



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 21 MLK Holiday—Offices Closed
- 27 *Bel Canto* Music Concert

February

- 1 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 4 Trustees Meeting
- 5 Staff Parish Meeting

Backsliders Speakers

- 20 Bob Bell
- 27 The Glorylanders

American Red Cross — Volunteer Coordinator

FUMC and The Red Cross are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate blood drives here on campus. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you. No medical background needed; just organizational skills and a heart for service. For more information, contact Patricia in the church office.

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
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www.cookevillefumc.org

A NOTE FROM OUR INTERIM SENIOR OUR PASTOR

I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.

As we begin a new year and as we anticipate a new chapter in the story of CFUMC with the coming of a new pastor, how are we going to “be” the church in vital and authentic ways? What is God calling us to become as we worship together, serve together, and seek, in each life, to live as true disciples?

In this season of transition, I hope we can more intentionally listen to one another, to our neighbors and to God, and discern what the words of Jesus, “Come! Follow me!” will mean for this time. Are there things we need to stop doing or begin to do in order to more faithfully and fully live as disciples? What do we truly celebrate together as a church? Where are our hearts breaking? Where are the Holy Spirit nudges?

In my brief days here with you, I sense God has great plans for this church. Let us live into our boldest and grandest dreams!

In Christ's Love,

LeNoir Culbertson

BEL CANTO, A MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT

The Music Scholarship Students of FUMC, along with friends and former Music Scholarship Students, will present a concert on Sunday afternoon, January 27, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The scholarship program, first established in the 70's, is a partnership involving students from the TTU choir at FUMC, while assisting them with the expense of their education. In recent years, students have had the opportunity to sing in Ensembles, assist in the Children's Choir Program, play in handbell choirs, lead in worship, and work with the Youth Choir.

The students, former students, and friends will perform individually and also sing two choral numbers during the afternoon concert. An offering will be taken to benefit the Music Scholarship ministry. The title of the concert is *Bel Canto* which translates as “beautiful singing”. While many of the performers are still in undergraduate school, others have entered the fields of education, continued in musical performance, or entered into a graduate program in music.

Participating in the concert will be Chip Fair, Marty Gibson, Adrienne Murray Tarter, Janet Turner Worley, Camron Gray, Kevin Salter, Nick Mullins, Melissa Goncalves, Ella Frost, Georgia Gross, Cass Roberts, Will Gentry, Scott Brooks, Aaron Cook, and Brittany Arnold.

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 435

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 500

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$25,998.35

Building fund receipts \$575.00

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$31,432.75

Building fund receipts \$940.00

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If there is inclement weather, 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.

The Food Pantry will follow the Putnam County School District. If schools are closed for weather conditions on a Tuesday in which the Food Pantry is normally scheduled for distribution, the Food Pantry will be closed. This is for the safety of both our patrons and volunteers.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will move from 3:30 to 3 p.m. in the Gym starting January 17. Please join us!

Call for Retired Toys

Looking for a new home for those infant - 4-year-old toys? The nursery and Pre-K Sunday School classes are looking to adopt toys that have been outgrown. You may email or call Mrs. Shannon Bee Auberson at children@cookevillefumc.org for more details.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Marvin Barker	Elaine Funk	Brittany McCloud
Vivian Barnes	Mary Garrison	Winnie Peterson
Janey Bassett	Nate Griffis	Margaret Phipps
Craig Benich	Joe Hix	Mary Jo Rogers
James Buck	Alma Jean Johnson	Sarah Stockton
Robert Buck	Bob Jones	Keith Walker
Randy Cavanaugh	Ann Kellman	Katie Ward
Savannah Lynn Caylor	Nancy Kellman	Jessie Watts
Peggy Cho	Mary Byrd King	Ron Winningham
Delaney Duncan	Mike Lee	
Kurt Eisen	Karen Macke	
Brian Lee Foster	Pat Maxwell	

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

Sympathy and Prayer

Sympathy to Lavonda Moore, Lane Moore, family and friends in the death of their husband and father, Dean Moore.

FUMC KIDS - WNL MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us on Wednesday Nights for Children's Movie Night!

Where: The landing of the Christian Life Center in the Sunday School Classroom wing.

When? 5:30-6:00 p.m.

What's playing?

January 23 — An American Tail (G)

January 30 — Balto (G)



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please join us for this year's women's retreat. We will be attending Beersheba Springs Assembly 'Serene' retreat March 8-10 where we will be reflecting on the Serenity Prayer. Registration will be open until spots are filled. If you are interested, don't delay. Rooms are hotel style and there are options for single and double occupancy. Single occupancy for the weekend is \$166 and double is \$124. Prices include your room as well as all meals. Registration is open and can be found online at <http://www.beershebaassembly.com/news-and-events/> or you can find Beersheba Springs United Methodist Assembly on Facebook and register there. If you would rather mail in your registration, forms can be found in the church office or www.cookevillefumc.org. Please write 'Cookeville FUMC' in the Roommate Request section so that we can all be grouped together. If you choose to have a roommate, include her name in the Roommate Request section as well. If you have any questions, contact Erica Dyer at 349-2179.

