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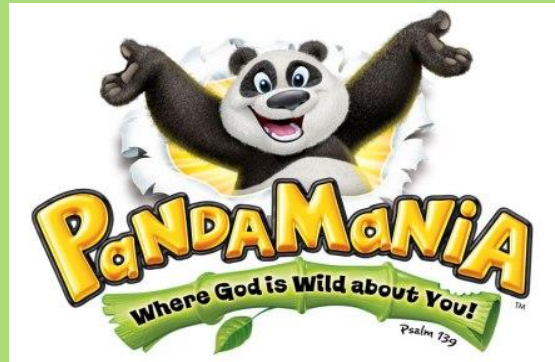
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Friday, 7/15	VBS Prep Day	9:00 a.m.
Mon - Thur 7/18 - 7/21	VBS	9:00 a.m. - noon
Thursday, 7/21	Ripley Water Park (dinner included)	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Training for new acolytes will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, July 20, immediately following VBS (approximately noon). Any child entering 2nd through 6th grades is invited to attend. This ministry is an excellent opportunity for the children of our church to serve God by being involved in the worship service. Please contact Anne Thornton at 476-0482 if you have any questions. The training will last 30 - 60 minutes.

A NEW BABY! - John and Kacee McCalla and big sister, Olivia, welcomed Elizabeth Catherine into the world on July 6th. She weighed 6lbs, 8 oz. and is doing great!



Congratulations go out to Larry and JoAnn Anderson who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 15.



The Anderson's home address is 316 Countrywood, Covington 38019



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY! - We extend warm birthday greetings to Mrs. Edith McBride who celebrates her 91st birthday on July 30th. Mrs. McBride's address is 983 Hwy 54 East, Covington 38019

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

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FARMLAND FOR RENT**

First United Methodist Church is now accepting bids on the 466 acre farm for rent in the Kelley Corner area in Tipton County (FSA Farm Number 2353).

- The farm contains 431 tillable acres of cropland.
- The lessee cannot sub-lease the farm, during the duration of the lease.
- Sealed bids (only bids of cash per acre) will be accepted until 12 noon on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.
- Bids may be mailed to First United Methodist Church, Attention: Farm Bid, 145 West Church Avenue, Covington, Tennessee 38019; or delivered to the Church office at the same address.
- FUMC reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Copies of the proposed lease agreement may be picked up at the church office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The July 3rd Communion Offering netted \$298.00 for the Samaritan Fund. Your gift to this special offering is appreciated!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

July 3, 2011

Sunday School -	92
ONE Worship -	204
ONE Worship Offering-	\$ 9,654.05

July 10, 2011

MorningSong -	92
Sunday School -	--
Traditional Worship -	128
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 4,003.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 7,868.00

SAMARITAN REPORT

July 2 through July 8, 2011:

- 1 household received \$40 of groceries (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received 2 nights lodging (totaling \$64.00 and paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$180 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor). One family received a vehicular tire and one household received a window air unit and two box fans from a private source through the church.
- 2 households received \$77 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 6 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$695.50 (paid to the vendor)
- 2 households received a total of \$50 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).
- Several individuals were fed from the leftovers of Sunday's potluck meal. All were very thankful.

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

- 3 individuals received \$344.82 for bus ticket to return home (paid to the vendor)
- 17 individual received \$350 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 18 households received lodging (totaling \$1,041.99 and paid to the vendor).
- 9 households received \$500.78 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$59.39 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 17 household received \$1548.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 94 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$7,908.18 (paid to vendor)
- 27 households received a total of \$635 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

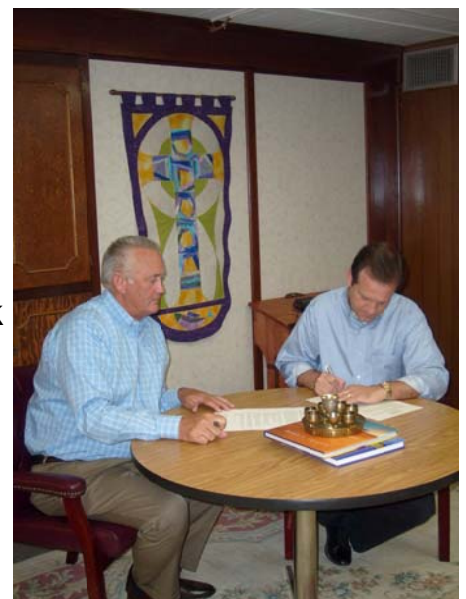
Total households assisted: 187
Total amount expended: \$12,388.86

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is \$1,324.81

EMORY AND DORA MAI BRADLEY FAMILY LAKESHORE UMA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT --

In the last issue of Focus, we shared that the Emory and Dora Mai Bradley family had established an endowment that would help send FUMC young people to Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly in Eva, TN. This endowment is furnished from the estate of Mary Helen Bradley Blount. Mr. Emory Bradley, grandson, visited the church this week to sign the final agreement.

In years to come, this will benefit numerous children, giving an opportunity for the Lakeshore experience to those who could not otherwise do so. Special thanks to the Bradley's for this thoughtful and gracious endowment!



