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Save the Date!

November:

16 - Trustees Meeting
19 - Young at Heart
Church-wide Meal
Music That Feeds
22 - Family Mission Day
Consecration Sunday
25 - 27 - Office Closed

December:

1 - Anna Rebecca Circle
2 - Church-wide Meal
Hanging of the Greens
5 - Women's Advent Retreat
8 - Lydia Circle
12 - Breakfast w/ Santa
14 - Finance Meeting

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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Give Voice to Grace



We will celebrate Consecration Sunday on November 22 in all worship services. You are invited to bring your 2027 Commitment Card and Engagement Survey forward during worship. If you already filled out an Engagement Survey during Sunday School, you do not need to fill out another one. Commitment Cards and Engagement Surveys will be made available in worship should you forget to bring yours.

Why do we consecrate our commitments? Consecrate sounds fancy, but it just means 'to set aside' for God. We decide what we hope to give in 2027 and then we set that commitment aside for God. This setting aside helps the giver prepare to give and to give cheerfully rather than under compulsion. It also serves as a practical function for the church. Our commitments help church leaders plan for the upcoming year. Of course, no one knows what 2027 will hold. You may get a promotion or you may experience downsizing. Commitments have and do change throughout the year based on life circumstances. The commitment card is an estimate of giving, not a contract.

Your giving gives voice to God's grace. The church would not be able to share God's grace in all the ways we do without your generosity. It is quite amazing and selfless. Thank you for giving! I will see you on November 22nd.

~ Chip

By Our Presence

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Total In-Person and Online Views: 524

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Total In-Person and Online Views: 438

By Our Gifts

Budget Receipt for Two Weeks: $ 50,503.94

Budget Expenses for Two Weeks: $ 68,369.85

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!

Red Bird Christmas Angels

We have over 50 Christmas Angels from the Red Bird Mission School this year. They are for grades 4th-8th. We will start Angel pick-up at Music That Feeds on November 19. Anytime after that if you would like to adopt a student, please see Tamika or Krissie in the front office.

United Methodist Men

The monthly meeting scheduled November 17 has been cancelled. The December meeting will take place on December 8 at 11:30 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall.

For more information, visit us online at www.cookevillefumc.org or find us on Facebook.

Servant Ministry News

Please contact Tamika Parker at servant@cookevillefumc.org to volunteer or for more information about any of these programs.

Food Pantry Request

As we transition back to our indoor pantry for the month of November, we are excited to expand our offerings to include essential hygiene products. To help us support our community this month, we are currently seeking donations of Bar Soap, Band-Aids, and Toothpaste. Because our requested items will change monthly, please keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for the latest updates on our greatest needs. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

Light the Wesley

The students of the Tennessee Tech Wesley Foundation invite you to join them for "Light the Wesley" on Saturday, November 21, at 6 p.m!

"Light the Wesley" is a new fundraising event to support the ministry of our college students at the Wesley Foundation. The event revolves around a Hymn sing of beloved Advent hymns and Christmas carols in the Wesley Arena Theater, the lighting of Wesley's seasonal decorations, and time together over warm Cocoa and Cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

Our students absolutely love the holiday season, but sadly many return home during the holiday break and aren't able to fully enjoy this season with one another and their local church community here in Cookeville. For the students, decorating the building, making cookies, and watching a Christmas movie or two have been a regular part of wrapping up the Fall semester, getting into the holiday spirit, and making a little cheer throughout those daunting last few weeks which are typically filled with projects and exams.

Join us for this heartwarming evening together! The Wesley Foundation asks that you prayerfully consider making a donation to support their ministry. The Wesley Foundation is seeking to raise at least $4,000 for needed and upcoming Building Repairs, such as HVAC upgrades and a new roof for the main building.

Ways to help:

Help us Decorate!
Amazon Wishlist

Give to Wesley!
Help meet our Funding Goal

Sympathy and Prayers

Family and friends of Emme Veers, on her death.

Lisa Carter, friends, and family on the death of her mother, Marie Mobley.

Daytime Lectionary Bible Study

Holidays, Christmas breaks, and busy schedules are right around the corner. Daytime Lectionary Bible Study, which usually meets Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m., will be taking a short winter break. Class will NOT MEET beginning Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day) through Thursday, December 31(New Year's Eve). Daytime Lectionary Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, January 7, 2027. Hope to see you again after a short break. All are welcome!

