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EASTER SERVICES, SUNDAY APRIL 24

7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service	Mt. Carmel Presbyterian 4594 Mt. Carmel Road
8:30 a.m.	MorningSong	Chamber Center
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

There will be a Service of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come for a time of prayer and worship for healing needed by yourself or for others.



GRACE PHELPS APPROVED FOR ORDINATION AS DEACON

We are proud to announce that Grace Phelps recently completed her final round of interviews with the Memphis Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and was approved to be ordained as a Deacon in full connection at Annual Conference on June 5, 2011 in Paducah, KY. Grace has been in the candidacy process for ordination for the last five years – three years as a certified candidate for ministry during which she completed a Master's of Divinity degree at Memphis Theological Seminary and the last two years as a provisional commissioned Deacon.

Grace has served here at FUMC as Minister of Small Group and Program Ministries since January 2009. She has been a member of FUMC since 1981. She and her husband Keith have two children, Catherine and Dustin (wife Allison) and one brand new granddaughter, Georgianne.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ORDAINED DEACON IN UMC

Since Grace's approval for ordination as deacon, many questions have arisen. Grace has prepared the following for your understanding...

The *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* defines the work of an ordained Deacon as follows:

...Deacons are called by God to a lifetime ministry of Word and Service, authorized by the Church, and ordained by a bishop. Deacons fulfill servant ministry in the world and lead the Church in relating the gathered life of Christians to their ministries in the world, interrelating worship in the gathered community with service to God in the world. Deacons give leadership in the Church's life: in teaching and proclaiming the Word; in contributing to worship, and in assisting the elders in administering the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; in forming and nurturing disciples; in conducting marriages and burying the dead; in embodying the church's mission to the world; and in leading the congregation in interpreting the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world... Deacons exemplify Christian discipleship and create opportunities for others to enter into discipleship. In the world, the deacon seeks to express a ministry of compassion and justice, assisting laypersons to claim their own ministry... Deacons are accountable to the annual conference for the fulfillment of their call to servant leadership.

Candidates for ordained deacon are required to complete the same educational requirements as elders – a Master's of Divinity at a seminary approved by the United Methodist Church. The Board of Ordained Ministry requires that they demonstrate the same theological knowledge, effectiveness in preaching and teaching, knowledge of their call to ministry and emotional, physical and mental health appropriate to serving in pastoral ministry as required of candidates for elder. The process of candidacy for ordination is the same for both deacon and elder.

One major difference in the deacon's role is that, in most cases, they must find their own place of service and request that the bishop appoint them there, as they are not part of the itinerant appointment system or guaranteed an appointment. Deacons may work in the local church, church or social service agencies, ministries of church-related music or the arts or in teaching.

A PERSONAL WORD FROM GRACE...

“I am deeply grateful to the church family of Covington First for your encouragement, support and love during this process into ordained ministry and it is a privilege and joy to serve alongside each of you in the ministry of Christ in this community. I’d also like to extend a special word of thanks to Rev. Tim Carpenter, Rev. Bill Franklin, Bill Face, Rev. Bill Mullins, and Rev. Joy Weathersbee for their guidance in this process. They have been, and continue to be, invaluable to me as mentors and teachers as I walk this pathway.”

2011 SENIOR GRADUATE RECOGNITION



We will proudly recognize our 2011 High School Seniors during the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1. Following the service, there will be a banquet for the Seniors and their families in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Hope Sunday School Class. Please submit 2 or 3 photos of your senior to Peggy at the church office by Wednesday, April 27. Remember to include a return address so the photos can be returned. Photos can be dropped off at the church office or submitted via e-mail to “pmiller_fumc@bellsouth.net”. Please contact Peggy, at 476-9694, if you have questions or concerns.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

April 10, 2011

MorningSong - 119
 Sunday School - 110
 Traditional Worship - 137
 MorningSong Offering - \$ 5,532.00
 Traditional Worship Offering- \$ 7,069.00

April 17, 2011

Sunday School - 158
 “ONE” Worship Service 282
 “ONE” Worship Offering- \$ 9,508.10



WORSHIP BROADCASTS

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

Traditional service: Delayed broadcast on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county). Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 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, at any time.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Memory of **Danny Atkins**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Duke Brasfield**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Rebecca Bringle**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Gene Butler**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Wilbur Cash**

Memorial Fund by Chuck and Carla Carter

In Memory of **Dorothy Cook**

Samaritan Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade

In Memory of **Horace and Louise Cooley**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Honor of **Roger Ganier**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Honor of **Justin Hanson**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Jon Strong**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Jean Gasson Turner**

Samaritan Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Martha Wallace**

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Walter and Willie Mae Whitehorn**

Bereavement Fund by Russell and Nancy Lindsey

In Memory of **Walter Whitehorn**

Food Pantry by Men's Bible Class

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

Memorial Fund by Maxine Whitehorn

In Memory of **Virginia Bryant, Clara Woodrome, and Frances Felchlia**

(relatives of Mrs. Bernadine Bierman)

Air Conditioner Fund by Dot Peyton

Samaritan Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade, and David and Tobie Smith



Go Getters Potluck Supper will be Monday, May 2nd, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

The hosts for this event are Jean and Bill Face. The speaker will be Jeff Phillips from "We The People", whose timely topic will be "Patriotism". Everyone is Welcome!

BROWNSVILLE - SPRING TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday, May 1st, 2 - 5 p.m.
\$20 Adult; \$5 Student



Hosted by Brownsville First United Methodist Church, the tour will provide access to 7 historical homes in Brownsville. Tickets can be obtained from the Brownsville FUMC. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and Hope for Haywood. For information call Tom at 731-225-1738.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Stephanie Michelle McDade who graduates from Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, with a B.S. in Nuclear Medicine summa cum laude. Stephanie also received the Board of Directors Award which exemplifies her academic performance, leadership and Christian principles. Stephanie is the daughter of Doug McDade and Donna Hopper. Her FUMC grandparents are Waymon and Naomi McDade. Stephanie is a graduate of Brighton High School, and is engaged to be married in October.

