



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

- 27 Mother-Daughter Brunch
Martha Sue Retirement
- 28 Confirmation Brunch
- 30 Choir Club Dress Rehearsal

May

- 1 Choir Club Musical

FUMC Directory Update

It's time to update the Church Directory! Photos will be taken on Sundays, May 12 and 19 during the Sunday School hour in room B120 of the Freeman Building. No appointment is necessary. Be a part of our family album. It won't be the same without you!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 24, 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.

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

The time period between Jesus' Easter resurrection and Pentecost is an interesting time. The Biblical experience of the disciples of Jesus reflects our own experience in life and in faith in many ways. Even after Christ's crucifixion, the disciples were paralyzed with fear. Even his miraculous resurrection appearances did not give the disciples a clear path forward in their lives and in their call to continue Christ's ministry. They needed help moving forward.

I ran across a book a couple of years ago that caught my attention. The title is *Living Forward: A Proven Plan to Stop Drifting and Get the Life You Want* by Michael Hyatt and Daniel Harkavy. It is a typical business self-management, self-help kind of book. I thought I would give it a whirl. The book moves you from a life assessment to a personal mission statement and action plans. The assessment has four categories to name where you might be at a particular moment of your life. They are:

1. DRIFT - Neither passion nor progress in your life (paralysis)
2. LIFT - Passion/excitement without progress (excitement without focus)
3. SHIFT - Progress by pure will without passion (drudgery)
4. GIFT - Passion and progress (movement toward fulfillment)

The book offers a number of how-to instructions for moving through the grid. I have found that clarity about your life-purpose is very helpful, but progress toward living passionately, intentionally and fruitfully doesn't always happen. We need help moving forward.

As we see the disciples right after the crucifixion, they are definitely drifting. With their encounters with the Risen Christ, they are inspired and full of new energy. Yet, Jesus' ascension leaves them puzzled, not knowing what to do next. It wasn't until the events of Pentecost that the disciples moved forward — from drift, to lift, to shift and on to gift. What moved them to have both passion and progress was the abiding and dynamic living presence of Christ as the Holy Spirit, and a deeper sense of participation in Jesus' ongoing ministry to manifest the transforming love of God in the world. At the center of their personal mission statement was a clear sense of the mission of God in the world, of which they were called, chosen and equipped to play their role.

In the coming weeks in worship, we will tell the rest of the story of how the promised Holy Spirit can be an indwelling, motivating, propelling presence in each of us and among us as a community of faith gathered in the name and Spirit of Christ. I hope our worship services and messages move us from drift, to lift, to shift and then to the gift of being empowered to participate in what God wants to accomplish in the world!

~ Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 619

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 691

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$20,048.56

Building fund receipts \$535.00

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$26,625.00

Building fund receipts \$1,425.00

Backsliders Speakers

April 28 Bob Gallagher
 May 5 Dr. Leo McGee
 May 12 Justin Looper
 May 19 Larry Self
 May 26 Ted Kocher

Wednesday Night Life Meal

Join us for the final WNL Dinner of the season, then head over to the sanctuary for the Choir Club's End-of-Year musical at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dinner is served from 5-6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 family maximum.

May 1: Pasta salad, chicken salad, fruit bowl, Butterfinger cake

Food Pantry Wish List

Please consider adding these items to your grocery shopping list so we may help provide needed items to our friends and neighbors:

- Tomato sauce, bath soap, Kroger Dry Milk (box with 10 one-quart pouches)
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Vivian Barnes	Elaine Funk	Karen Macke
Janey Bassett	Mary Garrison	Pat Maxwell
Craig Benich	Nate Griffis	Brittany McCloud
James Buck	Joe Hix	Winnie Peterson
Robert Buck	Alma Jean Johnson	Margaret Phipps
Randy Cavanaugh	Bob Jones	Mary Jo Rogers
Savannah Lynn Caylor	Ann Kellman	Sarah Stockton
Delaney Duncan	Linda Kellman	Keith Walker
Hazel Dyer	Nancy Kellman	
Kurt Eisen	Mary Byrd King	
Brian Lee Foster	Mike Lee	

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's unseasonably cold and rainy weather did not stop many of our young members from joining together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The egg hunt was moved to the Freeman Building gym and classrooms and it was a success. Many eggs were hunted and found. Crafts and fellowship were made. Thank you again to all the Sunday School classes and individual donations that went toward the purchase of eggs, crafts, and snacks.



THANK YOU!



A big thank you to FUMC Youth members and their siblings. Our Easter table decorations and food preparation was provided by many young helping hands the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The kids helped color eggs, decorate the CLC, assist with the egg hunt, and even prepare pastries and fruit for the breakfast. A big thank you also to Jennie Maffet, Beth Wheeler, Gail Lester, Jeff Auberson, and Ms. Tammy for the amazing helping hands.

