



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 President's Day—Schools Closed
- 21 Young At Heart Luncheon
Screenagers Movie Screening
Ladies Bunco Night
- 23 Early Response Team Training

Backsliders Speakers

- 17 Hill Carlen
- 24 LeNoir Culbertson

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:

- Tomato sauce, bath soap, Kroger Dry Milk (box with 10 one-quart pouches)
- Grocery bags that are clean and flattened.

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

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www.cookevillefumc.org

MEET OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR



Please join us on March 3 as we welcome Kevin and Kathy Conrad to our church and community. The Staff Parish Relations committee will be hosting a reception in the Christian Life Center during the Sunday School hour to give the congregation an opportunity to meet our new Senior Pastor and his wife.

Just a couple of reminders. Please start wearing your nametag. This is a great tool not only for Kevin and Kathy but also our visitors. We are also collecting gift cards for area restaurants as a way to welcome the Conrads to our area. The gift cards can be dropped off at the office, brought to Wednesday night dinner, or can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday.

A MESSAGE FROM NOEL POSTON

It has been an honor and a gratifying experience to serve in two staff positions at Cookeville FUMC for the past six years, but now I am retiring from my present position as Director of Congregational Care. I am looking forward to moving into a new season of my life, including having more time for family, friends, and interests I feel called to pursue.

The years I have been a part of the staff leave me with a sense of humility and appreciation for all the ways I have been able to share in the lives of our church family. I want to thank you for all the many ways you have allowed me to be a part of your lives. You have become dearer to me than you may know.

In all families there are relationships that become especially meaningful and memorable. I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude in particular to the servant ministers in all the caring ministries I have worked alongside, including the Barnabas Ministers, the GriefShare facilitators, the Prayer Team, all Stephen Ministers past and present, and all who personify the love of Christ by employing your own unique God-given gifts and talents. With prayer girding us all the way, we have found increased faith and joy in caring for others here and within our community and I'm thankful for each of you.

To my church staff family, I can only say that we will continue being a part of one another's lives. I have been privileged to work alongside each of you, knowing how much you care about this congregation and all the many ways you work to invite Christ into everything you do. We are blessed indeed to have one another. I look forward to seeing what is in store for all of us as we move forward together in hope and faith!

With love in Christ,

Noel Poston

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 476

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 526

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$33,708.00

Building fund receipts \$1,510.00

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$35,764.94

Building fund receipts \$6,090.00

TTU Wesley Foundation Meals— Volunteer Opportunity

Interested in assisting with providing meals once a week to our college age students at TTU Wesley Center? Contact Tracy Epps for more information at lepps@charter.net.

Composer's Weekend and Hymn Festival



Tom Trenney, Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, will be leading a Composer's Weekend event at First United Methodist Church, Cookeville, on Saturday and Sunday,

February 23-24. He will be working with the choirs and ensembles on Saturday and leading in the morning worship services on Sunday morning, February 24.

The weekend event is sponsored by the Dr. Rebecca Quattlebaum Concert Series. Dr. Quattlebaum was a member of First United Methodist Church and a retired Educator and Administrator at Tennessee Tech. It was her wish to underwrite a Composer Weekend Event at First United Methodist Church as an annual event for the next ten years.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Vivian Barnes
Janey Bassett
Craig Benich
James Buck
Robert Buck
Randy Cavanaugh
Savannah Lynn Caylor
Peggy Cho
Delaney Duncan
Kurt Eisen
Brian Lee Foster

Elaine Funk
Mary Garrison
Nate Griffis
Joe Hix
Alma Jean Johnson
Bob Jones
Ann Kellman
Nancy Kellman
Mary Byrd King
Mike Lee
Karen Macke

Pat Maxwell
Brittany McCloud
Mary Meek
Winnie Peterson
Margaret Phipps
Mary Jo Rogers
Sarah Stockton
Keith Walker
Katie Ward
Jessie Watts

Sympathy and Prayer

Steve Shoup and family on the death of his uncle, Donald L. Steeley.

WISHING NOEL POSTON A HAPPY RETIREMENT

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee wants to thank Noel Poston for her service and dedication as our Spiritual Formation Assistant and Congregational Care leader over the past six years. Her selfless devotion to FUMC will be missed and we wish her the best in retirement. Please join us in thanking Noel as she transitions back into our congregation.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY—UPDATED

Out of concern for the welfare of those who participate in the ministries of the church, when there is inclement weather, we will follow the closure schedule of the Putnam County School system. When church activities are cancelled, an announcement will be posted on the homepage of the church website 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 system. 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.

The primary concern for cancellation of activities is safety. Your support and understanding are appreciated.

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., CLC.

