



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### October

- 1 Staff Parish Meeting
- 2 Confirmation Mentor Dinner
- 6 *The Table* Worship Service
- 19 District Reconnect
- 27 Pumpkin Caroling

### 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 (yellow and green vegetables, in jars), crushed pineapple
- Promotional calendars you receive in the mail
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened, plastic newspaper sleeves

## 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

Phone: 931-526-2177

Fax: 931-372-9905

Email: [office@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:office@cookevillefumc.org)  
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## FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

How much do you think about the future? No one truly knows the future except God. But, as a local church, it is important to anticipate “God’s preferred future” for our life together. Some call that the definition of vision—anticipating God’s preferred future. It takes discernment, hope, and clarity about present circumstances combined with anticipated future trends to outline a strategy for fulfilling God’s preferred future for our congregation.

Consequences to not anticipating trends can lead to huge changes in our culture. Some examples from the business world include:

- Traditional “land line” Bell Telephone companies did not anticipate the wide-spread use of cell phones.
- Drive-in theatres and hometown movie theatres did not anticipate the availability of movies on cable TV or online streaming services in our homes.
- The last of over 9,000 Blockbuster Video Stores is still open in Bend, Oregon, but the rest closed due to not anticipating the end of VCRs and Blu-rays.
- Blackberry was once the leading handheld device in the world just twenty years ago. Now the company is struggling to survive due to the advent of the iPhone.
- Sears was once the largest retailer in America. It was surpassed by Walmart. Now, online purchasing has finally brought the historic chain of stores to a historic end.

Our entire culture is changing rapidly. Now AI, or “artificial intelligence”, is making its way into our lives and homes. Automation is replacing thousands of jobs now accomplished by human beings. The pace of change is accelerating.

There is also change in our moral and spiritual climate. Civility has been replaced by open disrespect between people and groups, rooted in a deterioration of respect for institutions, authority and traditions. Common ground has been replaced by divisiveness where everyone is expected to choose an opposing side. There seems to be very little concern for a shared sense of common decency, truthfulness or virtue. Hatred and division are slowly taking hold of more and more minds and hearts. A religious marketplace has emerged that competes for the attention and attendance of would-be church goers. What once seemed stable is now unstable.

In the last several weeks, I have been sharing some basic principles I hope will ground us as we move into a very different environment than our church has seen in our lifetimes. It is a basic approach to ministry rooted in the vision of “*sharing the story of grace in the heart of town—by gathering, welcoming, worshipping, forming, caring, serving and communicating*” well. A 2020+ Vision Team is being named to explore where God is leading us next. I ask you to pray for our work, life and ministry together as we anticipate “God’s preferred future” for our church. Together, we must navigate an ever-turning sea of change.

~ Kevin

## BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 452

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 462

## BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$22,021.35

Building fund receipts \$550.00

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$19,627.74

Building fund receipts \$575.00

## WNL Dinners

Make your dinner reservations by calling the church office at 526-2177, emailing us at [office@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:office@cookevillefumc.org), or online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

**October 2:** Cheesy chicken spaghetti, lima beans, salad, rolls, Butterscotch Delight (no nuts)

**Fall Break:** There will be no meal served October 9 and 16 due to Fall break.

## Next Backsliders Speaker

September 29: Kathy Conrad



If you are interested in exploring a more faithful look at your finances, including strategies to decrease debt and increase savings, please consider joining the Financial Peace University, led by Adam Cunningham and Laurie Watson, scheduled to begin October 22 at 6 p.m. in the Freeman Building. More information to come! For more info, contact Rob Wheeler at 526-2177.



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

## FOOD TO THE RESCUE—HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Join **FOOD to the RESCUE** as we



THIS SEPTEMBER

We have an opportunity to serve through a program called Food to the Rescue, which provides and delivers food for children in Putnam County over school breaks. Food to the Rescue has asked us to bring in 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the month of September. Collection sites are in the narthex, Freeman Building and the Christian Life Center.

## HOPE ACADEMY ART DISPLAY



The latest art project of Hope Academy is now on display at Wilson Bank and Trust. Please drop by and see how talented our students are.

## TRAVEL BUDDIES

### October 18: Center Hill Lake Guided Pontoon Boat Tour

Enjoy a fabulous day on the water with our guide, Ranger Taylor. We'll take a pontoon boat tour of Center Hill Lake and stop for a Dutch Treat lunch at the Blue Water Grill at Hurricane Marina. Leave FUMC via vans at 9 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. Cost: \$20. Bring your binoculars for bird watching, and dress for the wonderful fall weather! Reservation deadline: Friday, October 11 to the church office.

### November 7: Beersheba Springs Fall Leaves Tour

Enjoy a full day with friends as we tour the Armsfield/Glasgow Cottage, the area, and the Methodist Assembly. Kick back and rock on the porch as you enjoy the view of the valley below, or visit the museum, local pottery, Mountain Home gift shop, historical cabins and the overlook of Stone Door and the Savage Gulf. Cost: \$20, includes boxed lunch. Reservation deadline: Thursday, October 31 to the church office.

