



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

- 11 Rev. Krislyn Durham's Farewell
Disciple Recognition Sunday
- 11-13 Annual Conference

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School had a puppet show!

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 PASTOR—THOUGHTS ABOUT ENCOUNTER

As many of you have heard, leaders at FUMC have made the difficult decision to suspend our Encounter worship service. Many factors contributed to this decision, including having a steady and significant decline in attendance over the past few years. However, the primary reason is because we cannot, at least at this time, sustain the service anymore, including having a dedicated pastor/preacher, music leadership, tech support, and lay volunteers. Recent staff changes confirmed what we already suspected: Encounter is not currently sustainable for FUMC. In fact, very few churches are able to offer simultaneous worship services. Even mega-churches struggle to do so. Therefore, beginning this Sunday, June 11th, Encounter will be merged into our current sanctuary services at 8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

Leaders of our staff have talked to large numbers of Encounter attendees over the past few weeks about our dilemma. Virtually every person said the same thing. While sad to see Encounter suspended, they understand we cannot sustain it, and they plan to remain at FUMC and attend one of our two sanctuary services. The worship team is already working to preserve some Encounter traditions, including more frequent Communion, and will do our best to incorporate these traditions into the sanctuary services.

I realize this difficult but inevitable decision has disappointed some people, and I do not discount that. However, some good things will also come from this change. For example, we will now have unified worship at FUMC. Every Sunday people will hear the same sermon, pray the same prayers, hear much of the same music, and experience the same special events. In short, merging Encounter into the sanctuary services will create a more unified congregation. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please feel free to contact me for further dialogue.

Before concluding, several other notes need to be made. First, this Sunday is Krislyn's last day at FUMC. After serving faithfully and effectively for nine years, we need to send her off with our gratitude, love and blessings. I hope you will be here for this important day. Second, our youth minister search team is making excellent progress. I'll share more about this in our next newsletter. Finally, it was good to receive the following six new members: Mike and Emily Ball, Ray and Margo Sachs, and Larry and Jo Ann Strainer. Welcome to our church family.

~ *Martin*

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: *

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 494

BY OUR GIFTS

Offering: Sunday, May 28, 2017

Budget fund receipts *

Building fund receipts *

Offering: Sunday, June 4, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$29,308.00

Building fund receipts \$2,125.00

*Not recorded due to extreme weather and power outage.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

To request prayer or to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office or use the prayer cards in the pews. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Ongoing

Betty Sue Allen	Brian Foster	Brian Maffett
Marvin Barker	Carlton Galbreath	Pat Maxwell
Vivian Barnes	Virginia Gibson	Evangeline O'Kain
Mike Brasfield	Nate Griffis	Laura Packard
Lida Canella	Dan Hearn	Susan Pangle
Michael Carver	Mary Ann Huffines	Jenny Partin
Rev. Don Choate	Virginia Hunter	Winnie Peterson
Kayla Colson	Chandler Johns	Rebecca Quattlebaum
Lorna Cunningham	Alma Jean Johnson	Barbara Reagan
David Dunn	Jan Jordan	Gene Evelyn Warren
Ed Edenfield	Anna Karch	Hazel Wyatt
Dave Evans	Mary Byrd King	
Pat Evans	Jeannine Lynn	

Sympathy and Prayer

Gary Maxwell and family on the death of his father, Fred Maxwell.
Cathy Travis and family on the death of her father, Jimmy Titsworth.

RADIO BROADCAST

Unable to make it in to Sunday worship service? Our 10:55 a.m. service is broadcast live each Sunday from News Talk FM 94.1, and uploaded to www.cookevillefumc.org later in the week.

GUEST PARKING

On Sunday mornings, please leave the reserved "Guest Parking" spots for our guests. We appreciate your help in making FUMC a more welcoming congregation that practices hospitality to our guests.

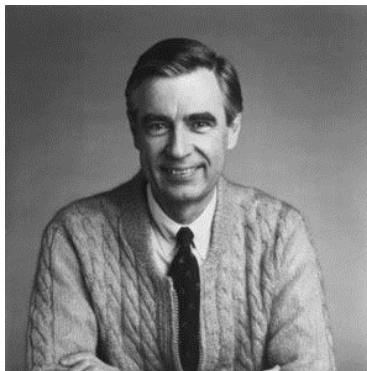
NEW WEBSITE

We've recently upgraded our website! Visit us at www.cookevillefumc.org to view schedules and announcements, register for classes, and more.



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

RIDING OUT THE STORM



"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers--so many caring people in this world."

From The World According to Mister Rogers

Please join us in thanking our volunteers from the Disaster Response Team, who worked tirelessly last week to ease the burdens of those who endured extensive property damage during the recent storms.

