



MARCH TO THE MANGER

The offering will be received in addition to the regular weekly offering Sunday, December 19 during each worship service.

The priorities given to this special offering are:

1. Radio Communications of the church
2. Television Communications of the church

In the past year, Radio and Television Ministry has not been fully funded because of budget cutbacks. Your offering can help us continue to provide this important ministry.

3. Supporting the Connectional Offerings of our local church

Each year our church is responsible for connectional giving to the General Church and Annual Conference ministries, missions, and support. Your offering can help greatly in meeting our obligations as a church, continuing our long tradition of 100% payment of our connectional giving.

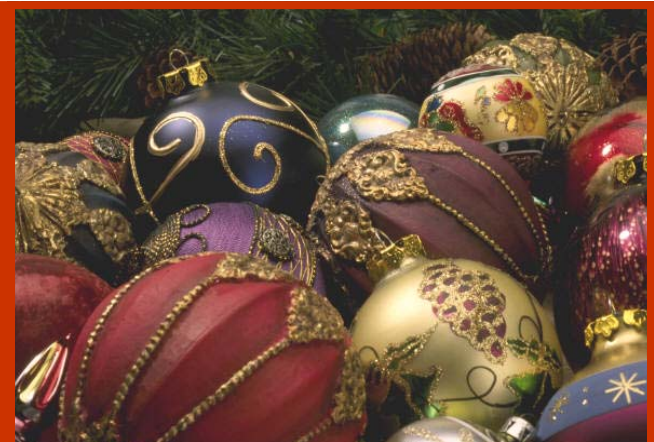
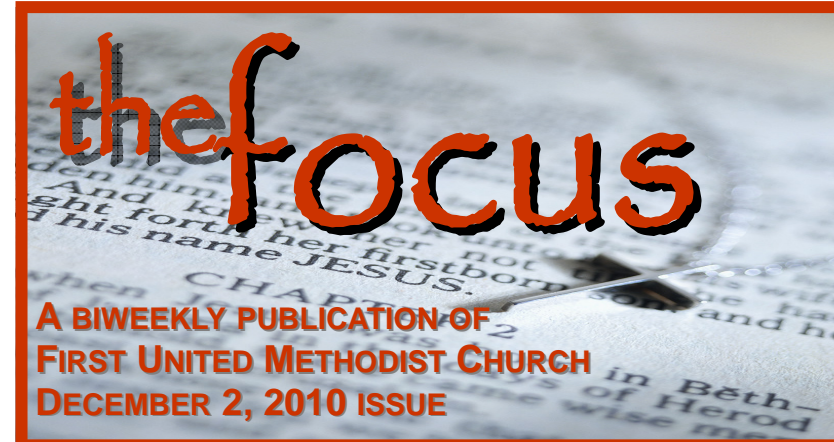
Individuals may choose which area to give, and any gifts in honor or memory of someone will be properly recognized. Please give generously. Thank you for your support of the ministries of First United Methodist Church of Covington.



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“Leading Others to Christ,
 Learning to Be Disciples,
 Loving through Service.”
*MISSION STATEMENT OF
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH*

DECEMBER 2, 2010



NEW MEMBERS

Kirk and Emily Richardson, with their daughter Ema, joined First United Methodist Church during MorningSong on Sunday, November 28, taking the vows of recommitment to Christ and the support our congregation. Kirk and Emily's address is 211 Fairway Dr. in Covington. Roy and Brenda Wrather are their sponsors.

Welcome Kirk, Emily, and Ema to the First United Methodist Church Family!



JAIME HUNTER TO STEP DOWN

We are saddened that after nearly two years in the position of Children's Director, Jaime Hunter is announcing her resignation effective December 31 to spend more time with family. We are very grateful for all that Jaime has done and accomplished as Children's Director, and will miss her being on staff. She has served very well, and her work ethic, talents, and efforts have been appreciated.

