



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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**March**

- 15-20 Youth Mission Trip
- 16-20 Spring Break
  - 19 Young At Heart
  - 22 RAM
- 27-29 Confirmation Retreat
  - 29 Music That Feeds Concert
  - 30 Ladies Bunco Night

**Worship Service Volunteers**

Have you thought about serving as a liturgist? Have you thought about serving as an usher? There are places of service in all areas of the life of the church and your special gifts are needed. Please contact Kathy Evans, [music@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:music@cookevillefumc.org). We welcome and need new people in all areas of Worship support.

**FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR**

With last week's devastating tornado, our community is still reeling with shock, loss and grief. Our mid-week prayer service was a beautiful expression of unity. Our church and the entire community continue to demonstrate a heart of deep compassion and care. Thank you to all our volunteers and servants. We continue to pray for victims and respond to needs.

In any disaster response, there are stages. We are already transitioning from the immediate response to a short-term response. So many people just want to help as we can. We are getting requests for ways to plug in and be helpful. As we begin to define our role in the short-term response, we will help you know about opportunities to contribute and serve. Our efforts must be coordinated to have the greatest positive impact. Tamika Parker and our staff will be coordinating our short-term response. Focus on families from our church is the easiest way to engage. Already there have been contributions of food, clothing and gift cards. Thank you.

As we transition to longer-term recovery, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and our Nashville Area Disaster Response Team will be assessing specific properties and individuals/families to help in a longer-term rebuilding program. Robert Craig is our Area Coordinator. This past Friday he was present to begin making an assessment of needs and formulating a response. Listed below is a [LINK](#) to more information from our Annual Conference and Disaster Response Efforts.

On another note, new ministry teams are off and running with ministry activity and projects for 2020. Please take note that a section is included in our newsletter now for each of these teams to update the congregation on their area of ministry and their work. We are excited about growing numbers of people directly involved in planning and implementing ministry. As you see an area of interest, please feel free to contact the ministry team leader.

*~ Kevin*

**COOKEVILLE TORNADO RESPONSE**

There are a number of ways you can help with our tornado response. There are blue sheets on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex with a listing of donation centers and volunteer opportunities. That information is also listed on our website at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Click on the "Tornado Response" tab at the top of the page. Your help is deeply appreciated.

**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

Phone: 931-526-2177  
Fax: 931-372-9905  
Email: [office@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:office@cookevillefumc.org)  
[www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org)

## BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Total Worship Attendance: 525

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Total Worship Attendance: 414

## BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Budget fund receipts \$925.00

Capital Improvement fund receipts \$38,049.06

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Budget fund receipts \$35,103.28

Capital Improvement fund receipts \$1,250.00

## Wednesday Night Life Meals

Dinner is served each Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 family maximum. Reservations are required. Make your reservations by calling the church office, or online at [www.cookevilfefumc.org](http://www.cookevilfefumc.org).

**March 18:** Spring Break, no meal or WNL activities.

**March 25:** Cheesy chicken spaghetti, salad, lima beans, Butterscotch Delight (no nuts)

**April 1:** Chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit bowl,

## Save the Date!



FUMC Kids Summer Day Camp

→ Club 456 Camp:

June 2, 9, 16, 23

→ Children K-6th Camp:

June 4, 11, 25

## Altar Flower Sponsorship Available

We have an annual altar flower sponsorship available for July 26. Interested? Contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us during the Sunday School hour in the CLC for a church-led Lenten Bible study based on *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. *The Walk* explores how we walk with Christ through exploring five essential spiritual practices - worship and prayer, study, service, giving, and sharing - and shows us how to make these practices a fruitful part of our daily lives.

Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church.

Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. All our welcome.

## WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Source: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Joseph Asante and family

Vivian Barnes

Janey Bassett

Tia Bassett

Juanita Bilyeu

Robert Buck

Savannah Lynn Caylor

Peggy Cho

Scott Crouch

Faye Curry

Michael Curry

Mary Mac Darnell

Ferdinand DiFurio

Nadia DiFurio

Delaney Duncan

Hazel Dyer

Brian Lee Foster

Elaine Funk

Mary Garrison

Nate Griffis

Geneva Harris

Hunter Harris

Joe Hix

Bob Jones

Ann Kellman

Gary Kellman

Kirk Kellman

Mary Byrd King

Mike Lee

Annette Lynch

Karen Macke

Brian Maffett

Sylvia McCann

Paul McLendon

Linda McConnell

Harper Mynatt

Larry Norton

Rob Poteet

Mary Jo Rogers

Roxanne Self

Hazel Smith

Sarah Stockton

Tommie Thackston

Jessie Watts

Pam White

Harriett Wright

Cane Creek teachers and guidance counselors

## Missionaries

Eric Soard

## Sympathy and Prayers

To the City of Cookeville, and to friends, and family of the tornado victims.

Friends and family of Patricia Lane.

Molly Cornwell, on the death of her mother Judy Williams in South Carolina.

Jeff Auberson and family, on the death of his brother, Greg Auberson.



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



April 4 at 8 a.m. in the Freeman Building Gym. Our church, led by our youth and children's ministries, is sponsoring a "Walk for Water."

So what is a "Walk for Water?" It's a 3.5 mile walk in which participants walk to a "water source" and carry it back to where they started the walk. This mirrors the experience of 2.1 billion people around the world who do not have access to clean water.

Participants are also asked to raise money to give to Water Mission, an organization working to provide clean water sources all over the world. Walkers can be sponsored, give money themselves, or work as a team to raise funds.

