



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 8 Burger Bash
- 15 WNL Meals and Classes
- 16 Young At Heart

Camp Meeting Sunday

Sunday, August 5 is Camp Meeting Sunday. Enjoy favorite gospel hymns in a bluegrass style at both Sunday services.

Bell Ringers

The Jubilee Ringers and Sanctuary Bells will begin rehearsals on Thursday, August 9. We are in need of a bell ringer for Thursdays from 4:45—5:45 p.m. Call Martha Sue Bonner at 526-7866 for details.

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

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 SENIOR PASTOR

It was encouraging to see so many children come forward in the sanctuary on Sunday, especially at the early service, for the “Blessing of the Backpacks.” We could barely fit them all at the front of the church. I’m grateful to God for all the children and youth he has placed in our care as we seek to partner with their families in nurturing them in faith and Christian community.

Wednesday Night Life will resume soon. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for information about Burger Bash, Choir Club, WNL classes, and making standing reservations for WNL meals. Wednesday Night Life is an important time for our community of faith, so I hope you will participate.

All of us, even the strongest, carry brokenness and wounds in our lives. So, throughout the month of August, during our worship services, we will explore some of the ways that God brings renewal, healing and wholeness to our lives. I hope you will join us each week in August for this special emphasis, and that you will invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow students to join you.

~ Dr. Martin Thielen

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

In response to your feedback and suggestions, beginning September 9, will be offering a new combined Sunday school class that will meet weekly in the CLC.

FaithLink is intended for two groups:

1. Current classes who would like a “break” in the responsibilities of finding teachers and study topics and
2. Anyone interested in being part of a Sunday school opportunity not currently attached to a class: new families, visitors or those who have yet to find a class.

If your current class would like to be a part of this for a short time or to fill in a gap or two, please feel free! I’ll be leading the group and we will be using *FaithLink* – a timely UMC resource that explores current events throughout the week from a Biblical perspective.

We hope this opportunity provides a welcoming place to deepen our faith and show us how to look at what’s happened in the week through a Christlike perspective. If you or your class are interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please feel free to touch base and I’ll be happy to help as much as I can.

Be blessed this week,

Rev. Rob Wheeler

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 428

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 453

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$29,217.37

Building fund receipts \$635.00

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$18,107.96

Building fund receipts \$390.00

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. in the Gym, starting August 16. Explore gentle postures, breath work, meditation and deep relaxation, as you improve your balance, strength, flexibility. A yoga mat and block are suggested. Contact Barbara Hughes, jimhughes@charter.net, for more information.

Children's Retreat

October 20-21, FUMC KIDS, 3rd-6th grade, are invited to attend the 3rd annual children's retreat hosted by Next Gen Disciples and Cedar Crest Camp. Cedar Crest is one of the outdoor ministry facilities owned and operated by the Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Cookeville FUMC will join kids from other TN Conference churches for an amazing weekend of worship, singing, games, fellowship, bonfires, and more! You can find out more about Cedar Crest Camp at <http://cedarcrestcamp.org>

Bible Focus Guest Speaker

Guest speaker Tracy Plant, Plateau Regional Director of Alzheimer Tennessee, will make a presentation to the Bible Focus Sunday School class on Sunday, August 5, at 10 a.m. in room 206 of the Freeman Building. Anyone interested in learning about Alzheimer disease is welcome to attend.



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 | Brian Lee Foster | Jeannine Lynn |
| Vivian Barnes | Elaine Funk | Karen Macke |
| Janey Bassett | Mary Garrison | Brian Maffett |
| Bob and Gloria Bell | Nate Griffis | Pat Maxwell |
| Craig Benich | Joe Hix | Winnie Peterson |
| Robert Buck | Mary Ann Huffines | Margaret Phipps |
| Randy Cavanaugh | Alma Jean Johnson | Mary Jo Rogers |
| Everett Jude Coonce | Jan Jordan | Gene Evelyn Warren |
| Anna Cunningham | Mary Byrd King | Hazel Wyatt |

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

FALL CLASSES

To sign up for these classes, go online to www.cookevillefumc.org and click on the front page slide, or contact the church office at 526-2177.

SUNDAY, 6 P.M.

Present Over Perfect *Women's Bible Study, led by Michelle Hale, Room B206*

Present Over Perfect is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection. Find meaningful discussion with a group of loving and supportive women across our congregation.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE CLASSES

Financial Peace University *(Dave Ramsey), led by Laurie Watson, Room B214 Starting August 15*

Financial Peace University is a nine lesson, money-management class taught by trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.

Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God *led by Adam Daniels, Room B210*
Pastor Brian Zahnd shares the exploration of his journey from seeing God as angry, violent, and retributive to seeing God as most fully revealed in Jesus.

Disciple II *led by Larry Epps, Room B206*

This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture.

Incarnation - The Surprising Overlap of Heaven and Earth.

led by Pat Jordan and Ken Hunter, Room B213

Explore the mystery of Christ's dual divine and human nature. Learning more about the Incarnation may help us think more clearly about our faith and in turn help us to love God more fully. *Incarnation* is the first book in William Willimon's *Belief Matters* series.

