

# FOCUS

## First United Methodist Church

Covington, Tennessee

Rev. Tim Carpenter - Pastor

November 2, 2010

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual Charge Conference will be held November 7 at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our District Superintendent Sandra Leatherwood will chair the meeting. The purpose of the conference is to approve the slate of officers and the clergy salaries for 2011. All members of the Administrative Board should attend.

### ALL SAINTS DAY



FUMC'S 2010 All Saints Day will be held on **Sunday, November 7**. On this day, we honor those of our church family who have died in the last year. Below is the proposed listing for those that will be honored. If you know of someone that should be included on this list, please contact the church office at 476.9694 so the records can be corrected.

#### Persons to be Remembered:

*Bill Barber, Duke Harris Brasfield, Charles Eugene Butler, Horace Cooley, Louise Cooley, Leslie Culver, Lewis Daniel Elliston, Linda Gatlin, Mildred Peeler Gray, Geoffrey Max, Marie McDivitt, Ruth Ann McDow, Jack Peyton, Clara Jane Phelps, Michael Shoaf Thornton, Billy Wilson and Leo Wingate.*

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Next Sunday, November 7, Daylight Savings time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour!



### VETERANS CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 10

On Wednesday evening, November 10, our church will honor our veterans at a worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. **All veterans are invited to bring or e-mail a photograph** (to [sfleming\\_fumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:sfleming_fumc@bellsouth.net)) of yourself in your service uniform to the church office by Friday, November 7. A special slideshow and printed collage of those photographs will be made up for the evening.

We will also have a fellowship meal prior to the worship service at 5:00 p.m. during which the slideshow of the photos which you submit will be shown. Cost for the meal is only \$5.00 per person.

Reservations for the meal can be made by contacting Sheila in the church office at 476-9694 or by email to the above address. We hope to see many people for this special night.

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### Staff Mission Statement

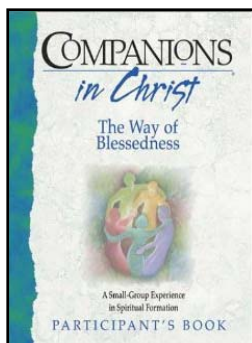
*"The staff of First UMC is dedicated to aid the congregation in carrying out its mission while welcoming persons in the church with respect, care, and concern, and upholding the ideals of Jesus Christ."*

## THIRD MONDAY FUN & INFORMATION FORUM

You are invited to come and join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, November 15.** **Lina Shankle from Hometown Flowers** will be showing us Christmas decorating ideas. The item that Lina makes will be given as a door prize. Also, **Mary Elizabeth Jones, from Methodist Hospice** will be speaking about "Dealing with the Holiday Blues and Blood Pressure Clinic in the Cockrill Gift Classroom. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!



## JOIN US FOR THE THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP!



Thursday mornings  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Oct. 28 - Dec. 30, 2010  
Cockrill-Gift classroom  
adjacent to the sanctuary

A gathering just for women for fellowship, study and reflection together on our spiritual journeys. First half hour - Light refreshments and visiting. Last hour - Study and reflection on reading.

### CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED.

Our text for the study is called *The Way of Blessedness* from the *Companions in Christ* series, which is published by the Upper Room. Cost of the study book is \$10. Books will be available after worship on Sunday, October 24.

The study focuses on the Beatitudes found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 and examines all the ways in which God makes us "blessed" and how we can in turn be a blessing to others. Join us!

## AVAILABLE BOOKS



There are books available from Mrs. Louise Elliston's estate. They are on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself.

You may send your letters of appreciation to **Joan Elliston, 4620 North Park Avenue, Unit 705 East, Chevy Chase MD 20815.** Thank you.

## THANK YOU

"The HOPE Class would like to thank everyone for their support of our annual bake sale. We raised \$ 540.00 for Grace Place Ministries and the FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thanks to everyone who baked goodies for us to sell, everyone who purchased something and all those who made cash donations. We really appreciate it."

## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

### October 24, 2010

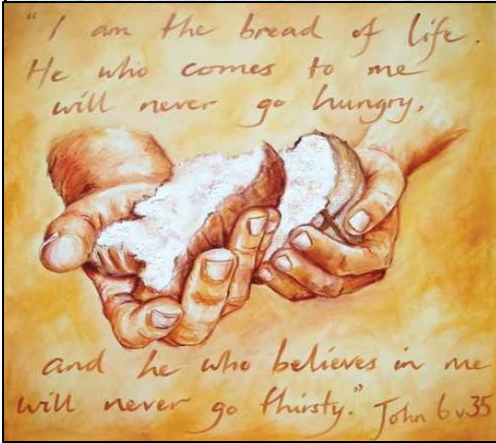
MorningSong -	100
Sunday School -	137
Traditional Worship -	126
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,823.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 2,549.00

