



Email Notifications

Are you on our email notifications list? We regularly send out notifications via group email for things like class and event announcements, weather delays, and deaths. If you aren't receiving these, and would like to be on our email notification list, send an email to Juliana@cookevillefumc.org with "Email Notification" in the subject line. Be sure to put your first and last name as well as your preferred email address in the body of the email. Some email apps hide the email address, so it's important to include it in the body of the email.

Altar Flowers

We have altar flower sponsorships available November 15 and 22. Contact Patricia in the church office at 526-2177 for more information.

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

Phone: 931-526-2177
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www.cookevillefumc.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Over the past few months, as we have been upgrading our camera system in the sanctuary for our live streaming of worship, the topic of audio-visual projection for the sanctuary has emerged again. Not having been the pastor the last time this conversation came up, I wanted to share some thoughts that might guide our thinking and discernment together.

Over thousands of years, Christian worship has been about the presence of God with us and has sought to communicate sacred content. Worship has evolved in different ages. Biblically it moved from tabernacle, to outdoor sanctuaries, a central temple, house churches, cathedrals, frontier brush arbors, sophisticated tall-steeple churches, and now even gyms! (With the high holy drum set!) Vehicles for worship change. The goal is to share sacred content. Worship has always had a visual component. The cross is our visual focal point. Stained glass windows have told the Christian story for a thousand years or more. Iconography and Christian art have also brought the narrative to life.

Technology has always changed worship. With the advent of the new technology of the printing press, a church "book-driven culture" emerged with personal Bibles, hymnals, and study books replacing oral tradition as the delivery system for the sacred. When organs made their way from opera houses and pubs to the sanctuary, some thought it was scandalous. Now, many consider organ music "sacred." With new technology, we will not lose anything (like hymnals), just add new capability.

Our delivery system and worship tools are always evolving and challenge the church to adapt. We are at one of those moments of adapting to culture and technology as a new step into a relevant future. Technology is now allowing us to make a historic move back to "Ancient-Future" worship, which is more visual by nature. For the last nine months, we have been sharing more and more electronic, media-driven worship. So, we are already evolving. It is both an opportunity and, perhaps, a gift. Our youngest generations now learn and process most of their life visually. Just as stained glass, an organ, sound systems, air conditioning, and pew cushions were added to enhance worship at some point in the past, we now have an opportunity to update and retool worship for many generations to come. Can we invest in new generations who will be in our pews twenty years from now?

I will make you a promise. Used correctly, an audio-visual projection unit can truly enhance worship, giving us visual capability for sacred imagery that allows us to capture "Ancient-Future" worship for generations to come. As your Senior Pastor, I vow that we will use the system, if adopted, for enhancing sacred content in our worship. Our Church Council will consider this matter on November 16, with the unanimous recommendation from our Trustees and approval from our Financial committee, with designated funds already in place to purchase equipment. We covet your prayers. I ask you to think of generations to come as we "retool" and re-focus on opportunities for "Ancient-Future" worship for years to come.

~ *Kevin*

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Total Online Worship Views: 360

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Total Online and In-Person
Worship Views: 289

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$25,792.00

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$54,436.12

Online Giving

During this time of social distancing, we have several ways for you to continue supporting the ongoing ministries and operating expenses of your church.

- Mail your check to 165 E Broad St.
Cookeville, TN 38501
- Automatic draft on the 5th and/or 20th each month.
- Online giving by credit card
- Online giving through recurring donations

Please call LuAnn in the church office at 526-2177 if you would like to setup automatic draft or have any questions about other options. Online giving is available through our website at www.cookevillefumc.org/giving. Thanks for your continued support during these different times!

Free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic

When:
Every Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where:
Cookeville Community Center
240 Carlen Drive

Cost:
Free, No Charge

No appointment necessary
Remain in your vehicle
Wear a short sleeve

A service of the Putnam County Health Department



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visit us online at
www.cookevillefumc.org or
find us on Facebook and
Twitter.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

On November 1, we reopened our facility for in-person worship services. There are two options available:

- Informal worship at 9 a.m. in the gym. Kids Worship event for K-4th grade at the 9 a.m. service located in the Freeman Gym.
- Traditional worship in the sanctuary at 10:55 a.m.