## THANK YOU JESSICA WELCH!

Many thanks to Jessica Welch for her banner depicting the Cookeville skyline illustrating our theme of *Sharing the Story of Grace in the Heart of Town*. Be sure to look for the banner behind the choir loft in the sanctuary next Sunday!



## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Travis Anderson	Mary Byrd King
Vivian Barnes	Mike Lee
Janey Bassett	Karen Macke
Robert Buck	Pat Maxwell
Savannah Lynn Caylor	Sylvia McCann
Faye Curry	Brittany McCloud
Jackie Donaldson	Paul McLendon
Delaney Duncan	Larry Norton
Hazel Dyer	Winnie Peterson
Brian Lee Foster	Margaret Phipps
Elaine Funk	Rob Poteet
Mary Garrison	Pam Raines
Nate Griffis	Mary Jo Rogers
Joe Hix	Sarah Stockton
Alma Jean Johnson	Tom Tatara
Bob Jones	Harriett Wright
Ann Kellman	
Kirk Kellman	
Linda Kellman	
Nancy Kellman	

### *Missionaries*

Eric and Liz Soard

## ANGELS ATTIC REQUESTS

- Fall children's clothes
- Women's clothing in plus sizes
- Men's and women's jackets or sweaters
- Towels
- Sheets – any size

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

November 8—join us for an all night extravaganza! We'll meet at the church at 8:30 p.m. and then head to the town for some activities! We will end up back at the church for fun and games in the gym, a movie in the youth room, snacks, and more. We'll have breakfast in the morning. The event will end at 8 a.m. Cost: \$25.

Chaperone Note: We need several chaperones for the evening. We need chaperones willing to drive their vehicles or church vans for the early shifts, we need volunteers to help chaperone the time back at church (at LEAST 2-3 volunteers per time slot), and we need volunteers to help us get everyone up and out and make sure everything is clean. Thanks for your help keeping everyone safe at this event! Contact Adam for more info at addaniels7@gmail.com.

## DISTRICT RECONNECT

Members of the congregation are invited to a District Re-Connect on October 19 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with a worship service at 2 p.m. at Wesley Foundation at TTU. There will be live music and great food! RSVP to Barbara Zimmerman at Barbara.Zimmerman@tnumc.com or 526-1343.

## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Class Rooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band — Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Parents Meeting — B213  
Preparing for Adolescence — B214  
UMYF — Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation Meal — Wesley Foundation, TTU

### Monday, September 30

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

### Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — B213

### Wednesday, October 2

- 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 — Magnolia House
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Club — Music Suite
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Meal — Christian Life Center  
Confirmation Mentor Dinner and Meeting — Jeff Wall Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Teen Ringers — C209
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Refresher — B012  
Disciple I — B017  
*Gideon* — B206  
Spiritual Disciplines — B213  
*The Good and Beautiful God* — B210  
Youth Choir — Music Suite
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

### Thursday, October 3

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 1:00 p.m. *The Good and Beautiful God* — B213
- 1:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

### Friday, October 4

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

### Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House  
United Methodist Women District Meeting — Sparta FUMC



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## FIND YOUR PLACE HERE.

Sundays, 6 p.m. in Wesley Chapel

October 6, 13, and 20

[www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) or call 526-2177

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

### YOUTH EVENTS

- November 8: Lock In
- December 7: Breakfast with Santa
- December 15: Youth Christmas Party

#### SAVE THE DATE:

- January 31 - February 2: Warmth -in-Winter
- February 28 - March 1: Discovery Weekend
- March 15 - 20: Spring Break Mission Trip

### FUMC KIDS EVENTS

- September 29: Children's Sabbath
- October 19: Haunted Half Cheering and Water Station
- October 27: Pumpkin Caroling

### VOLUNTEERS FOR HAUNTED HALF



All children and parents are invited to help cheer for the runners and walkers during the Upper Cumberland Haunted Half on October 19 in front of the Freeman building! We will also

sponsor a water station located at Capshaw. We need adult, youth, and children volunteers to hand cups of water to the runners and walkers at mile 2 of the race. To get involved, contact Shannon Auberson at [children@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:children@cookevillefumc.org).

### FALL FUN FEST MEMORIES

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who came out to entertain the kiddos during Fall Fun Fest at our Stations of Imagination!



### SERMON SCHEDULE:

*LIVING THE STORY OF GRACE*, BY DR. KEVIN CONRAD

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|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| September 29 | Ephesians 4: 1-7; 11-13 | <i>Growing in Grace Toward Maturity</i> |
| October 13   | 1 John 3: 17-18         | <i>Acting Out the Gospel of Grace</i>   |

### BOO BASH !

It's time to start buying candy or treats for Boo Bash! This Halloween, help us treat the best dressed ghosts and goblins in Putnam County. We gave away almost 1,000 pounds of candy last year, and we are grateful for your generosity! As you are shopping, please consider buying candy for Boo Bash, or if you prefer, the church office is accepting cash donations to purchase candy. Contact Tamika Parker for more info at 526-2177.