



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

30 Confirmand Sunday
"Music That Feeds" Concert

CHURCH LIBRARY



If you have noticed the books on the shelves in the lobby area of the Freeman Building you have found the church

library. All the books on the shelves are ready for check out. A list of the books can be found in the notebook on the check out desk (old card catalog).

To check out a book, print your name and date on the card at the back of the book and place the card in the wooden file box. Your book is due back in two weeks.

Please place returned books in the basket under the check out desk. The church librarian will shelve the books.

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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GOSPEL ENSEMBLE TO PRESENT CONCERT OF SPIRITUALS



The Gospel Ensemble of Cookeville First United Methodist Church will present a concert of African-American Spirituals on April 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Gospel Ensemble recently traveled to several area churches to raise money for God's Grace Food Pantry, an active outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church, which distributes food to 250-300 families every week. This tremendous effort requires a significant amount of volunteer and financial resources.

"In this world, there hardly exists a greater example of hope and perseverance in the face of oppression than Spirituals," said Josh Voiles, director. "Thankfully, the institution of American slavery no longer exists; however, oppression still survives as racism, poverty, and even hunger." According to the United Nations World Food Program, thousands of people are affected by poverty and hunger, and nearly 21,000 people die each day of hunger or hunger-related causes, mostly children. Voiles added, "Join us as we search for lessons about overcoming oppression contained within the slaves' lives and songs."

The concert will include "I've Just Come from the Fountain," "Give Me Jesus," "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and more.

All donations from the concert will be used to support God's Grace Food Pantry. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m.

For more information, please call 931-526-2177.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 939

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 442

BY OUR GIFTS

Offering: Sunday, April 16, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$23,626.26

Building fund receipts \$636.00

Offering: Sunday, April 23, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$25,222.42

Building fund receipts \$2,015.00

WNL DINNER

May 3 is the last WNL for the semester. The Choir Club End-of-Year Musical will be held in the sanctuary after the meal. To make your dinner reservations, call the church office at 526-2177 or email us at office@cookevillefumc.org. You can also sign-up online at www.cookevillefumc.org under Events. All reservations and cancellations must be made no later than noon on May 1.

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

May 3: Salad, chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit cup, croissant, brownies

BACKSLIDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join our Sunday School class in Jeff Wall Hall at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Here is our upcoming guest speaker for the last Sunday in April:

30 Rev. Krislyn Durham

RADIO BROADCAST

Unable to make it in to Sunday worship service? Our 10:55 a.m. service is broadcast live each Sunday from News Talk FM 94.1, and uploaded to www.cookevillefumc.org later in the week.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

FUMC is seeking a Wedding Coordinator for 2017. If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@cookevillefumc.org or call 526-5177.

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.

Ongoing

Betty Sue Allen	Carlton Galbreath	Pat Maxwell
Marvin Barker	Virginia Gibson	Evangeline O'Kain
Vivian Barnes	Nate Griffis	Susan Pangle
Mike Brasfield	Ashley Haskin	Jenny Partin
Lida Canella	Dan Hearn	Winnie Peterson
Rev. Don Choate	Mary Ann Huffines	Barbara Reagan
Kayla Colson	Virginia Hunter	Lou Richards
Lorna Cunningham	Alma Jean Johnson	Gene Evelyn Warren
Ed Edenfield	Jan Jordan	Hazel Wyatt
Brian Foster	Mary Byrd King	Brinda Shanks
Fran Fritz	Jeannine Lynn	
Jan Fritz	Brian Maffett	

2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS



The Confirmation service will be held on April 30 at 8:30 a.m. Please join us for worship on this special day for our Confirmation class!

JOIN US FOR VBS 2017 AT HERO CENTRAL



At VBS, kids will go on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God!

June 5-9, 6-8 p.m.

Serving Nursery through 6th grade

Register at www.cookevillefumc.org

Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Wheeler in the church office.



FAREWELL TO THE MITCHELL FAMILY

Please join us in honoring Rev. Whitney Mitchell and his family for his service at FUMC on his last Sunday, May 21, from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Individuals and Sunday school classes are welcome to come and go or come and stay over the course of the hour. Light refreshments will be provided. A brief presentation will be made at 10 a.m. We will celebrate Whitney's service to FUMC as our Associate Pastor over the past three years, and send him off with our love as he becomes Senior Pastor at Fayetteville FUMC. A basket will be available for cards and love offerings.



