



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

3	Second Harvest Delivery
6	Finance Meeting Trustees Meeting
7	Staff Parish Meeting
12	Leaders Training Youth Parents Meeting
15	WNL Meal and Class Sign-Ups
16	Young At Heart
20	MLK Day, Office Closed
31	Red Cross Blood Drive

Young at Heart

Thursday, January 16 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

Laughter is the Best Medicine! Join us for a belly laugh! Come prepared for chuckles, mirth and fun with an hour of hilarious stories, jokes and riddles. Be entertained by Leo McGee, Cheryl Moore, Brad Gran, Kevin Conrad, Frances Crawford and some surprises! Luncheon Cost: \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday, January 14 at 526-2177.

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

A new year and a new *decade* are here! I find myself having “perspective moments” where the relationship to this moment in time and other moments in time come into full focus. Just think where you were ten years ago! Think of the circumstances of your life. Then, think of twenty or thirty or more years ago. Each decade is a lifetime of change!

I remember vividly the December before I graduated from high school. The Iranian hostage crisis was unfolding. I was five months from finishing high school. I commented to my dad that I hoped I would not be fighting a war in Iran by the end of the next year. He look startled by the comment. That war didn't come—but think of the tension with Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Russia and China now. History unfolds. Our lives get caught up in the currents of history.

I approach each year with thoughts and goals for personal and spiritual growth. I hope you will too. I pray all we are and do as a congregation will help each of us become a mature, faithful disciple of Jesus Christ—in a noticeably better way, year by year.

~ *Kevin*

Wishing you beautiful moments,
treasured memories,
and all the blessings a heart can know.

Happy New Year!



BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 416

Sunday, December 29, 2020

Total Worship Attendance: 322

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$35,625.01

Building fund receipts \$15,470.00

Sunday, January 2, 2020

Budget fund receipts \$13,838.00

Kroger Card—Food Pantry Benefits

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

Wednesday Night Life Meals

Wednesday Night Life dinners will resume January 15. Make your standing reservations now by calling the church office or online at www.cookevillefumc.org. Dinner is served from 5-6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 family maximum.

January 15: Meatloaf, salad, green peas, mashed potatoes and gravy, banana pudding, rolls.

January Backsliders Speakers

- 5 Jan Fritz
- 12 Steve Frye
- 19 Bob Bell
- 26 The Glorylanders

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING

ALL is an outreach ministry sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry of FUMC. Each course is \$25 for a five-week, one hour per week class. Registration will be open January 5. Classes will begin the week of January 27 and run through February. If we have a snow cancellation, the classes will extend into the first week of March. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Winter Class Schedule

Mondays

- 10:00 a.m. Beginning Bridge (class limit 12)
- 11:00 a.m. The Journey—a Beginning Genealogy Series

Tuesdays

- 3:00 p.m. Strength and Balance

Wednesdays

- 9:00 a.m. iPhone2—OK, Now What? (class limit 15)
- 9:30 a.m. Intermediate Bridge (class limit 12)
- 10:00 a.m. iPhone 1 (class limit 15)
- 11:00 a.m. Cooking with Chad (class limit 12)
- 1:00 p.m. Cooking with Chad (class limit 12)
- 1:30 p.m. Vietnam—A Broader History
- 2:00 p.m. Introduction to Machine Sewing

Thursdays

- 2:00 p.m. Step Class

Brochures can be found throughout the church campus and in the office. Registration is required for participation. On January 5, you may register in the narthex or beginning Monday, January 6, you may register by phone at 526-2177, in person at the church office, by mail, or online at www.cookevillefumc.org. Payment is required in full on or before the first class. Submit your check with your registration at the church office. Come for fun and fellowship... and learn something new at the same time!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Vivian Barnes	Joe Hix	Jim Murchison
Janey Bassett	Bob Jones	Larry Norton
Tia Bassett	Ann Kellman	Winnie Peterson
Juanita Bilyeu	Gary Kellman	Rob Poteet
Robert Buck	Kirk Kellman	Pam Raines
Savannah Lynn Caylor	Nancy Kellman	Mary Jo Rogers
Faye Curry	Mary Byrd King	Mollie Rogers
Jackie Donaldson	Mike Lee	Roxanne Self
Delaney Duncan	Annette Lynch	Sarah Stockton
Hazel Dyer	Karen Macke	Estelle Thompson
Brian Lee Foster	Sylvia McCann	Jessie Watts
Elaine Funk	Paul McLendon	Harriett Wright
Mary Garrison	Linda McConnell	Leo Yates
Nate Griffis	Aidan Moore	

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

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

- Box of instant pudding, bath soap, vegetable soup
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened, and plastic newspaper sleeves.



