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NEW MEMBERS - In our last issue of Focus, we showed photos of recent new members. Unfortunately, we were not able to get photos for all the new members prior to our printing. Here are those that we missed last issue....



Johnny and Joanna Tyler



Jennifer, Ty and Lizzie Tyler

ADDITIONAL FUMC COUNSELOR -

Beginning in January, Dr. Faye Beckett will begin seeing clients for counseling at FUMC. Faye has served for years counseling in the school system and is now spending more time in private Christian counseling. Faye will be a welcome addition to the Christian Counseling services offered at First UMC, and we look forward to her work in the community. Faye may be contacted through the church at 476-9694.



Faye will be working from the same office space as Cindy Pease. Cindy will continue to be available on Wednesdays and some Mondays. Faye will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Welcome Faye.

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR ON STAFF -

Janet Kenny will start her position as Music Director on January 4th. Please welcome Janet. We thank Ellen Clark for assuming the duty all these many months. FUMC has greatly benefitted by her talents and willingness to fill the vacancy. We are, indeed, grateful!

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS - Our sympathies go to the family of Randall Alsbrook of Ballard Town (outside of Burlison) who died in a fire that consumed the family home. Randall was 36. His wife, Melanie, and three children, Kayla (8 years old), Lydia (5 years old) and Dalton (3 years old) survived the fire. The Alsbrook's are members of Oak Grove Baptist Church. FUMC will donate the Christmas Eve communion offerings (\$461.00) to the Alsbrook family. Additional gifts can be sent to the family at Oak Grove Baptist Church, 4048 Hwy 59 West, Covington 38019; or gifts can be made to the family though an account established at InSouth Bank.

NEW BABY! Congratulations to Dave and Marlyn Seagrave on the birth of their 6th great-grandchild. Annileesa Murreau was born on December 13th weight 7 lbs. 13 ozs. The Seagrave's home address is 605 Cummins, Covington 38019.



YOUTH FUN NIGHT - Youth will travel to Memphis for Laser Tag on Sunday, January 8, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per youth. Contact Jason Smith, (250) 542-2281 for more information.

75TH WEDDING CELEBRATION - Walter and Edith McBride celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 24. Their home address is 983 Highway 54 East, Covington 38019.



Go Getters will meet on January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Supper and a program. All are welcome.

CONDOLENCES - We express our sincere condolences to the family of Lucille McDreight, who passed away recently. Mrs. McDreight is sister to FUMC's Bob Wallace. Mr. Wallace's home address is 4437 Mt. Carmel Road, Covington 38019.

MARCH TO THE MANGER OFFERING - the March to the Manger offering netted \$6,653. These gifts will be used for Outreach with the TV, radio and live streaming broadcasts. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

December 18, 2011

MorningSong -	111
Sunday School -	170
Traditional Worship -	167
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,060.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 9,183.00

December 25, 2011

ONE Worship Service -	230
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$15,999.00

THANK YOU... My family and I would like to thank all the members and Sunday School Classes that gave us gifts at Christmas. I am sincerely thankful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. It is a pleasure to be of service to FUMC.

Rebecca Paris and Family

<p><i>January 1 -</i> <i>January 15</i></p> 	Jan 1	Taylor Aday Martha Thorton	Jan 10	Gary Liles
	Jan 3	Yvonne Bryant Deb David Cecily McDaniel Keith Watson	Jan 13	Jackie Delashmit
	Jan 4	Kevin Childers	Jan 14	Abbigale McDaniel Melanie Sullivan Tanner Sullivan Shirley Wingate
	Jan 8	Peggy Nyberg	Jan 15	Kristie Escue Melanie Maxwell
	Jan 9	Annette Maxwell Becky Stalcup		Caitlyn Pemberton

FUMC CALENDAR DECEMBER 28, 2011 - JANUARY 10, 2012

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2011

8:00 a.m. Youth Depart for Winter Retreat
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom

Thursday, Dec 29, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec 31, 2011

NO Food Pantry (5th Saturday)
4:30 p.m. Youth Return from Winter Retreat

Sunday, Jan 1, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, Jan 2, 2012 - Martin Luther King Holiday

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

Tuesday, Jan 3, 2012

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

**FUMC Regular Office Hours:
8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday**

Wednesday, Jan 4, 2011

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 5, 2012

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-New Beg. Rm.
1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, Jan 7, 2012

9:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Jan 8, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
4 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night - Laser Tag

Monday, Jan 9, 2012

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. UMW Martha-Rebekah Circle
- Beverly Smith home

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012

9:30 a.m. UMW Adah-Mary Circle
- New Beginnings
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Honor of **Cathy Glass Adams**

March to the Manger by Henry and Gwen Glass

In Memory of **Dorothy Baker**

Bereavement Meal Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Memory of **Luther and Dorothy Baker**

March to the Manger by Jan Luxton and Wendy Butler

In Honor of **Abby Beasley**

March to the Manger by Robert Yoakum

In Honor of **Leah Beasley**

March to the Manger by Robert Yoakum

In Honor of **Martha Brasfield**

Bread of Life Fund by Sandra Burnham

March to the Manger by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Samaritan Fund by Vip and Barbara Lewis

In Memory of **Addison Bringle**

March to the Manger by Dorothy Peyton

Samaritan Fund by Jon Ziarko

In Honor of **Elizabeth Bryant**

March to the Manger by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of **Dorothy Butler**