We will continue to see Jaime each week as an active mom in the church. Please give your thanks to her in the coming weeks for all she has done.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE

December 5
Morning Song Service
 Wanda Lakey and
 Kathy Wallace
Traditional Service
 Joe & Debbie Winberry

December 12
Morning Song Service
 Ray & Janice Newbill
Traditional Service
 Arnold Bull, Dennis
 McDuffie and Tom Rogers



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Facilities

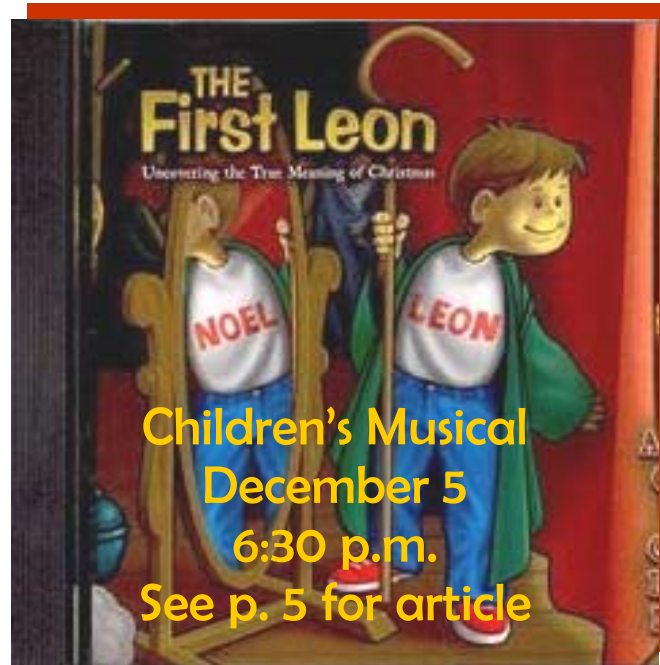
Rebecca Paris, Custodian

Kenny Summers, Maintenance



RECEPTION FOR EVELYN CHAPMAN

The December 5, 11:00 a.m. worship service will be Ms. Evelyn's last day as regular organist, and a reception will follow in the Cockrill-Gift Room. Ms. Evelyn Chapman has served as regular organist since 1970, (and filling-in beginning in 1947) We are sincerely indebted to a wonderful musician and the many ways she has ministered with her music. All are invited to attend the reception. Ms. Chapman's home address is 293 Long Rd.



**Children's Musical
December 5
6:30 p.m.
See p. 5 for article**



CARL PERKINS STAR TREE

The Carl Perkins Star Tree is set up in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to buy a gift for a needy child, please choose one of more stars

from the tree. Find the corresponding list on the table by the tree and write your name and phone number next to the item listed on the star(s) you have chosen.

Please leave the gifts in the Fellowship Hall (with the star attached to the gift) **no later than Sunday, December 5. DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** If you have any questions, please contact Martha McDaniel at 476.5511 or Lauren Enzor at 354.5806. As always, the HOPE Class thanks you for your support of this important mission project.



**CHOIR CANTATA
DECEMBER 12**

A Concert of Songs for Christmas featuring the songs of Michael W. Smith

Two Performances
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

RSVP by calling church 476-9694 or email hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net

"Agnus Dei brings the timeless message of the birth of our Savior to light in a fresh, new way."

BREAD OF LIFE FEEDING MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during November. This was a big month for fresh produce donations. We received 5,000 pounds of Irish potatoes from the Society of St. Andrew potato drop on November 4. Thanks to Waymon McDade and Russell Lindsey for driving to Martin, TN and picking those up and to the youth for sorting and bagging them.

In addition, Denard Clemons, a truck patch farmer from Drummonds, donated 46 bushels of sweet potatoes. Thanks to the women of the Thursday morning Bible study group for bagging them! And Rodney and Faye Hughes donated 85 pounds of turnips from their garden for the Brighton pantry last week. Thanks to all!

