



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 5 Lay Leadership Meeting
- 8 Campus closes at noon for Fall Fun Fest
- 24 Children's Sabbath
- 28 Stephen Ministry Training

### SAVE THE DATE - CHILDREN'S RETREAT

Save the date for the 2017 Children's Retreat at Cedar Crest, October 21 - 22! FUMC KIDS, 3rd -6th grade, are invited to join us at Cedar Crest Camp in Lyles, Tennessee. Cedar Crest is one of the outdoor ministry facilities owned and operated by the Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It will be an amazing weekend of worship, singing, games, fellowship, bonfires, and more!

## 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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## RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HARVEY



All of us are deeply concerned about the thousands of people impacted by Hurricane Harvey. You can be a part of Cookeville FUMC's relief efforts in the following three ways.

First, you can pray. Please pray for the people impacted by the storm and for those responding to the overwhelming needs in Texas and beyond.

Second, you can donate money. All communion rail offerings this Sunday and any designations for this cause in the month of September will go to support the victims of this hurricane. Money received through the church will be used to assemble flood buckets, help fund the UMCOR response directly, and may also support our local Disaster Response Team going to help with needed clean up. Money may also be donated directly to UMCOR. Visit our website at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) and you will be linked to the UMCOR website.

Third, you can volunteer. In about two weeks we will need a team of volunteers for assembling flood buckets. Please watch for more information on the time and place to serve.

~ Martin

## BY OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, August 20, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 450

*Sunday, August 27, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 474

## BY OUR GIFTS

*Sunday, August 20, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$15,727.00

Building fund receipts \$560.00

*Sunday, August 27, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$18,581.00

Building fund receipts \$1,020.00

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

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.

## 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](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) later in the week.

## 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.

## 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	Virginia Gibson	Jeannine Lynn
Marvin Barker	Nate Griffis	Brian Maffett
Vivian Barnes	Dan Hearn	Pat Maxwell
Martha Sue Bonner	Faith Holdredge	Evangeline O'Kain
Lida Canella	Mary Ann Huffines	Laura Packard
Ron Carlson	Virginia Hunter	Susan Pangle
Kayla Colson	Norman Inman	Jenny Partin
Ed Edenfield	Alma Jean Johnson	Winnie Peterson
Dave Evans	Jan Jordan	Roger Sachse
Pat Evans	Anna Karch	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Mary Byrd King	Hazel Wyatt

## WESLEY FOUNDATION MEAL MINISTRY

Summer is ending and TTU students will be returning soon - and they are always hungry! Our Sunday evening ministry of free meals to Wesley Foundation students will continue, beginning at the end of August. Our church, along with a few other groups, has committed to provide meals for the students on Sunday evenings, and it has become a favorite part of the ministry there. Meals are served every Sunday at 6 p.m. at TTU Wesley Foundation and serve an average of 40 -50 students each week. We are looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to prepare and help serve a meal sometime during the upcoming semester. Cooks have plenty of support and we can help with the menu and side dishes if needed, so do not be intimidated! To volunteer, contact Tracy Epps at 526-9571 or [thepps1@charter.net](mailto:thepps1@charter.net).

## THE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM WANTS YOU!



We are actively recruiting new members for our disaster response team and hope you will consider becoming part of this important ministry. Early Response Teams (ERTs) provide immediate assistance in the aftermath of a disaster. We need persons who can cook, use a chainsaw, provide support and encouragement for survivors, tarp roofs, drive vehicles and equipment, drag limbs, clean our flooded houses, maintain equipment, and provide logistical support. Our primary mission is to support disaster operations in the Tennessee Conference. When possible, we also deploy to major disasters across the southeastern United States. Travel is not required. Team members choose when and where they can serve.

Join the team! All you need to do is attend training. The ERT Basic Course will be offered at CFUMC on Saturday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the CLC. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. For more information about our disaster response ministry or to register for the training, contact Ken Hunter at 931-783-0065, or [khunter.disaster@gmail.com](mailto:khunter.disaster@gmail.com).

## PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION



Due to construction, the north side of the lower parking lot next to Wesley Chapel is closed.