There are no nursery services available at this time. Masks and social distancing are required at both services.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AND THE NEW NORMAL

While we are going back to in-person worship in November, we will still continue the online services as we have for the past eight months.

In addition to the morning worship services, we will be filming and putting online our traditional Advent and Christmas services: Hanging of the Greens, Lessons and Carols, Children's Christmas Music Program, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

The plans for these services are ongoing, and we will begin recording in early November. Please note:

- Now is a great time to join in the Choir Club activities on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. for Instrumental Classes. ALL of our singing time is on YouTube and is available to rehearse and learn the vocal numbers for the Christmas season! Choir Club notebooks with all of the music are available. Contact Kathy Evans at 526-2177.
- All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to participate in The Hanging of the Greens. The Dedication segments of that service will be recorded on Wednesday, December 2 with the following schedule:

- 5:15 – 6 p.m.: 3 and 4 year olds/Greenery
Kindergarten and First Grade/Pew Greenery
2nd – 4th Grade/Poinsettias and Greenery
- 6 – 7 p.m.: 5th – 12th Grade Boys/Candles
5th – 12th Grade Girls
5th – 12th Grade/Balcony Garland

This will be the only recording session for this service. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate. Additional reminders and information will be shared between now and December 2. The Hanging of the Green Service will be available on line on December 6.

Children's Singing and Recording Schedule

- **Children's Choirs and Instrumental Choirs** record:
 - Wednesday, November 11
 - Wednesday, December 2
 - Wednesday, December 9
- All Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Worship Services, in addition to the Hanging of the Greens, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve Service will be recorded. All recording sessions will adhere to safe distancing. Children's groups will be recorded in smaller groups and edited for online services. Masks are required on FUMC grounds.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a good weekend. Here are the announcements for the week:

- We have Youth on Wednesday night in the gym. We will be taking t-shirt sizes again, so if you did not give your size to Brandon or email it to me, come so we can get your size! I am planning to put the order in for the shirts Thursday. Also, the new arrival time for Wednesday nights is 4 - 4:30 p.m. instead of 3:30 - 4 p.m.
- Parents, since we are not serving meals on Wednesday night, if you would ever like to help with snacks for the Youth, or provide a snack, you are more than welcome! We will always have snacks here, but if you would like to provide something homemade, or something that might fill up the students more, please let me know.
- Lastly, we will be bowling on Sunday afternoon from 3 - 5:30 p.m. at Bowling World! I need to have a list by Thursday of who all are coming, so please email me or let me know by Wednesday night if you would like to come.

I hope you all have had a great week, and please let me know if you have any questions!

~ Clinton Wheeler

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

God's Grace Food Pantry is the Servant Ministry focus for November. We want to begin with a big THANK YOU to our volunteers. In October, we anticipated receiving pre-packed boxes from the USDA, but that order was not filled and plans changed. Instead, we ordered from Second Harvest Food Bank, which delivered 9,300 pounds of food on Friday, October 23. Ten volunteers helped us unload and set up the garage for packing. On Monday, a group of eighteen volunteers arrived and packed bags for 400 households — in just 2 ½ hours! Tuesday, October 27, was Distribution day. With the help of 17 volunteers, we served 410 households. Even though it looks different from our days in Wesley Chapel, we are still serving those in our community needing food assistance. We continue to share *the story of grace in the heart of town.*

When we set a dozen eggs in the front seat of an old pickup truck, the driver said, "I live by myself, but I'm going to have me a fine dinner tonight. Thank you so much and God bless you!"

That food was from YOU – the church! From that man in the pickup truck, to each and every one of you, "Thank you so much and God bless you!"

~ Tamika Parker

THANKS FROM THE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

As you can see from the list below, this has been a very busy year for the Disaster Response Team:

- February – Jackson, MS: Pearl River Flood - cleaned flooded homes for four families.
- March – Cookeville, TN: Cookeville Tornado - cut trees, cleared debris, and tarped roofs for twenty families.
- April – Seneca, SC: Tornado – cut trees and cleared debris for five families and a church
- September – Deridder, LA: Hurricane Laura – cut trees, cleared debris, and tarped roofs for twelve families.
- October – Sulphur, LA: Hurricane Delta – cut trees and cleared debris for six families.