WNL SPRING CLASSES

There's still time to sign up for WNL classes! Sign-up sheets are available in your pews. You can sign-up by filling out the pew cards and placing it in the offering plate, by emailing office@cookevillefumc.org, or by going to our website and filling out the online form at www.cookevillefumc.org.

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Welcome Center needs volunteers: 8:30 and 10:55 am. Please contact Judy Layne, 349-0030, for more information.

EDUCATION BOX TOP LABELS

United Methodist Women are still collecting Education Top Box labels and soup labels for Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky. You may place them in the large container where the Reading Program books are located in Freeman Building. For more information, please call Judy Layne at 349-0030.



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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE MEALS



Make your standing reservations now for Wednesday Night Life Dinners by calling the church office, or go

online to www.cookevillefumc.org (click on the front page slide). Dinner is served from 5-6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 family maximum.

January 23: Chicken and rice casserole, salad, steamed broccoli, Butterfinger cake

January 30: Boneless pork chops, roasted potatoes and gravy, salad, red velvet cake.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Please consider adding these items to your grocery shopping list so we may help provide needed items to our friends and neighbors:

- Band-Aids, canned soup, bath soap
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.

NEW GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS

Two new GriefShare sessions will begin in January; both will be held at Magnolia House on the corner of Madison and Freeze streets. The first group will begin on Wednesday, January 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The second group will begin on Saturday, January 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. The 13 informative two-hour sessions include videos presented by people who have also lost loved ones, followed by a facilitated group discussion. Participants will receive a take home workbook for personal reflection between sessions. There is no fee, but we do ask for a \$20 donation to cover the workbook. For more information contact Robert Jager at 644-2435.

BARNABAS MINISTRY

For those who can no longer come to church, participating in communion is no longer an option—unless they have a Barnabas Minister. Once a month, Barnabas Ministers bring communion and visit with our church family members who are either unable to leave their home or are in a local care facility. We are always on the lookout for those who would like to become a Barnabas Minister, as well as those who would like to have a Barnabas Minister.

Barnabas Ministers will tell you how sharing communion with others blesses them every month, and those who receive communion and visits love seeing someone from their church family. For more information about this caring ministry or other ways you can share your gifts of compassion with others, contact Noel Poston or Rev. Rob Wheeler in the church office.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 20

- 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
UMYF — Youth

Monday, January 21

MLK Day — Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, January 23

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 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. Contemplative Prayer — B214
Choir Club — Music Suite
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir — Music Suite
Trinity — B210
Creation — B213
Discerning the Voice of God — B206
Peace, Grace, and Other Impossible Things — B019
Contemplative Prayer — B017
Disciple II — B214
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, January 24

- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, General Meeting / Peer Support — B206
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m. Parent Prayer Breakfast — The Daniels' home
- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**American
Red Cross**

Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, February 1 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Go to the FUMC website to register. Plan to donate and save a life!

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**Sunday, January 27
3 p.m. in the sanctuary**

**Join us for a concert to benefit the
Music Scholarship Program of FUMC**

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JENKINS CHAPEL

While we know there are no magic answers for the problems and concerns we carry on our hearts and in our heads, talking with someone who cares and prays for and with you does make a difference. Stephen Ministers are trained to use their gifts and experience to listen and keep confidence, and to pray with you or for you, if you want them to.

Stop by inside Jenkins Chapel on Sunday mornings following either worship service and find relief for your soul. We are here for you.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org, or call the church office at 526-2177.

FUMC KIDS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

- February 10 — Sunday School GLOW Sunday
- March 5 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- March 6 — Ash Wednesday
- April 14 — Palm Sunday
- April 18 — Maundy Thursday
- April 19 — Good Friday
- April 20 — Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21 — Easter Sunday
- April 29 — Confirmation Sunday

AN INVITATION FROM OUR PRAYER TEAM

Knowing someone is praying for us can have a powerful effect in our lives. If you know someone who would like to receive prayer, whether it's someone from this congregation, a family member, friend, or neighbor, let us know, and we will include them in our prayers. The Prayer Team meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Jenkins Chapel. For more information, or to have your name or someone else's added to the Prayer Team list, contact Noel Poston, noel@cookevillefumc.org.

KROGER CARD—FOOD PANTRY BENEFITS

Did you know God's Grace Food Pantry can receive cash back from purchases using your Kroger Rewards Card? And you can still keep all your points and benefits!

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card. You will be asked for the NPO number for God's Grace Food Pantry, which is **96948**.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC CLASSES

Registration is now open for fall semester Early Childhood Music. Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings beginning the week of February 5. Contact Janet Worley, 526-2177, for more information.

