

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong: Volunteers Needed
Traditional Service: Volunteers Needed

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong: Brenda Moss and Earl Beckett
Traditional Service: Charlotte Quinley and Lydia Anderson

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong: Anna Marie Peeler and Katelyn Stewart
Traditional Service: Jamie Glenn and Leslie Henderson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Condolences to the family of: Mark Billingsley Jimmy Chumley Bill Terry Deverell Other Requests: Billy Anderson J.C. Bailey Donna Beard Inette Bennett L.C. Bierman Tom Bready John Erik Bryant David Buchanan Don Chastain Clara Conley Gloria Cook Bobby Coulston Phronia Dailey Darryl Dickerson Billy Dycus Jack Allen Edwards Claudine Elder	Carol Fenton Lisa Flanders Mike Fleming Thad Glenn Cindy Graves Rusty Hamilton Hugh Hanson Orbin Holland Linda Holt Becky Horstkoetter Carole Hughey Ricky Hunt Mykle Johnson Jean Jones Mary L. Kimery Greg Knox Lori Butler Lindley Dave Marshall Peggy Massey Wallace Mathis Edith McBride Catherine McCalla	Pete McDow Charlie Moss James Neely Bobby Pace Raymond Poole Joyce Richardson Larry Roy Carolynn Scruggs Dave Seagrave George Robert Shoaf Neal Simonton Buddy Smith Chad Smith Ed Timberlake Jimmy Turner Tripp Turner Ashley Whaley Bart White Jo Wigington Dr. Barney Witherington III Martha Yarbrough

MARCH TO THE MANGER OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts given to the "March to the Manger" offering.



Gifts received for **Mission and Outreach through the Good Samaritan Fund** were \$2,872.00. Gifts received for **repairs to the Fellowship Hall** were \$1,746.00.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS RESUME

Wednesday night programs for children and youth will begin **January 13th**. Adult Lenten studies will start, **February 3rd**.



COMMUNION OFFERING

Next Sunday's communion offering will benefit Confidential Care for Women, a non-profit, Christian pregnancy resource ministry in Covington.



CALENDAR DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 2, 2015

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship-Christian Life Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

Monday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Youth "Destination Unknown" Day Trip
6:00 p.m. MorningSong Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

Tuesday, December 29

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting-Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

Wednesday, December 30

9:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study-New Beginnings Classroom
12:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19
5:30 p.m. Olesen/Peeler Wedding Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Thursday, December 31

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Olesen/Peeler Wedding-Sanctuary

Friday, January 1-New Year's Day

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry-Covington UMC

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

On the first Sunday of the New Year, January 3rd, we will join together in a service of covenant renewal with God in our times of worship. The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, invites persons to commit themselves to God. All are invited as we participate in this covenant renewal followed by communion at both services.



2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is a time for understanding and preparing for church membership. Children in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades who have not been through confirmation will be participating. An orientation session (which is necessary to attend) for parents and children will be held **Wednesday, January 20th** at 6:00 p.m. in the New Beginnings Classroom.

Classes will be held each Wednesday night from January 27th through March 30th (not including March 23rd of Spring Break). **Youth participation in every class is necessary for completion of Confirmation.** If you plan to participate, please contact Rev. Wade by emailing wadecoxfumc@bellsouth.net or calling 901-476-9694, as soon as possible.

Due to an IRS ruling, tax-deductible contributions to the church must be turned in or postmarked by December 31, 2015.



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"The Secret of the Gifts"

Matthew 2:1-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The liturgical color for Epiphany Sunday is white signifying the purity of Christ.

"Leading Others to Christ, Learning to Be Disciples, Loving through Service."



Morning Song
An Outreach of Praise and Worship
Of First United Methodist Church

8:30 a.m.
Contemporary

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
Covington, TN 38019

*Denotes to please stand as you are able.
†Children (PreK-2nd Grade) are invited to attend Children's Church.
Parents may pick up their children on the lower level of the Education Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Grace Phelps

*PRAISE SONGS
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"He Reigns"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part One
Gaspar

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Phelps

PRAYER SONG "Be Near Me, Lord Jesus"

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Rev. Phelps

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part Two
Melchior

†OFFERING "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Praise Band

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part Three
Balthasar

TIME OF REFLECTION

*CLOSING SONG
"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION Rev. Cox

Information about Nursery or Children's Church can be found at the table with the balloon.



11:00 a.m.
Traditional Service

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TFWS-The Faith We Sing UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

WELCOME Rev. Grace Phelps

PRELUDE Justin Hanson, Organ
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
(arr. Denton)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part One
Gaspar

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 237
"Sing We Now of Christmas"

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Phelps

OFFERTORY Justin Hanson, Organ
"Pastorale"
(arr. Schubert)

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part Two
Melchior

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 245
"The First Noel"

†PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Rev. Phelps

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Carol of the Magi"
(arr. Rutter) Choir

THE SECRET OF THE GIFTS Part Three
Balthasar

TIME OF REFLECTION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 254
"We Three Kings"

BENEDICTION Rev. Cox

*CHORAL RESPONSE Choir
"Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

POSTLUDE Justin Hanson, Organ
"Lift Up Your Heads"
(arr. Paxton)

Gold -

Frankincense -

Myrrh -

The Secret of the Gifts
by Paul Flucke