



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### April

- 14 Palm Sunday
- 18 Maundy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 Easter
- 27 Mother-Daughter Brunch

### FUMC Directory Update

It's time to update the Church Directory! Photos will be taken on Sundays, May 12 and 19 during the Sunday School hour in room B120 of the Freeman Building. No appointment is necessary. Be a part of our family album. It won't be the same without you!

### Easter Services—April 21

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Wesley Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service, sanctuary

### 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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## FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

*“Your faithfulness continues through all generations...” Ps. 119:90*

*“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done...” Ps. 78:4b*

Gil Rendle is the former vice president for the Texas Methodist Foundation. Among his many areas of expertise is his research of current cultural and church trends. Rendle recently interviewed a group of Harvard Divinity School students about their Christian experience, their hopes and dreams, and their vision for the life of the church. Most of the group had not grown up in church.

From his research, several characteristics became clear related to what the “millennial” generation is searching for in their spiritual journey, and particularly related to what kind of church they would find engaging. Millennials are younger adults born between 1981-1996. This year, their age range would be between 23-38 years old. They are the next generation of Christian leaders.

Rendle’s research highlights the search for “communities of meaning.” The list of millennial hopes and expectations for church are: *community, personal transformation, social transformation, purpose finding/missional engagement, creativity, accountability, and service to something larger than self.* I have found the list of millennial expectations of “church” very compelling. Christianity, at its core, is relational, communal and missional. For the church, form must follow function. That means at our core as a local church, we must help foster a culture where our relationship with Christ knits us together in personal relationships, shared community life and missional service. Our church does these core functions well right now. However, with each generation, we bear the responsibility of passing our faith from one generation to another. We must be *intentional and innovative in how we pass our faith on—with each generation.* Mission, vision, tradition and *specific traditions must always be renewed. I think that is our central challenge now as a local church in the midst of a larger culture engulfed in fundamental, “discontinuous” or chaotic change as the writer Alan Roxburgh describes it.*

To pass our faith forward is going to require listening, conversation and discernment with our newest and youngest generations about how they perceive, understand, and hope to practice a Christ-centered life of faith engaged in the ministry of our local church. As your new pastor, I hope to help facilitate a process of listening, conversation and discernment of the future God has for our church. It’s part of a long process of passing our faith forward. Let’s pass it forward—by being just what millennials seek most—*a community of deep Christian meaning and practice. Over the next several months, I would ask you to pray for God to lead our church through that process—and through conversations with our youngest generations. We as older generations have a legacy of faith and faithfulness to pass forward!* As Psalm 78 says, *“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done...”*

~ Kevin

## BY OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, March 31, 2019*

Total Worship Attendance: 485

*Sunday, April 7, 2019*

Total Worship Attendance: 373

## BY OUR GIFTS

*Sunday, March 31, 2019*

Budget fund receipts \$15,417.00

Building fund receipts \$350.00

*Sunday, April 7, 2019*

Budget fund receipts \$37,956.00

Building fund receipts \$560.00

## *April Backsliders Speakers*

14 Angelo Volpe

21 Harry Smith

28 Bob Gallagher

## *Young at Heart Luncheon*

Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

“Get to Know the Conrads” - Our new Senior Pastor and his wife, Kevin and Kathy Conrad, will each share the story of their life’s journey: where they grew up, family, experiences of faith, calling, work and ministry, as well as their experience of God’s transforming grace in each leg of their journey. A time for questions will also be offered. Plus enjoy a “Grade A” meal! Cost: \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday, April 23 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](http://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  
 Delaney Duncan  
 Kurt Eisen  
 Brian Lee Foster  
 Elaine Funk

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

Pat Maxwell  
 Brittany McCloud  
 Winnie Peterson  
 Margaret Phipps  
 Phil Pierce  
 Mary Jo Rogers  
 Sarah Stockton  
 Keith Walker  
 Jessie Watts

### *Missionaries*

Eric and Liz Soard

## THANK YOU FROM THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS



The 2019 Confirmation class would like to say thank you to the UMW members for helping pack sandwiches and fruit for the long drive to the Confirmation Retreat Weekend in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Pictured are Janet Green, Shannon Auberson, Judy Layne, and Betty Dodson.

## CONFIRMAND TRIP TO LAKE JUNALUSKA

The FUMC Confirmation Class of 2019 recently visited Lake Junaluska in North Carolina for the annual Confirmation Retreat. The eleven confirmands and four youth mentor students were led in worship and discussed ways to pray and use their gifts to minister in our community and throughout the world. As always, Lake Junaluska was a beautiful setting to experience God’s grace and allow the children to make lasting memories together.



## 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. 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](http://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.

