



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July

- 1 Rescue Mission Cooking
Trustees Meeting
- 4 4th of July — Campus Closed
- 5 Campus Closed
- 7 Slide the City

June Backsliders Speakers

- 23 Kevin Conrad
- 30 Jessie Daniels

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:

- Baby food vegetables (in jars), raisins, dry milk (box of 10 pouches).
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

This past two weeks, I have attended two Annual Conference sessions. The first week was in Collierville where the Memphis Annual Conference gathered. I am a full member of that conference and have been since 1986. Like the Tennessee Conference, we elected representatives to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The General Conference will most likely revisit the larger denomination's stance on homosexuality issues, possibly revisiting portions or all of the Traditional and One Church plans. Our process of clarifying the denomination's future will play out for some time, so stay tuned. The Jurisdictional Conference includes the Southeast region of the country. Thirteen Annual Conferences will send delegates to Lake Junaluska to elect bishops and receive the new assignments for bishops, beginning in September of 2020.

Last week, I attended the Tennessee Annual Conference. Our delegates included Rob Wheeler, Adam Daniels, Teena King, and Jason Hicks, along with Faith Holdredge as our alternate delegate and Graham Wheeler as our District At-Large Lay Delegate. Adam was licensed as a local pastor at a Tuesday evening service.

The Tennessee Annual Conference also elected delegates, adopted a budget, and voted, as the Memphis Conference did, on a possible merging of the two conferences into one new conference by June 2021. The vote was sealed until the votes from both conferences could be counted. We share one bishop in the Nashville Episcopal Area, which covers both conferences. Over the past seven years, efforts have been made to align the two conferences to make one new conference possible. I'm happy to report that the new conference was approved. The first gathering of the new Annual Conference will be in June 2021.

One budget item of note is worth mentioning. The Tennessee Conference adopted a funding plan that includes "direct billing" for pensions and health care costs for pastors. Previously, both amounts were covered by an "apportionment" payment where costs were divided proportionally by size and budget of churches. Our apportionment level, overall, has been the seventh highest in the conference (out of over 550 churches). Now, churches will only pay the costs for pastors appointed to them. (We now have three—me, Rob and Adam). As a result of the change, our church should net approximately \$50,000 or more next year in cost savings.

Ordering the life of the church is important. Our connectional church is a framework for shared life and missional involvement. I am so very thankful for my appointment to our church for the conference year, 2019-2020. Just think of the ministry God has in store for us to do together!

~ Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 430

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 354

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$31,910.00

Building fund receipts \$1,015.00

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$18,199.35

Building fund receipts \$875.00

Staff and Volunteer Training



Thanks to *Carmen's Fund*, a program of the Cookeville Regional Charitable Foundation, several staff members and nursery and Hope Academy volunteers were able to get CPR and AED instruction.

Slide the City



July 7 - Slide from 9:45-10:45 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:55 a.m. (Early service cancelled.) \$10 for unlimited slides during the hour. Must be 5 years old or older. Water play will be available for those under 5 years old. Potluck lunch

following worship. Meat and beverages provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Register to slide at the church office; deadline is June 27 by 4 p.m. Payment by check only.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

- Names of individuals: Vivian Barnes, Janey Bassett, James Buck, Robert Buck, Savannah Lynn Caylor, Faye Curry, Delaney Duncan, Hazel Dyer, Kurt Eisen, Brian Lee Foster, Elaine Funk, Mary Garrison, Nate Griffis, Alda Harris, Joe Hix, Alma Jean Johnson, Bob Jones, Ann Kellman, Linda Kellman, Nancy Kellman, Mary Byrd King, Mike Lee, Karen Macke, Pat Maxwell, Brittany McCloud, Paul McLendon, Winnie Peterson, Margaret Phipps, Rob Poteet, Pam Raines, Pat Rodgers, Mary Jo Rogers, Sarah Stockton, Amy Teeters

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

CHILDREN'S FAITH WALK



This summer our 3rd- rising 7th graders are taking a Faith Walk! Each Sunday the children, along with a few parents, will get out in our beautiful community and walk to a local destination where they will meet someone that also has a daily walk with faith. We all have something to share about our walk with faith, from how we gain joy from our jobs to how our hobbies keep us focused and centered. During each visit, the children will hear tales of how we

each play a role in our church and community's story and maybe even how we have answered the call to serve God in our daily walk and works.

