



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 18 Staff Parish Meeting
UMW: Service of Prayer
- 21 YAH Luncheon
- 23 Youth Parents Breakfast
- 24 "Music That Feeds" Concert
- 25 UMW: 150-Year Birthday
- 31 Holy Land Trip— Info Session

April

- 2 Ladies Bunco
- 7 "Requiem for the Living"
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 18 Maundy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 Easter
- 27 Mother-Daughter Brunch

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

As Kathy and I begin a new chapter of our lives with you, we cannot express how grateful we are to be here, to be part of this great congregation, and to join in ministry with you. We have been received with such warmth, graciousness and generosity. Thank you.

The month of March and Lent are an unusual time to begin a new appointment for United Methodist pastors. Usually, we are appointed at Annual Conference in June and start at the first of July. But maybe March and Lent are actually a very good time to start in a new ministry setting. It is a time of reflection, repentance and renewal.

Moving is always unsettling. In essence, moving requires a sorting of your life. We find ourselves packing boxes in categories—kitchen stuff here, books of one category here and another category there, pictures packed very carefully, and sentimental items transported separately with the greatest care. The sorting is a good thing — but unpacking and re-arranging “home” is always a bit unsettling... until... until... your new life begins to take shape.

The season of Lent is, perhaps, like a spiritual move across country in hopes of re-arranging and re-orienting your life. It requires a re-ordering of your life. We move from familiar, settled routines and even ruts to new territory and a new perspective. We reflect on why we do things in a certain way and look for opportunities to change and re-configure our lives to make them more meaningful and reflective of God’s character. Lent, at its best, moves us to a new place spiritually to experience a new way of life.

Kathy and I are so pleased to be here. As Henri Nouwen wrote in his journal when he moved to the L’Arche community in Canada to live and serve among disabled adults:

“Somehow I have to trust that God is at work in my life... and specifically in the way I am being *moved to new outer and inner places as part of a larger movement of God...* of which I am only a small part.”

As we make our home among you—my prayer is that God will move all of us to new inner places of spiritual formation and maturation. As we journey with Jesus through the season of Lent and beyond, may we truly find new life in Christ.

~ Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 484

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Total Worship Attendance: 401

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$23,834.50

Building fund receipts \$775.00

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Budget fund receipts \$30,368.00

Building fund receipts \$835.00

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.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Funny Inside Stories from Recent Past TTU Leadership Team on Thursday, March 21, 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

Enjoy Bob Bell, Becky Tolbert, Leo McGee, Marvin Barker and Pat Gilbreath get together to share remembrances from their years at Tech. And be ready for fun! The audience will be quizzed about their memories of Tech legends, rumors, and folk tales, like: "Who was Dammit and where is he buried?" Make your reservations by Tuesday, March 19 by calling the Church Office, 526-2177.

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.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Missionaries

Eric and Liz Soard

Sympathy and Prayer

Family and friends of Rita Craighead

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING — MUSIC CONCERT

April 7 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A requiem is a prayer for rest and, most often, written to remember the deceased. This five movement work by Dan Forrest is written just as much for the living as they struggle with pain and sorrow. The opening movement pleads for rest and mercy while the second movement employs scriptural texts that speak of the turmoil and sorrow which the survivors must face.

The *Agnus Dei* is performed as a plea for deliverance and peace and the *Sanctus* offers a glimpse of heaven and earth, full of Thy glory. The final movement, *Lux Aeterna*, portrays light, peace, and rest for both the deceased and the living.

BEST OF THE HOLY LAND



Join us for an informational meeting about a trip to the Holy Land, where we will experience an inspirational journey following the footsteps of Jesus.

We meet Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Be a part of this adventure in faith to witness the Bible come to life!

For more information contact Bob and Pam Blair, (931) 372-8828 or Susan Ray, (931) 526-3642.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BRUNCH

You are invited to our first Mother-Daughter Brunch, Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. This promises to be a fun event for women of all ages. Bring your daughter-in-law, neighbor, aunt, friend, granddaughter and those women special to you. Cost is \$10 per person. Make your reservation and payment through the church office or at the table in the narthex beginning March 31. Reservations must be made by April 18. Contact the church office with questions.

