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Sunday Services

Worship Service

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Live Broadcasts

11 a.m. — News Talk FM 94.1
www.YouTube.com

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Over the next several weeks, our staff and leadership will be reading and discussing Thom S. Rainer's book, *The Post Quarantine Church*. Rainer is the founder and CEO of Church Answers. As the previous CEO at Lifeway Christian Resources, Rainer has a track record for researching cultural and church trends.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, commitment patterns were already changing. Church attendance all across denominations has been steadily dropping for several years. Especially among those forty years old and younger, church attendance is no longer an automatic part of the experience of Christian faith. Rainer suggests that previous trends in our culture and for churches have now been accelerated.

As we experienced at FUMC, the pandemic forced us to adapt, innovate and communicate "digitally." Our worship services were taped and available on YouTube on early Sunday morning. (We now livestream the early service by mid-morning on Sunday). All of us got used to being able to "watch" worship at our convenience, in the convenience and comfort of our home. I have had a number of people say to me, "I got really used to sitting on my couch and watching church with a cup of coffee." I understand. We worked hard to make that worship available and basically "on demand."

Now, we are slowly returning to "in-person" worship. The number of participants has been encouraging in some ways but disappointing in others. Some are still fearful of Covid, despite wide-spread vaccinations. Some still refuse to get the vaccine. Others have simply gotten out of the habit of "going to church." Rainer suggests that there is no going back to "normal." From this point forward, all churches will be "hybrid" churches with both "on-line" and "in-person" ways of participating in the life of the church. In fact, Rainer says the "digital" world is the new missional frontier.

I am proud of the adaptations and innovations we have accomplished so far as a congregation to adjust to the digital world and be "relevant." We will continue to work hard to offer you a wide variety of ways to not just "come" to church as a location but to be connected and gather in Christian community and service in a variety of ways. However, I do have one request. Pray about your participation in the life of the church in every way as an expression of your faith and loyalty to Christ. Gathering is still important. Worship in person and in the sanctuary is still a vital part of a vibrant, growing and mature commitment to Christ. Gathering and connecting in community is still a mark of genuine Christian commitment. Pray about that. Examine your levels of motivation and commitment to be a genuine Christian disciple. We will do our part to offer you a wide variety of ways to fulfill your commitment to Christ. We just need you to review and renew your level of commitment.

Dr. Kevin

BY OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Total In-person and Online Views 364

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Total In-person and Online Views 375

BY OUR GIFTS

Actual Receipts for Two Weeks \$53,006.74

Actual Expenses for Two Weeks \$62,389.62

Online Giving

We have several ways for you to support 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!

June Backsliders Speakers

June 20 Cass Roberts and Co.
27 Clinton Wheeler

The Backsliders meet during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 a.m., in Jeff Wall Hall. All are welcome to come hear our speakers!

Update Your Directory Photo!

Photos will be taken in the church office between services on Sunday, June 20. Please share your smiling faces with those in our congregation! No reservation needed. Questions? Contact patricia@cookevillefumc.org.



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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – REMEMBERING THE BADGES



This year is the 20th anniversary of 9/11. To remember those whose lives were lost on that tragic day, the Red Cross and all Tennessee First Responders are inviting citizens to participate in the Remembering the Badges Blood Drives.

Statewide, the goal is to collect 2,977 units, to honor each life lost on 9/11. Two drives are scheduled at FUMC, the first on Friday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jeff Wall Hall and the second, larger drive on the afternoon of Friday, August 13 in the Christian Life Center.

Cookeville FUMC is proud to participate in this worthwhile effort. If you would like to donate blood either day, please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment. Enter the sponsor code:rememberingthebadges, then scroll down to your preferred date.

KALEIDOSCOPE MUSIC CAMP

Calling all kids, Kindergarten through rising 5th graders! Join us for Kaleidoscope Music Camp, where we'll learn and present the musical *It's Cool in the Furnace* by Buryl Red.

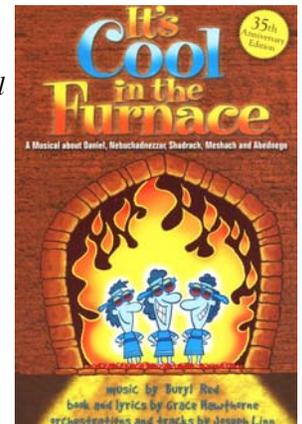
We will learn set building, singing, choreography, drama and crafts! Snack will be provided, as well as a pizza lunch on Thursday.