On June 2, the group walked to Synergy Yoga studio and met Ms. Jolie Wheaton. She is the author of *Emily Mason Teaches You to Think*, as well as a yoga and dance instructor, a former social worker, and an attorney. Ms. Jolie told of how she finds joy in everyday acts and through service. The focus scripture was Psalm 16:11:

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is the fullness of joy; In Your right hand, there are pleasures forever.

LITURGICAL DANCERS AT PENTECOST SUNDAY

Thank you to the liturgical dancers who performed during the June 9 Pentecost Sunday services. Lucy Carwile, Adeleine Moore, Eva Maffett, Maggie Collins, Peyton Murdock, Bonza Auberson, Camryn Alley, Avery Benich, Audrey Hale, and Meredith Mannle.



FOOD TO THE RESCUE SERVICE PROJECT



Many thanks to all who volunteered for the *Food to the Rescue* Service Project!



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

CLUB 456 GAME NIGHT

Club 456 celebrated the beginning of summer with a fun evening of board games, pizza, and laughter. Just when you think board games are no more, this group proves that the art of playing board games is still alive! They played classics such as Clue, Perfection, Jenga and Head Bands. A big thanks goes out to Mary Alice and Brad Gran for joining us and reminding us of what George Bernard Shaw once said, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."



WELCOME MARY THOMPSON



Please welcome our newest member, Mary Thompson, to FUMC!

TRAVEL BUDDIES HYDRANGEA GARDEN TOUR

Many thanks to Leo and Gloria McGee for welcoming the Travel Buddies group to their beautiful hydrangea garden! Teena King and Randal



Petrie drove our church buses, and seven cars brought additional visitors, for a total of 35 participants. Leo and Gloria "lead us down the garden path" to show us their gorgeous hydrangeas in bloom, including Vanilla Strawberry and Firelight varieties. Leo also identified the varieties which are most successful in our Tennessee soil, including Nikko Blue, Incrediball, Endless Summer, Oak Leaf Ruby Slippers, and Oak Leaf Snow Queen. Leo and Gloria answered our many questions while visiting with all of us—old friends and new. The *Garden and Gun* magazine will be coming this week to photograph the hydrangea garden for the Spring 2020 issue, and they will not be disappointed!

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

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

Monday, June 24

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Fitness — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

Tuesday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society—B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, June 26

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting — Freeman Building Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 5:30 p.m. Transition Team — Conference Room

Thursday, June 27

- 3:00 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

Friday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 2:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Cooking — Jeff Wall Hall Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting — B213

Tuesday, July 2

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society—B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parrish Meeting — B213

Wednesday, July 3

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting — Freeman Building Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day — Campus Closed

Friday, July 5

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



Slide the City



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Sunday, July 7 at 9:45 a.m.

See the article in this
newsletter for details.

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YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

June 18: Service and Supper; 2-6:30 p.m.

July 7: Slide the City (Slide during Sunday School)

July 18: Summer Fun Day Out

July 23: Service and Supper; 2-6:30 p.m.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Paul McLendon sends his thanks for all the cards, care, and visits he's had during his illness.

CONGRATULATIONS ADAM DANIELS



At Annual Conference this year, Adam Daniels was recognized as a local licensed pastor commissioned to our church. Adam has been in ministry for over 15 years, has a Master's of Divinity, and is very close to finishing his Doctorate of Ministry. He has been serving as our Youth Pastor for the past three years, and we are very lucky to have him. Congratulations Adam Daniels, Associate Minister for Student Ministries!

TRAVEL BUDDIES

Cumberland County Playhouse - Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Enjoy this delightful reimagining of the Biblical story detailing the trials and triumphs of Joseph. We'll leave FUMC at 10 a.m. with a Dutch treat lunch at Boston's Restaurant in Crossville. The play starts at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35. Reservations deadline is July 12 through the church office. Limited seating.

Nashville Sounds Baseball—Thursday, August 18, 4:30 – 10 p.m.

Enjoy Family Night at the Nashville Sounds baseball game vs. the Omaha Storm Chasers. Join other Middle Tennessee Methodist Churches for a fun time. Families are welcome. Leave from the church at 4 p.m. for the 6:15 game. Dutch treat dinner at the park. To sign up, contact the church office, 526-2177. Early registration deadline: **JULY 15**. Cost: \$16. Seats and tickets are limited. Make your reservations now.

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