



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 14 Good Friday Service
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 24 UMW General Meeting

### 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 2 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 Whitney Mitchell, our Associate Pastor, has been appointed to a new church. His last Sunday at FUMC will be May 21st. After that he will take some much-deserved vacation time before moving to his new appointment.

On the one hand, we are all sad to see Whitney go. He's added much to the life of FUMC and we will miss him. On the other hand, we celebrate this transition in his life. Whitney is moving to First UMC of Fayetteville, which is near his home and is a very good appointment for him.

Over the past decade, FUMC has had the privilege of being a "teaching church" for young clergy. Drew Shelley learned much about pastoring a large membership church at FUMC and now serves with excellence as senior pastor at Crossville. Whitney also learned much at FUMC and will now serve as senior pastor at a significant church in the Conference. This story will continue as our very own Krislyn Durham becomes our new Associate Pastor. Krislyn, like Drew and Whitney before her, will learn much about pastoral ministry before eventually moving on to serve other churches in the Conference. I celebrate the fact that our congregation gets to contribute in this significant way. We have the great privilege of helping form and train young clergy who eventually leave this place for important service in our Conference. Of course, the blessing goes both ways. While they are here, these young clergy also offer much life and energy to FUMC. This "teaching church" dynamic is a win-win scenario for our congregation, for these capable young clergy, and for the Tennessee Conference.

As we make this transition, we will not be replacing Krislyn's current position in adult education. Instead, we will restructure our current staff to accommodate this change and still meet our ministry needs. More details will be shared about these transitions in the coming weeks. For now, please join me in praying for Whitney and his family as they prepare for this new chapter of ministry in their lives, and for Krislyn as her role changes at FUMC.

As always, it's a privilege to serve this good church. I'm glad to be staying for at least another year. Please let me know if I can ever be of service.

~ Martin

## BY OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, April 2, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 459

*Sunday, April 9, 2017*

Total Worship Attendance: 652

## BY OUR GIFTS

*Offering: Sunday, April 2, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$35,394.93

Building fund receipts \$4,315.00

*Offering: Sunday, April 9, 2017*

Budget fund receipts \$54,913.72

Building fund receipts \$1,140.00

## WNL DINNER

To make your dinner reservations, or cancel an individual or standing reservation, call the church office at 526-2177, email us at [office@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:office@cookevillefumc.org), or sign-up online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org), under Events on the homepage. Reservations and cancellations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

**April 19:** Salad, hamburger steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, chocolate chip cookies

**April 26:** Salad, roasted turkey breast, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, cupcake

## BACKSLIDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join our Sunday School class in Jeff Wall Hall at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Here are our upcoming guest speakers for the month of April:

- 16 Scott Williams, CRMC
- 23 Donna Francis, Heart of the Cumberland
- 30 Rev. Krislyn Durham

## 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	Carlton Galbreath	Pat Maxwell
Marvin Barker	Virginia Gibson	Evangeline O'Kain
Vivian Barnes	Nate Griffis	Susan Pangle
Mike Brasfield	Ashley Haskin	Jenny Partin
Lida Canella	Dan Hearn	Jean Pennington
Rev. Don Choate	Mary Ann Huffines	Winnie Peterson
Kayla Colson	Virginia Hunter	Barbara Reagan
Lorna Cunningham	Alma Jean Johnson	Lou Richards
Ed Edenfield	Jan Jordan	Evelyn Robinette
Brian Foster	Mary Byrd King	Heather Thomas & Isabelle Koslin
Fran Fritz	Jeannine Lynn	Gene Evelyn Warren
Jan Fritz	Brian Maffett	Hazel Wyatt

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING

The 20/21 Sunday School Class is a topical class for 20th century kids navigating faith and adulthood in a 21st century world. This class is open to all who would like to engage in open-minded discussions by asking the hard questions and grappling with the possibility of more questions than answers. We will be committed to prayerfully supporting one another through engaging conversation and fellowship. Starting April 23 in room B121 in the Freeman building. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Krislyn Durham at 526-2177.

## 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.



## LENTEN ART WALK

The 2017 Lenten Art Walk will be displayed on the Walking Track in the Freeman Building through Tuesday, April 18. The display is open during the normal walking track hours.

