



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 19 Young At Heart Luncheon
- 21-22 Children's Retreat
- 22 Gospel Night
- 27-29 SYNERGY
- 29 Pumpkin Caroling
- 31 Boo Bash



Into the Wild

Children's Retreat

October 21—22

3rd grade— 5th grade

To register, contact

Beth Wheeler at 526-2177

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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FROM OUR PASTOR

In January of 2009, several prominent and concerned people, both Republicans and Democrats, launched “The Civility Project.” They asked all 100 U.S. Senators, all 435 House of Representatives, and all 50 state governors to sign a pledge promising, “I will be civil in my public discourse and behavior. I will be respectful of others whether or not I agree with them. I will stand against incivility when I see it.” Of the 585 politicians who received the invitation to practice civility, a grand total of 3 people signed the pledge. Two years later, “The Civility Project” folded.

Sadly, bitter partisanship has gotten even worse since then. It seems like America has lost the ability to engage in thoughtful political dialogue with civility. Instead of respectful civil discourse, it seems each side only wants to attack and destroy the other side, often with half-truths or distorted facts. The end result is political gridlock, governmental dysfunction, and hateful feelings toward people with different political views.

I have no illusions that political civility will arrive in America anytime soon. But as Christians, there are a few things we can do. First, we can refuse to participate in hateful partisanship. For example, we can refuse to listen to radio programs or watch TV shows or read internet sites that engage in bitter partisanship, whether on the left or on the right. We can also refuse to talk disrespectfully about political candidates on either side of the aisle. A second thing Christians can do is admit that many political issues are complex. Rarely is one political party all right and the other political party all wrong. Framing every political agenda as a completely black and white issue is not helpful. When we admit that many political issues are complicated, and that both sides include good people with good points, then genuine compromise is possible. A third thing Christians can do is to obey God's word to “not bear false witness” and not spread untrue statements about our political foes. Even better, we can follow the Golden Rule to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” which, at the very least, means that we will respect people who hold different views from us. Finally, we can get to know people who have different political views than we do, and have respectful conversations with them about our differences.

The Church has much to offer in a world of bitter partisanship. We can model a better way to treat one another including mutual respect, fair-minded dialogue, and common sense compromise for the greater good. My hope and prayer is that the members of FUMC can be a small part of that crucial effort.

~ Martin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 305

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 370

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$22,833.47

Building fund receipts \$830.00

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$34,715.26

Building fund receipts \$1,040.00

OCTOBER BACKSLIDER SPEAKERS

We have an exceptional group of speakers in October for the Backsliders Class. Many speakers hold significant positions in our community, but more importantly, all love the Lord and will share a personal testimonial of God's love in their work and lives. Not only will there be spiritual food served by our speakers, but also coffee and delicious goodies from Ken Reinard and others.

- 15 Teena King, FUMC Member
- 22 Carlen Maddox, family's Alzheimer journey
- 29 Addison Shock, Wesley Foundation Director

GOSPEL NIGHT

Sunday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for a night of joyous, moving music as we come together with praise. Presented by FUMC Music Ministry's Chancel Choir, Ensembles and Youth Choir. Enjoy gospel favorites and congregational singing.

HYMN FESTIVAL

November 11 in the Sanctuary—join in with the choir! Rehearse from 9:30 a.m.—noon, then perform from noon—1 p.m.. Or come and simply enjoy the program! Presented by Brian Hehn, Director of The Center for Congregational Song, and Adam Perez, Minister of Music of All Saints' United Methodist Church in Morrisville, NC.



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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

To request prayer or to add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office or use the prayer cards in the pews. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless otherwise specified.

Ongoing

Betty Sue Allen	Virginia Gibson	Jeannine Lynn
Marvin Barker	Nate Griffis	Brian Maffett
Vivian Barnes	Dan Hearn	Pat Maxwell
Martha Sue Bonner	Faith Holdredge	Evangeline O'Kain
Lida Canella	Mary Ann Huffines	Laura Packard
Ron Carlson	Virginia Hunter	Susan Pangle
Michael Carver	Tina Johns	Winnie Peterson
Kayla Colson	Alma Jean Johnson	Margaret Phipps
Ed Edenfield	Jan Jordan	Joan Tansil
Dave Evans	Anna Karch	Gene Evelyn Warren
Pat Evans	Mary Byrd King	Hazel Wyatt
Brian Foster	Levena Kline	

Sympathy and Prayer

Joan, Parish, and Tice Tansil, family and friends on the death of Don Tansil.

YOUTH NEWS—UPCOMING EVENTS

SYNERGY (October 27 - 29) — SYNERGY is our annual fall retreat, a weekend of outdoor adventure, worship, fun with friends, spiritual growth, and so much more. The word “synergy” describes the idea that when we work together combining positive attitudes, more can be accomplished than by working alone. We'll grow with each other and with God.

Lock-In (November 10 - 11) — Join us for an all night extravaganza! We'll meet at the church at 9 p.m. and then head to the town for some activities! We will end up back at the church for fun and games in the gym, a movie in the youth room, snacks, and more, followed by breakfast in the morning. The event will end at 8 a.m. It's guaranteed to be awesome! Cost is \$20. For more information on these or other Youth events, contact Adam Daniels in the church office (526-2177) for more details.

Breakfast With Santa (December 9) — Save the date!

Youth Christmas Party (December 10) — Save the date!

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS



United Methodist Women invite you to Harvest of Blessings Friday, November 10 from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Soup lunch will be available to eat in or take out for \$7. There will be several different kinds of soup, cornbread, and dessert. If you would like to bake something for the annual bake sale, please bring it to the Christian Life Center by 9 a.m. Anyone who enjoys baking is welcome to donate items.