Early Response Teams (ERTs) provide immediate assistance in the aftermath of a disaster. If you can cook, use a chainsaw, provide support and encouragement for survivors, tarp roofs, drive vehicles and equipment, drag limbs, clean out flooded houses, maintain equipment, or provide logistical support, then we need you! Our primary mission is to support disaster operations in the Tennessee Conference. When possible, we also deploy to major disasters across the southeastern United States. Travel is not required. Team members choose how, when, and where they can serve. Our next ERT Basic Course will be offered at Cookeville FUMC, Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the CLC. No charge; lunch is provided. For more information, contact Ken Hunter, 931-783-0065, khunter.disaster@gmail.com.

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Welcome Center needs volunteers on Sundays at 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Please contact Judy Layne, 349-0030, for more information.

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.

February 20: Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, black eyed peas, salad, cherry cobbler

February 27: BBQ chicken, hashbrown casserole, salad, banana cake (no nuts)

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, February 21 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. *Sharing Love with Others.* Hear stories of acts of love involving people you know (or want to know). Hosted by Mary Alice Gran and Jennie Ivey, we'll hear Bible stories, church stories and around-the-table stories that will fill our morning and our hearts. Join us, and feel the love of God! Make reservations by February 19 through the Church Office, 526-2177. Cost: \$5 at the door.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSION

There will be a special session for the General Conference meeting in St. Louis, February 23-26. The purpose is to address the mission compromising internal conflict within the church regarding the LGBTQ ministry. The goal is to allow the regular 2020 session of the Conference to focus on mission and the next steps for the church's unified global witness.

On February 13 and 20 in room B019, during Wednesday Night Life, there will be a class option open to all for discussion and prayer. This will not be a session to focus on our conflict, but rather to explore ways to have peaceful conversations about difficult topics. Adam Daniels and Rob Wheeler will be leading these sessions.

Also, during the General Conference meeting times, we will offer a designated place at FUMC for a time of self-guided prayer. And many United Methodists are pausing to be in intentional prayer between 2:23-2:26 p.m. Beginning this Sunday, there will be a Q and A information sheet available in the narthex to give you more information, or you can go online to www.umc.org for "Commission on a Way Forward" for more information.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Altar flower sponsorship is available on March 31 for this year only. If interested, contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17

- 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 Room
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation Meal — TTU Wesley Foundation

Monday, February 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213

Tuesday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, February 20

- 6:00 p.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 — Magnolia House
- 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 Meal — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. *Discerning the Voice of God* — B206
Creation — B213
Disciple II — B214
A Way Forward Discussion — Jeff Wall Hall
Trinity — B210
Youth Choir — Music Suite
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, February 21

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 9:30 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
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:00 p.m. *Screenagers* Movie Screening — Gym
Ladies Bunco Night — Jeff Wall Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, February 22

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

Saturday February 23

- 9:00 a.m. Early Response Team Training — Christian Life Center
- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House

LET'S READ!

Winter can be the best time for curling up with a good book. The church has collections of books throughout the campus, just waiting to be read. Classes, small groups and individuals may want to peruse the Resource Room, located in the basement of Jeff Wall Hall. You will be surprised about all the studies, devotions, books and maps to be found here. Bring a friend and find a treasure!



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5, 5–6:30 p.m.

Join us for “The Feast Before the Fast” in the
Christian Life Center

Reservations are needed by Monday, March 4.

\$4 per person, or \$15 per family maximum.

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

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 p.m.

What's playing?

February 20 — Big Hero 6 (PG)

February 27 — Inside Out (PG)



FUMC KIDS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

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

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, February 21 at 6 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

Join us as we play Bunco and enjoy food and fellowship. Bunco is an easy, non-competitive, social dice game. No prior experience needed. Entry into game night is a donation of multiple bags of apples for the Food Pantry, and a finger food to share. Or double-down on the apples and eat other's finger foods. Pre-registration is required by contacting Paula Lilly, h2olilly@charter.net, 931-267-5296.

SCREENAGERS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

February 21, 6 p.m., in the Freeman Building Gym.

We invite all youth and families out to a FREE screening of the movie "Screenagers" on February 21 at 6 p.m. in the Freeman Building Gym. This event will be open to anyone from the community.

"Screenagers" discusses the prevalence of screens in the lives of young adults and what parents and teens can do together to make better choices about technology and how it plays a part in their lives. Check out the website at www.screenagersmovie.com for more information.

A WOVEN PRAYER PROJECT

The children have a basket set up in the Freeman building lobby with a unique way we can all send a prayer of love and support to the members on our prayer list not able to be in church services. Prayers are written on provided material and the kids will weave the strips of material into cards. Please stop by and be a part of this loving ministry.