We also are grateful to the congregation of Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church for donating 150 lbs. of canned and dry food items which replenished our "emergency food"

	<u>November 2010</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	234 (Covington) 125 (Brighton) 359 (Total)	515 (Covington) 308 (Brighton) 813 (Total)
Individuals served:	592 (Covington) 393 (Brighton) 985 (Total)	1475 (Covington) 941 (Brighton) 2416 (Total)

Volunteers serving: 140 persons		<u>November 2010</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
November 2010	Year-to-Date (since 4/10)	Cost of food:	
Pounds: 21,172 (Food Bank)	108,283 (Food Bank)	\$901.65	\$7,521.63
112 (Save-A-Lot)	1,101 (Save-A-Lot)	Cost per pound:	3.2 cents
17 (Kroger)	1,906 (Kroger)		5.9 cents
1,925 (donated items)	4,425 (donated items)	Average cost per household:	\$2.51
5,000 (Society St. Andrew)	5,000 (Society St. Andrew)		(for a 7 day allotment of food)
28,226 (Total)	126,915 (Total)		



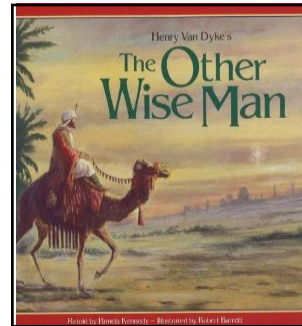
Youth, Don't Forget.

December 28-31

See Jason for Details

THIRD MONDAY FUN & INFORMATION FORUM

You are invited to come and join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, December 20**. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Cockrill Gift class there will be Christmas cookies and coffee served while there is a reading of **Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man"**. Also, **Cindy Johnson** from Baptist Home Care and Hospice will be working in a blood pressure clinic. There will be goodie bags of Christmas cookies to take home. Invite your family and friends. Make your plans now to attend!



NEW ARRIVALS

Thomas Miller Shelby was born on Thursday, November 18. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 inches. His parents are Nathan and Ashley McDow Shelby. The Shelby's home address is address is 89 Moses Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. Thomas' FUMC grandparents are Tommy and Denise McDow. Their home address is 2445 Highway 54 East, Covington, TN. His FUMC great grandfather is Pete McDow. His home address is 141 McDow Lane, Covington, 38019.

Reese Thomas Shipley was born on Thursday, November 18. He weighed 4lbs 7oz. His parents are Grant (Jr.) and Brooke Shipley, and brother Owen. Their home address is 293 Leggett, Atoka, 38004.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of Receptionist/Print Secretary is available. It requires excellent interpersonal skills, ability to multi-task and work with public, and strong skills with Microsoft Office, especially Publisher. The position is part-time 25 hours a week. Interested persons should see Tim Carpenter or Holly Morris at the church to submit a resume.



LIVE NATIVITY

The Enjoy Class will again sponsor the Live Nativity. The showings will be December 21-23 at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30. p.m. (weather permitting). The Enjoy Class has asked for volunteers to portray the nativity characters for 30 minute shifts. Sign-up sheets available after worship Sunday.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

November 21, 2010

MorningSong -	83
Sunday School -	132
Traditional Worship -	160
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,756.00
Traditional Worship-	\$ 4,962.85

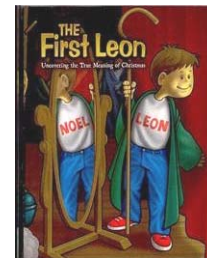
November 28, 2010

MorningSong -	118
Sunday School -	132
Traditional Worship -	174
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,937.00
Traditonal Worship Offering -	\$ 3,178.50



GO GETTERS

The Go Getters will meet on **Monday, December 6** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner. It will be catered by Mike and Alice Morrison. The menu will be ham and all the trimmings. The cost will be \$ 8.00 per plate. After dinner the children of Cathy Sims' School of Dance will be our entertainment. All seniors are invited. Bring a friend!



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

In this charming new musical you will see the Christmas story through the eyes of Leon. You see, Leon is...special.

Ever since he discovered that his name spelled backwards is Noel, he's felt called to tell the world the true meaning of Christmas. But when he tries out for every role in the annual pageant, he finds that he's the only one who doesn't get a part. Rejected. Now Leon understands better than anyone how Mary and Joseph must have felt when they heard the words, "No room" that night in Bethlehem. Without really trying to, however, Leon does uncover the true meaning of Christmas when he identifies the real Star of Bethlehem.

This Sunday evening, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. or at 10:30 p.m. for a service of Lessons, Carols, and Communion. Hear again the wonderful gospel story of God's acts of salvation and grace in human history, culminating in the Incarnation in Jesus Christ. The worship service concludes with a candlelight singing of Silent Night, and also includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All Christians are welcome to partake of the Sacrament. The worship service is a beautiful and joyful occasion, and we sincerely invite you to be a part of this experience.

