



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 3 Hanging of the Greens
- 6 Children's Music Program
- 9 Breakfast With Santa
- 17 The Longest Night Service
- 24 Christmas Eve Services

WNL DINNER MENU

November 29: Salad, baked ziti, broccoli, chocolate cake

December 6: Salad, chicken and rice casserole, green beans, Mountain Dew 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, or sign-up online at 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

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www.cookevillefumc.org

FROM OUR PASTOR

Thanks to all of you who have already turned in your pledge cards for 2018. For those of you who have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so within the next couple of weeks. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate at a worship service, or mail it in, or email it in to LuAnn at luann@cookevillefumc.org or call it in to LuAnn at 526-2177. All pledges are kept in strict confidence and can change if your circumstances change. These annual pledges are a crucial part of our ministry planning, so we appreciate you getting them in. FUMC is an extremely generous church, and I deeply appreciate your faithfulness.

As we come to this season of Thanksgiving, I'm grateful on many levels. High on my gratitude list is the privilege of being the pastor of FUMC. Please let me know if I can ever be of service.

~ *Martin*

THE LONGEST NIGHT

First United Methodist Church is planning a special worship service for those living through loss during the holidays. Whether the loss is new or took place a long time ago, FUMC invites the community to join with others for The Longest Night service in the FUMC sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. All are welcome.

The holidays are not a joy-filled time for everyone, and for many the loss of loved ones and other life losses can make the holidays seem even more painful than ordinary days. Whatever the loss, whether from the death of a loved one, loss of health, or job or financial loss - many people look for a way to make it through a long season where grief doesn't seem to fit in with the parties and other activities associated with this time of year.

The Longest Night Service is intended for those who seek to reflect on both the sorrows and joys of the season through meaningful music and a compassionate message, finding hope for the days ahead.

For more information contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org or Rev. Rob Wheeler, rob@cookevillefumc.org.

NEW MEMBER RYNE PARTLOW — WELCOME!



Please say hello to our newest member, Ryne Partlow!

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 531

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 428

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$48,617.35

Building fund receipts \$780.00

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$21,506.00

Building fund receipts \$1,125.00

ANGEL'S ATTIC UPDATE

Thanks to the many people who donated to Angel's Attic and the volunteers who helped, our November 7th distribution was a success! We provided 78 families with household items and clothes including coats, sweaters, hats and other cold weather items. As we move into winter those cold weather items will be especially important.

The November distribution is behind us so we are now preparing for December 5. If you have any of the items below we would appreciate them.

- Towels
- Sheets
- Girls - Infant to 2 years
- Older girls - sizes 5-12
- Boys - sizes 7-14

Your continued generosity is what allows this wonderful ministry to be so successful. Thank you very much. Please contact Tamika Parker or Gaynell Sachse if you have any questions about Angel's Attic.

HANDICAP ACCESS PROGRESS

In the next few weeks you may notice the absence of two half sections of pews on the right as you enter the sanctuary. This is being done to accommodate those that may be in wheelchairs, using walkers, or needing portable oxygen tanks. We apologize to those who may be displaced from their customary seating locations. However, we know our church membership is fully understanding of the need to provide for the accessibility and comfort of all.



For updated information, please visit us online at 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.

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	

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

5 - 5:30 p.m.

Grades 5—6, Youth

6 - 6:30 p.m.

The Hanging of the Greens

Join us for the 44th annual Hanging of the Greens, an Advent service of symbolism and music.

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.

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.

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 Services, Sunday, December 24

Morning Service

10 a.m.

Evening Candlelight Service

5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

ADVENT STUDY

Several of our Sunday School classes will be participating in this year's four-week Advent Study, *Down to Earth*, by Revs. Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups. If your class is interested, please let the office know no later than Tuesday. If your class is not participating in the study but you would like to experience it for yourself, we will be holding a separate, three-week Sunday evening study of *Down to Earth* from 5-6 p.m. in Room 206 in the Freeman Building, led by Rev. Rob Wheeler. If you would like to join the class led by Rob, please register online at www.cookevillefumc.org, or by calling the church office at 526-2177.

POVERTY SIMULATION EVENT

FUMC will host a Community Action Poverty Simulation on Wednesday, January 10, from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. The simulation will be presented by representatives from the Putnam County School's Family Engagement team. Volunteers and participants from the Caney Fork District are encouraged to be a part of this event.

Why a Simulation? Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families, but unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive immersion experience designed to sensitize community participants to the realities of poverty.

CAPS breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others, which can be a profoundly moving experience. It moves people to think about how communities can address the problem. Most importantly, it moves people to make a difference.

The simulation involves participants who take on the roles of family members all facing a variety of challenging, but typical, circumstances. Volunteers play the roles of resource providers in the community. After the experience, individuals have the opportunity to discuss what they've learned with their peers.

CAPS is a tool that helps participants rethink the challenges that millions of low income individuals must face each and every day. More importantly, this tool helps people identify areas of change that can directly impact the effects of poverty on individuals, families and communities.

This event is open to adult participants 18 and older. For more information and for becoming a participant or volunteer for this event, contact Noel Poston, Director of Congregational Care, noel@cookevillefumc.org, or Tamika Parker, Director of Servant Ministries, Tamika@cookevillefumc.org, or call the church office at 526-2177.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26

- 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. The Grand Sweep — B206
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Study — B210

Monday, November 27

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Workday — Parking Garage
- 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 29

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
Senior Adult Ministry Meeting — B213
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 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
Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
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 30

- 10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training — B206
- 1:00 p.m. United Methodist Women — B213
- 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

Friday, December 1

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

FUMC KIDS CHRISTMAS CAROLING

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.

Journey to Bethlehem



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Wednesday, December 6

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for the annual children's musical,
featuring FUMC instrumental groups,
dancers, and choirs!

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 a.m.
- 13 Kids Mission Day, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- 17 FUMC Kids Christmas Caroling, grades 3-6

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, December 8 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Schedule your appointment at

www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code FUMCCookeville19. Plan to donate and save a life!

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.

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.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettia order forms are available in the narthex, in the church office, and online at 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.**

THANK YOU FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Many thanks for all who participated and contributed to making the Harvest of Blessings a huge success!