### October 31, 2010

MorningSong -	98
Sunday School -	115
Traditional Worship -	143
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 6,152.20
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 1,910.00

# Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

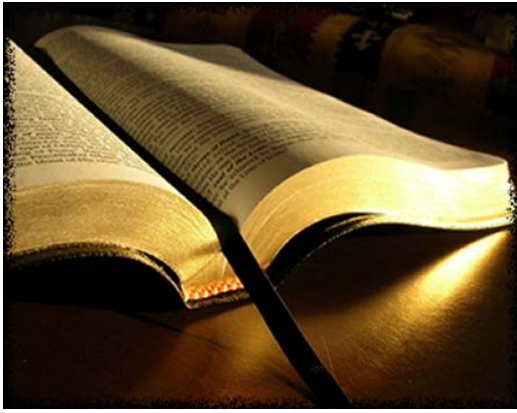
## October 2010



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during September. Thanks for your donations of mac & cheese and peanut butter and the bountiful plastic grocery bags! **A special thanks to the administration and students of Covington Integrated Arts Academy for having a second food drive for us.**

The numbers of families coming for food continues to grow at both pantry locations. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October, we served 118 families at the Covington pantry and the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, we served 82 families at Brighton – both the largest numbers we have served in a single Saturday since we opened in April. Families continue to struggle with inability to find work, unemployment benefits exhausted, and lack of affordable healthcare which impacts their ability to provide the food they need for their families. **Thank you for your compassionate support of this caring ministry.**

	<u>October 2010</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	200 (Covington) 125 (Brighton) <b>325 (Total)</b>	468 (Covington) 286 (Brighton) <b>754 (Total)</b>
Individuals served:	541 (Covington) 395 (Brighton) <b>936 (Total)</b>	1326 (Covington) 856 (Brighton) <b>2182 (Total)</b>
Volunteers serving:	140 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	15,986 (Mid-South Food Bank) 238 (Save-A-Lot) 247 (Kroger) 800 (donated items) <b>17,271 (Total)</b>	87,111 (Mid-South Food Bank) 989 (Save-A-Lot) 1,889 (Kroger) 2,500 (donated items) 5,400 (West TN Prison) <b>98,689 (Total)</b>
Cost of food:	\$1,122.10	\$6,618.98
Cost per pound:	6.5 cents	6.7 cents
Average cost per household:	<b>\$3.45 (for a 7 day allotment of food)</b>	



**WEDNESDAY EVENING  
WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 3 - Dec. 8, 2010

Enjoy classroom

Third floor - Education Building

A gathering just for women for fellowship, study and reflection together on our spiritual journeys.

Our text for the study is called *Feeding on the Word* from the *Companions in Christ* series, which is published by the Upper Room. Cost of the study book is \$8. Books will be available after worship on Sunday, November 7.

The study focuses on new and different ways to make scripture an integral part of your daily faith journey. Join us!

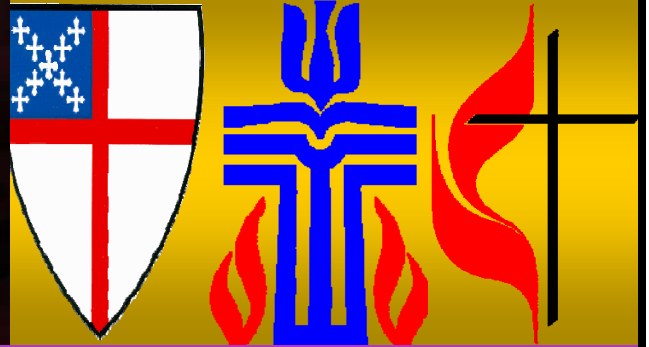
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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**THURSDAYS 7:30 A.M.**  
FOLLOWING PRAYER BREAKFAST  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

STUDY OF ROMANS  
"DON'T CONFORM, BE TRANSFORMED"

September 28-November 11

**FOURTH ANNUAL  
ADVENT PROCESSION SERVICE  
NOVEMBER 28, 2010  
5:30 P.M.**



**PROCESSING FROM ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL  
TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
AND TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST**

**CHORAL MUSIC PROVIDED BY  
THE *CHRIST CHURCH CHAMBER SINGERS*  
*CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TN***



### **REELFOOT MINISTRY TOY DRIVE**

The Go Class is again sponsoring the annual Christmas toy drive for Reelfoot Rural Ministry. A suggested list of age group appropriate toys will be distributed to each Sunday School class. Please bring toys to the Go Class by December 3. Thank you!