For updated information, please visit us online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

## CARING CORNER

### *STEPHEN MINISTRY: GROWING INTO THE FUTURE*

The Stephen Ministry at CFUMC has accepted the applications of five candidates who will begin training on September 7. The 50 hours of training takes place over an approximate six month period as candidates learn the art of listening, the importance of maintaining boundaries and confidentiality, ministering to those experiencing grief and loss, and process versus results oriented caregiving and other distinctively Christ-centered caring skills.

Please pray for them to be open to receiving God's guidance, wisdom and compassion as they prepare to serve this congregation and our community using these skills and their spiritual gifts. Preparation for becoming a Stephen Minister is a life-changing commitment that blesses the caregiver as well as care receivers. We are very pleased to have in this new class:

Luke Dalton  
Linda Hardison  
Don Massey  
Shannon Moore  
Carol Netherton

## PANTRY PRESS



While most of us were enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer, the work of God's Grace Food Pantry continued. We served an average of 232 families each week. In four deliveries from Second Harvest we unloaded, sorted

and stored nearly fourteen tons of food. The youth came out to assist the Dipsy Doodle gang with one of the deliveries. We hope to see more of them.

This summer we had a special addition to the pantry - fresh produce. Home gardeners planted for extra harvests and shared their bounty with the pantry. And God's Grace Garden was created and blessed our guests. Many hands worked to plant, water, weed and harvest produce for the pantry. It was a joy to see all the squash and other veggies each week. Our pantry patrons very much appreciated the fresh food.

Now we are gearing up for fall and the holidays, but we need you. Join us as we serve those in our own community. Be a part of God's Grace Food Pantry. Contact Tamika Parker in the church office for more information.

## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 3**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206
- Women's Sunday Evening Bible Study — C111
- 5:30 p.m. Preparing for Adolescence — B214

### **Monday, September 4**

Labor Day — Campus Closed

### **Tuesday, September 5**

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- Rescue Mission Cooking — Jeff Wall Hall Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting — Conference Room

### **Wednesday, September 6**

- 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 — YMCA
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — Christian Life Center 401
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- Choir Club
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. A Hopeful Earth — B213
- Invitation To The Old Testament — B214
- Methodists and Controversy — B210
- Wesley Class Meeting — B206
- Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
- Youth Choir
- JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

### **Thursday, September 7**

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry 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
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble

### **Friday, September 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast — Dipsy Doodle Restaurant
- 12:00 p.m. Campus Closed For Fall Fun Fest



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If you would like to help with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, please give a gift to UMCOR and 100% of your funds will go to help people in need. You can give through the church office or go to [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) for a direct link to the UMCOR website.



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

## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON



Thursday, September 21 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. *The Unique Tennessee Music Box: The Dulcimer,*

presented by Harry Smith. Come learn about this unique instrument, made primarily in Tennessee during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Researched and built by Harry Smith, this authentic replica has been vetted by the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. Don't miss this informative and fun presentation, plus a "Grade A" meal! Cost; \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, September 18. Make your reservations online at [www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events](http://www.cookevillefumc.org/upcoming-events) or call the church office at 526-2177.

## FUMC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Nursery — Main Sanctuary Building C116
- Preschool Sunday School (age 2 by July 31 thru preschool) — Jacob's Ladder Green Room
- Kindergarten - 1st Grade — CLC 404
- 2nd-3rd Grade — CLC 406
- CLUB 456 — CLC 401

## JERE WHITSON PARTNERSHIP

As students were wrapping up their summer fun and teachers were preparing for the first full day of classes, FUMC, adopters of Jere Whitson Elementary School, participated in Jere Whitson Back to School Bash. We were able to provide three translators for the event, school supplies for the students and \$100 for every classroom teacher for their classroom. We are looking forward to a great school year at Jere Whitson. We are currently looking for people to serve at Jere Whitson Elementary. Do you have an hour a week, like to read, beautify a yard, and do something of lasting benefit? Whatever your gifts and interest, there is a place for you. To find your place, contact Tamika Parker in the church office.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE DINNER

To make your dinner reservations, call the church office at 526-2177, email us at [office@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:office@cookevillefumc.org), or sign-up online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

September 6: Salad, boneless pork chops w/ gravy, roasted potatoes, red velvet cake

September 13: Salad, BBQ chicken, hashbrown casserole, banana cake (no nuts)