



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

23 UMW District Meeting

**JULY**

1 Slide the City

4 4th of July (Offices Closed)

15 Nashville Shores

20 Red Cross Blood Drive

22 Safe Sanctuary Training

29 Blessing of the Backpacks

**Food Pantry**

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

- Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste
- Grocery and newspaper bags that are clean and flattened

**Next Backsliders Speaker**

Our next speaker for the Backsliders' 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class, Jeff Wall Hall, where all are invited.

June 24 Josh Poplar

**Sunday Services**

Worship Service:  
8:30, 10:55, and 11:00 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Service Broadcast on  
WATX-AM 1600

**Nursery Available**

Sunday Worship and Sunday  
School: 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Children ages birth to 4 years

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**FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

There are so many difficult issues brewing right now, and for every one of them we don't have to look far to find a shouting match. Whether it's over dinner or a Facebook post, a fight isn't hard to find. Things can be said that are hurtful and insulting and lead to resentment and damaged relationships.

I recently came across a story that is told about Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross. Barton, it was said, was never one to hold a grudge. One day, she came across someone who had wronged her in the past. Another friend said to her, "Clara, don't you remember?"

"No," Barton said, without hesitation. "I distinctly remember forgetting that."

We can spend a lot of time being specific with the words we use when we fuss at each other. We can expend a lot of energy resenting people who have done things to hurt and harm us. But I hope we can always remember that with God's grace, forgiveness, moving past, and letting go are such a valuable part of our faith.

First, I hope we can keep perspective that the Jesus story is bigger than a political argument, even when we're moved to act for social change.

Second, we must be as intentional about forgiveness as we are about being right. Grudges that we let sit seem to fester and come back to haunt. It can weigh us down and keep us from moving to a brighter place. God's grace gives us the strength to move on.

Hurt comes in many forms. Sometimes it comes to us; sometimes we give it to others. But forgiveness and grace came to us in one form – that of Jesus Christ. I pray we remember that our call is to live in such a way that Christ may be seen in us, no matter what side of the argument - or the pain – we're on.

Have a blessed week – see you Sunday!

~ Rev. Rob Wheeler

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 362

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 343

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$37,525.20

Building fund receipts \$1,490.00

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$17,645.00

Building fund receipts \$1,206.43

UMW District Meeting

All women are invited to attend the United Methodist Women District Meeting on Saturday, June 23 in Jeff Wall Hall, 9 a.m.—1:30 p.m. We will be learning about the Alaska, Oklahoma, and Red Bird mission work of UMW. Please make reservations by 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 to Janet Green at 979-1041.

Volunteer Opportunities

It is time to schedule liturgists for both services for the months of July and August. This involves leading the Call to Worship, reading the scripture and other worship readings. Now is a great time to volunteer and become involved in worship! You are needed and welcomed! Contact Kathy Evans, 526-2177 or email music@cookevillefumc.org.

Angels Attic Update

The June distribution for Angels Attic went very well. We welcomed 46 families which significantly more than last month. We look forward to the July distribution. The date will be confirmed next week. Angels Attic is in need of the following:

- Sheets – any size
- Towels
- Men’s and women’s shorts
- Jogging pants

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, contact Tamika Parker at 526-2177. Thank you once again for your donations and continued commitment to the Angels Attic ministry. We greatly appreciate your generosity.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Marvin Barker       | Mary Garrison     | Brian Maffett      |
| Vivian Barnes       | Nate Griffis      | Pat Maxwell        |
| Janey Bassett       | Dan Hearn         | Paul McLendon      |
| Bob and Gloria Bell | Joe Hix           | Winnie Peterson    |
| Craig Benich        | Mary Ann Huffines | Margaret Phipps    |
| Robert Buck         | Alma Jean Johnson | Glenn Ramsey       |
| Randy Cavanaugh     | Jan Jordan        | Mary Jo Rogers     |
| Anna Cunningham     | Mary Byrd King    | Gene Evelyn Warren |
| Brian Lee Foster    | Jeannine Lynn     | Hazel Wyatt        |
| Elaine Funk         | Karen Macke       | Maria Zimmerman    |

Sympathy and Prayer

Becky Payne, family and friends of Bishop Holliman. Kay Greenwood, friends, and family on the death of Potter Greenwood.

