



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 10 UMW Harvest of Blessings
- 11 Hymn Festival
- 16 Stephen Ministry Guest Speaker  
Young at Heart Luncheon
- 23 Thanksgiving Luncheon

## WNL DINNER MENU

**November 15:** Salad, BBQ chicken, hashbrown casserole, banana cake

**November 29:** Salad, baked ziti, green beans, chocolate cake

Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

To make reservations, 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).

## 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 ADVENT TO EPIPHANY—SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Advent Preparation Day

Join in preparing the greenery bundles for the Hanging of the Greens.

Tuesday, November 28 Parking Garage 10 a.m.

### Rehearsal Schedule for Hanging of the Greens

All children of the church are invited and encouraged to participate in the dedication portion of The Hanging of the Greens. This is a *required* rehearsal for participants. All rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, November 29, Sanctuary

All children Ages 3 through Grade 4

Grades 5—6, Youth

5 - 5:30 p.m.

6 - 6:30 p.m.

### Breakfast with Santa

Come and enjoy family time with Santa. And pancakes! This event is free and food will be provided by the youth of our church.

Saturday, December 9, Jeff Wall Hall

8 - 10 a.m.

### The Hanging of the Greens

The 44th annual Hanging of the Greens, an Advent service of symbolism and music, will be held at both the 8:30 and 10:55 services on Sunday morning, December 3. The 8:30 service will be led by the children, age 3 through Grade 6, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Evening Ensemble, and Gospel Ensemble. The 10:55 service will be led by 5th-6th Grade Choir, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, Evening Ensemble, Gospel Ensemble and Chancel Choir. Adam Daniels will give an Advent Homily at both services.

Sunday, December 3

8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Worship Services

### Christmas With the Children

An evening of Christmas music featuring the Choir Club Children.

Wednesday, December 6

6 p.m.

### A Service of Lessons and Carols

The traditional readings of the Advent season with musical offerings by the Handbell Choirs, Chancel Choir, Evening Ensemble, Gospel Ensemble, Youth Choir and String Quartet.

Sunday, December 10

8:30 and 10:55 a.m.

### The Longest Night

A special worship service designed for those living through difficult times during the holiday season.

Sunday, December 17, Sanctuary

6 p.m.

### Christmas Eve Morning Service

Sunday, December 24, Sanctuary

10 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 24, Sanctuary

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 525

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 557

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$16,453.42

Building fund receipts \$2,540.89

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$23,439.51

Building fund receipts \$550.00

UPCOMING BACKSLIDERS SPEAKERS

We have an exceptional group of upcoming speakers for the Backsliders Class. Many speakers hold significant positions in our community, but more importantly, all love the Lord and will share a personal testimonial of God's love in their work and lives. Not only will there be spiritual food served by our speakers, but also coffee and delicious goodies from Ken Reinard and others.

November

- 12 Dr. Martin Thielen
- 19 Rev. Rob Wheeler
- 26 Adam Daniels, Youth Director

HYMN FESTIVAL

November 11 in the Sanctuary—join in with the choir! Rehearse from 9:30 a.m.—noon, then perform from noon—1 p.m. Or come and simply enjoy the program! Presented by Brian Hehn, Director of The Center for Congregational Song, and Adam Perez, Minister of Music of All Saints' United Methodist Church in Morrisville, NC.

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.

Betty Sue Allen	Nate Griffis	Brian Maffett
Marvin Barker	Dan Hearn	Pat Maxwell
Vivian Barnes	Faith Holdredge	Evangeline O'Kain
Lida Canella	Mary Ann Huffines	Laura Packard
Michael Carver	Virginia Hunter	Susan Pangle
Kayla Colson	Tina Johns	Winnie Peterson
Ed Edenfield	Alma Jean Johnson	Margaret Phipps
Dave Evans	Jan Jordan	Joan Tansil
Pat Evans	Anna Karch	Gene Evelyn Warren
Brian Foster	Mary Byrd King	Hazel Wyatt
Virginia Gibson	Jeannine Lynn	

Sympathy and Prayer

Bishop Holliman, family and friends on the death of his wife, Ellen Holliman. Debra Boles and family, on the death of her mother, Frances Moran.



FUMC Kids, grades 3-6, are invited to go Christmas Caroling on December 17 from 3-6 p.m. We will visit members of our church who are no longer able to get out. Seeing the children brings them a lot of joy during the holiday season. Contact Beth Wheeler for more information and to sign up.



