



*Cook's  
United  
Methodist  
Church*



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## Annual Events

### Winter

Warmth in Winter Youth Retreat

### Spring

Confirmation Classes

Holy Week Services

Easter Cantata

Community Egg Hunt

### May

Women's Friendship Dinner

### Summer

Vacation Bible School

Youth Summer Sizzler

Youth Mission Trip

### October

Church-wide Retreat

Harvest Party

Missions Fundraiser Dinner

### December

Candlelight Dinner

Christmas Cantata

Children's & Youth Christmas Programs

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

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Other community activities include:

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Community Garden

GED Classes for 17-year-olds

Habitat for Humanity

Mary Chaffin UMC outreach

Mt. Juliet Community Help Center

Tae Kwon Do

Yoga Classes

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## A Place to Get Involved

**Children** serve as acolytes for services, participate in Children's Time with the pastor during Sunday worship services, have age-level children's worship bulletins, and 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders gather on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. for Faithweaver Friends.

**Middle & High School Youth Groups** meet weekly, conduct mission projects, take educational and fun trips, and participate in local, district and conference youth events.

**United Methodist Women** meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 10 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon. The group sponsors several church events, contributes to various mission projects and participates in district and conference UMW activities.

**United Methodist Men's Club** meets monthly on the third Sunday at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast. The group helps with various church events including Cook's Fest.

**Parish Nursing Ministry** periodically sponsors a children's health fair, Red Cross blood drives, flu shots, blood pressure checks, CPR training, exercise classes and is involved in providing other health services in the community.

**Adult Choir** meets weekly at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir director Joyce Gaines leads the group in choral selections for the 11:00 service each Sunday and cantatas for Good Friday, Easter and Christmas.

**Women's Ensemble** meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Director Sally Thompson leads the group in providing choral anthems for the 8:15 & 9:45 services once a month from September through June. They also meet at 7:45 a.m. on performance Sundays.

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## A Place of Heritage

Cook's United Methodist Church, the little white church on the hill, has both a rich history and vision for the future. Here a person seeking Christ can find not solely membership, but a sense of belonging.

Located on Highway 70 between Mt. Juliet and Highway 109, the once one-room white church strives to maintain its small-church feel while delivering big-church service to God.

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## A Place of History

Cook's United Methodist Church began in the early 1800s when a weary Methodist circuit rider stopped on this hill under a great oak and prayed to the Lord to help him build a church on this spot.

The Cook family, for whom the church is named, provided land for early camp meetings and the original church building about 1819.

In 1898, a new building was erected using some of the timbers cut for the first church structure. This is the historic sanctuary of Cook's today with its beautiful stained glass windows. Classrooms, fellowship hall, offices, kitchen, divided nursery and a spacious multi-function room have since been added. The little white church on the hill has certainly grown over the years!

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## Weekly Worship & Fellowship

### Sunday Worship & Church School

Worship Services 8:15, 9:45 & 11:00  
Sunday School 9:45

### Wednesday Night Prayer & Praise

5:30-6:15 Meal served  
6:15 Faithweaver Friends (grades 1-8)  
6:15-6:45 Worship Service  
7:00-8:15 Spiritual Workshops

*Come to all or part of the evening's events*

**Holy Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month during each of three morning worship services.

**Fellowship Meal** is regularly on the second Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m. It is potluck, bring a dish to share & join us.

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## A Place to Learn About God

Sunday School classes are available for all ages of children, youth and adults.

A nursery, designed with separate spaces for infants and toddlers, is available during worship services in addition to Sunday School.

Three children's classes are grouped by grade level. There are two classes for youth: Middle and High School.

There are 10 adult classes of various age groups representing different walks of life. Here singles, married couples, single parents, or single again adults study and fellowship together.

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## Adult Classes

**Celebration** class is a diverse middle age group that uses scripture, current social issues and various publications as discussion starters.

**Cornerstone** class is made up primarily of young and middle married couples who explore Christianity and its various beliefs and practices with open minds.

**Faith Searchers** is a class of various ages seeking answers to faith questions.

**Friendship** class includes middle and older adults who incorporate Bible study, service ministry and fellowship beyond the classroom.

**Lamplighters** class includes women of varied ages who study spiritual growth and interpersonal support.

**Nancy Everett** class is made up of those who proudly claim their status as older adults and discuss International Bible studies.

**Exploration Seminar** is a class for newcomers on the basics of Christianity and what's unique about Methodism and Cook's. Offered once or twice a year.

**Power To Choose** is a small study group of middle age adults focused on questions arising when faith meets life.

**Seekers** class is middle to older adults who enjoy historically based, in depth lectures and class discussions.

**YAG (Young Adult Group)** is a new class for young people ages 18 to 24.

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