On behalf of the team, I want to thank all of you for making this possible. None of this would have happened without your donations, your prayers, your encouragement, and your assistance.

Those of us who are privileged to travel with the team are blessed to meet and interact with the people we serve and to see God's love for them revealed in the things we do. Last week, in Sulphur (Louisiana), we cut a large number of trees and moved debris for a family with two young sons. The mother came to see us the following evening and brought each of us a small gift and a thank you note. I want to share that note with you. It is a tribute to your faithful support of this ministry.

Thanks for all you do — Ken Hunter

Thank you for generously sharing your time and energy with us! You gave us a helping hand right when we needed it the most, and we will never forget it.

We were given a quote of \$25,000 to clean up the trees from Hurricane Laura. Then one of the trees that fell broke our water line, and we were quoted \$7,500 to replace the water line from the road to the house. Shortly before Hurricane Delta hit, my car broke, and we were told it needs a new engine, and this would be \$8,500. And those are just some highlights ...

I broke down in tears one night, and told my husband I had lost all hope. The weight of losing so much in two months was too much to carry. I told my husband I just needed a little hope, just something to hang on to.

Please know that what you have done for my family is not lost on me. I appreciate it more than you will ever know. Thank you for helping to ease the burden in our recovery process and giving me the hope that I so prayed for.

HOW TO ACCESS SUNDAY SERVICES

Visit www.cookevillefumc.org, and click the *Sunday's Service and Devotionals* slide. From there, you will be taken to a page that lists all the previously recorded sermons. Click on the date of the sermon title you want to watch, and you will be redirected to our YouTube page and the list of sermons. You can also live stream our service each Sunday on YouTube under CookevilleFUMC. There is a link to that page above the sermon titles on our web page.

Don't have Internet access? We also broadcast via radio at 11 a.m. on NewsTalk FM 94.1.



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***Did you know God's Grace Food
 Pantry can receive cash back from
 purchases using your Kroger
 Rewards Card?***

You get to keep all your same gas benefits and discounts, this is just an additional benefit provided by Kroger.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card. You will be asked for the NPO number for God's Grace Food Pantry which is **96948**.

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

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| The Asante family | Mary Byrd King |
| Janey Bassett | Susie Klein |
| Tia Bassett | Gayle Lester |
| Juanita Bilyeu | Brady Livingston |
| Nathaniel Bone | Annette Lynch |
| Kenny Bowman | Brian Maffett |
| Robert Buck | Amy Maberry |
| Kathie Cavanary | Sylvia McCann |
| Savannah Lynn Caylor | Linda McConnell |
| Peggy Cho | Jeff Meek |
| Scott Crouch | Tim Mengler |
| Mary Mac Darnell | Harper Mynatt |
| Ferdinand DiFurio | Larry Norton |
| Nadia DiFurio | Sue Pope |
| Delaney Duncan | Rob Poteet |
| Hazel Dyer | Mary Jo Rogers |
| Hollis Ferris | Roxanne Self |
| Brian Lee Foster | Garvan Smith |
| Serenity Garrett | Hazel Smith |
| Mary Garrison | Sarah Stockton |
| Pat Gilbreath | Jan Thompson |
| Nate Griffis | Tracy Thompson |
| Hunter Harris | Jessie Watts |
| Bob Jones | Pam White |
| Ann Kellman | Carolyn Whitson |

Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and prayers to Ruth and Doyle Tolbert, on the death of Ruth's brother, James Fowler Maxwell.

Sympathy to Kathy Cavanaugh and family in the death of her husband, Randy Cavanaugh.

ADVENT STUDY

Despite all the complications throughout this year, Advent and Christmas are still on the way! Each Advent season, we offer a church-wide Advent study and we plan to do so again this year. We're still working on the fine details and we will keep you updated on specific offerings, but we're happy to announce that this year's study is *Sent, Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas* by UMC pastor and writer Jorge Acevado. We believe that God sent Christ into the world as our Savior — it's what Christmas is all about — and in turn, Christ sends us into the world. In this study, we will work to better understand how, where, and why.

We also offer a daily devotional each Christmas season. This year, our daily devotional book is *Our Greatest Gift, A Wonderful Life In Christ*. We're excited about both of these offerings. Please stay tuned for more!

— Rev. Rob W.

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