All funds received go to local missions. The Quilting Ministry has donated several quilts to sell.

Disbursement of 2016 funds received from this event:

- Food Pantry \$ 600.00
- Genesis House \$ 200.00
- Teens Need Training \$ 300.00
- Emergency Fund \$ 660.00
- Dipsy Doodle Team \$ 150.00
- Disaster Team \$ 150.00
- UCHRA CASA \$ 300.00

CARING CORNER

A ROADMAP FOR THE GRIEVING

Imagine going on a journey you neither planned for nor wanted to take. Grief is the journey we all take sooner or later. Having a roadmap can help us know there is a way through to healing and hope.

Here are subheadings from David Holt's chapter *A Roadmap for Grieving* from the book *A Friend in Grief—Simple Ways to Help* by Ginny Galloway.

- * You are now onboard the runaway train called grief
- * Healing is not linear but moves in a spiral
- * How did you survive?
- * You can't handle it by yourself
- * Everyone grieves differently
- * Anger is a natural by-product of grief
- * Read everything you can about grief
- * Walk
- * Observe nature
- * Give yourself lots of time to rest
- * Get rid of stress
- * Grieving takes a lot of energy
- * It will never be the same
- * Get counseling
- * Join GriefShare or a similar support group
- * Eat well
- * Things will get better

Grief is a journey we do not choose to take. We do not have to take it alone. For a list of books and other helpful resources for yourself or a friend, ask Noel Poston about the Congregational Care Resource Library. GriefShare support groups meet weekly at various times and locations at the church and in the community. Stephen Ministers are available to listen and pray with you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE DINNER

To make your dinner reservations, call the church office at 526-2177, email us at office@cookevilfumc.org, or sign-up online at www.cookevilfumc.org.

Reservations must be made no later than noon on the Monday prior to the dinner.

October 18: Salad, chicken and rice casserole, steamed broccoli, Mountain Dew cake

October 25: Salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, banana pudding

PUMPKIN CAROLING—OCTOBER 29

FUMC Kids are invited to an afternoon of Pumpkin Caroling at Cedar Hills Senior Living. Let's share our Halloween spirit and brighten someone's day with song—don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes!

Club 456 may ride the church buses. Drop-off for Club 456 is at 1:45 p.m., and pick-up at 4 p.m. in the Freeman Building lobby.

Third grade and younger will meet at Cedar Hills at 12:15 p.m. and parents will caravan to Heritage Pointe at 3:15 p.m. We should be finished by 4 p.m.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

- 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
- Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206
- Women's Sunday Evening Bible Study — B210

Monday, October 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class—C206B
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel

Wednesday, October 18

- 6:00 a.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 — YMCA
- 10:00 a.m. Playtime for Preschoolers — Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Mining Your Memories — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Knitting — B213
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer — B214
- Choir Club
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Dinner — Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. A Hopeful Earth — B213
- JAM (Jesus and Me) — Gym
- Methodists and Controversy — B210
- Wesley Class Meeting — B214
- Women's Bible Study — Christian Life Center 401
- Youth Choir — Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Thursday, October 19

- 9:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class — C206B
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting — B213
- Stephen Ministry Training — B206
- 11:00 a.m. Young At Heart Luncheon — Jeff Wall Hall
- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga — Gym
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Ensemble — Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Choir Room

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

- 8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Workshop — B213 and B214

Boo Bash 2017



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It's that time of year again!

As you are shopping, please remember to purchase candy for our annual trunk or treat. Contact Tamika Parker at 526-2177 to donate candy or to volunteer to bring and decorate your car.

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

FUMC KIDS SCHEDULE

October

- 21-22 Cedar Crest Children's Retreat
- 29 Pumpkin Caroling, 2- 4 p.m.

December

- 3 Hanging of the Greens
- 6 Choir Club Musical
- 9 Breakfast with Santa, 8 - 10 p.m.
- 13 Kids Mission Day, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- 17 FUMC Kids Christmas Caroling, grades 3-6

NEW GRIEF SHARE GROUP

A new GriefShare group will begin its 13-week series on Tuesday, October 24. The group meets at Dyer Funeral Home from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Robert Jager at 644-2435 or Marlene Bessette at 644-9600. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we can help.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON



Thursday, October 19 at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. "Robots and Industrial Automation", by FUMC's Bob Rice. Come learn about the use of robots at today's automated manufacturing facility. Be ready to laugh and learn . . . and enjoy a "Grade A" meal! Cost: \$5 per person. Make reservations by Monday, October 16 by calling the church office at 526-2177. or online at www.cookevillefumc.org under "Upcoming Events".

TRAVEL BUDDIES TRIPS

Friday, November 3 to the Milky Way Farm, historic plantation of candy legend, Frank Mars. Includes tour of the plantation, lunch, and possible hay ride. Cost: \$50 per person; lunch is provided. Registration deadline: Thursday, October 20.

December 7 and 8 overnight trip for Christmas at the Biltmore and the Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC., including tour of the manor, conservatory and grounds. Cost: double occupancy \$160; single occupancy \$220; four Dutch treat meals. Registration deadline: Thursday, November 16.

ANGEL'S ATTIC

Our Tuesday, October 3 opening of the new Angel's Attic, serving food pantry guests, was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated items and all who volunteered. We learned that our guests need these items: fall & winter kids clothes, men's pants size 30 & 32, queen and full sheets, towels, blankets, men's sneakers, women's plus-sized clothes, jackets and coats.