



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July

- 4 4th of July — Campus Closed
- 5 Campus Closed
- 7 Slide the City

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 19, 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.

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, plastic newspaper sleeves

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Being new here as your new pastor has caused me to reflect on how I get started in new appointments. Job number one is learning people's names and faces. It is a challenge, but a very enjoyable challenge. Learning about one another and forming a relationship is one of the best gifts of being a new pastor.

As I reflect on my process of starting in a new place, I realize my pattern is to help a congregation clarify its mission and vision—and then align to that mission and vision. Our God-given mission or purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples are students who learn to imitate their role model. Our role model is Jesus. So, discipleship is our primary focus. We are to become transformed transformers of the world. That is our mission.

Mission leads to vision. What is the picture of God's preferred future for us—those beloved disciples of Jesus who gather as Cookeville First United Methodist Church? What does fulfilling our mission look like for us—in the context of who we are, our history and heritage, and our specific "mission field"—which is our community? We must discern what that picture looks like and then live into it fully.

I have been working with our staff and transition team to "refresh" our vision as a church. The key elements of the vision here are discipleship, story and grace. We all have our own personal story within the larger story of God. The more we understand our personal story and participate in writing God's larger story, the more we thrive as human beings and the more reflective of the nature of God we become. In short, we are empowered and led in a journey of transformation where we begin to mature toward deeper connection with God through Christ and imitation of Christ's character. The content of our shared story is *grace*.

Grace is God's continual presence and activity flowing from God's constant *steadfast love*. Grace is a distinctively Wesleyan and Methodist theme. As Ephesians 2:8 says, "We are saved by grace—through faith..." That's our larger story. That's how our personal story is transformed. That's our story to be shared. So discipleship, story and grace our crucial for us.

What remains in the process of clarifying mission and vision is aligning to the vision and then building unity and momentum. Unity and momentum as a church is so important today. It's like being completely in sync with God and one another. Our community and world need that. My sister-in-law and her husband recently traveled to the Smokies to see the fireflies that light up in sync with one another. They are drawn to each other's light—and before long all the fireflies are in sync with a shared "blink" of light. That's a good image for a church that is in sync, unified and gaining momentum in our shared life and mission. I look forward to writing our next chapters together!

~ Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 369

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 351

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$26,634.23

Building fund receipts \$715.00

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$19,788.34

Building fund receipts \$75.00

Blessing of the Backpacks

July 28 at both services. Summer vacation comes to an end July 28, and we here at FUMC want to send all our students, children, teens, and adults, back to the classroom with blessings and prayers for a successful and promising new school year. Join us and bring your backpack!

Enneagram—August Session

August 5-7. You are invited to participate in a meaningful study for adults exploring the Enneagram and our faith. The Enneagram is a tool for spiritual discipleship and growth that explores our unique, God-created nature and personality. In this class, we'll use the Enneagram to explore our strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities to grow in our faith in Christ and strengthen our church. Contact the church office to sign up at 526-2177, or for more information, contact Rob Wheeler at rob@cookevillefumc.org.

Youth Mystery Day Trip

We're going to have an excellent day out on July 27! What are we doing?! Great question! We'll let you know what you need to know when it's time to know it! What we CAN tell you is that you will have a BLAST! Contact Adam by July 15 at addaniels7@gmail.com to find out more and join us for a little mystery fun.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

- 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

VBS 2019 WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Our many adult and youth volunteers went above and beyond with help, guidance, wisdom, love, and prayer. The five sessions would not have been possible without them. We thank each and every one of them for sharing their servant heart, soul, and time to help tell the stories of Jesus and demonstrate how we are all part of that same story.

This year VBS stories helped us to better understand how our faith in God can take us to Mars and Beyond. Each night was a new and exciting story from the Bible that reinforced the VBS vector verse from Ephesians 3:20,

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us.

