



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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- 3 UMW Women's Program
- 5 SCROOGE
- 7 Poinsettia Order Deadline
- 8 Breakfast with Santa
- 12 Kids Mission Day

Next Backsliders Speaker

25 Adam Daniels

WNL DINNER MENUS

November 28: Pork roast, salad, carrots, roasted potatoes with gravy, red velvet cake

December 5: Meatloaf, salad, green peas, mashed potatoes and gravy, banana pudding

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

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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NEW PASTOR APPOINTMENT UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

As Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I want to update you on the status of our new pastor appointment. SPRC has been in contact with District Superintendent Donna Parramore. After her meeting with us, a new pastor was selected for FUMC at last week's cabinet meeting. The person who was appointed remains anonymous for now, but District Superintendent Parramore and Bishop McAlilly feel strongly that he (I can say he) will be a perfect fit for our congregation.

Unfortunately, our new minister will not be available until February. Initially it was March, but I just received notification yesterday that his start date has been moved forward. At first there was some discussion about having an interim Senior Pastor. However, now with only one month to fill, the committee decided at last night's meeting to proceed with our present staff with the possible addition of a visiting pastor or two during the month.

Please keep the committee, staff, cabinet and our new minister in your prayers as we transition into the new year.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Batson

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

Rehearsal Schedule for Hanging of the Greens Wednesday, November 28, Sanctuary

All children of the church are invited and encouraged to participate in the dedication portion of The Hanging of the Greens. This is a required rehearsal for participants. All rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary. Children ages 3 through grade 4 will rehearse from 4-4:30 p.m. Grades 5-6 and Youth rehearse from 6-6:30 p.m.

The Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2, 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Worship Services

The 45th annual Hanging of the Greens, an Advent service of symbolism and music, will be held at both the 8:30 and 10:55 services on Sunday morning, December 2. The 8:30 service will be led by the children, age 3 through grade 6, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Evening Ensemble, and Gospel Ensemble. The 10:55 service will be led by the 5th-6th grade choir, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Evening Ensemble, Gospel Ensemble, and Chancel Choir.

United Methodist Women Christmas Program

Monday, December 3, 10:55 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

United Methodist Women will celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with their annual pot-luck luncheon and Christmas activities in Jeff Wall Hall.

Christmas with the Children

Wednesday, December 5, 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Choir Club children and faculty will present James Leisy's SCROOGE, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

For a listing of all our Advent events, visit our website at www.cookevillefumc.org and click on the front page slide.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 546

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 477

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Total Worship Attendance: 444

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$39,198.29

Building fund receipts \$685.00

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$38,386.05

Building fund receipts \$1,680.00

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Budget fund receipts \$19,871.28

Building fund receipts \$1,190.00

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather, the church office will make a determination whether activities will be cancelled for weather related purposes. If an activity is cancelled, an announcement will be posted on the homepage of the church web-site by Noon and the activity leader will be informed. Participants should contact their leader or the church office with any questions. When activities are cancelled, the facility will not be open nor will anyone be available to open or close the facility.

The Food Pantry will follow the Putnam County School District. If schools are closed for weather conditions on a Tuesday in which the Food Pantry is normally scheduled for distribution, the Food Pantry will be closed. This is for the safety of both our patrons and volunteers.

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat, March 8 – 10, at Beersheba Springs Assembly. More details to follow soon!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Marvin Barker	Brian Lee Foster	Brittany McCloud
Vivian Barnes	Elaine Funk	Wayne Nichols
Janey Bassett	Mary Garrison	Winnie Peterson
Craig Benich	Nate Griffis	Margaret Phipps
James Buck	Joe Hix	Mary Jo Rogers
Robert Buck	Alma Jean Johnson	Sarah Stockton
Randy Cavanaugh	Jan Jordan	Keith Walker
Peggy Cho	Mary Byrd King	Gene Evelyn Warren
Anna Cunningham	Levena Kline	Ron Winningham
Delaney Duncan	Karen Macke	Hazel Wyatt
Kurt Eisen	Pat Maxwell	

Sympathy and Prayer

John Wall, family and friends of Dr. Jim Wall.

THE LONGEST NIGHT



First United Methodist Church is planning a special worship service for those living through loss during the holidays. Whether the loss is new or took place a long time ago, FUMC invites the community to join with others for The Longest Night service in Wesley Chapel at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 23. All are welcome.

The holidays are not a joy-filled time for everyone, and for many the loss of loved ones and other life losses can make the holidays seem even more painful than ordinary days. Whatever the loss, whether from the death of a loved one, loss of health, or job or financial loss - many people look for a way to make it through a long season where grief doesn't seem to fit in with the parties and other activities associated with this time of year.

The Longest Night Service is intended for those who seek to reflect on both the sorrows and joys of the season through meaningful music and a compassionate message, finding hope for the days ahead. For more information contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org or Rev. Rob Wheeler rob@cookevillefumc.org.

FUMC KIDS MISSION DAY

Join us for Kids Mission Day on December 12, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Freeman Building! FUMC Kids will be helping people in our community who do not have enough food to eat by collecting items for food bags. We will also be collecting items for newborns and their mothers who are patients at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. We will put these bags together on Kids Mission Day in the Freeman Building.

