



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1 Charge Conference
- 1-5 Youth Mission Trip
- 2-13 Putnam Co. Schools Fall Break
- 3 Staff Parish Meeting
- 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 ASSOCIATE PASTOR

So many times in our lives, when we go our separate ways, it feels like we're going to our separate corners to wait for the bell to ring so we can come out punching.

There is a profound happiness in being able to largely set aside these differences on Sunday morning. And what a wonderful Children's Sabbath we shared Sunday! To hear the children's singing, to watch them dance, play instruments, and lead in readings and liturgy. What an amazing job by the leaders of our Music and Children's ministries!

Being able to celebrate with the families of our church is a joyful experience that brings us together in love, hope, and sometimes in laughter. Our hour in the sanctuary was a holy experience, not just because of what was said and sung, but because together we tried to share in an encounter with God.

But Sunday, what I observed, and what was confirmed in discussion with the members of our 7 a.m. Men's Monday Bible Study, was a sort of whiplash that occurred. In the morning, we celebrated together, worshipped and prayed with one another. We found joy together.

And then . . .

We went our separate ways, and so many began to fuss and fight about football, who was kneeling and who wasn't. We watched in grief the news about a tragic church shooting in Antioch. A cursory glance at your Facebook feed (if you have a Facebook feed) showed anger and disagreement and division.

I once heard it said that "church is the place you go to learn how to love the people you don't like." For me, this is a nearly impossible task. It is, though, central to our faith. Disagreements sometimes change the way we feel about one another, but when we center ourselves with God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ, we find a better way. A way to love and to share mercy and grace and love.

I pray that our harmony is never overtaken by discord - in our church and wherever we go when we leave. And that we open our hearts to everyone, even to those we dislike. Thank you for showing me how to open our doors and to love our neighbors.

See you Sunday!

~ Rob

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Be a Hero! Come to the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, September 29 in Jeff Wall Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code

FUMCCookeville19. Plan to donate and save a life!

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 529

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Total Worship Attendance: 542

BY OUR GIFTS

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$15,015.25

Building fund receipts \$335.00

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Budget fund receipts \$14,965.40

Building fund receipts \$615.00

OCTOBER BACKSLIDER SPEAKERS

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- 1 Melissa Parks, Habitat for Humanity
- 8 Jeff Lacey, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Director
- 15 Teena King, FUMC Member
- 22 Carlen Maddox, family's Alzheimer journey
- 29 Addison Shock, Wesley Foundation Director

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference, our annual meeting with the District Superintendent, will be this Sunday, October 1 at 6 p.m. in Jenkins Chapel next to the sanctuary. Church Council members are encouraged to attend. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE DINNER - FALL BREAK

Due to Fall break, there will be no Wednesday Night Life Dinner on October 4 and October 11. We will resume Wednesday Night Life dinners on October 18.

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

Sympathy and Prayer

Family and friends of Roger Sachse, brother and brother-in-law of David and Gaynell Sachse. Bill Schmitzer, on the death of his father Jack Schmitzer.

YOUTH NEWS—FALL EVENTS

Youth Group Mission Trip (October 1-4) — For this year's mission trip we'll be focusing on local service projects and spending time serving in Cookeville.

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!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH PARTICIPANTS



CLUB 456 FUN AT BOWLING WORLD!



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

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM IN MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA



On Sunday, September 17, four members of our Disaster Response Team deployed to Marco Island, Florida, to provide assistance to the survivors of Hurricane Irma. The trip down took eighteen hours and covered 850 miles. Once there the team joined with members of St. Mark's UMC Disaster Response Team and spent five days cutting storm-damaged trees, tarping roofs, and moving debris. Most of the work was located in the poorer section of Goodland, a small fishing village. The residence were excited to see us and thanked us repeatedly for our service. One said, "Now I understand what heaven-sent means". Another resident felt, "Goodland is strong. We will stick together and with your help we will begin to put the pieces back together." In one week the team was able to create a connection of community and fellowship with the residents of Goodland. The Wesley United Methodist Church on Marco Island provided housing and food and were very generous and gracious hosts. The two Tennessee teams were the only disaster response teams working on the Island. We returned home on Saturday, September 23. The generous contributions of individuals and churches throughout the Caney Fork River District made this ministry possible. Thank you.



THE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider adding these items to your grocery shopping list so we may help provide needed items to our friends and neighbors:

- Canned fruit, Jello, canned pasta, dish detergent
- Grocery and newspaper bags that are clean and flattened.

CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

- 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. Disciple I Fast Track — B213
- The Grand Sweep — B206
- Women's Sunday Evening Bible Study — C111
- 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference — Jenkins Chapel

Monday, October 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — B213
- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle — Parlor
- 10:30 a.m. Esther Circle Day Meeting — B214
- Mary Martha Circle — B213
- 3:30 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare — B206
- 6:30 p.m. Esther Circle — B214

Tuesday, October 3

- 10:00 a.m. Anna Rebecca Circle — Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Cookeville Dulcimer Society — B210
- Rescue Mission Cooking — Jeff Wall Hall
- 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry — Wesley Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting — Conference Room

Wednesday, October 4

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Group — C112
- 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

Thursday, October 5

- 1:45 p.m. Jubilee Ringers — Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells — Sanctuary

Friday, October 6

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

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS



United Methodist Women invite you to Harvest of Blessings on Friday, November 10 (note the date has changed) 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.

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

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 online at www.cookevillefumc.org under "Upcoming Events", or call the church office at 526-2177.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Say hello to the Aubersons!