FACE TO FACE



Face to Face, a division of Walk to Emmaus, met at First United Methodist Church in May. Face to Face is a short study in Christianity and was attended by 32 people who had never taken part before. They came from as far away as Spring Hill and Fairfield Glade and 14 from FUMC Cookeville to attend Encounter #7. Thank you to all who helped in anyway to make this possible.

CARING CORNER

“LET YOUR LION LIE DOWN WITH YOUR LAMB”

From *The Inner Voice of Love* by Henri J. M. Nouwen:

There is within you a lamb and a lion. Spiritual maturity is the ability to let lamb and lion lie down together. Your lion is your adult, aggressive self. It is your initiative-taking and decision-making self. But there is also your fearful, vulnerable lamb, the part of you that needs affection, support, affirmation, and nurturing.

When you heed only your lion, you will find yourself overextended and exhausted. When you take notice only of your lamb, you will easily become a victim of your need for other people's attention. The art of spiritual living is to fully claim both your lion and your lamb. Then you can act assertively without denying your own needs. And you can ask for affection and care without betraying your talent to offer leadership.

Developing your identity as a child of God in no way means giving up your responsibilities. Likewise, claiming your adult self in no way means that you cannot become increasingly a child of God. In fact, the opposite is true. The more you can feel safe as a child of God, the freer you will be to claim your mission in the world as a responsible human being. And the more you claim that you have a unique task to fulfill for God, the more open you will be to letting your deepest need be met.

The kingdom of peace that Jesus came to establish begins when your lion and your lamb can freely and fearlessly lie down together.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Every year, over a thousand people gather in Brentwood, Tennessee for Annual Conference. This year, every member has an opportunity to be a part of this gathering. On Sunday night, June 11, there will be a simulcast of Annual Conference for all interested members and friends. This will be our Bishop's address to the Tennessee Conference. If you are interested in attending, the simulcast will be held at Crossville First United Methodist Church. Folks will gather about 5:30 p.m. to register, to visit, and to eat some great homemade pies! The simulcast will begin before 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief conversation after the Bishop's address, which will lay out his vision and challenge for our Conference. Folks from all around our District will be a part of this gathering, one of eight such gatherings across the state of Tennessee. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office (office@cookevillefumc.org or call 526-2177) so we can give Crossville FUMC an estimate of attendance.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11

- Disciple Recognition Sunday
- Annual Conference — Brentwood, TN
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Krislyn Durham's Reception — Christian Life Center
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, June 12

- Annual Conference — Brentwood, TN
- 10:00 a.m. Order of St. Luke
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall

Tuesday, June 13

- Annual Conference — Brentwood, TN
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, June 14

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision — B213
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214

Thursday, June 15

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

Friday, June 16

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

FAREWELL TO REV. KRISLYN DURHAM

Please join us in honoring Rev. Krislyn Durham for her last service at FUMC on Sunday, June 11, from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Individuals and Sunday school classes are welcome to come and go or come and stay over the course of the hour. Light refreshments will be provided. A brief presentation will be made at 10 a.m. We will celebrate Krislyn's many years of service to our church and send her off with our love as she becomes Associate Pastor at her new church in Murfreesboro. A basket will be available for cards and love offerings.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the love, support, and comfort my family and I have felt during this sad time. Dean will be missed so much. Thank you for the prayers, calls, food, cards and flowers.

Thank you,

Jannie Worley and family



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June 19-22

8:30 a.m. – noon daily

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(by June 1, 2017) through 6th Grade
Bring your friends and come to

Kaleidoscope Music Camp!

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

TRAVEL BUDDIES ITINERARY AUGUST—DECEMBER, 2017

August 18 to the Titanic Exhibit, Pigeon Forge, TN.
Cost: \$43 per person; two Dutch treat meals.
Registration deadline: Monday, August 1.

September 14 and 15 to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center & Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, AL.
Cost: double occupancy \$165; single occupancy \$225; four Dutch treat meals. Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 23.

October 13 to the Milky Way Farm, historic plantation of candy legend, Frank Mars. Includes tour of the plantation, lunch, and hay ride. Cost: \$55 per person; lunch is provided. Registration deadline: Thursday, September 29.

November 3 for a Fall Foliage Tour on the northern portion of historic Natchez Trace. Cost: \$15 per person; Dutch treat lunch at the Loveless Café and dinner. Registration deadline: Friday, October 27.

December 7 and 8 for Christmas at the Biltmore and the Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC., including tour of the manor, conservatory and grounds. Cost: double occupancy \$160; single occupancy \$220; four Dutch treat meals. Registration deadline: Thursday, November 16.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ray and Margo Sachs



Larry and JoAnn Strainer



Mike and Emily Ball