You do not have to be a kid to help with this mission! Many giving hands and hearts are needed to make this outreach a success. Help us collect the following items and join us on December 12 to pack the kits!

Food Bag Items:

All canned or packaged items need to be pop top. We also need bottled water, peanut butter pouches, peanut butter and crackers, cheese and crackers, cereal bars, protein bars, pop tarts, fruit cups, juice boxes, and a protein: bean & franks, chili, ravioli, tuna pack, or potted meat, Slim Jim or small beef jerky packs.

Newborn Items:

Diapers, wipes, crib sheets, bottles, lotion, wash clothes, onesies, baby caps, NO POWDER

For more information, or to drop off items, contact Shannon Auberson at 526-2177 or children@cookevillefumc.org.



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

SANTA TO A SENIOR

This year we will share the holiday spirit with several different programs in Putnam County, including the Santa to a Senior program. We currently have ornaments in the church office with items needed by senior citizens. Please come by and see the staff to choose your ornament. Purchase and return unwrapped gifts with the ornament to the church office by November 29. More information will be available later as the agencies bring in their needs list for Christmas.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FOOD PANTRY



Last week was a wonderful day at God's Grace Food Pantry! With the help of so many people to serve, and our partnerships with local businesses, we were blessed to be able to provide Thanksgiving meals to about 400 families in Putnam County. That's

three tons of turkeys. Thank you to all who made this day possible with your gifts, talents and service. *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased* (Hebrews 13:16).

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Once again the pantry is offering you the opportunity to purchase a Christmas food box in honor or memory of an individual. The cost is \$35 each. We are planning to distribute 400 baskets this year. Order forms are available in the narthex and the church office. Forms and payment will be accepted until Christmas, however to ensure your acknowledgement cards are received before Christmas, orders forms must be returned by December 17. Please consider supporting the ministry of the Food Pantry in this way as we continue to share God's love and our gifts with our neighbors.

YOUTH SCHEDULE—MAIN EVENTS

- November 25 *The Table*
- December 8 Breakfast with Santa
- December 15 Placement of Wreaths on Veterans' Graves
- December 16 Christmas Party
- January 4-6 Ski Trip

YOUTH SKI TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA

The Youth ski trip is January 4-6 in North Carolina. \$175 covers lodging for Friday and Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday skiing or snowboarding (lift tickets, equipment, etc.). There is a FIRM LIMIT to how many students/chaperones we can take--we can have no more than 26 students/chaperones due to transportation and lodging limitations. Sign ups due December 16. Contact Adam at addaniels7@gmail.com for more information.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25

- 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. Confirmation Class — B214
- 6:00 p.m. *The Table* — Wesley Chapel

Monday, November 26

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

Tuesday, November 27

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 1:30 p.m. Widowed Persons Ministry — B206
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, November 28

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Club — Music Suite
- Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple II — B214
- Incarnation* — B213 and B210
- Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God* — Youth Room
- The Broken Way* — B206
- Youth Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, November 29

- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, November 30

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

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM BRIAN MAFFETT

I am writing this to the FUMC congregation to make note that I recently asked to be removed from the prayer list posted in the weekly bulletin and newsletter. I made this request not because I do not appreciate the congregation's prayers, which I most certainly have and still do. Rather I made this request because the reason for being on the list for these past two years has been resolved. Prayers have been answered, God has responded, and I am well. My doctors won't yet state this, and I will continue to take medicine and be treated into the future, but for the past year there has been a complete reduction and no progression of cancer. Thus, I am declaring my need to be on a special prayer list is past. I, like everyone in our congregation, needs prayer, but I no longer need to be on a special list. Thank you, praise God, and God Bless us all. In God we trust.

SCROOGE



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Join us Wednesday, December 5
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
for our Annual Children's Musical

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS



Poinsettia order forms are available in the narthex, in the church office, and online at www.cookevillefumc.org. Red poinsettias are \$18 and wreaths are \$15. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary for Sundays, December 16 and 23 and may be picked up after the 7 p.m. service on Monday, December 24. The deadline to submit orders is Friday, December 7, at noon.

FUMC KIDS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

- December 2 — Hanging of the Greens
- December 8 — Breakfast with Santa
- December 12 — Kids Mission Day
- December 16 — Christmas Caroling
- January 13 — 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- February 10 — Sunday School GLOW Sunday
- March 5 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- March 6 — Ash Wednesday
- April 14 — Palm Sunday
- April 18 — Maundy Thursday
- April 19 — Good Friday
- April 20 — Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21 — Easter Sunday
- April 29 — Confirmation Sunday

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON



Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Celebrate Christmas with delightful reminiscing! "Mining Your Memories" class members will share stories from Christmas' past. Tree ornaments and table decorations will have you saying, "I remember those!" Join in the remembering and enjoy a delicious lunch. Cost: \$5 per person. Make reservations by Tuesday, December 11 by calling the Church Office at 526-2177.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall
Be a hero! Donate blood! Go online to www.cookevillefumc.org, click on the front page slide and enter code FUMCCookeville19.

KROGER CARD—FOOD PANTRY BENEFITS

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