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was last week at FUMC! We had a great time playing, creating, dancing, and most importantly - learning about God! Many thanks to all of the volunteers and leaders who made this week extra special for the kids.





## “SLIDE” SUNDAY

Join us for Slide Sunday on July 1! Slide from 9:45-10:45 a.m., followed by worship at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary. \$10 for unlimited slides during this one hour (scholarships available).

Children and Youth Sunday School classes, meet at the slide at 9:45 a.m. Adults, check with your Sunday School class as to their plans. *The slide will not be open to the public during this time.*

After worship, join us in the CLC for a potluck lunch. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Plan to park in the CLC or Wesley lot, or other areas near the church.

Wear your swimsuits, bring your towels and a change of clothes, and join us for this family-fun event! We look forward to seeing you there! To register to slide, please come to the church office. Registration deadline is Monday, June 25 by 4 p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS—FALL MISSION TRIP

Sunday, October 7—Friday, October 12



We'll be heading to Kissimmee, Florida to help with a great organization--Give Kids the World Village, a non-profit storybook resort, where children with critical illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations. We hope you will

join us for a super fun week of service to those who need love the most! We'll also spend a day at Universal Studios! Sign-up are coming soon; let Adam know if you're interested at [addaniels7@gmail.com](mailto:addaniels7@gmail.com)



## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 24

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- Sunday in the Park (Children's Ministry) — Dogwood Park
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

### Monday, June 25

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

### Tuesday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

### Wednesday, June 27

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting — Freeman Building Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214

### Thursday, June 28

- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed — B213, B206

### Friday, June 29

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

### Sunday, July 1

- 9:45 a.m. Slide the City — Christian Life Center and Gym
- Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck — Christian Life Center

### Monday, July 2

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — B017
- Mary Martha Circle — B213
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213

### Tuesday, July 3

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

### Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day — Offices and Campus Closed

### Thursday, July 5

No Activities Scheduled

### Friday, July 6

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

## SAVE THE DATE - NASHVILLE SHORES!

Next Gen Disciples TN UMC Family Ministries is hosting a Nashville Shores Day! Spend a day at the beautiful Nashville Shores Water Park on Percy Priest Lake and end the day with worship and a concert led by youth from across the Tennessee Conference. July 15, depart FUMC at 11 a.m. Arrive home by 9 p.m.

Youth may ride the church bus (please let us know if you can chaperone). All families with younger children will need to carpool and caravan and grown-ups are required! Tickets are \$20 per person. Register online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Payments can be dropped off in the church office.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Friday, July 20 in Jeff Wall Hall, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive. All donors will receive a free T-shirt. Go to the FUMC website under upcoming events to register. Donate and save a life!

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 4



The church office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



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## Slide Sunday

July 1

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

For more details, see the article inside!

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

### YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

July 1 Slide the City

July 15 United Methodist Day at

### SUNDAY MORNING ONGOING STUDIES

For the summer, middle and high school classes will be combined in the youth room at 9:45 a.m.



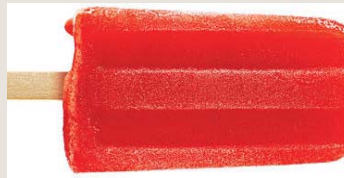
Join us for "Scooby Doo and Donuts, too!" every Sunday morning in the summer. We'll be learning about life's real monsters.

### RADIO BROADCAST

Unable to make it in to Sunday worship service? Our 10:55 a.m. service is broadcast live each Sunday from News Talk FM 94.1, and uploaded to [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) later in the week.



### PRAY, PLAY, AND POPSICLES



Every other Sunday this Summer, FUMC KIDS Sunday School classes will walk to Dogwood Park for a devotional, time to play, and popsicles! Dates: June 24 and July 8, 22. We will meet in the Sunday School wing at 9:40 a.m. and return by 10:45 a.m.

### SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING



Safe Sanctuaries Training will be held in the Christian Life Center on Sunday, July 22 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This training is open to church leaders and ministry volunteers and will be led by Jullie Meyer, a Safe Spaces Trainer, from the Tennessee Conference Office.

Church leaders and volunteers interested in participating should register online at [cookevillefumc.org](http://cookevillefumc.org) or contact the church office at 526-2177. Dinner is available for \$5 per person.