Samaritan Fund by Jimmy and Renee Jones and Family

In Memory of **Gene Butler**

Samaritan Fund by Jimmy and Renee Jones and Family

In Honor of **Joey Caldwell**

Samaritan Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart

In Honor of **Ethan Carpenter**

March to the Manger by Tim and Dawn Carpenter

In Honor of **Jordan Carpenter**

March to the Manger by Tim and Dawn Carpenter

In Honor of **Rev. Tim Carpenter**

March to the Manger by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark**

March to the Manger by Don and Ellen Clark

In Honor of **Ellen Clark**

March to the Manger by Carol and Eddie Daniel

March to the Manger by Bill and Ann Enzor

In Honor of **Griffin Clark**

March to the Manger by Don and Ellen Clark

In Honor of **Lane Clark**

March to the Manger by Don and Ellen Clark

In Honor of **Mary Jane and Paul Crotty**

Samaritan Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley



MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Albert David**

Bereavement Meal Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Honor of **Bill Jim and Helen Davis**

Samaritan Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Memory of **Tammy Davis**

Methodist-Presbyterian Nursery School Fund by Martha Thornton

In Memory of **George Dawson**

March to the Manger by Mary Eve Dawson

In Honor of **Bill and Ann Enzor**

March to the Manger by David Enzor

In Honor of **Evelyn Elam**

Samaritan Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Honor of **Bill Face**

March to the Manger by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Henry Glass Jr.**

March to the Manger by Henry and Gwen Glass

In Honor of **Thad Glenn**

Samaritan Fund by Peter and Emily Turner

In Honor of **Carolyn Calhoun Hall**

March to the Manger by Graydon and Nancy Calhoun Simpson

In Memory of **Bernice Hanson**

Samaritan Fund by Bill Jim and Helen Davis

In Honor of **Justin Hanson**

March to the Manger by Carol and Eddie Daniel

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Elijah Harrell**

March to the Manger by Don and Carliss Chastain

In Memory of **George Jones**

Samaritan Fund by Bobby and Betty White

In Memory of **Robert Klutts**

March to the Manger by Janet Klutts

In Memory of **George May**

March to the Manger by Rebecca May

In Honor of **Walter and Edith McBride's 75th Wedding Anniversary**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Honor of **Larry and May McDaniel**

Samaritan Fund by Randy and Martha McDaniel

In Memory of **Ruth Ann McDow**

Worship and Choir Fund by Pete McDow

In Honor of **Peggy Miller**

Samaritan Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace



MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Honor of **Holley Mills Morris**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Abby Naifeh**

March to the Manger by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

In Honor of **Ally Naifeh**

March to the Manger by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

In Honor of **Oney Naifeh**

March to the Manger by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

In Honor of **Rebecca Paris**

March to the Manger by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Velma Peeler**

March to the Manger by Bill Jim and Helen Davis

In Honor of **Dot Peyton**

Samaritan Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Memory of **Jack Peyton**

March to the Manger by Dorothy Peyton

In Memory of **Clara Jane Phelps**

March to the Manger by Dorothy Peyton

In Honor of **Rev. Grace Phelps**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Keith Phelps**

March to the Manger by Patsy Fleming and Hunter Fleming

In Honor of **Keith and Grace Phelps**

March to the Manger by a Church Member

March to the Manger by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Samaritan Fund by Michael and Hope Turner

In Honor of **Russell Phelps**

March to the Manger by Carol and Eddie Daniel

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **The Russell Phelps Family**

March to the Manger by Bill and Ann Enzor

In Honor of **Charlotte Quinley**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Earl Quinley**

March to the Manger by Phyllis Richmond

In Memory of **Mildred Quinley**

March to the Manger by Dorothy Peyton

In Memory of **Edward Rogers**

March to the Manger by Wally and Sheri Burdette

In Honor of **Richard and Debbie Sater**

Samaritan Fund by Bill Jim and Helen Davis



MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Kay and Jim Scott**

March to the Manger by Ron and Jean Jones

In Honor of **Adeline Shankle**

March to the Manger by Don and Ellen Clark

In Memory of **Preston Shankle**

March to the Manger by Don and Ellen Clark

In Honor of **Jason Smith**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Honor of **Kenny Summers**

Samaritan Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Mary Neal Thorn**

Bereavement Meal Fund by Robert and Shirley Hensley

In Honor of **Bonnie Wright**

March to the Manger by Bill and Ann Enzor



SAMARITAN FUND -

December 10 through December 22, 2011:

- 2 households received \$60 in groceries (paid to the vendor).
- 4 households received \$160 in lodging (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received \$25 in in vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received miscellaneous assistance totaling \$30.00.
- 18 households received \$1,274.01 in utility assistance (paid to the vendor).

Grand Totals January 1, 2011 through today's date:

- 3 individuals received \$344.82 for bus ticket to return home (paid directly to the vendor)
- 30 individuals received \$730 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 51 households received lodging totaling \$3,102.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 18 households received \$1,108.65 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received \$104.27 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 32 household received \$3,191.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 2 households received one space heater valued at \$44 each to total \$88.
- 239 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$17,688.57 (paid to the vendor)
- 37 households received a total of \$935 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 414

Total amount expended: \$27,326.75

The current balance of the
Samaritan Fund is \$ 896.71

Story of interest:

- ◇ A young woman whom we assisted with a \$46 utility bill on 12/14/2011 returned to the church on December 20 with a thank you card to our congregation. She has had deaths of two family members, her father and her sister, in the last two months. She has a back injury and is not able to work currently - her father had been helping with her expenses. She expressed her appreciation for the help and encouragement at a very hard time in her life.



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



January 1 Morning Song Service Bob and Shirley Hensley	Traditional Service Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie and Tom Rogers
January 8 Morning Song Service Barbara Lakey and Elizabeth Posey	Traditional Service Kendy Erwin and Phyllis Richmond
January 15 Morning Song Service Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace	Traditional Service Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service."

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