



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MAY

- 18 Young At Heart
- 23 Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn  
Youth Dinner

### CHURCH LIBRARY



If you have noticed the books on the shelves in the lobby area of the Freeman Building you have found the church

library. All the books on the shelves are ready for check out. A list of the books can be found in the notebook on the check out desk (old card catalog).

To check out a book, print your name and date on the card at the back of the book and place the card in the wooden file box. Your book is due back in two weeks.

Please place returned books in the basket under the check out desk. The church librarian will shelve the books.

## 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

By now, most of you have heard the news that we are having another pastoral transition beyond Whitney's departure. Although this decision was unexpected, changes in appointment projections sometimes occur, so this development is not unusual in our UMC appointment system. I'd like to bring you up to date on the transitions.

First, Krislyn Durham has been appointed to serve First UMC in Murfreesboro as one of their associate pastors. Like all of you, I will miss Krislyn. She has served with excellence at FUMC for a decade, and is deeply beloved here. Although I am sad to see her go, I'm grateful for all she has done for our congregation. I also celebrate this appointment for her. This is a tremendous opportunity for Krislyn, and we need to send her off with our love and blessings. Her last Sunday will be June 11th.

Second, at the invitation of our Staff Parish Relations Committee, and with the blessings of our District Superintendent, Rob Wheeler will shift from Youth Minister to Associate Pastor. I am extremely confident about this decision and fully support it. Although Rob will have much to learn in this new role, he has the necessary gifts to excel in this position. And, unlike an outside appointment, Rob already knows the congregation and community. He also has the potential of long tenure in this role, giving stability and continuity to the pastoral team. Rob will receive his credentials as a licensed local pastor in June, and will eventually become an ordained clergy person in the UMC.

Third, Kevin Salter will serve as interim youth minister until a permanent replacement is found. Kevin, along with his wife Rachel, is an active member at FUMC, helps with our music ministry, and is well known and well liked among our young people. In fact, when our youth heard that Rob was shifting from Youth Minister to Associate Pastor, several of them suggested that we ask Kevin to serve as interim.

A search committee is being put in place to secure a new youth pastor. Staff Parish representatives include Jim Batson, Bob Faulhaber and Erin Rohman. We will also include two youth and two additional youth parents on this important team.

I realize this is a lot of transition to navigate. However, we will be just fine. We have a strong congregation, a strong staff, a strong youth group, and a strong God who will walk with us through this time of change. I know you will join me in praying for Whitney and Krislyn as they prepare for new places of ministry, for Rob as he changes roles, for Kevin as he serves as interim youth minister, and for our search committee as they seek a new youth pastor.

Finally, it was good to receive Jane Hamilton, Elaine Paris, and Sue Ruzicka as new members. It was also good to welcome our 2017 Confirmation Class as full members of FUMC, including Julia Alley, Lucy Carwile, Emily Coonce, Dylan Goolsby, Elizabeth Moore, McKay Owsley, Sam Sergio, Kelsey Watson, and Ellis Welch. Welcome to our church family.

~ Martin

## BY OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, April 30, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 569

*Sunday, May 7, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 414

## BY OUR GIFTS

*Offering: Sunday, April 30, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$27,995.06

Building fund receipts \$580.00

*Offering: Sunday, May 7, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$31,815.67

Building fund receipts \$920.00

## BACKSLIDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join our Sunday School class in Jeff Wall Hall at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Here is our upcoming guest speaker for the last Sunday in May:

- 7 Rev. Charles McCaskey
- 14 Bob Bell
- 21 Carlen Maddox
- 28 Rev. Krislyn Durham

## TEACHER DONATION

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we would like to help cover the cost of an upcoming training seminar that some of the teachers at Jacobs Ladder are planning to attend. This seminar will help the teachers obtain some of the required training hours to keep their certificates current. The course is \$75/person and we would also like to cover their hotel fee for one night. We have a total of eight staff members going. Any amount would be greatly appreciated!

## WEDDING COORDINATOR

FUMC is seeking a Wedding Coordinator for 2017. If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@cookevillefumc.org or call 526-5177.