### **UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**November 7**

**Morning Song Service**

Roy Wrather  
Brenda Wrather

**Traditional Service**

Melissa Mitchell  
Emily Richardson

**November 14**

**Morning Song Service**

Ellen Clark  
Bonnie Wright

**Traditional Service**

Mike Morrison  
Alice Morrison



# Scheduled Events for November 3 through November 17, 2010

## Wednesday, November 3, 2010

5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Studies  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Go Class  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 4, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Tim Carpenter - Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cockrill Gift  
1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild-Sanctuary/Cockrill Gift  
6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Classroom

## Saturday, November 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. Covington Food Pantry

## Sunday, November 7, 2010

**Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back 1 hour)**  
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
9:45 a.m. Charge Conference  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
1:00 p.m. Delayed broadcast of traditional worship service, KBJ  
4:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

## Monday, November 8, 2010

12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. UMM Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ  
7:00 p.m. Martha Rebekah Circle in the home of Shirley Bready

## Tuesday, November 9, 2010

9:30 a.m. Adah and Mary Circle Meeting - Cockrill Gift Classroom  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

## Wednesday, November 10, 2010

5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. **Special Worship for Veterans** - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Studies  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Go Class  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 11, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Tim Carpenter - Fellowship Hall  
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

## Friday, November 12, 2010

5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Practice

## Saturday, November 13, 2010

9:00 a.m. Brighton Food Pantry until 11:00 a.m.

## Sunday, November 14, 2010

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
1:00 p.m. Delayed broadcast of traditional worship service, KBJ  
2:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Practice until 6:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
Monday, November 15, 2010  
10:00 a.m. Third Monday Fun & Information Forum - Lina Shankle from Hometown Flowers demonstrating Christmas decorating ideas  
6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ  
7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting - Cockrill Gift Classroom

## Tuesday, November 16, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class  
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - Conference Room

## Wednesday, November 17, 2010

5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Studies  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Go Class  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**VETERAN'S RECOGNITION MEAL AND WORSHIP SERVICE  
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

## UPCOMING MENUS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Make your reservations no later than Monday at 4:00 p.m. for the meal. You may contact the church office at 476.9694 or email: [hmorris\\_fumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net) Thank you!

**"Standing" reservations are encouraged!**

### Adult Menu for November 10

Lasagna  
Strawberry Salad  
Garlic Bread

### Children's Menu

Fish Sticks  
Macaroni & Cheese

### Dessert

Banana Pudding



### Adult Menu for November 17

Roast Turkey  
Cornbread Dressing  
Green Bean Casserole  
Rolls

### Children's Menu

Chicken Nuggets

### Dessert

Pumpkin and Apple Pie



## Birthdays...

### November 3 - November 17

November 5 - Brooke Shipley, Clark Turner,  
John Wallace

November 7 - Sherrie Wright

November 8 - Raygen Escue

November 9 - Thomas Cheairs IV

November 10 - Kevin Holt, Joshua Love,  
Alice Morrison, Mandy Phillips

November 11 - Russell Phelps,  
Camden Sampson

November 13 - Cade Freeman

November 14 - Shirley Bready

November 15 - Waymon McDade

November 16 - Dawn Carpenter,  
Jacob Delashmit

November 17 - Jack McDivitt, George Patton,  
John Ethan Smith



## COMMUNITY WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

You are invited to attend the 2010 Community Wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21 at 6:00p.m.. It will be hosted by First Baptist Church in Covington. The address is 211 South Main Street. There will be worship and music performed by a mass choir. After the services you are invited to stay and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies in the fellowship hall. Invite your family and friends. We hope to see you there! This is always a wonderful service!

## THANK YOU

"The family of Jack Peyton would like to express our sincere appreciation to each person who ministered to us in any way during the illness and death of our beloved Jack. With grateful hearts, we thank you for being with us during this most difficult time.

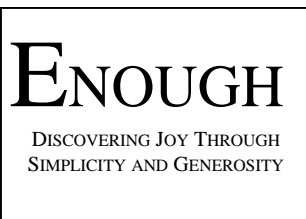
A special thanks to Bill Face, Rev. Tim Carpenter for the beautiful services. Russell Phelps, Ginny Whitehorn, Justin Hanson for the beautiful music and songs. Also, the Bereavement committee for the delicious meal served our family. God Bless each of you. Dot and family"

## WEEKLY SAMARITAN REPORT

- 2 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 351.00 (paid to the vendor)
- 2 households received \$ 1,027.00 for rent (paid to the vendor)
- 7 households received 1 night stays at the Baxter (totaling \$224.00)
- 2 households received total of \$ 35.00 vehicular gas (paid to the vendor)
- 5 households received total of \$ 80.00 in food items (food pantries and stash were exhausted) (paid to the vendor)
- 2 households received diaper and personal items totaling \$ 45.00 (paid to the vendor)

***The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is \$ 443.12.***

Thank you to all.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

This past Sunday we received more than 52 commitments totaling \$206,478. We thank those who returned an estimate of giving card, and invite you to turn in a card this week if you have not yet had an opportunity. Thank each of you so much for your decisions to give for the glory of God.

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The mission of First United Methodist Church is...  
*'Leading people to Christ; Learning to be disciples; Loving through service'*