R.S.V.P. for Wednesday Night Dinner!

November 18 at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. R.S.V.P. for the meal online by noon Monday, November 16 at www.cookevillefumc.org/rsvpmeals Menu: Baked Chicken, Cheesy Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Banana Pudding.

Cost: $10 per person (children under twelve are $5 for a half portion) with a $40 cap on families.

Family Mission Day

Sunday, November 22 at 9:45 a.m Children, Youth, and Parents are invited to the Freeman Gym for this special morning of Sunday School. We will be wrapping gifts for our Redbird Mission Students. Hope you can join us!

Flying High with Peter Pan at CPAC

Congratulations to all of the students in Peter Pan! Not all of our students are pictured here, but here are the names of our students in the show: Opal Dyer, Quinn Kincaid, Sarah Bell, Isaac Bell, Jett Powell, Addie Burnett, Harper Burnett, Hazel Dyer, Bristol Ramey, and Vivian Smallwood. Your church is so proud of you!



CALENDAR

Sunday, November 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 Service — Wesley Chapel

Monday, November 16

7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study — Jeff Wall Hall
9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg — B012
1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym
5:00 p.m. Jacob's Ladder Board Meeting – CLC 401
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting – B213

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
9:30 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
10:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
1:00 p.m. Pickleball — Gym

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Hope Academy — B012
9:30 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
10:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
2:30 p.m. Knitting — B206
3:00 p.m. GriefShare — B206
4:00 p.m. Children's Choir — Music Suite
Youth Group — Youth Room
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal — CLC
6:00 p.m. A Study of Acts — B210
Common Ground — B213
Introduction to Biblical Languages — B214
The Gift of the Nutcracker — B017
Children's Group — CLC, 2nd Floor
Youth Choir — Music Suite
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir — Music Suite

Thursday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Women's Upper Room Devotion Time — B206
9:00 a.m. Pickleball — Gym
9:30 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
Daytime Bible Study — B206
10:15 a.m. Early Childhood Music Class – 206B
11:00 a.m. Grace on the Go — Side Parking Lot
ShowerUp — Side Parking Lot
Young at Heart — Jeff Wall Hall
1:00 p.m. Table Tennis — Gym
Mah Jongg — B012
4:45 p.m. Handbell Choir — Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal — Christian Life Center
6:00 p.m. Disciple I — B206
Music That Feeds Concert — Sanctuary

Friday, November 20

7:45 a.m. Dipsy Doodle—Off Campus

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MUSIC That Feeds

Thursday, November 19
5 p.m. Soup Supper
6 p.m. Concert



Sharing the story of grace in the heart of town.

Surviving the Holidays

For those dealing with grief during this holiday season, join us November 18 at 3 p.m. in room B206 for "Surviving the Holidays", led by John Schaeffer. The session last approximately 45 minutes. All are welcome to attend.

Young at Heart -- TTU for You!

Thursday, November 19, at 11 a.m. in Jeff Wall Hall. Interested in learning about something new or on a deeper level? Hear about the special discount program at TTU for those over 60 years old to take classes for free! Learn which programs are available and how to register. Led by Catherine Warren, TTU Audit Specialist.

Lunch $12 (with scholarships available): Tossed Garden Salad with Ranch Dressing, Lasagna, Garlic French Bread, Brownies. Make your reservations for lunch by noon Monday, November 16! Re: Lunch Scholarships: No one else will know. Just pay $10 at church office ahead of time or at YAH as you arrive.

Music That Feeds!

When I first began singing at Cookeville FUMC in 2017, Music That Feeds was one of my favorite events, and that is still the case. I am continually moved by the work of our servant ministries, and proud to work where serving those in need is a priority.

This year, Music That Feeds features our newly formed Chamber Choir. This small ensemble is made up of advanced singers. I have challenged this group with a program of difficult and rewarding repertoire, and they have responded with a level of hard work and dedication that I believe will be evident in their performance. I am excited for our congregation to hear what this talented group has been preparing!

We will enjoy a free meal at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, followed by the concert service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert also features a short message from Pastor Chip who will lead us in communion.

Please RSVP for the meal either online or by calling the church office, and prayerfully consider making a donation during the program. All money raised will go directly to our servant ministries, helping provide food and other essential support to our neighbors in need. I hope you'll join us for what promises to be a meaningful evening of music, fellowship, and service!

~ Cass Roberts