He Speaks to Me *by Priscilla Shirer - Joan Tansil Bible Study, Room CLC 206*

Priscilla Shirer looks at God's call to Samuel and uncovers six characteristics essential for hearing from God: Spirit, Relationship, Worship, Holiness, Attentiveness, and Hunger. Her warmth and honesty, combined with a wealth of practical help, will inspire you to cultivate these traits in your own life. By doing so, you will prepare yourself to draw closer to Him and to hear His voice more clearly.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 9 in the CLC, during the Sunday School hour. Come learn more about this United Methodist-related institution. All Sunday School classes and individuals are encouraged to join us as representatives present an informational session. Please let Patricia in the church office know if your Sunday School class will be attending.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PARKING

Being located in a downtown area, parking at FUMC is limited and sometimes difficult. However, it is important to respect our neighbors around us. For many years, Highland Hardware has graciously allowed our church to park in their lot on Sunday mornings. If you park there, please park only in designated spaces in the lower lot and not close to the doors. Also, please do not park at Highland Hardware for any event during their regular weekday business hours, as this lot is reserved for their customers.

CLUB 456 COOKOUT

CLUB 456 kids and their families are invited to a cookout on Friday, September 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Rob and Beth Wheeler's "country house". We will send you the address! We hope you will join us for a relaxing night of food and fun. Burgers, hotdogs, and the fixings will be provided. Fourth and fifth grade families bring sides to share. Sixth grade families bring deserts and drinks to share. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/456Cookout>.

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

SYNERGY YOUTH EVENT

Question: Where would you need a swimsuit, cowboy boots, and a prospector's shovel?

Answer: Synergy 2018!

We're only kidding a little about the packing list for Synergy. ;)

We're headed to Coker Creek Village for the weekend of August 24-26 where we've got an exciting time planned with whitewater rafting, gem mining, and a real hoedown planned for you! \$125 per person; scholarships available!

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 5

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting — Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Preparing for Adolescence — B214

Monday, August 6

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — B017
- Esther Circle Day — B210
- Mary Martha Circle — B213
- 5:00 p.m. GriefShare — B206
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213

Tuesday, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, August 8

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — YMCA
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader Meeting — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting — Freeman Building Lobby
- 3:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting — B213
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- 5:00 p.m. Burger Bash — Christian Life Center
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

Thursday, August 9

- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

Friday, August 10

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

CHOIR CLUB AND YOUTH CHOIR

Choir Club (age 3—6th grade) and Youth Choir activities will begin on Wednesday, August 15. Watch your mail for brochures and registration materials, which are also available online at www.cookevillefumc.org. Plan to join in the Burger Bash Kick-Off on August 8! For more information contact Kathy Evans at 526-2177.

ADULT CHORAL GROUPS

The adult choral groups will be starting back in August after a short break over the summer. Have you been hiding your talents in the pew? It's time to share your singing talent and we have a place for you!

Chancel Choir — Rehearses Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. beginning August 8
Evening Ensemble — Rehearses Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. beginning August 16
Gospel Ensemble — Rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 16



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Wednesday, August 8

5-6:30 p.m. in the CLC

Sign up event for all WNL activities

\$5 per person; \$20 family maximum

Call 526-2177 for reservations

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

GRIEF SHARE NEWS

The GriefShare ministry will be offering two new programs for those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. These are faith-based, support group meetings utilizing videos and shared discussions. You are not alone.

Mondays: August 6 - October 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at FUMC in room B206

Wednesdays: August 8 - October 31, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at YMCA on Raider Drive

For more information contact: Robert Jager: 644-2435.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Young at Heart invites you to our kick-off luncheon! Thursday, August 16 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., Director of ENCORE Ministries will present *An Age of Opportunity*. Growing older is not the same as growing old. As we grow older, God invites us to an encore of opportunities by engaging with life and making a difference for God. Come for a lighthearted, inspiring presentation about ageism and what the Bible says about aging. Cost: \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday, August 14. Call the Church Office at 526-2177 or go online to www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events.

NURSERY STAFF NEEDED

Sharing in the mission of Cookeville FUMC, the Nursery serves a vital role in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Children and parents can experience a sense of safety and well-being knowing that while parents worship or participate in classes or special events, their children are being cared for by capable and friendly staff. The Nursery is typically available for children from birth to five years of age during Sunday worship services, Wednesday Night Life, and other times as needed throughout the year. We are currently accepting applications from individuals who have experience working with this age group and enjoy caring for young children. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or older.

For more information and an Application for Employment, please visit the church web site at www.cookevillefumc.org, click on the Employment link.

ANGEL'S ATTIC UPDATE

Our next distribution will be Tuesday, August 7. Angels Attic needs:

- Women's plus size clothing
- Men's short sleeve shirts
- Bed sheets
- Towels
- Children's summer clothes, any size

If you would like to find out more about Angels Attic or volunteer, please contact Tamika Parker at 526-2177.