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

CARING CORNER

"DON'T SING SONGS TO A HEAVY HEART"

Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. (Proverbs 25:20)

"Those who sing cheery songs to heavy hearts abandon suffering people to bear their burdens alone. No one understands. No one acknowledges their pain. This passage from Proverbs – as true today as ever – says that you can actually increase a suffering person's pain with misdirected care. With the best of intentions you can add to people's problems. Suffering individuals who hear such 'songs' may feel worse because they reason, *Everyone thinks I should be better (happy, bearing up, improving), but I'm not. What's the matter with me?"*

From: "Don't Sing Songs to A Heavy Heart" by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.

Do no harm, do good. Is God leading you to become a Stephen Minister? For more information, contact Noel Poston in the church office: 931-526-2177.

WAYNE EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Wayne Evans Memorial Scholarship are now available on the church website www.cookevillefumc.org. The scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Cookeville First United Methodist Church who will attend Tennessee Technological University during the 2017 fall term. Completed application information is due May 31, 2017.

Prior to his death in 2011, Wayne was an active member of Cookeville FUMC. The scholarship was established in his memory and is awarded annually to a deserving member of the church family. For additional information, contact betfsu2@gmail.com or 931-526-2177, ext. 204.

TRAVEL BUDDIES

Travel Buddies are off to the Corvette Museum and Plant in Bowling Green, KY on Thursday, June 8. Cost: \$33 per person with a Dutch-treat lunch. Register by June 1 in the church office. Limited seating, so make your reservations early!

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart invites you to "Science from Your Kitchen," presented by Janet Coonce on Thursday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Be amazed as Janet leads us through a series of fascinating science demonstrations. Join us for this final luncheon of the year! Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, May 15 to the Roses' at 526-1976.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms and Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Brunch — Christian Life Center
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Encounter Worship Service — Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF — Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation Dinner — Wesley Foundation
- 7:30 p.m. Music That Feeds: Gospel Ensemble Concert — Sanctuary

Monday, May 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — Parlor
- Esther Circle Day Meeting — B214
- 10:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213
- 6:30 p.m. Esther Circle — B214

Tuesday, May 2

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- Rescue Mission Cooking — Jeff Wall Hall Kitchen
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry—Wesley Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Club Dress Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, May 3

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- Caring Ministries Meeting — B206
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — Christian Life Center 401
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner—Christian Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. The Journey — Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Club End-of-Year Musical — Sanctuary
- Disciple I — B213
- JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym

Thursday, May 4

- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

Friday, May 5

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

GUEST PARKING

On Sunday mornings, please leave the reserved "Guest Parking" spots for our guests. We appreciate your help in making FUMC a more welcoming congregation that practices hospitality to our guests.



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June 19-22

8:30 – noon daily

For students who have completed Kindergarten

(by June 1, 2017) through 6th Grade

Bring your friends and come to

Kaleidoscope Music Camp!

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

END OF THE YEAR MUSICAL

The Choir Club Children will present their end of the year program on Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Special presentations by the Young Singers, Drum and Instrument Class, Ukulele group, Sacred Dance, Puppet Class, and Handbell Choir will showcase what each group has focused on during the 2016-2017 school year. The Music Makers, Choraliers and Joyful Praise Choirs will combine for a presentation of the musical *Oh Jonah* by Allen Pote and Carole McCann. Mark your calendar! You will not want to miss the exciting events!

HOPE ACADEMY



You are invited to attend the annual Hope Academy talent show at 1 p.m. on May 3 in the gym, with a special guest appearance by Elvis! Our students have worked hard on a very extraordinary group presentation, and would love to have you join us!

STEPHEN MINISTRY LUNCH & LEARN

You are invited to have lunch and learn more about Stephen Ministry at Cookeville FUMC on Tuesday, May 23rd, 12 - 1 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty.

Who is Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn for?

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about having a Stephen Minister or for those who think they would like to become a Stephen Minister, so it's for everyone!

Is there a cost for Lunch & Learn?

No cost; lunch is included but you need to be sure to RSVP to Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org, or 526-2177 by Monday, May 22.

A NOTE OF THANKS

With grateful hearts we wish to thank our church family at FUMC for their loving care and support during a difficult journey from illness back to wellness. The gifts of ramps, prayers, cards, food, transportation, visits and friendship have shown Christ's love abounding in this community of believers. We are blessed indeed.

~ Fran and Jan Fritz