



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
- 8 Women's Red Bird Build
- 9 Africa University
- 15 Contemplative Prayer Workshop
- 16 Senior Sunday
- 20 YAH Luncheon

WNL DINNER MENU

September 5: Baked ham, salad, macaroni and cheese, black eyed peas, cherry cobbler

September 12: BBQ chicken, salad, hashbrown casserole, banana cake (no nuts)

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.

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
WATN-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 ASSOCIATE PASTOR

As most of us know, the United Methodist Church is in a season of uncertainty pertaining to the future of our denomination in regards to the issue of human sexuality and inclusion within the church. Many of you have asked about what may be coming, what's being discussed, and how it may be resolved.

On September 16, during the Sunday school hour in Wesley Chapel, I'll be leading a session about the current state of the UMC, the plans that have been proposed, and the discussions in the works. This is a difficult topic, but it's vital that we communicate openly and honestly about all that surrounds this issue to lessen misconceptions and answer as many questions as we can. This day will also serve as the first Sunday of the FaithLink Sunday school class, which will continue each Sunday in Wesley Chapel.

On October 9, we will also begin The Table — a new worship opportunity set to begin September 9 at 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. This will be a relaxed opportunity to worship together, with music and elements a bit different than what we find on our wonderful Sunday mornings. We will hold this service every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

The Table is a service meant for everyone, a place to share in worship in a diverse fashion, while holding close to our traditions. Many of you may be pulled away on Sunday mornings due to travel, sports, or other reasons. This service provides another opportunity to be together in worship. I hope you'll consider giving The Table a visit over the next several weeks. We are excited for this addition to our church life.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Have a blessed week - see you Sunday!

~ Rev. Rob Wheeler

FROM BETH WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

I would like to inform you that I will be leaving my position as Children's Director at FUMC. I won't be leaving our church altogether - just this position. I will be working part-time until the position has been filled. My family is busy (as many are) and as many of you know, I also own and operate a dance studio in Cookeville, and with those responsibilities it has simply become too much. This has been an extremely hard decision for Rob and me, but we do feel it is the best for our family right now.

I am forever grateful to have had this opportunity to serve the children and families at FUMC, and I am excited to welcome someone new to this position! In my time here, I've learned so much about the kind of person I hope to be for myself and for others. I have been surrounded every day by amazing and inspiring people.

The search committee is set and there is much to be done! Applicants can find a job description and application form at www.cookevillefumc.org under the Job Opportunities tab. I am so appreciative for your support and I will see you all very soon!

~ Beth Wheeler

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 470

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 478

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$16,258.35

Building fund receipts \$1,190.00

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$23,325.68

Building fund receipts \$285.00

Senior Adult Fitness

Mondays, 9 a.m. in the Gym, starting September 10. Enjoy a great way to raise your physical activity through low-impact exercise. You can exercise with or without a chair, depending on your preference. Bands, tubing or light weights, plus comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes 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>

Kroger Card—Food Pantry Benefits

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Marvin Barker	Elaine Funk	Karen Macke
Vivian Barnes	Mary Garrison	Brian Maffett
Janey Bassett	Nate Griffis	Pat Maxwell
Bob and Gloria Bell	Joe Hix	Brittany McCloud
Craig Benich	Mary Ann Huffines	Wayne Nichols
Robert Buck	Alma Jean Johnson	Winnie Peterson
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	Margaret Phipps
Anna Cunningham	Mary Byrd King	Mary Jo Rogers
Kurt Eisen	Levena Kline	Sarah Stockton
Brian Lee Foster	Jeannine Lynn	Gene Evelyn Warren
		Hazel Wyatt

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

WOMEN'S BUILD FOR RED BIRD MISSION

Women of FUMC – Lend a hand and help build a home! We'll learn how to build and construct part of a home. No experience necessary. Everything is provided, including lunch. We'll work under the guidance of knowledgeable builders and alongside other women who want to make a difference. Whether you are learning new skills or simply adding a few to your tool belt, this is a rewarding experience for all involved, and improves the quality of life for a family in Beverly, Kentucky.

Are you ready to build with us? Join us on Saturday, September 8 at 8a.m in the Freeman Building parking garage, rain or shine. To sign-up or get more information, contact Ken Hunter or Tamika Parker. At 526-2177.

