



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### June

- 9 Promotion Sunday
- 12-14 Annual Conference
- 16-19 Vacation Bible School
- First Enneagram Session

### June Backsliders Speakers

- 9 Logan Shock
- 16 Kathy Conrad
- 23 Kevin Conrad
- 30 Jessie Daniels

### 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:

- Baby food vegetables (in jars), raisins, dry milk (box of 10 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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## THE YOUTH CHOIR TOUR ISSUE - NOTES FROM THE FIELD

On May 28, forty-eight Youth Choir members, leaders, and chaperones departed on the annual Youth Choir Tour. This year's tour took the group to several historical points of the Civil Rights era, including The Lorraine Motel in Memphis, the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, and the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Selma. The group also walked the historic bridge in Selma. There were several service projects, including assisting with Project Transformation, a summer program for inner-city children in Nashville, visiting several retirement centers, and working with Disaster Relief in Opelika, Alabama. They returned on June 2, with a finale performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In this issue of the Cookeville Methodist, we will feature four of our Youth Choir Tour participants, as they recall their experiences. A warm thank you to all who contributed donations and support.

### LIZZIE MOORE—NO ONE STANDS ALONE

My name is Lizzie, and I will be talking about the fellowship on our choir tour.

For a couple of hours, whenever Mrs. Kathy chooses, we have *no screen time*, which means no screens, and we have some time to talk and laugh with our friends instead of looking down at our phones or tablets. *No screen time* is also a time of reflection of all we have seen and done so far on the trip.

You might see the majority have our friendship bracelets on. They say our name on them. They symbolize that we are all connected through each other, but they are also different, to show that we are not all the same.

We have done service projects along the way, and they have brought us closer together. Our first service project was called Project Transformation. Project Transformation is a place where churches bring kids who learn at the church for a week in summer. The kids read books, have craft times, have snack time, and they have big dance parties! We helped fix up their craft room and their library. We also separated thousands of snacks that will go to other churches doing Project Transformation.

Next we had a great time weeding gardens at Traceway Manor Inn, a retirement community. We met lots of new people there and met some amazing dogs.

We also went to some areas in Alabama where a tornado in March destroyed homes. We picked up all the debris from the house and moved it to the end of the road where the city came to pick it up. We even met the family who was actually in the house when the tornado hit. Luckily none of them were hurt, and they even saved their dog. We sang them a song that we sing in choir called *Draw The Circle*. The lyrics say, *No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide*. That is exactly what we learn every choir tour we go on. That no one stands alone. And we all stand side by side.



## BY OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, May 26, 2019*

Total Worship Attendance: 332

*Sunday, June 2, 2019*

Total Worship Attendance: 370

## BY OUR GIFTS

*Sunday, May 26, 2019*

Budget fund receipts \$16,371.66

Building fund receipts \$325.00

*Sunday, June 2, 2019*

Budget fund receipts \$53,948.00

Building fund receipts \$250.00

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Vacation Bible School - Why do we have it and why it is so important?

Vacation Bible School is a source of life for our church. It is a time where many generations come together and learn about our faith and worship in fun and meaningful ways. My hope for this year's VBS is that we, as a body of Christ, join together no matter our age, race, or status in this earthly life to lift up His name and be a model to the children and youth of our congregation. Holy Friendships are important and everlasting, no matter the distance in miles or years in age.

This year's VBS theme is *To Mars and Beyond*. Each night will begin with a vector verse. The word vector means *direct - to the desired point*. During the week of VBS our desire is for everyone to know that God is working within us and that we are all part of His story. In Ephesians 3:20 it says, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

You play a part in this chapter of our church's story. Please join us and bring your gifts and talents to volunteer, or just participate in the adult class. See you nightly June 16 - 19 at 5 - 7:30 p.m. And bring a friend!

~ Shannon Auberson

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Vivian Barnes  
Janey Bassett  
Craig Benich  
James Buck  
Robert Buck  
Savannah Lynn Caylor  
Faye Curry  
Delaney Duncan  
Hazel Dyer  
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  
Pam Raines  
Pat Rodgers  
Mary Jo Rogers  
Sarah Stockton  
Amy Teeters

### *Sympathy and Prayer*

Sandra Funderburk, on the death of her father, Billy Lawrence.

