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COMING SOON SAVE THE DATE!

- January 16 MLK Day—Office Closed
- 19 Young at Heart
- 25 WNL Meal
- 28 Pickleball Tournament
- 29 Bel Canto Concert

- February 5 Holy Land Meeting
- 6 Trustees Meeting
- 12 Chili Cook-Off
- 16 Young At Heart
- 17-19 Discovery Weekend
- 22 Ash Wednesday Service
- 27 Movies with Meaning

Backsliders Speakers

- January 15 Steve Frye
- 22 The Glorylanders
- 29 Bob Bell

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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In worship this past Sunday, our scripture from Isaiah spoke of the “suffering servant” whom we now know as being embodied most fully as Jesus: “... **a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench.**” Jesus intentionally fulfilled this prophecy with his ministries of healing and restoration. He was particularly focused on justice as righteousness expressed as compassion and care for the most vulnerable. I like to call it “Matthew 25” ministries.

In reflecting on our ministry in 2022 and looking forward to this year’s ministries in 2023, it is important to evaluate how our congregation has faithfully practiced ministries of compassion and care—servant ministries Jesus commanded us to do, and for which he gave us plenty of examples. Below is a summary list of our outreach/servant ministry efforts in 2022:

- ◆ Daily distribution of emergency, non-perishable food packets.
- ◆ February Disaster Response Training and chili fund raiser for Disaster Response.
- ◆ Snacks for RAM Clinic (Rural Area Medical Clinic).
- ◆ 30 Garden pots, plants and seeds for pantry clients.
- ◆ 34 Birthday kits, 16 crockpot kits, hygiene kits for the unsheltered.
- ◆ Care baskets for Wesley Foundation, Senior Living and Jere Whitson.
- ◆ \$22,000 for Dipsy Doodle ramp ministry; 12 ramps built.
- ◆ Support for the Animal Shelter and Habitat for Humanity.
- ◆ Support of “Food to the Rescue” for students; peanut butter drive.
- ◆ “Music That Feeds” contributions of \$1,500 for pantry essentials.
- ◆ 200 Redbird food boxes in Lent; 63 Angel Tree gift packages in December.
- ◆ Hope Academy Easter Baskets and Spring Talent Show.
- ◆ Participation in the Waverly, Tn. groundbreaking for flood recovery houses.
- ◆ Participation on the TN-West Kentucky Annual Conference Disaster Response Team.
- ◆ Weekly Walmart perishable food item pickups and distribution.
- ◆ T-shirt fundraiser as support for Ukraine refugees.
- ◆ Emergency Responder Lunch.
- ◆ Pickle Ball Tournament to raise funds for ramp ministry.
- ◆ Kentucky flood response and contributions.
- ◆ Movies with Meaning—interpretive and educational documentaries and movies.
- ◆ Fruit baskets for Elderly Housing.
- ◆ Cooking on the Square refreshment station.
- ◆ Foster family scavenger hunt and family support.
- ◆ Hot chocolate and warming station and manger scene display for the Christmas parade.
- ◆ Jere Whitson Christmas shopping and stockings.
- ◆ 10 Santa for Seniors sponsorships.
- ◆ 5982 clients/households served through our monthly food pantries.
- ◆ \$5,529 to hotels; \$7,271 to utilities; \$632 for transportation; \$7,625 Rent = Financial Assistance of \$21,058.

A huge thank you to our staff persons, Tamika Parker and Kathy Conrad, for their leadership and hard work; to all our volunteers who are essential; and to you as a loving congregation, for your generosity, compassion, service and care all in Christ’s name! Together, we are truly **“sharing the story of grace in the heart of town”** and in ever-widening circles!

~ Dr. Kevin

By Our Presence

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Total In-person and Online Views 255

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Total In-person and Online Views 293

BY OUR GIFTS

Budget Receipts for Two Weeks \$41,771.68

Budget Expenses for Two Weeks \$43,497.18

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!

Bel Canto Scholarship Concert

Current and former scholarship singers will give a recital in the sanctuary on January 29 at 3:00 p.m. Selections will include classical and musical theater vocal solos, and an offering will be taken to support this important ministry. We hope you will join us for this afternoon of music.

Membership Records Update

Please help us keep our records current! Let us know if you have moved, have a new phone number, changed your email address, or just want to update your directory photo by using the form at www.cookevillefumc.org/members-update.



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

FOOD PANTRY DATES

Our next food pantry dates for 2023 are:

- January 24
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 23

The Food Pantry is held in the parking garage from 2-6 p.m., and can be accessed from Spring Street. Volunteer opportunities are available, contact servant@cookevillefumc.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE MEAL

Wednesday Night Life Meal, January 25 at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Share in our first WNL Meal of the New Year! We will enjoy a meal catered by Grade A, then join hearts and voices in traditional hymns played by Martha Sue Bonner.

Menu: Meatloaf, loaded potato casserole, southern green beans, tossed salad with ranch dressing, square cornbread, and banana pudding.

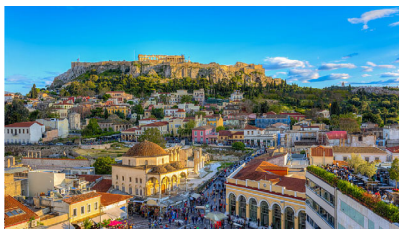
Reserve your spot online **no later than noon Monday, January 23** at www.cookevillefumc.org/wednesday-night-meals.