**April 17:** Baked ziti, salad, green beans, rolls, yellow cake with chocolate frosting.

**April 24:** Chicken and rice casserole, salad, steamed broccoli, rolls, strawberry cake.

## NEW BEGINNINGS — WIDOWERS GROUP

You are invited to participate in a new ministry at CFUMC! New Beginnings is a ministry group intended for widows and widowers looking for a place for spiritual nurturing, social connection, and loving support. New Beginnings meets the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. You’re invited to bring a sack lunch. If you are in this season of your life, we hope you will consider being a part of this loving group. If you have any questions, please call the church office and we’ll connect you with the proper people.

## EASTER HYDRANGEAS



Place your orders for the flowers that will decorate the church altar Easter Sunday, April 21. Help enhance our altar lilies by purchasing hydrangeas in memory or in honor of someone special. Order forms are located in the church office and in the Narthex. All orders must be in the church office before noon on Wednesday, April 17.

The cost is \$16 and your check, made payable to the church, must accompany your order form. You may take your hydrangea home after the 10:55 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 21.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary. At FUMC, our children, ages 3-6th grade, are invited to participate in the palm processional. The children will meet in the landing in the Narthex at 8:20 a.m. for the early service and/or 10:50 a.m. for the later service.

### **Community Lenten Services**

First Presbyterian Church, Monday - Friday, April 15 - 19, Service at noon; lunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost of lunch: \$5

### **Holy Thursday**

April 18 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

### **Good Friday Service**

Footsteps to the Cross - April 19 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

### **FUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in Dogwood Park

### **Easter Services - April 21**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wesley Chapel

8:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Church-wide Easter breakfast in the CLC

10:55 a.m. Service in the sanctuary

## VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER BRUNCH

Easter Sunday, April 21 in the CLC during the Sunday School hour. We will provide fruit, pastries and beverages. Please sign up to bring egg casseroles.

Volunteers also needed for preparation and clean up. Contact Shannon in the church office, 526-2177 or children@cookevillefumc.org.

## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### **Sunday, April 14 — Palm Sunday**

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. UMYF — Youth Room

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

*The Table* Worship Service — Wesley Chapel

### **Monday, April 15**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services — First Presbyterian Church

3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

### **Tuesday, April 16**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel

9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B

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

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services — First Presbyterian Church

2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society—B214

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

### **Wednesday, April 17**

6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112

9:00 a.m. Hope Academy

10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym

10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services — First Presbyterian Church

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. Contemplative Prayer — B017

*Creation* — B213

*Discerning the Voice of God* — B206

Disciple II — B214

*Peace, Grace, and Other ...* — B019

*Trinity* — B210

Youth Choir — Music Suite

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

### **Thursday, April 18 — Maundy Thursday**

9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services — First Presbyterian Church

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

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Service — Sanctuary

### **Friday, April 19 — Good Friday**

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

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Services — First Presbyterian Church

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service — Sanctuary

### **Saturday April 20**

8:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt — Dogwood Park



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**APRIL 20  
 10 A.M. - NOON  
 DOGWOOD PARK**

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

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**



Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Join us for a retirement celebration for Martha Sue Bonner. She has been supporting and leading us in music for 44 years! We'll provide the meat, drinks and bread for this dinner. Bring a side or dessert to share. Make your reservations by Thursday, April 25 through the church office.

**UMW CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

On March 25, the UMW met to celebrate their 150th anniversary. The UMW first began in 1869 with eight women meeting in Boston Massachusetts, and has grown to a global organization of 800,000. To celebrate, the UMW assembled 36 bags of treats for Genesis House and the Youth at Teens Need Training as an expression of their purpose of mission to women and children.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE**

We have a fifth Sunday in June, which means we have a one-time only altar flower sponsorship available June 30. Interested? Contact Patricia in the front office at 526-2177.

**ANGELS ATTIC UPDATE**

We have been working the last several weeks to reopen Angels Attic and are now ready to begin taking donations. Thanks to those of you who have been holding your things and waiting for us to reopen.

Angels Attic needs Spring and Summer clothes:

- Children's: new born thru teens
- Men's: short-sleeve shirts, shorts, Levi
- Women's: shorts, short sleeve blouses, light-weight long sleeved blouses, Capri slacks and Levi
- Sheets and towels

We do not need any dressy clothes items. No suits, sport coats, dress slacks etc. Also, due to our limited space we do not have room for lamps, pictures, picture frames, dishes or glassware. If you have any of these items, Serenity Thrift on E. 10th Street would appreciate receiving them.

**NEW! SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES FACEBOOK PAGE**

Need to know about Senior Adult Fitness? Travel Buddies? Chair Yoga? Young at Heart? Keep up with all the events and activities of FUMC's Senior Adults. Just search Facebook for our page entitled "Senior Adult Ministries of Cookeville FUMC", and follow us! We'll keep you up to date on all the action!

**EGG HUNT DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to volunteer or help with plastic egg or monetary donations for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, contact Shannon at 526-2177.