YOUTH SPAGHETTI "TO-GO" FUNDRAISER

For those who purchased tickets for spaghetti "to go" lunches, don't forget to get your spaghetti this Sunday. It will be available after both worship services. The money raised during this event will benefit the youth's winter retreat.

2010 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

You are invited to participate in decorating our sanctuary this Christmas season with your purchase of a poinsettia. The cost for each flower will be \$14.50. Please list below if this is in honor or memory of a special person. Be sure to include the names as you wish it to be listed in the bulletin. The poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the weeks of December 12 and December 19 and December 26. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 8.

In honor: _____
 In memory: _____
 Given by: _____

I wish to take the poinsettia with me after the service. _____
 I wish my poinsettia to be delivered to the nursing home. _____

Bring Order form with payment to office.

Friday, December 3, 2010

5:30-8:00 Children's Choir Practice

Saturday, December 4, 2010

9:00 a.m. Covington Food Pantry

9:30-11a.m. Children's Choir Practice

Sunday, December 5, 2010

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Chapman Reception

5:00 p.m. Youth

6:30 p.m. Children's Musical

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Women's Study

6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Class

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Cockrill Gift Class

1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild-Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift

6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

Saturday, December 11, 2010

9:00 a.m. Brighton Food Pantry

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 12, 2010

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service p.m.

4:00 p.m. Cantata I

5:15 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Cantata II

5:00 p.m. Youth

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

12 Noon UMW Christmas Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

6:30 p.m. Building Committee

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, December 16, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Cockrill Gift Class

1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild-Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift

Cockrill Gift

6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Live radio broadcast of Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11:00 a.m.

Traditional service: Delayed broadcast of the on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county) Sundays @ 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays @ 12 Noon.

MorningSong on the Square: Delayed Broadcast on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county) Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at www.covingtonfumc.com, as well as streaming of past services.**UPCOMING MENUS FOR MEALS**Wednesday, December 8

Adults: Spaghetti salad bread

Children: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese

Dessert: Apple crisp and vanilla ice cream

Sunday, December 12

Adults: Ham, green beans almondine, kernel corn, rolls

Children: Corn dogs mac/cheese tater tots

Dessert: Cheesecake stuffed chocolate cake

Make your reservations no later thanMonday at 4:00 p.m. for the meal.You may contact the church office at 476.9694 or email: hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net.**NOTES OF THANKS**

"Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. I was so touched, We are truly blessed for such friendship and support.
God Bless, *Becky and Ben Lutrell*"

"I want to thank each and everyone for the kind donation given to me in my time of need for some propane. May God bless you.
Thanks, *Brenda Womack*"

"I met a gentleman this morning from Lake County. He is a disabled single parent with 3 daughters 8, 14. and 15. He has not been able to get disability. While we were talking we talked about getting ready for Christmas. He said he loved the Christmas season and what it stood for. He said his children would get gifts this year through Reelfoot Rural Mission. He was very thankful. I asked him if I could pass this info on. Thanks, Judy Whitehorn

BIRTHDAYS

December 1 - Landon Beasley, Jean Face, Patsy Fleming, Bettye Shelley

December 2 - Allison Havercamp, Kyle Pugh, Peggy Watson

December 3 - Oney Naifeh

December 4 - Sheri Burdette,

December 6 - Chloe Cooper, John Oliver Posey

December 7 - Isabella Conley, Nadine Davis, Kelley Holt

December 8 - Patricia Anderson, Charles Fisher IV

December 9 - Dylan Jackson

December 12 - Caroline Glass, Faye Hughes, Leigh Smith

December 13 - Peter Bierman, Ellen Clark, Norman Crittenden, Kaye Smith

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

A special "Happy Birthday" to Charles Fisher who will turn 93 on December 8. Congratulations and best wishes for the coming year. Mr. Fisher's address is 341 Fisher Rd., Covington 38019.

**COUNSELING**

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. Cindy Pease, S.,L.P.S./ M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified, is available for appointment by contacting the FUMC office 476-9694 at ext.18.