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

SPRING CLASSES

For full class descriptions, and to register online, visit www.cookevillefumc.org. Childcare and nursery services are available for all Wednesday Night groups and classes.

Wednesday Night Classes—6 p.m. starting January 22

Illumination Bible Study: Listening to God

Join Dr. Conrad as he leads a weekly excursion into the Bible using a type of Bible study built on questions and the wisdom of the community. Two class options: 4 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Life Stuff: A Conversation with Brene Brown

Rev. Rob Wheeler leads this video-based discussion on the work of author Brene Brown with these and more questions in mind.

Slow Kingdom Coming

This book-based class offers ideas, asks questions, and ultimately wants to help you find a place you can serve “the least of these” in our church.

Living a Praying Life

This book-based women’s Bible study goes back to the biblical basics of prayer and cleaning out myths about prayer to rev up a powerful, ongoing connection to God.

The Good and Beautiful Life

Explore practical spiritual exercises that will help you grow in knowledge and faith using the Sermon on the Mount as a guide. This is book two in a series of three.

Weekday Groups, beginning the week of January 27

The Road Back to You

Mondays, 12-1:15 p.m.

This class strives to uncover who we are and seeks to transform our faith and self-awareness using the Enneagram tool.

Contemplative Prayer

Mondays, 3-5 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer allows us greater awareness of God’s love and grace by opening our hearts through silence, stillness, and solitude.

Financial Peace

Time and date TBD

This group will challenge and encourage you to take back control of your money.

The Good and Beautiful Life

Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Explore practical spiritual exercises that will help you grow in knowledge and faith using the Sermon on the Mount as a guide. This is book two in a series of three.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Class Rooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band — Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — B214

Monday, January 6

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men’s Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Esther Circle Day Meeting — B210
- 2:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Cooking — Jeff Wall Hall Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213
- 6:30 p.m. Esther Circle — B214

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — B213
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — B213
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace — B213

Wednesday, January 8

- 6:00 a.m. Men’s Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B017

Thursday, January 9 — No Activities Scheduled

Friday, January 10

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

SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE

Did you know all of our Sunday worship serves are recorded and available online through our website?

Visit www.cookevillefumc.org, and click the *Sunday’s Sermons* 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!





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Join us for Winter Class Sign-Ups!

Wednesday, January 15, 5 p.m.
in the Christian Life Center

Make your dinner reservations at
www.cookevillefumc.org

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

SECOND HARVEST DELIVERY

Our next delivery from Second Harvest for the food pantry will be Friday, January 3, at 9:45 a.m. Please consider coming out to serve your neighbors in need! Contact Tamika Parker in the church office for more information or to volunteer.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Out of concern for the welfare of those who participate in the ministries of the church, when there is inclement weather, we will follow the closure schedule of the Putnam County School system. When church activities are cancelled, an announcement will be posted on the homepage of the church website by noon and the activity leader will be informed. Participants should contact their leader or the church office with any questions. When activities are cancelled, the facility will not be open nor will anyone be available to open or close the facility.

The Food Pantry will follow the Putnam County School system. If schools are closed for weather conditions on a Tuesday in which the Food Pantry is normally scheduled for distribution, the Food Pantry will be closed. This is for the safety of both our patrons and volunteers.

The primary concern for cancellation of activities is safety. Your support and understanding are appreciated.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, January 31 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!

ANGELS ATTIC

Angels Attic requests donations of :

- Blankets—any size
- Coats and jackets for children, men and women

WARMING UP THE HEART OF TOWN – SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, February 2, following services, in the Christian Life Center

Join us for the 1st Annual Chili Cook-off! Come compete, sample and participate in the auction of handmade items, baked good and other products and services. All to benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Red Bird Build.

Be a part of the fun! COMPETE by entering your best chili (individual or team entries), SAMPLE and judge some of the best chili in the heart of town!, and DONATE items for auction (handmade items, baked good and other products, services or goods or creative ideas).

Sign up now to donate or participate! Contact Tamika at 526-2177 and be a part of the fun!