



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 16 Young At Heart
- 20 MLK Day, Office Closed
- 22 WNL Classes begin
- 26 Music Scholarship Concert
“Denominational Change” Meeting
- 31 Red Cross Blood Drive

February

- 2 Chili Cook-Off
- 3 Trustees Meeting
- 9 Just a Little Off Broadstreet
- 23 Composer’s Concert

Worship Service Volunteers

Have you thought about serving as a liturgist? Have you thought about serving as an usher? There are places of service in all areas of the life of the church and your special gifts are needed. Please contact Kathy Evans, music@cookevillefumc.org. We welcome and need new people in all areas of Worship support.

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

With the beginning of a new year, there is a flurry of activity. Last week we had an orientation for over one hundred leaders and participants of our ministry teams and committees. It was a great start to our new year in ministry. The coming weeks are packed with opportunities for all of us to join in worship, study, community, conversation and service.

Each year, our church invests our resources in missional causes, projects and organizations. Our opportunities to be supportive of each missional project range from hands-on service, to presence at an event, to financial support. Please look carefully at the list below and make your plans to be supportive of our servant outreach.

- Bel Canto, our Music Student Scholarship concert and fund raiser, will be on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Funds raised will go to support our music intern program.
- Sunday, February 2 at noon, we will have our first Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off. Proceeds from the auction, dollars contributed as votes for the best chili, and general contributions will go to support two housing ministries: The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build this spring (our church will be a community sponsor) and our Red Bird mission house to be built this fall in the Beverly, Kentucky area.
- On February 9, at 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel, join us for Just a Little Off Broadstreet. Our Youth Choir Tour Fundraising event features the Youth Choir, Ensembles, and Friends of the Music Ministry. Their program is entitled “Sunday Night Live!”
- Our missionary from Tanzania, Rev. Eric Sourd, will be with us in worship on February 23 to share his remarkable work in Africa.
- Our church will be one of the community sponsors for the Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM) that will take place the weekend of March 21 and 22. Information will be presented in Sunday School gatherings about ways to contribute and volunteer. On Sunday, March 22, volunteers are needed in the afternoon for the wrap up of the event.

As we seek to “share the story in the heart of town,” servant ministries are a way we extend the missional reach of our church in the name of Jesus. I hope you will plan now to support each of these servant ministries of our church with your prayers, your financial support, and hands on involvement as you are able.

~ *Kevin*

Navigating Denominational Change Town Hall Meeting

A congregation-wide meeting will be held in the Christian Life Center during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, January 26 from 9:40-10:35 a.m. Due to recent developments related to the United Methodist General Conference in May of this year, Dr. Conrad will present basic information about denominational plans of separation. In a very fluid situation, we will focus on how our church will navigate the changes over a 2-4 year period. A question and answer time will be included.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Total Worship Attendance: 436

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Total Worship Attendance: 484

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Budget fund receipts \$29,928.98

Building fund receipts \$150.00

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Budget fund receipts \$47,324.00

Building fund receipts \$790.00

Great News!

On January 26, during worship, we will have a note burning to celebrate a great accomplishment for Cookeville First United Methodist Church!

In 2003, we began a journey to expand our facilities by building the Freeman Building. Then in 2005, we started remodeling the Sanctuary/ Education building. The total cost of the projects was approximately 6,000,000. After initial gifts, we secured a loan for \$4,500,000 in 2007. Because of the faithfulness of this congregation to the expansion and upkeep of our campus, we are officially debt free as of December 2019. Please join us in this celebration!!

Wednesday Night Life Meals

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

January 22: Chicken and rice casserole, salad, steamed broccoli, Butterfinger cake

January 29: Boneless pork chops with gravy, salad, roasted potatoes, red velvet cake

January Backsliders Speakers

19 Bob Bell

26 The Glorylanders



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

FIRST ANNUAL FUMC CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us for our first-ever chili cook-off Sunday, February 2, noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost to sample chili entries is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 per family, pay at the door. Cookies and drinks are included in the price. This event is sponsored by the Servant Ministry Team and is a fundraiser for the Red Bird Build Ministry in Kentucky and for our local Habitat for Humanity.

