits!

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**.

YOUTH CHOIR TOUR SPONSORSHIPS



The plans for Youth Choir Tour are coming together and the group will leave on May 29 for Washington, DC. Many of you have asked how you can help support these students. If you would like to sponsor a

student, the cost is \$385. The cost to sponsor a chaperone is \$150. If you would simply like to make a donation in any amount, please notate on the check that your gift is for Youth Choir Tour. For further information please contact Kathy Evans or LuAnn Throgmorton at 526-2177 in the church office.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you, everyone, for the cards, calls, visits, and goodies ... but especially your prayers. I am doing much better. ~ Marlene Bessette