Many thanks to those who have shared their art and talent with the FUMC family and with the community: Pat Campbell, Patricia Chiroux, Frances Crawford, Janet Coonce, Bill Gray, Fran Hicks, Faith Holdredge, Norma Inman, Pat Jordan, Teena King, Dee Potocnik, Roxanne Self, Joan Tansil, Adam Throgmorton, and LuAnn Throgmorton.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Unable to make it in to Sunday worship service? Our 10:55 am.. 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.



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

## CARING CORNER

### "THE ONE WHO LOVES"

"We love because He first loves us" 1 John 4:19

When we truly care about others, that's a sure sign we are responding out of love, which means we have probably experienced being loved ourselves.

In his book, *Christian Caregiving – A Way of Life*, Kenneth Haugk comments, "Acts of love and caring often do not show visible results. It is tempting to say, 'What's the use?' When you realize that your caring is motivated and empowered by Jesus Christ, you know that he is the one who provides the results. He is working in every situation. And you are thus uplifted by Christ's love to continue your acts of caring."

What motivates you to care? Who helps you to care? Who first loved you? May the love of Christ uplift us all!

Do you have what it takes to show your love in a deeply committed way? Become a Stephen Minister.

For more information, contact Noel Poston at [noel@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:noel@cookevillefumc.org).

## UMW NEWS

There will be a General Meeting for United Methodist Women on Monday, April 24 in Jeff Wall Hall at 6:30 p.m. Ken Hunter, who is with the Disaster Relief team for the Cookeville District, will present the program. A "love offering" for this organization will be collected that night. Mary Martha and Dorcas Circles are the hostesses. Attendance is open to anyone.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Join Young at Heart on Thursday, April 20 for "Stories and History of Cookeville." Judy Duke, Cookeville native and retired museums administrator, will present "part II" of historic homes and sites of Cookeville, west of Broad St. from Dixie. She'll share her vast knowledge and experiences of local life as she tells tales and truths about the place we call home! Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, April 17 to the Roses' at 526-1976.

## 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.

## WEDDING COORDINATOR

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

## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 16 — Easter Sunday

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service — Wesley Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Encounter Service — Wesley Chapel

### Monday, April 17 — Easter Monday — Office Closed

Gym and First Floor Walking Track Closed

### Tuesday, April 18

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 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, April 19

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare Meeting — B206
- Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — Christian Life Center 401
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- Choir Club — Music
- 5:00 p.m. WNL Dinner — CLC
- 5:30 p.m. The Journey
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Handbell class — C209
- Disciple I — B213
- JAM (Jesus and ME) — Gym
- Jesus in the Gospels — B214
- Lenten Study — B210
- Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
- Youth Choir — Music
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music

### Thursday, April 20

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 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 — Jeff Wall Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music

### Friday, April 21

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





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*"The Lord has risen!  
The Lord has risen, indeed!"*  
*Easter Services — Sunday, April 16*

- ◆ 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wesley Chapel
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary
- ◆ 9:45 a.m. Sunday school classes
- ◆ 10:55 a.m. Service in the sanctuary
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. "Encounter" service in Wesley Chapel

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

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

### DATE AVAILABLE



Altar flowers are available for sponsorship on July 23. This is a fifth Sunday, so is a one-time sponsorship. Contact Patricia at the front office for details, 526-2177.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather on a day other than Wednesday, the church office will make a determination whether activities will be cancelled for weather related purposes. If an activity is cancelled, an announcement will be posted on the homepage of the church web-site by Noon and the activity leader will be informed. Participants should contact their leader or the church office with any questions. When activities are cancelled, the facility will not be open nor will anyone be available to open or close the facility.

## 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 represent 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>

## NEXT TRAVEL BUDDIES TRIP

Join us on June 8 as we see the Corvette Museum and Plant in Bowling Green, KY. Cost: \$33 per person; Dutch-treat lunch. Registration deadline is Thursday, June 1 to the church office. Seating is limited for this trip, so register early!

Next, come along on a bus tour of the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, TN. Departure time is 8 a.m. from the church on July 13 (Thursday). Cost: \$14, Dutch-treat lunch and dinner. Registration deadline is July 6. Limited seating (total 18), so register early. Must be a U.S. citizen and have photo I.D.