PADDLES FOR RAMPS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

January 28 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the gym. All proceeds will go to wheelchair ramps for the needy. Entries are limited to the first 5 PAID teams in each division (\$20 per person). Men's and Women's Doubles: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5. It will be a round-robin format of ONE game to 11 points for each match. For questions or to register, email Beth Allison at allisone1351@gmail.com. The entry deadline is Monday, January 23 by noon.



JOURNEYS OF PAUL, 2024



Journeys of Paul 2024 - Brochures for the Journeys of Paul trip in April of 2024 are now available and registration is open! Go to www.cookevillefumc.org/journeys-of-paul for full details and a downloadable brochure. You can also scan the QR code

to be taken directly to the site. The trip includes Greece with an optional extension cruise! If you have questions, please contact the group hosts: Pam and Bob Blair or Kevin and Kathy Conrad.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Marilyn Aitken	Brian Maffett
Carter Apple	Ensely Maxcy
Marvin Barker	Barrett McDonald
Marie Brown	Ksenia McDonald
Robert Buck	Wayne Nichols
Jeannie Buck	Jean Nichols
Keith Cavanary	Janis Nunnally
James Cherry	Joey Poston
Emory Cochran	Sandra Ragland
Walter Derryberry	Rita Regan
Dan Dodson	Lou Richards
David Funk	Margaret Ridley
Pat Gilbreath	Christina Ross
Ellie Luna Hazlewood	John Schaefer
Joyce Jackson	Brett Stanton
Ann Kellman	Courtney Steck
Wakely Killom	Deanna Stein
Chris Kirouac	Carol Stroud
Dovie Lawrence	Darla Warren
Jeannine Lynn	Linda Bilyeu Williams

Sympathy and Prayers

Stacey Hardison, family, and friends, on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Sudeath.

Dora Yates, her family, and friends on the death of her longtime companion, John Wall.

Tom Stricklin, his family, and friends on the death of his father, Thomas Stricklin.

Catherine Jackson, her family, and friends on the death of her mother, Laurie Massey McCall.

Bob McCawley, family, and friends on the death of his sister, Kathy Manor.

Family and friends of the McCoy family of Crossville.

YOUNG AT HEART

January 19, 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall

Lunch: \$8

“Lessons Recent Experiences have Taught Me”, by Mary Alice Gran, with Jennie Ivey.

The recent experience of husband Brad’s death, and learning to live alone, have led to an accumulated list of learnings and stories to share. Be ready to take notes, nod your head, and laugh.

Register by noon Tuesday, January 17 at www.cookevillefumc.org/YAH.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School class has started, meeting from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Wesley Chapel each Sunday. This is the class for you if you are new and are looking for a place to learn in a relaxed setting, or if you are a member that does not currently attend a Sunday School class! The first study will be Philippians, by Mark Batterson.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School — Classrooms
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Renew Worship Service — Wesley Chapel
5:00 p.m. Youth — Youth Room

Monday, January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
1:00 p.m. Advanced Pickleball — Gym
5:30 p.m. Young Adult Small Group — B213

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study — C112
9:00 a.m. Hope Academy
2:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
3:30 p.m. Homework/Hangout — Freeman Building
Adventures in Singing
4:00 p.m. Choir Club — Choir Room
5:00 p.m. WNL Kids — Gym
5:30 p.m. Disciple 1 — B214
Parent Class — B213
6:00 p.m. “The Way” Bible Study — B206
Youth Choir — Choir Room
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Thursday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga — B012
11:00 a.m. Young at Heart — Jeff Wall Hall
1:00 p.m. Senior Singers
4:45 p.m. Handbells — Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym
6:00 p.m. Gospel Ensemble — Choir Room

Friday, January 20

7:45 a.m. Dipsy Doodle Men’s Breakfast—Dipsy Doodle Restaurant



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

*The church office will be
closed Monday, January 16,
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*



Bel Canto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Join us

for our fundraising concert featuring
our music scholarship students
Sunday, January 29
at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC CLASSES



Starting Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2.

Parents and caregivers accompany their child in a loving and nurturing environment and start building their lifelong appreciation of music!

Cookeville First UMC offers a quality, hands-on musical experience for your young child from infant through age five.

The Early Childhood Music Classes are Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 9:15 and 10:00 a.m.

We welcome you to Music Class! Go to www.cookevillefumc.org/early-childhood-music to download the brochure with all the details, or scan the QR image.

There is no cost for classes, however class size is limited, and everyone must register.



THANK YOU

I want to thank you all for honoring my mom with your prayers, heartfelt words of comfort, and your visits during her services at the funeral home. At such a sad time, it fills my heart with love to have the opportunity to work with so many good people. I appreciate you all.

~ Jammie Johnson

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

By default, our facilities will be closed if Putnam County schools are closed. If weather improves, we will make a decision about evening activities and contact group leaders by noon. Participants should contact their group leaders with any questions. When activities are cancelled, the facility will not be open nor will anyone be available to open or close the facility.

The Food Pantry will follow the Putnam County School System Closings. If schools are closed for weather conditions on a Tuesday in which the Food Pantry is normally scheduled for distribution, the Food Pantry will be closed. This is for the safety of both our patrons and volunteers.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

- *The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, by Adam Hamilton, meeting in room B206 from 6 - 7 p.m. Travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Fascinating video from his personal travels to the Holy Land give you a “first-person” experience while his biblical wisdom and historical knowledge provide thoughtful and insightful commentary. Starts January 11.
- Parent and Caregiver of Children Class using the *Emotionally, Healthy Relationships* study meeting in B213 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pete and Geri Scazzero developed the Emotionally Healthy Relationships Course over a 21-year period to directly address core biblical principles to guide you and others into an experience of discipleship that will deeply change your life. Starts January 11.