The children learned about Daniel and how he trusted God in the lion's den. The story of Queen Esther taught everyone how to go beyond with boldness. Kindness was demonstrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus healed ten lepers and reminded us to be thankful and to always say thank you. VBS stories, volunteers, fellowship, and even the hard work to make it all happen reminds us of Jesus comforting friends on the way to Emmaus, for we all can go beyond with hope no matter the destination.

Glory to God,

Shannon Bee Auberson Children's & Families Ministry Director



REPORT OF 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 52nd Tennessee Annual Conference was held June 12 -14 at Brentwood UMC. The business of the conference is conducted by equal numbers of clergy and lay members. Our congregation sent two clergy and two lay members to annual conference. Rev. Conrad is still a member of the Memphis Conference, so although he attended the Tennessee Annual Conference, he was unable to vote this year. Rev. Rob Wheeler is our other clergy member. Jason Hicks and Teena King were this year's Lay Members to Annual Conference. Per Elmore and Faith Holdrege were the alternate Lay members to Annual Conference. The theme of this year's conference was *Remembering Who We Are Through Word, Water and Witness*. We gather once a year for worship, fellowship, and study, and to conduct the business of the conference. Details of the conference are available on the Tennessee Annual Conference website tnumc.org.

Holy Conferencing was begun by John Wesley at the Christmas Conference of 1784, when the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was formed. And since then Annual Conferences worldwide meet yearly.

Each year at annual conference we license persons to be local pastors; commission provisional members who have completed seminary and are on track to become elders and deacons; and ordain elders and deacons in full connection. We remember those who have gone on to life eternal, and the retiring class of clergy pass the mantle to the incoming class of clergy. This year Adam Daniels was licensed as a first time Local Pastor.

The day begins with worship and then we move on to the business before the body. Again, reports, resolutions, delegate elections, awards can all be found on the Tennessee Annual Conference website.

The next General Conference will be held May of 2020. The Tennessee Annual Conference elected delegates for that meeting and for the Southeast Jurisdictional conference will be held in July 2020. Both of these conferences meet every four years (a quadrennium). The Tennessee Annual Conference sends four clergy and four lay delegates to General Conference. General Conference is where the business of the entire United Methodist Church worldwide is conducted. We send four clergy and four lay delegates to the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference. The business of Jurisdictional Conferences is to elect and appoint bishops who will be serving in their respective jurisdictions. The first two Jurisdictional delegates serve as reserve delegates for general conference. Two additional clergy and lay persons are elected to serve as reserve delegates for jurisdictional conference.

Other action taken by the conference was a resolution to merge the Memphis and Tennessee conferences. This was passed by both conferences by written ballot. We will meet as a unified conference in 2021.

Appointments of clergy are set each year at Annual Conference, and these are available on the conference website. The clergy assigned to FUMC Cookeville, are Rev. Dr. Kevin Conrad, Rev. Rob Wheeler, and Rev. Adam Daniels.

Respectfully submitted by Teena King,

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

- 9:45 a.m. Slide the City
Adult Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon — Christian Life Center

Monday, July 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Church Council — B213

Tuesday, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, July 10

- 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 11

No events scheduled

Friday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 14

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

Monday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

- 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 18

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213

Friday, July 19

- 8:00 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men's Breakfast — Dipsy Doodle Restaurant
- 9:30 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Slide the City



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

There will be one service only at 10:55 a.m.
with a covered dish lunch to follow at noon
in the Christian Life Center.

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

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

- July 7: Slide the City (Slide during Sunday School)
- July 18: Youth Mystery Day Trip
- July 23: Service and Supper; 2-6:30 p.m.
- July 27: Blessing of the Backpacks

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING FUMC KIDS EVENTS

- August 7: Burger Bash
- August 14: Wednesday Night Life Startup
- September 29: Children's Sabbath
- October 17: Pumpkin Caroling

CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSING DURING LUNCH HOUR

The Church Office will now be closed for walk-in visitors from noon to 1 p.m. Phones will still be answered and calls will be returned. Thank you for your understanding of this policy change.

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—Sunday, 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.

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.