



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

- 20 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 22 Safe Sanctuary Training
- 29 Blessing of the Backpacks

AUGUST

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

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

Over a decade ago, I was a dedicated customer of Blockbuster Video. Most every week, I went to my local Blockbuster Video store and picked out a movie to watch. Millions of other Americans did the same thing. At their peak, Blockbuster had over 9,000 stores.

Today, Blockbuster has exactly one store left. Yes, one! So what happened? Blockbuster failed to adjust to changing times. While they focused on their brick and mortar stores, a small company called Netflix began to tell people, “You don’t have to go to the trouble of shopping for a movie at a store. You can shop online, in the comfort of your home, and we’ll send you movies in the mail.” A few years later, Netflix told their customers, “You don’t need to fool with the mail anymore; we’ll stream movies directly to your TV on the internet.”

The rest, they say, “is history.” Netflix is now one of the most successful businesses in the world, and Blockbuster is dead.

Sadly, most churches in America, including the vast majority of UMC churches, are operating like Blockbuster in a Netflix world. They continue to do church exactly the way they did decades ago, failing to adapt to the changing times. The result is that every major denomination in America—and the vast majority of local churches—are now in decline. Many will not survive much longer.

However, some churches have adapted. While not compromising their message, they have changed their methodologies. They have made major adjustments to their worship, programming, ministries, technology, and evangelism. Most important, they have made reaching new people for Christ and church their greatest priority.

I don’t know what the future of the American church is going to look like. Right now, it doesn’t look particularly promising. But for churches that are willing to creatively adapt to the changing times, the future can still be bright. I hope FUMC Cookeville will be among them.

~ Dr. Martin Thielen

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 400

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 344

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$49,720.00

Building fund receipts \$2,110.00

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$31,348.50

Building fund receipts \$3,005.00

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

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! Children's retreat will take place on October 20-21. You can find out more about Cedar Crest Camp at <http://cedarcrestcamp.org>

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!



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Sympathy and Prayers

Family and friends of Glenn Ramsey, Sr.

Jack Zimmerman, family and friends on the death of his wife, Maria

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BARNABAS COMMUNION MINISTRY

We are looking for a couple who would like to help prepare Communion kits the first Sunday of each month for the Barnabas Ministers. Preparing Communion kits is a shared ministry in that two couples will take turns or be available if one couple is out of town. Preparing the kits takes hardly any time and is easy to do the Friday before or early on Sunday morning prior to the 8:30 a.m. service. One couple is already serving in this capacity but we would love to have you and a partner join this helping team!

Barnabas Ministers are those in our congregation who offer Communion and friendship to those in our church family and community who are no longer able to come to church. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Barnabas Minister, helping prepare their Communion kits, or know someone who would like to have a Barnabas Minister, contact Noel Poston at noel@cookevillefumc.org or call the church office at 526-2177.

FOOD PANTRY

The summer months have been busy at God's Grace Food Pantry! As many of you know, the pantry serves around 200 families per week. What you may not know about is the love and compassion everyone receives at God's Grace Food Pantry. This ministry is a blessing to this church and our guests. We often receive phone calls, letters and visits of gratitude for this ministry. FUMC and our guests would like to thank each and every one of you who make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! If you would like to serve or learn more about God's Grace Food Pantry please contact Tamika in the church office at 526-2177.

JERE WHITSON ELEMENTARY

As the students begin to wrap up their summer fun, we here at FUMC are gearing up for a wonderful school year. As an adopter of Jere Whitson Elementary, we will soon be participating in events like Back to School Bash, where we provide translators and each teacher with \$100 to be used in their classroom and school supplies for the kids. This is just one of the wonderful events you can be a part of at Jere Whitson. We are currently looking for people to serve at Jere Whitson. Safe Sanctuary Training is required for this ministry. Whatever your gifts or talents are, there is a place for you. To find your place, please contact Tamika in the church office at 526-2177.

INVITATION TO ACOLYTE

All children, 3rd - 6th grade, are invited to serve as Acolytes during Sunday morning worship. An Acolyte is a person who performs the ceremonial duty of lighting the altar candles at the beginning of worship. This is a special part of our worship service and we would like to invite your child to serve our church in this way! If your child would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Beth Wheeler by Sunday, July 29. Acolyte training will be held during the Sunday school hour on August 5.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



School can be fun, scary, awesome, and tough. We're sending our students and educators back to school with our prayers and our blessings. We will hold a blessing of the backpacks on Sunday, July 29, at both worship services. All students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to the service and be blessed!

PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE

All rising 6th graders are invited to participate in a very important class that informs and celebrates tweens growing into maturity, both spiritually and sexually. It is taught by Dr. Jim Batson, a local pediatrician and a member of our church. The class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants will use the book, *Preparing for Adolescence*, by Dr. James Dobson. Books are available for \$12 at FUMC. The seven session class takes place on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., in B214 of the Freeman Building, with Parent Orientation on July 29. Contact Beth Wheeler for more information at 526-2177, or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y89c63dx>.

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'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 weekend of whitewater rafting, gem mining, and a real hoedown planned for you! \$125 per person; scholarships available!

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 22

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Training — Christian Life Center

Monday, July 23

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

Tuesday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 25

- 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, July 26

- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Education — B213, B206
- 5:00 p.m. Boys' Bible Study — The Wheeler Home

Friday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 29

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

Monday, July 30

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

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 1

- 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, August 2

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, August 3

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

Cookeville First United Methodist Church is seeking a motivated and spiritual person to work in children's ministry. The position would take a leadership role over children's church which is held at the 8:30 service and serves children Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. The internship would also include involvement in Sunday School for children on Sunday mornings. The position would begin on August 5 and end in May. The candidate must have experience working with children and a strong desire to share and teach about God's love.

To learn more or apply for this paid internship, go to the employment tab at www.cookevillefumc.org, or contact Beth Wheeler at 526-2177 or children@cookevillefumc.org.



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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.

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 or contact the church office at 526-2177.