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.

March 20: Ham, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, salad, rolls, and apple cobbler.

March 27: Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, lima beans, salad, rolls, Butterscotch Delight (no nuts).

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

On March 5, FUMC marked the beginning of the Lenten season with a pancake “feast before the fast” dinner in the Christian Life Center. The Youth Group made a variety of pancakes, and families enjoyed Shrove Tuesday themed crafts and lent a hand in



coloring one of the many posters to be displayed on the prayer walk during Holy Week. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, which will be held on February 25, 2020!

5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The “Serene” themed Women's Retreat was held March 9-10 at Beersheba Springs Assembly Retreat Center. Ten



FUMC ladies traveled to the top of the mountain to enjoy fellowship and prayer time with one another and seventy other ladies from around the Middle Tennessee District. A big thanks for Erica Dyer for helping organize our churches involvement. If you were unable to attend this year's retreat mark your calendar for the 2020 retreat, next scheduled for May 1-3 of 2020.

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 represents 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>

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, March 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, March 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 11:00 a.m. *UMW Service of Prayer* — Jenkins Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — B213

Tuesday, March 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, March 20

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112
- 9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
- 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. Youth Choir — Music Suite
Contemplative Prayer — B017
Creation — B213
Discerning the Voice of God — B206
Disciple II — B214
Peace, Grace, and Other ... — B019
Trinity — B210
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, March 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 — Christian Life Center
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Music Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Music Suite

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday March 23

- 8:00 a.m. Youth Parents Prayer Breakfast — The Daniels' Home
- 10:00 a.m. GriefShare — Magnolia House

“MUSIC THAT FEEDS” — MUSIC CONCERT

Join us for the Music Ministry's annual “Music That Feeds” concert on Sunday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All proceeds go toward God's Grace Food Pantry!



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APRIL 7, 6 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Performed by
The FUMC Chancel Choir, Soloists,
and Chamber Orchestra

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

YOUTH—SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- March 24 — Meal and *How to Study the Bible*
- March 31 — Meal and *The Table*
- April 7 — Meal and *How to Study the Bible*
- April 14 — Meal and *The Table*
- April 21 — NO MEAL or UMYF (Easter)
- April 28 — Meal and *The Table*
- May 5 — Senior Banquet
- May 12 — Meal and *The Table*

FUMC KIDS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

- 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

ANGELS ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

We would like to begin Angels Attic again but need additional volunteers to enable that to happen. The commitment would be two hours a month on either a Monday or Thursday from 10 – 11 a.m. You choose which two of those days out of the month that you would like to work. If you are interested in learning more about this sister ministry to the Food Pantry please contact Tamika Parker at 526-2177.

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE FOOD PANTRY

Tuesday, April 2 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. Bring a finger food to share (Pantry volunteers are exempt) and a donation of cash for the purchase of eggs. Registration is required by April 1 by contacting Paula Lilly, h2olilly@charter.net, 931-267-5296.

TRAVEL BUDDIES — FRIST MUSEUM TRIP

Join us on Tuesday, March 26 as we head to the Frist Museum in Nashville for a special showing of paintings by Van Gogh, Monet and Degas. Leave FUMC parking lot at 8:30 a.m.; return around 4 p.m. Cost: \$25, includes entrance fee and travel. Lunch is Dutch treat at the museum café. Deadline for reservation is March 21. Seating is limited. To make your reservation contact the church office, 526-2177.

UMW “SERVICE OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL”

On March 18 the United Methodist Women will hold their annual Service of Prayer and Self-Denial at 11 a.m. in Jenkins Chapel. All women of the church are invited.

UMW “150-YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION”

At the United Methodist Women’s General Meeting on March 25, there will be a “150-Year Birthday Celebration”. Come celebrate this event with preparing gift bags for the ladies of *Genesis House* and the youth at *Teens Need Training*. All women of the church are invited!