PALM SUNDAY PARADE

Once again FUMC celebrated Palm Sunday with a procession of palms carried in by many of our young members and the Youth Choir.



“BEST OF HOLY LAND” REGISTRATION

We hope each of you had a blessed Easter. As we think about our upcoming Holy Land trip, it will be moving and inspirational for us to witness first hand the places where the holy events leading up to Easter took place. We will get to see where Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday, served the Last Supper to his disciples, prayed and was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane, was imprisoned by Caiaphas for a night, was sentenced by Pilate for death, walked the path on his way to the cross, was crucified on the cross for us, and was buried and resurrected. We believe walking in Jesus' footsteps will forever touch and change our lives.

The \$100 deposit due May 9 is fast approaching. Those who have already registered have found the registration process to be relatively quick and easy. We welcome any questions you might have for us, and look forward to traveling on this wonderful journey.

~ Bob and Pam Blair, Susan Ray

THANK YOU KEVIN AND KATHY CONRAD!



You made our 2019 Lake Junaluska Confirmation Retreat complete by making the journey to North Carolina and joining in on worship and shoal making. Pictured here by the beautiful Lake Junaluska is Beth Wheeler, Andrea Batson, Kathy Conrad, and Senior Pastor Kevin Conrad.

THE TABLE



FIND YOUR PLACE HERE.

Join us for this welcoming worship service this Sunday at 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel. The Table combines elements traditional to the UMC tradition, while offering fresh worship elements including different music styles and practices.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Brunch — Christian Life Center
Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF — Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation Meal — TTU Wesley Foundation
The Table Worship Service — Wesley Chapel

Monday, April 29

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting — B121
- 5:30 p.m. Church Administrative Council — Jeff Wall Hall

Tuesday, April 30

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society—B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Club Dress Rehearsal — Music Suite

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:00 p.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 — B017
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Club End-of-Year Musical — Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

- 3:00 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, May 3

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

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear FUMC Members: Once again I want to say thank you for all the individual cards, class cards, phone calls, food, and prayers that I have received while I have been going through my health issues. The Wednesday Night Meals provided by the church and brought by Dan Hicks have been much appreciated by Bill and me. My many thanks for the beautiful quilt provided by the Quilting Ministry and brought by Betty Bertram. Thanks again for everything and please keep me in your prayers during my upcoming treatments. In Christian Love, Ann Kellman



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THE STORY OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO

Wednesday, May 1
6 p.m. in the sanctuary

K- 6th Grade Choir Club Musical featuring
Worship Arts and Instrument Classes

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

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Join us for a retirement celebration for Martha Sue Bonner. She has been supporting and leading us in music for 44 years! We'll provide the meat, drinks and bread for this dinner. Bring a side or dessert to share. Make your reservations

through the church office.

BE A YOUTH CHOIR TOUR SPONSOR!

The Youth Choir will be leaving on Tuesday, May 28, for their annual Choir Tour. This year the group will be retracing some of the steps of the Civil Rights movement and will visit Memphis, Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham and Atlanta. The group will be performing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and will have their homecoming concert on Sunday, June 2. Your donations and support of the group are very much appreciated.

THANK YOU TO BILL SCHMITZER

The altar in the sanctuary has been stabilized and rebuilt by Bill Schmitzer. The woodwork and artistry that Bill has put into this transformation are outstanding. Thank you, Bill, for sharing your time and talent with the congregation of FUMC.

ANGELS ATTIC UPDATE

We have been working the last several weeks to reopen Angels Attic and are now ready to begin taking donations. Thanks to those of you who have been holding your things and waiting for us to reopen.

Angels Attic needs Spring and Summer clothes:

- Children's: new born thru teens
- Men's: short-sleeve shirts, shorts, jeans
- Women's: shorts, short sleeve blouses, light-weight long sleeved blouses, Capri slacks and jeans
- Sheets and towels

We do not need any dressy clothes items. No suits, sport coats, dress slacks etc. Also, due to our limited space we do not have room for lamps, pictures, picture frames, dishes or glassware. If you have any of these items, Serenity Thrift on E. 10th Street would appreciate receiving them.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES FACEBOOK PAGE

Need to know about Senior Adult Fitness? Travel Buddies? Chair Yoga? Young at Heart? Keep up with all the events and activities of FUMC's Senior Adults. Just search Facebook for our page entitled "Senior Adult Ministries of Cookeville FUMC" and follow us! We'll keep you up to date on all the action!