## AIDAN MOORE ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Every year choir tour has an overarching theme about the places we visit and the things we learn and experience. This year our choir director, the amazing Mrs. Kathy, decided to teach us about the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement. She thought that we did not really know what really happened and how tumultuous the struggle was.

I, being a know-it-all teenager, thought that I knew everything about the Civil Rights Movement. However, this trip has really taught me and the rest of the choir just how difficult the fight was. Our first stop on our Civil Rights tour was the Lorraine Motel in Memphis (the sight where Dr. Martin Luther King was shot) and the National Civil Rights Museum. The museum time-lined the Civil Rights Movement from slavery, to the struggle for equality, to modern day. The next museum we visited was the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, as well as the Historic Bethel Baptist Church. These historic exhibits told the story of the fight for equality in Birmingham.

Our final Civil Rights destination was the bridge in Selma. Prior to our visit, we watched the movie about the Selma Civil Rights Movement, and the horrific video of the terror that occurred on that bridge. We walked the bridge and it truly felt like we were somewhere bigger than our small town choir deserved to be. The final lesson we learned from our Civil Rights tour was that the struggle for equality is ongoing. So as we go home, we take the knowledge that it is up to us to establish equality for all, and love everyone we meet.



## JOHN CLARKE BULL AND THE BLESSINGS OF SERVICE

Throughout this week of Choir Tour, God has been a very present force in our mission to help those in need. Along our trip we have seen the impact of what we can do to worship God OUTSIDE the church. Whether it was the tornado victims in Opelika, Alabama, or the many elderly we got to meet and entertain, we have been learning what true ministry is... smiles.

Smiles from the people we serve and the smiles we give in return. The feeling we get when we give a week to God expecting nothing in return and we get smiles, the greatest reward. Aside from the spiritual things we do, one of my favorite experiences on these tours is watching a new youth choir member open up and blossom in their faith. With every day that passes and every person we meet, it seems that it all becomes clearer to them that even they can make a difference.

A special custom of ours when we go on Choir Tour is that every morning Mrs. Kathy directs our attention to God and our betterment through him with a daily devotional. Each of these devotions focuses on individual messages each day. After these messages, we all get a reminder of the lessons we learn. Some years it may be beads on a necklace, but this year we got key chains with a few words summarizing each devotion. I have seen many kids, including myself, change for the better with these messages. These lessons can follow us for our whole lives, whether we can keep up with our key chains or not.



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## ELLIE BATSON REFLECTS ON “JOSEPH”

My name is Ellie Batson and I am a recent high school graduate. This is my 5th and final choir tour with this group. Over this past week, our group has been traveling all over the south, performing the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. I first saw this play at my home church when I was six years old, and it was the first play I ever did with the Youth Choir years later. Now I'm ending my choir years with “Joseph” as well. It's just a fun play, ya know; you get all into the songs and you're dancing along and having a good time. But once you begin to really think about the story, there is so much more than just the exterior.

Our musical is based on the biblical story of Joseph told in the book of Genesis. It's funny, but usually God has a way of planting little reminders or affirmations as we go. One of our first stops early in the week was to the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Upon arrival, almost immediately we saw a plaque in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, where it read:

They said to one another, behold here cometh the dreamer . . . Let us slay him . . . and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

~ Genesis 37:19-20

This quote is directly from the Joseph story. Even later in the week, on Thursday, our service project site coordinator at ARMS mentioned that the devotionals they were using for that week also happened to be on the story of Joseph.

Joseph, both in the story and the play, is a dreamer who gets cast out by his brothers because they are jealous. It really is a story of faith and perseverance, as Joseph is sold, and later thrown in prison, yet he still has faith and trust in God through it all. His faith ends up carrying him through and leads him to not only a position of power, but more importantly leads him back to his family. Over the past week, our choir has grown closer and closer together and we are a family, in some ways. When I first watched “Joseph” as a little kid, and heard that church group sing together, it inspired me, and eventually lead me to my own church family. Joseph, while he was cast out from his family, he had faith, and eventually his family was restored. Like Joseph, I hope we can all have faith in God and family.



## CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 9

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
- Enneagram Kick-off — Christian Life Center
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary

### Monday, June 10

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Fitness — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — B213
- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men — Jeff Wall Hall

### Tuesday, June 11

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team — Jenkins Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. GriefShare — Dyer Funeral Home
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Ministry — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society—B214
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

### Wednesday, June 12

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group — C112
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting — Freeman Building Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer — B214

### Thursday, June 13

- 3:00 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym

### Friday, June 14

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

## “MRS. KATHY”, YOUTH CHOIR TOUR DIRECTOR

Thank you so much for the support of Youth Choir Tour 2019. The entire week of our tour was filled with memorable moments and experiences. However, the true high point of the trip was Sunday morning, June 2, as we worshipped with the congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. We sat as a group near the back because we would probably need to slip out early to make it to Haywood UMC to sing for their 11 a.m. service.

The entire focus of the trip had been built around learning about the Civil Right Movement and, throughout the planning process, I felt the opportunity to worship there was so important—a time to pull it all together. The youth and chaperones were all engaged in the service and the sermon; and, to say the least, a bit shocked when the minister moved into the congregation midway through the service and asked if we would come forward and sing.

Luckily, I had stuck the music for the Haywood service in my purse and had a score for Todd, our accompanist. We moved into the choir loft using only hand signals to get everyone in the correct place, followed the instructions of their Music Director and began to sing *A Child Of God*, by Mark Miller, as the communion elements were passed among the Ebenezer Congregation.

In that moment our kids responded with the voices of angels and led that congregation in a holy moment. I've never heard them sing more beautifully. Words cannot describe the spirit in that sanctuary as they sang. At the conclusion of the service, we joined with their choir and congregation in singing *Total Praise*, and the roof lifted in song and praise. Yes, *Total Praise* was on our list to sing at the next church at 11 a.m.

God works in mysterious ways and this past week we all witnessed Him working through our youth and chaperones.

~ Kathy Evans





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## Vacation Bible School

June 16—19  
Sunday—Wednesday

For more information or  
to register, email Mrs. Shannon at  
[Children@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:Children@cookevillefumc.org)

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

### TRAVEL BUDDIES

Hydrangea Tour - Monday, June 17, 5 - 8:30 p.m. Join us as we enjoy an evening of walking through the beautiful hydrangeas that populate Leo and Gloria McGee's home. Over the years they have planted more than 80 varieties of hydrangeas, totaling over 400 plants! Their garden has been featured in the September 2015 Special Edition of Country Garden magazine and will be featured in the Garden and Gun magazine in 2020. Leave the church at 5 p.m. Price is \$3 with a Dutch treat dinner at a local restaurant for those interested in dining. Contact the church office to reserve your seat.

### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Approximately one year ago, our house in Cookeville burned to the ground. While this was a tragic loss, we want to express our thanks to the many, many members of this congregation who reached out in so many ways to comfort and help us. You were the hands, feet, voice, and heart of Christ, and we were deeply moved by the many expressions of support. We're so thankful for the family of God—our family—at FUMC.

Thank you,  
Bob and Gloria Bell

### WAYNE EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Wayne Evans Memorial Scholarship are now available on the church website [www.cookevillefumc.org/ministries/music](http://www.cookevillefumc.org/ministries/music). The scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Cookeville First United Methodist Church who will attend Tennessee Technological University during the 2019 fall term. Completed application information is due June 15, 2019.

Prior to his death in 2011, Wayne was an active member of Cookeville FUMC. The scholarship was established in his memory and is awarded annually to a deserving member of the church family. For additional information: [music@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:music@cookevillefumc.org) or 931-526-2177, ext. 204.

### YOUNG AT HEART

In case you missed it in May, Young at Heart's program was presented by Hattie Bryant about end of life directives. Her presentation was both informative, and humorous. She covered various points about a difficult topic, but the big take away is to have someone other than your spouse or children make the final decision on the end of your life. After all, they love you and may find it hard to be objective and to think clearly.

While you may know Hattie Bryant from the PBS show on Small Business, since the deaths of her parents she has refocused her attention to the study of geriatrics. She has written several books on the subject of making decisions for the future. Her latest is a Bible study on advanced care planning *I'll Have it God's Way*.

Stay tuned for information on using this book for a Bible Study at FUMC. If Hattie's program is any indication, the study will help us think about issues and questions that even the most studied person may have missed.