NOTE OF CLARIFICATION

Covington First United Methodist Church was incorrectly advertised as the location for Life Line Screening on May 3. The correct location for this event is Covington First Baptist Church. Persons wanting to make an appointment for scheduling a screening at First Baptist should call 800-395-1801.

CONDOLENCES

Margaret Portis Houston, age 93, passed away this month. Mrs. Houston is the aunt of FUMC's Peggy Portis. She grew up in Tipton County and was a member of FUMC until 1960. Mrs. Houston was a nurse and served in WWII. The family has returned Mrs. Houston to Covington for burial. Mrs. Houston was the last survivor of 8 siblings. Peggy's home address is 600 West Sherrod, Covington, 38019. **Note of interest...**Mrs. Houston is the only female listed on the initial FUMC military plaque.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**
UMW Annual Salad
Tasting Luncheon
Tuesday, June 21
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

Morning Song
ON THE SQUARE
SERVICE OF PRAISE
SUNDAY @ 8:30 A.M.

AT THE CHAMBER CENTER

<p>☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ ☆ Happy Birthday! ☆ ☆ April 20 - May 4 ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆</p>	April 20	Leah Beasley	April 29	Faye Beckett
	April 22	Kathy Wallace	May 1	Jennifer Lindley
	April 24	Bettye Davis	May 4	Carol Daniel
	April 26	Roger Ganier		Peggy Massey
	April 28	Wanda Lakey Billy Myers		

THANK YOU...

“Thanks to all you wonderful people for your thoughts, prayers, visits, and concern shown. A special thanks to the ladies who prepared the wonderful meal and to you, Brother Bill Face, you know how much Daddy thought of you. You did him proud in the service. God Bless you all.”

*Judy Ray
The Family of Walter Sale Whitehorn*

“Dear First United Methodist friends,

Thank you so much for your concern for Graydon while he was in the hospital and in his transition to Allen Morgan nursing home. It has been a difficult time for our family, but it was made easier by your prayers, cards and visit by our pastors, Tim Carpenter and Bill Face. I am glad we are part of such a caring church.”

*In Christian love,
Nancy Simpson*

GREAT SUCCESS - All our Palm Sunday activities were very successful. We would like to take a moment to extend thanks to the all the singers, musicians, and readers in the Cantata and the Children’s musical. Also, thanks go out to all those involved with the potluck meal and Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great day of Christian Fellowship!



POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of Music Director is available. Applicants should have ability in direction of Traditional Chancel Choir and ability in leading Contemporary Praise Team. Handbell direction is desired, as well as ability to play piano. The position is part time, and requires presence on Sundays and Wednesdays. Salary is negotiable. Interested applicants see Rev. Tim Carpenter at the church or email tim@clergy.net.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of Children's Director is available. Applicants should have experience working with children in an educational or church setting. The scope of duties will include coordination and participation with Wednesday evenings, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church and occasional summer activities. The position is part time, salary is negotiable. Interested applicants see Rev. Tim Carpenter at the church or email tim@clergy.net.



Wednesday, April 20, 2011

12:05 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service
- Assembly of God
6:00 p.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 21, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:05 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service
- FBC
1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift

Friday, April 22, 2011 - Good Friday

Church Office Closed
12:05 p.m. Holy Week Worship Service
- St. Matthew's Episcopal

Saturday, April 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. Trust Co. Bank, Brighton Food
Pantry

Sunday, April 24, 2011

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Mt. Carmel
Presbyterian Church
8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 25, 2011

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg. CGR
6:30 p.m. Admins Board - Cockrill Gift

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

10:30 a.m. UMW Exec Committee - Chapman
Room
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

6:00 p.m. Healing Service - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 28, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift

Saturday, April 30, 2011

6:00 p.m. Eledge/Shelly Wedding

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service /
Senior Graduation Service
12:00 p.m. Senior Banquet - Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 2, 2011

6:00 p.m. Go Getters Potluck Supper
- Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

COUNSELING

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. Cindy Pease, S.,L.P.S.,/ M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18. *Fees are based on ability to pay.*



Announcement! Isabella Faye Hughes arrived Tuesday, April 5th at 11 p.m. weighing 5 lbs, 14.2 oz. Her proud parents are Matt and Rachel Hughes, 165 Miss Helen Circle, Brighton 38011. Her FUMC grandparents are Bobby and Nancy Hughes, her FUMC uncle is Andrew Hughes, and her FUMC great-grandparents are Rodney and Faye Hughes.



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



April 24

Morning Song Service

Wanda Lakey and Kathy Wallace

Traditional Service

Catherine Phelps and John Wallace

May 1

Morning Song Service

Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service

Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

May 8

Morning Song Service

Elizabeth Posey and Phyllis Richmond

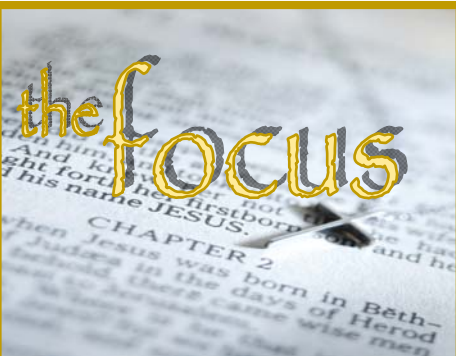
Traditional Service

Mike and Alice Morrison

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

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