



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- 24 FUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Maundy Thursday
- 30 Good Friday

WNL DINNER MENUS

March 21: Chicken salad, salad, fruit bowl, brownies

March 28: Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, salad, lima beans, Butterscotch Delight

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.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Many members of our congregation have been out of town this week for Spring Break. If so, I trust you had a good trip. If you are back home this weekend, I hope to see you at worship. This Sunday, March 18th, is our final service of Lent. Our theme will be on forgiveness. Instead of a traditional sermon, I plan to share a personal testimony about forgiving others. First, I'll tell you a story about forgiving my father. Second, I'll tell you a story about forgiving a church member I detested. Finally, I'll tell you a story about forgiving a man who committed a felony against me. The following Sunday, March 25th, begins Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Christian year. We'll begin with Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I hope you will make plans to attend each one of these important worship events. More information about our Holy Week schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, it was good to receive Steve and Sandy Austin as new members. Welcome to our church family.

~ Martin

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM



This year WCTE created a new Community Impact Award, in honor of the late Joe Albrecht. The first recipient was The Disaster Response Team, led by Ken Hunter. Ken has lead the team at FUMC on many local and out of state disasters and in conjunction with the Disaster Response Team, was

described as being a leader, a teacher and someone you want on your team in time of need. Many lives and hearts have been touched by the exemplary work of the team. Thank you Ken Hunter and the Disaster Response Team for all your hard work and dedication to this ministry and the community.

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

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BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 547

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 347

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$29,982.00

Building fund receipts \$695.00

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$28,709.00

Building fund receipts \$870.00

March Backsliders Speakers

18 Heidi Lee

25 John Lee

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.

Welcome New Members



Say hello to new members Steve and Sandy Austin!

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	Virginia Hunter	Winnie Peterson
Vivian Barnes	Tina Johns	Margaret Phipps
Carolyn Campbell	Alma Jean Johnson	Glenn Ramsey
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	Mary Jo Rogers
Anna Cunningham	Anna Karch	William Strivling
Faye Curry	Mary Byrd King	Joan Tansil
Ed Edenfield	Jeannine Lynn	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Karen Macke	Julia Woodford
Mary Garrison	Brian Maffett	Hazel Wyatt
Nate Griffis	Pat Maxwell	
Dan Hearn	Evangeline O'Kain	
Mary Ann Huffines	Susan Pangle	

Sympathy and Prayer

Family and friends of Joan "Jo" Britnell.
 Chuck Jordan on the death of his mother.
 Friends and family of Virginia Gibson.
 Ashley Swann and family on the death of her father, Larry McCaleb.

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.

LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt March 24, 10 a.m. - noon, Dogwood Park
 We hope you will invite your friends to come together and enjoy this time in our community!

Palm Sunday Sunday services, March 25 in the sanctuary
 On this holy day we commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday March 29, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary
 On Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), we commemorate the Last Supper.

Good Friday March 30, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary
 We come together on this day to remember the suffering of Christ on the cross.

Easter Services Sunday, April 1

- ☞ 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wesley Chapel
- ☞ 8:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary
- ☞ 9:45 a.m. Sunday school classes
- ☞ 10:55 a.m. Service in the sanctuary



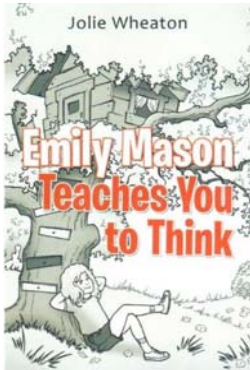
For updated information, please visit us online at www.cookevillefumc.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

This weekend, our Confirmation Class shared a special and meaningful time learning and growing at their Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Thank you to the teachers, chaperones, and to everyone who loves and supports these wonderful children!



THANK YOU JOLIE WHEATON



Many thanks to Jolie Wheaton for an awesome Girls' Night Out using her book *Emily Mason Teaches you to Think!* We had a great time learning that we need to love ourselves just the way we are - the way God made us! Lots of feelings can get in the way of this, but we have the power to stay happy and see things in a positive and uplifting way.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Jere Whitson Elementary Chorus invites you to attend their 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser! Funds raised will allow the children to attend a choir festival in Chattanooga on May 8. Thank you for your generous support!



CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Teens — B214
- Youth Praise Band — Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206
- UMYF — Youth Room

Monday, March 19

- 7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Men's Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Angels Attic Workday — Wesley Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, March 21

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Putnam County YMCA
- 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
- Choir Club
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Tour Drama — Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. An Immersion Into Psalms — B213
- Invitation to the New Testament — B214
- JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym
- Our Wesleyan Heritage — B210
- Wesley Class Meeting — B206
- Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
- Youth Choir
- 7:00 p.m. 7 - 8 Special for Youth — Youth Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

Thursday, March 22

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision — B206, B213
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble

Friday, March 23

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

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.

Easter Hydrangeas



**Help us decorate the church Easter Sunday
by ordering Hydrangeas to enhance the
lilies on the altar!**

Order forms are available in the church
office, the Narthex, or online at
www.cookevillefumc.org

Cost is \$16, due Monday, March 26

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EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

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.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Please join in
Ecumenical Holy Week Services

First Presbyterian Church
20 N. Dixie Ave.
Cookeville, TN

Monday - Friday, March 26-30
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch served: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
\$5 at the door

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Source: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>

FUMC KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT



The 2nd Annual FUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m.—noon at Dogwood Park. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy fun and fellowship with our church family!