How you can help

- Compete (as an individual or team) by entering your chili in the contest. Bring two gallons of already-warm chili to the Christian Life Center no later than 11 a.m. on February 2. Tables will be placed around the perimeter of the room so that you can plug in your crock pots, hot plates, etc. to keep the chili at serving temperature. The church will provide small serving bowls, spoons, and crackers.
- Provide two dozen cookies, any kind. Please have them in the CLC by 11 a.m. on February 2.
- Vote for your favorite chili. Each vote costs \$1, which you will place in labeled "ballot boxes" at the welcome station. Winning cooks will receive a medal. All vote dollars go to the building projects.
- Donate items for the live auction. Suggested items include but are not limited to: homemade food goodies, craft items, themed gift baskets, and services.
- Bid on items in the live auction. Please plan to pay with cash or check.
- Invite friends to attend this event with you.

Please call Tamika at the church office, 526-2177, no later than Friday, January 24, to donate chili, cookies, or auction items.

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
Peggy Cho	Mary Byrd King	Mollie Rogers
Faye Curry	Mike Lee	Roxanne Self
Jackie Donaldson	Annette Lynch	Sarah Stockton
Delaney Duncan	Karen Macke	Estelle Thompson
Hazel Dyer	Brian Maffett	Jessie Watts
Brian Lee Foster	Sylvia McCann	Harriett Wright
Elaine Funk	Paul McLendon	
Mary Garrison	Linda McConnell	
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.

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.

Life Stuff: A Conversation with Brene Brown

Rev. Rob Wheeler leads this video-based discussion on the work of author Brene Brown.

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 19

- 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
UMYF — Youth Room

Monday, January 20 — Offices Closed for MLK Day

- 9:00 a.m. Discovery Planning Day — Youth Room

Tuesday, January 21

- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 a.m. Jacob’s Ladder Board meeting — CLC 401

Wednesday, January 22

- 6:00 a.m. Men’s Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 a.m. Choir Club — Music Suite
Illumination Bible Study — B214
- 5:00 a.m. WNL Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Teen Ringers — C209
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B017
Illumination Bible Study — B210
Life Stuff: A Conversation with Brene Brown — B012
Living a Praying Life — B206
Slow Kingdom Coming — Youth Room
The Good and Beautiful Life — B214
Youth Choir — Music Suite
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, January 23

- 12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry — B206
- 3:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga — Gym
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House



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Sign up for ALL!

(Adventures in Lifelong Learning)

Classes begin the week of January 27
and run through February.

See the full list of classes online at
www.cookevillefumc.org

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

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



We have a place for you and welcome new members! Rehearsals begin this week! Contact Kathy Evans at music@cookevillefumc.org.

BEL CANTO CONCERT



Sunday afternoon, January 26 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This concert, free to the public, features past and present Music Scholarship Students. A Love Offering will be taken to benefit the

Music Scholarship Program.

The Music Scholarship Program is underwritten 100% by donations and supports up to eight college students a semester in their education at Tennessee Tech. Each of the students participates in the Chancel Choir and at least one additional ensemble or group. They are given the opportunity to sing solos, assist in musical events, and participate in the preparation of sacred music. Please consider your support of this program as it nurtures our college students.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC CLASSES

The 2020 spring sessions of early childhood music begin February 4 and 5. Join in the fun as parents or other family caregivers accompany their young children in a nurturing environment of musical exploration. Taught by Janet Worley, the classes fosters musical skills through singing, chanting, playing instruments, dancing, and dramatic play.

Early Childhood Music classes will meet once a week for 11 weeks and will not meet during the Putnam County School's spring break. Registration is open to the members of the Cookeville community. There is a per family fee of \$40 for class materials. Please contact the Music Ministry Office for registration forms and information at 931-526-2177, ext. 204, or by email at music@cookevillefumc.org. Registration is also available on the church website, www.cookevillefumc.org.