Emory Bradley and Tim Carpenter

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Honor of **Larry and JoAnn Anderson**

Food Pantry Fund by Larry and JoAnn Anderson

In Honor of **Walter and Edith McBride**

Food Pantry Fund by Quitman, Holly and Jacob Hopkins
Cheri and Billy Jones
Paul and Maxine Richard
Wayne and Brenda Travis



REDBIRDS GAME - Our youth will have an outing to Memphis for a Redbirds game, on Friday, July 15. Cost is \$10 per person. Youth should be at the Church for a 5 p.m. departure to Memphis. Estimated return time is 11 p.m.



PUTT-PUTT - The youth will have another outing on July 24 to Putt-Putt in Memphis. Cost is \$15 per youth. Departure from the Church is at 4 p.m returning at 9 p.m.

Please contact Jason Smith (205) 542-2281, if you have questions or concerns.



RELOCATED - Jon Ziarko arrived safely to Florida and adjusting to life there. He is attending New Covenant UMC and is hopeful that New Covenant will be his Church home. Jon sends "hello" to everyone at FUMC. His new mailing address is 2035 Countrywind Court, The Villages, Florida 32162.

THANK YOU...

"Thank you and all the church for being there for Cathy and I. We have attended FUMC since September 1996. On our first day at FUMC, we met Harold Love and James Braden. They both were and are great people. The pastor then was Mickey Carpenter. Through the years the people and pastors have changed but the church has remained and we can thank all the people that attend. Both Cathy and I have met and shared many things with people of the church. We truly enjoyed FUMC, the visits to the homebound, work on Wednesday nights, prayer shawl ministry, and the delivery of communion. FUMC made us part of their family and we will never forget this.

Our condominium is currently filled with packed boxes and furniture ready to be loaded on Saturday, 9 Jul. On Sunday 10 July 2011, my mother's birthday, Cathy and I will drive to Chillicothe, Ohio where on Monday, 11 July 2011, the truck will be unloaded into our new residence. Our new address is Catherine and James Powers, 81 Gettysburg Drive, Chillicothe, Oh 45601. We can be reached by our cell 901-229-7831.

People have been asking us, "Why we moved to Ohio?" Ohio is where I was born, my parents and grandparents are buried there, and I have a brother and four sisters there. My oldest two sons live there and I have six grandchildren in Ohio. Yes, I have a son and daughter here in Tennessee and I also have 5 grandchildren with another one on the way. So we will be visiting Tennessee and when in the area, will attend church services when possible.

So again thank you,"

Catherine and James Powers

FUMC CALENDAR JUNE 13 - JULY 26, 2011

Wednesday, Jul 13, 2011

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl—Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Jul 14, 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
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Friday, Jul 15, 2011

9:00 a.m. VBS Work Day - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Jul 16, 2011

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Jul 17, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. UMW Hope Circle - Hope Class
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting
 - Cancelled
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, Jul 18, 2011

9:00 a.m. VBS - Education Bldg.

Tuesday, Jul 19, 2011

9:00 a.m. VBS - Education Bldg.
 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts—Education Bldg.
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Cockrill Gift

Wednesday, Jul 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. VBS - Education Bldg.
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Jul 21, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. VBS - Education Bldg.
 1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
 Cockrill Gift
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.
 5:30-8 p.m. VBS Swim Party - Ripley

Saturday, Jul 23, 2011

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

Sunday, Jul 24, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Putt Putt - Memphis

Tuesday, Jun 26, 2011

10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Committee
 - Chapman Room

July 15 - July 31



Jul 15	Dianne Byard	July 22	Ann Daniels
Jul 16	Maddie Smith	July 23	Mike Morrison
Jul 17	Daniel Flanagan		Michael Racine
	Will Turner	Jul 24	Benjamin Smith
	Pam White	Jul 25	Lynne Fisher
Jul 19	Stephen Smith	Jul 27	Ellen Jackson
	Sara Gangaware	Jul 27	Andrew Hughes
July 20	Dot Greggs	Jul 28	Jack Owen
	Phyllis McIntosh	Jul 29	Sydney Smith
July 21	Tommy Cheairs III	Jul 30	Edith McBride
	Phyllis McIntosh		Monica Rejaei
	Chad Smith		
	Susan Smith		
	Louie Usher		



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



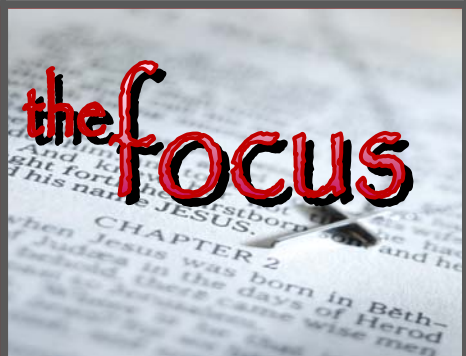
<p>July 17 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Elizabeth Posey and Hope Turner</p>	<p><u>Traditional Service</u> Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie and Tom Rogers</p>
<p>July 24 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Frank and Barbara Racy</p>	<p><u>Traditional Service</u></p>
<p>July 31 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Larry Anderson and Joey Caldwell</p>	<p><u>Traditional Service</u> Catherine Phelps and John Wallace</p>

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

MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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COUNSELING

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. Cindy Pease, 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.