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

## 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	Virginia Gibson	Pat Maxwell
Marvin Barker	Nate Griffis	Bea O'Donnell
Vivian Barnes	Ashley Haskin	Evangeline O'Kain
Mike Brasfield	Dan Hearn	Laura Packard
Lida Canella	Mary Ann Huffines	Susan Pangle
Rev. Don Choate	Virginia Hunter	Jenny Partin
Kayla Colson	Alma Jean Johnson	Winnie Peterson
Lorna Cunningham	Jan Jordan	Barbara Reagan
David Dunn	Anna Karch	Brinda Shanks
Ed Edenfield	Mary Byrd King	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Jeannine Lynn	Hazel Wyatt
Carlton Galbreath	Brian Maffett	

## WAYNE EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Wayne Evans Memorial Scholarship are now available on the church website [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). The scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Cookeville First United Methodist Church who will attend Tennessee Technological University during the 2017 fall term. Completed application information is due May 31, 2017.

Prior to his death in 2011, Wayne was an active member of Cookeville FUMC. The scholarship was established in his memory and is awarded annually to a deserving member of the church family. For additional information, contact betfsu2@gmail.com or 931-526-2177, ext. 204.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Say hello to our new members Sue Ruzicka and Jane Hamilton!

## FAREWELL TO THE MITCHELL FAMILY

Please join us in honoring Rev. Whitney Mitchell and his family for his service at FUMC on his last Sunday, May 21, 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 Whitney's service to FUMC as our Associate Pastor over the past three years, and send him off with our love as he becomes Senior Pastor at Fayetteville FUMC. A basket will be available for cards and love offerings.

## "THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE"

The Stephen Ministry of Cookeville FUMC invites you to join us on Thursday, May 18th at 6:15 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

When someone we love has a serious disease, we want the best care possible for them. Palliative care is a recent and growing branch of board-certified medical care designed to significantly reduce pain, stress, and ease the burdens of treatment for serious illness. It honors each individual's personal wishes and values by taking the time for careful listening, sharing, and education about possible options of care.

A team approach can offer everything from multiple supports to more time and information from doctors and their medical team professionals. It is possible to provide better lives with dignity and a focus on what is personally important. And we can do so with a significant reduction of the cost of care for ourselves and our government.

All are invited, so bring a friend. For more information about this and other Stephen Ministry events, contact Noel Poston at 526-2177.

## 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.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



You are needed! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, May 26 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Schedule

your appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code FUMCCookeville19. Plan to donate and save a life!

## 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](http://www.cookevillefumc.org) later in the week.

## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 14

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms and Gym
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Encounter Worship Service — Wesley Chapel

### Monday, May 15

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

### Tuesday, May 16

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry—Wesley Chapel

### Wednesday, May 17

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — Christian Life Center 401
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B213
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

### Thursday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213
- 11:00 a.m. Young At Heart Luncheon — Jeff Wall Hall
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Quarterly Meeting — Jeff Wall Hall

### Friday, May 19

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

### Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms and Gym
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Encounter Worship Service — Wesley Chapel

### Monday, May 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

### Tuesday, May 23

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 12:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn — Jeff Wall Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry—Wesley Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Dinner — Youth Room

## 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.



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8:30 – noon daily

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Bring your friends and come to

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## JOIN US FOR VBS 2017 AT HERO CENTRAL



At VBS, kids will go on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids

(and leaders) discover their strength in God!

June 5-9, 6-8 p.m.

Serving Nursery through 6th grade

Register at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org)

Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Wheeler in the church office.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, May 21st as we celebrate Stephen Ministry Sunday in the sanctuary during both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. service. Encounter worship will be combined with the 10:55 a.m. service. During this time Stephen Ministers and Leaders from past and present will be recognized as we look toward the future of this ministry that brings distinctively Christian care giving to the congregation and community.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY LUNCH & LEARN

You are invited to have lunch and learn more about Stephen Ministry at Cookeville FUMC on Tuesday, May 23rd, 12 - 1 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

### What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty.

### Who is Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn for?

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about having a Stephen Minister or for those who think they would like to become a Stephen Minister, so it's for everyone!

### Is there a cost for Lunch & Learn?

No cost; lunch is included but you need to be sure to RSVP to Noel Poston, [noel@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:noel@cookevillefumc.org), or 526-2177 by Monday, May 22.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for "Science from Your Kitchen," presented by Janet Counce on Thursday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Be amazed as Janet leads us through a series of fascinating science demonstrations. Join us for this final luncheon of the year! Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, May 15 to the Roses' at 526-1976.