You might also consider giving something up, or fasting from something, during the season of Lent and giving the money you would have spent to this effort.

A few statistics on the global water crisis:

- In Africa, women spend 200 million hours per day walking for water.
- One person dies every 37 seconds from water-related illnesses.
- Every \$1 invested in safe water yields \$4-\$34 in economic return.
- 50% of the developing world's hospital beds are filled with people suffering from water-related diseases.

Our goal is \$5,000 for clean water projects around the world. To sign up for the walk and to get a link to your own fundraising page, email Adam Daniels at [adaniels7@gmail.com](mailto:adaniels7@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S UNPLUG AND FOOD LAB



UnPlug & Food Lab meet Wednesdays in Jeff Wall Hall 5-7 p.m. UnPlug Club is for children ages 4 years - 6th grade who need and want to go "off the grid" for a few hours. UnPlug is devotions, games, crafts, homework help, and this year... Kid-Friendly Meal Time with our Food Lab!

At Food Lab, kids help make their own dinner and then enjoy it around the table with friends while playing, crafting, and finishing homework. Contact Shannon at 526-2177, for more info! Note: there will be no Food Lab on March 11.



## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 15 — Youth Mission Trip

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Class Rooms  
Lenten Sunday School — Christian Life Center
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band — Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — B214

### Monday, March 16— Spring Break

- 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting — B213
- 12:00 p.m. The Road Back to You — B213
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

### Tuesday, March 17 — Spring Break

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

### Wednesday, March 18 — Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B017

### Thursday, March 19 — Spring Break

- 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213
- 11:00 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Stepping Up (ALL) — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga — Gym

### Friday, March 20 — Spring Break

### Saturday, March 21 — Spring Break

- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House

## *Lenten Activities and Services*

Join us for the many services and activities offered throughout this sacred season. You can find a complete listing on our website at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Click on The Lenten Season front page slide.

## *Community Lenten Services*

First Presbyterian Church  
20 N. Dixie Avenue  
Cookeville, TN

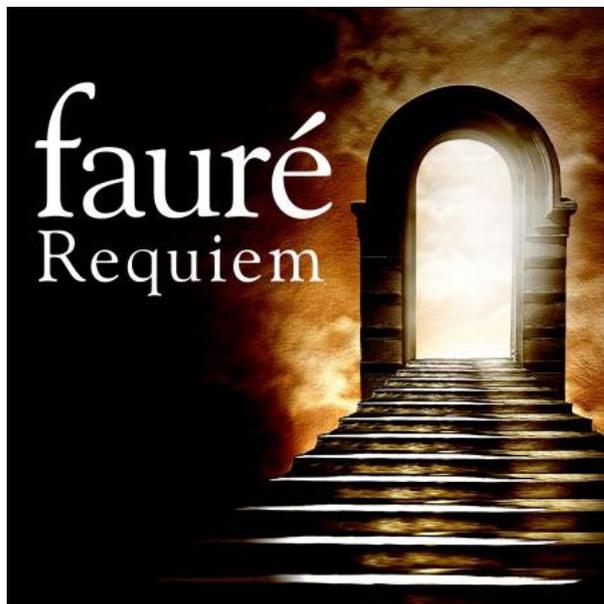
Monday - Friday, April 6-10, 12—12:30 p.m.  
Lunch served: 12:30—1:00 p.m.

Dr. Kevin Conrad will be preaching on Thursday, April 9, with lunch hosted by United Methodist Women at 12:30 p.m.

## *Easter Services—April 12*

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wesley Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday school breakfast celebration — CLC
- 10:55 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

Requiem  
by Gabriel Faure  
Chancel Choir, Soloists, Chamber Orchestra



April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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### MINISTRY TEAM CORNER

#### UPDATE FROM THE EVENTS TEAM

The church-wide events team was implemented this year with the purpose of providing intergenerational opportunities for fellowship and connection within our congregation. The team has plans for several gatherings throughout the year including, but not limited to, the Mother-Daughter Brunch, and a summer, back-to-school and fall events. The Mother-Daughter Brunch was a huge success last year. Plans are to increase the number of available reservations to accommodate those who wish to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

The event team is co-chaired by Colleen Childress and Bettye Vaden. The following serve as members of the team: Jeff Auberson, Kathy Conrad, Danny Coonce, Tommy Elliott, Nancy Pierce and Kelly Moore. If you are interested in this ministry or if you have ideas about upcoming events, please contact Colleen or Bettye.

The Events Team invites you to join us in bringing all generations of our congregation together as we play and pray and learn from each other.

### YOUNG AT HEART

March 19, 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall  
Disaster Relief Ministries, with Ken Hunter.

Stories from the Front Line, with Ken Hunter. We have now learned that a disaster can happen any place, anytime, even in our home town. Come hear stories from the Disaster Response Team. Learn about their experiences and hear the current progress with clean-up in Putnam County. Cost for lunch: \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday, March 17 by calling the church office at 526-2177.

### LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall  
Join us as we play Bunco and enjoy food and fellowship. Bunco is an easy, non-competitive, social dice game. No prior experience needed. Bring a finger food to share (Pantry volunteers are exempt) and a donation of cash for the purchase of eggs. Registration is required by March 29 by contacting Paula Lilly, h2olilly@charter.net, 267-5296.

### MOTHER-DAUGHTER BRUNCH

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

Join us for this celebration of mothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters and those women special to us. Enjoy brunch, a fashion show, door prizes and crafts for the young girls. \$12 per person. Reservations required. Contact the church office at 526-2177.