ANGEL'S ATTIC DROP-OFF LOCATION

The drop off for clothing for Angel's Attic is now on the east side of Wesley Chapel under the covered porch. There is a rack for hanging clothes and a cart where items may be left. Please do not leave your donations in the parking garage as it creates a hazard for our guests. We do not have the space or volunteers to process anything other than gently-used clothing, sheets or towels. Please keep in mind that leaving any other items creates more work for our volunteers, who must sort through and dispose of unusable items. If you have items other than clothing, sheets or towels, Serenity Thrift, Goodwill and Habitat ReStore are all good places to donate.

Thank you for your continued support of Angel's Attic Clothing Ministry. If you have any questions about Angel's Attic, or would like to volunteer two hours a month, contact Tamika Parker at 526-2177, tamika@cookevillefumc.org.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WORKSHOP

Is God calling you to more stillness in your life? Are you feeling a desire to deepen your prayer or to learn about the Christian contemplative path? A prayer group devoted to contemplative prayer practices has been meeting weekly at FUMC for three years and we want you to know we are here for those who are seeking a deeper, closer relationship with God.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. – noon, in room B214. Pre-registration is recommended by September 12, however there is no cost for the workshop and all who are interested in learning more about contemplative prayer are welcome. For more information and to register for the workshop, contact Noel Poston at noel@cookevillefumc.org or call the church office at 526-2177.



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

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.

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.

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

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now being taken for Director of Children's Ministries. Go to www.cookevillefumc.org for a job description and application.

Search team:

SPRC representatives: Erin Roman, Betty Vaden, David Owsley

At large representatives: Misty Bell, Lauri Sweeney, Valerie Sergio

Staff representative: Rob Wheeler (Discipleship Team leader) and other Lead Team members as needed.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, September 3

- Labor Day — Offices Closed
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House

Tuesday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Classes — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, September 5

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- Choir Club — Music Suite
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Meal — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II — B214
- Youth Choir — Music Suite
- Financial Peace University — Conference Room
- He Speaks to Me* (Joan Tansil Bible Study) — B206
- Incarnation* — P. Jordan's class, B213; K. Hunter's class, B210
- Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God* — B017
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, September 6

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 11:30 a.m. GriefShare Training — B206
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, September 7

- 8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast — Dipsy Doodle Restaurant
- 12:00 p.m. Office closes at noon

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

I am grateful to each of you for your prayers, hospital and rehab visits, and other expressions of Christian concern. I am scheduled to be discharged on Wednesday, August 29, and I am doing well. ~ Wayne Nichols

My deepest heartfelt appreciation for the loving care we have experienced through Sherwell's long illness. We felt God's love through all the acts of kindness you provided. We have been blessed. ~ Barbara Tolleson and family



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Beginning September 9 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel

Join us for a new service blending
the traditional and the fresh,
every 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month.

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

SENIOR SUNDAY

On September 16, FUMC will recognize and celebrate the Senior Members of our congregation. We encourage you to bring as many members, and generations, of your family as possible. Seniors are valued members of our congregation and are active in many of our Senior Ministries. Join us as we recognize and honor our Seniors at both services.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 20 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Hydrangeas have been beautifying residential gardens and landscapes for decades. Blooms produced by these wide-variety plants are breathtaking. Learn from Dr. Leo McGee about varieties are most suitable for our area. Make reservations by Tuesday, September 18 by calling the Church Office, 526-2177, or online at www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events.

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP

We know that many members of our congregation are impacted either directly or indirectly by Alzheimer's disease. The Senior Adult Ministry has information relating to Alzheimer's research. If you would like more information, please contact the Senior Adult Ministry group through the church office at 526-2177.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL DELIVERIES

Our friends who are homebound need our help! It would be a great act of kindness for one or more youth and adults to team up and ensure that someone who can no longer leave their home receives a meal on Wednesday evenings.

Meals are ready for pick up from the CLC kitchen around 5 p.m. and in most cases can be delivered in a matter of minutes.

Please help us be sure our friends at home are not forgotten! Find out more by contacting Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org or call the church office at 526-2177.