July 12 - 15

Monday - Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon

Thursday - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., performance at noon.

Register online at www.cookevillefumc.org



EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH NATURE

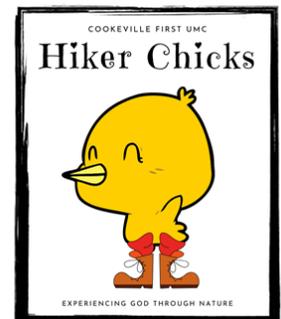
What: Caney Fork River Kayak Trip

When: Wednesday, June 30, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Meet beside the church parking garage to carpool or caravan. Check email Wednesday morning for any updates, in case generating times change.

Contact: Cindy Garrett at 261-4403, cindybgarrett@gmail.com

Rated "E" for everyone, no skills required! We will be renting kayaks from Caney Fork River Rental. They will shuttle us to below the dam, and we will float to Happy Hollow for take out.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- This Thursday, June 17, at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary: volunteers needed to return the Hymnals and *The Faith We Sing* to the pew racks. Hope to see you there!!
- Ushers are needed for both the early and late services. Please contact Kathy Evans at the church office or kathy@cookevillefumc.org
- We are in need of people to assist at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning, and to serve as ushers/greeters. Do you have a smiling face and a willing heart? Your church needs you! Contact the office or Kathy Evans at 526-2177, ext. 204.
- Children's Sunday School: We are looking for people that would be willing to be teachers or guides for our rotation rooms. We need about 2-5 people per Sunday. If you are willing or interested in helping out, please contact Kelsey at children@cookevillefumc.org

CHANCEL CHOIR SEEKING SINGERS

The chancel choir is looking for new members! If you are seeking a meaningful way to be a part of worship, please join us Wednesday evenings at 7:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. You do not have to be a trained singer to join, but musical experience is welcome! We follow standard Covid-19 protocols during rehearsal and recording sessions.

ANGEL'S ATTIC SUMMER DISTRIBUTION

Angel's Attic is gearing up for a summer distribution in the parking garage June 23-24.

VOLUNTEERS: We will need many hands and feet to process the donations, set up for the distribution, and work the days of distribution. Pam Blair has agreed to assist us with the volunteer scheduling. Please contact her at blairbp9@gmail.com if you would like to help.

YOUTH NEWS

→ D&D Group

Our Youth Assistant, Gideon, is starting a Dungeons and Dragons group for the Youth. If you are a Youth and like Dungeons and Dragons, or are interested in learning how to play, please contact Gideon at gideon@cookevillefumc.org. We would love to have you!

→ Sunday School

Sunday School is held in the Youth room Sundays from 9:45-10:45 Sunday mornings. For more information, or to register for events, contact Clinton at Youth@cookevillefumc.org.

→ Host Homes

If you would like to be a host home in the month of July for our Wednesday programming, please email Gideon at Gideon@cookevillefumc.org.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Looking for fun stuff for your kids this summer? Come join us Tuesday and Thursday mornings in June and July for faith, friends, and fun! We hope you'll join us! For rising 1st-4th grades - no charge!

For more information, email children@cookevillefumc.org or register at cookevillefumc.org/terrific-tuesdays-and-thursdays/

COOKEVILLE FIRST UMC
INVITES YOUR 1ST-4TH GRADER TO

terrific tuesdays & thursdays!

JUNE 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
JULY 6, 8, 22, 20
8 - 11 AM

GAMES!
FELLOWSHIP!
WORSHIP!
STORY TIME!
MUSIC!
STEM!

Join us every day or just one!
Register now!
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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 NY181.

Sharing the story of grace in the heart of town.

COMING IN AUGUST!



**Early Childhood Music and
Preschool Choir**

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Just a reminder that we will have Worship in the Park on Sunday, July 4, at 10 a.m. at the Dogwood Park Amphitheatre. There will be no Sunday School that day.

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5, in order for staff to celebrate the holiday.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP



Altar flower sponsorship is available on July 25 on permanent basis (4th Sunday in July). For more information, contact Patricia in the front office at 526-2177 or email patricia@cookevillefumc.org.



CHAIR YOGA

THURSDAYS AT 3 P.M. IN THE GYM