FUMC Kids joined 10 other churches from the TN Conference at the 2017 Children's Retreat at Cedar Crest this year. It was an amazing group of young people who were so full of life and energy. We give thanks for the kids and leaders at Cedar crest for an amazing weekend. We learned a lot about sharing Christ's love with creation and humanity!



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

## CARING CORNER

### PRAYER TEAM

So here is a question you may not hear very often: what are you doing to care for your soul? We know a lot about what helps to keep a body healthy and feeling well, including how to exercise, maintain a healthy diet and get enough rest. Whether we choose to practice these behaviors or not, at least we know something about how to go about doing these things. But keeping the soul healthy? We sing, "It is well with my soul," but what does this mean to you?

How many times have you heard someone say the news is just more than they can bear? Yet how often do we reach for the remote and flick on the TV or the car radio. When is the last time you deliberately chose silence, turned away from news and entertainment in all its many forms and simply took a few minutes to be still? How difficult is it to be by yourself without anything to distract your attention and just....be?

God waits for moments like this. "Be still and know that I am God" can be the beginning of a prayer that leads to caring for your soul. What feeds your spirit, delights your being, calms your senses and carries you into God's presence? Hint: this is food for your soul and it is good.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY HOSTS SPEAKER

The Stephen Ministry will host guest speaker Dr. Sam Barnes on the topic of opioid addiction on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m., in Jeff Wall Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this timely discussion. Refreshments will be served.

## PUMPKIN CAROLING

These awesome FUMC Kids took time out of their busy Halloween week to share pumpkin carols with the residents at Morningside and Heritage Pointe. The residents loved their smiling faces and singing, and we loved brightening their day!



## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — B214
- Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206
- Youth Fellowship — Youth Room

### Monday, November 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry — B213
- 2:00 p.m. Travel Buddies Organizational Meeting — Conference Room
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall

### Tuesday, November 14

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 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

### Wednesday, November 15

- 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 — YMCA
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- Choir Club
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. A Hopeful Earth — B213
- JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym
- Methodists and Controversy — B210
- Wesley Class Meeting — B214
- Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
- Youth Choir — Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Choir Room

### Thursday, November 16

- 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training — B206
- 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
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Choir Room
- Stephen Ministry Speaker's Forum — Jeff Wall Hall

### Friday, November 17

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



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## THANKSGIVING

### Church-Wide Thanksgiving Luncheon Thursday, November 23

Meet at 11 a.m. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.  
in the Christian Life Center

If you are interested in helping plan this event,  
please contact Tamika at 526-2177

Please bring a friend and a side dish  
or dessert to share.

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

### FUMC KIDS SCHEDULE

#### December

- 3 Hanging of the Greens
- 6 Choir Club Musical
- 9 Breakfast with Santa, 8 - 10 p.m.
- 13 Kids Mission Day, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- 17 FUMC Kids Christmas Caroling, grades 3-6

### KIDS MISSION DAY

On Wednesday, December 13 from 4-5:30 p.m., FUMC Kids (grades K-6) are invited to Kids Mission Day. This time of year is so busy and it is important to step back and take time to serve those who are less fortunate. We have the power to make someone's holiday season brighter! Let's all get involved and work together to show God's love to all in our community. Our special projects will include newborn baby baskets for Cookeville Regional Medical Center, emergency food bag preparation for those in need, and the purchasing and wrapping of presents for children on the Rescue Mission Angel Tree.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: TRAVEL BUDDIES

The Senior Adult Ministry is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to coordinate senior adult trips with Travel Buddies. This active and fun group travels to area points of interest monthly in our church vans. If you have an interest in enjoying the company of others and a desire for low-key adventure and excitement, plus the ability to organize interesting trips, then we need you. Contact Jim Rose, 931-526-1976 for more information.

### POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettia order forms are available in the narthex, in the church office, and online at [www.cookevillefumc.org](http://www.cookevillefumc.org). Red poinsettias are \$18 and wreaths are \$15. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary for Sundays, December 17 and 24 and may be picked up after the 7 p.m. service on Sunday, December 24. The deadline to submit orders is **Monday, December 4.**

### FREEMAN BUILDING ACCESS

For security reasons, the Freeman Building may now be accessed only via the canopied entrance from Broad St. after 4:30 p.m. The parking garage and all other doors will be locked at 4:30 p.m.

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON: NOVEMBER 16, 11 A.M.

Ready! Set! *Prepare!* Now is the time! We never know what's ahead, so let's get ready. Come discover what to have packed in case of a "hurricane" event, what various legal documents should be checked off our "to do" list, and what "desk documents" we should have at hand. Plus enjoy a "Grade A" meal! Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations by Monday, November 11 to the church office.