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SUMMER KICK-OFF CHURCH PICNIC MAY 22, 5:00 P.M.



A picnic will be held on the church grounds this Sunday evening. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Sunday School Classes are bringing side dishes. There will be a bounce-y obstacle course for the children. Bring your lawn games! Join us for music, games and fellowship. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, and, if you prefer, folding tables for eating.

Chamber Center Class... Lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickles, cheese slices

Enjoy Class Cookies or brownies, chips

Friendship Class Mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish

Go Class..... Baked Beans

Hope Class..... Cookies or brownies, chips

Men's Bible Class..... Soft Drinks and Water in large iced coolers

New Beginnings Class ... Baked Beans

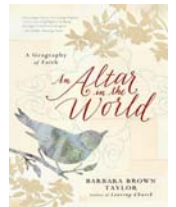
Now Class Buns and Chips

****Deliver to Fellowship Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.*

If it rains, we will move to the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

GROUP — The next women's study group will be June 2 - July 28, at 9:00 a.m. in the Cockrill-Gift Room. The study text will be ***An Altar in the World*** in which Episcopal priest and acclaimed preacher Barbara Brown Taylor invites us to look for the sacred in the midst of everyday activities. The cost for the study book is \$9.00 and books will be available at worship on May 22 and May 29.



All women are invited. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a family member! Nursery provided if needed.

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee and goodies, visiting

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Study and discussion

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Memory of **Danny Atkins**

Samaritan Fund by Tommy and Susan Cheairs

In Memory of **George Dawson**

Samaritan Fund by Mary Eve Dawson

In Honor of **Roger Gainer**

Reelfoot Fund by Bill and Ann Enzor

In Memory of **Ruth Ann McDow**

Samaritan Fund by Peggy Miller

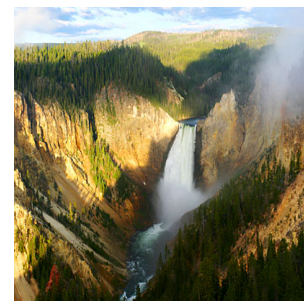
In Memory of **Allen Miller**

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund by Jim and Beverly Smith

In Memory of **Peggy Noell and Nell Lara**

Samaritan Fund by Tommy and Susan Cheairs

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



PEANUT BUTTER IS NEEDED FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY! Peanut butter is a very important staple, especially when meats are not available. Please drop donations by the church office or place in a cardboard box in the hallway going into the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Thank you for your contributions!

A DEED WELL DONE!

Notice was sent out to all the members regarding a family that had lost their home and all their belongings in a fire. Through the generosity and assistance of our church members and the community, the family was able to move into a new rental home - complete with donated refrigerator, stove, clothing and furniture. The mother of the family offered her joy and thanksgiving. She cried, asking "*How will I ever repay you all for all your love and concern? God bless you and your church family!*" We thank you for all your contributions of clothing, appliances, furniture, money, etc.

We also offer a thank you to Haddad's Department Store in Munford. When we inquired with Mr. David Haddad as to the possibility of purchasing a stove for the family, he generously volunteered to donate a used stove. We are grateful to Mr. Haddad and Haddad's Department Store!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

May 8, 2011 - Mother's Day

MorningSong -	100
Sunday School -	128
Traditional Worship -	176
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,640.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 5,844.60

May 15, 2011

MorningSong -	106
Sunday School -	138
Traditional Worship -	123
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,971.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,645.64

Happy Birthday!
May 19 - June 1

May 19	Evan Gangaware	May 27	Steven Holt
May 20	Courtney Cook		Jennifer Lazure
	Vicki Creasy		Matt McDaniel
	Adam Shelley	May 29	Hugh Cook
May 21	Sara Brasfield		David Wright
May 22	Russ Hughey	May 30	Will Clark
May 23	Paula Cook	May 31	Claudine Elder
May 24	Jake Winberry		Ryan Ford

A HELPING HAND - Our members have been quick to respond to the request to help UMCOR by supplying Flood Buckets to aid folks whose homes have been flooded. We have received \$1,688 cash, and 1 full bucket. We'd like to extend special appreciation to Home Depot for donating 20, 5-gallon buckets, and to Kathy Wallace for coordinating this donation with Home Depot. We are also grateful for our youth who volunteered to purchase and assemble the buckets. We anticipate that we will have 27 buckets to donate to UMCOR. The generosity of our members is never-ending and most graciously appreciated.

NATIONAL CONCERN FOR TORNADO VICTIMS - Assistance can be provided to those devastated by the recent tornados by donation to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), you may forward your gift through our church by designating your check for: US Spring Storms 2011, UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326.

To date, \$345 has been received toward the US Spring Storms 2011.



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.

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.



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

SAMARITAN REPORT

May 4, 2011 through May 17, 2011:

- 3 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 257.77 (paid to the vendor)
- 1 household received 2 nights lodging (totaling \$64 and paid to the vendor.)
- 2 household received \$400 in rent assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 1 individual received \$25 total in groceries (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received a total of \$60 in vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 9 totaling \$806.77.

Grand Totals January 1, 2011 through May 17, 2011:

- 70 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 5,930.42 (paid to the vendor)
- 10 household received lodging (totaling \$785.99 and paid to the vendor.)
- 12 household received \$1,271.70 in rent assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 8 individual received \$135 total in groceries (paid to the vendor).
- 18 households received a total of \$410 in vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).
- 5 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$235.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 3 individual received \$344.82 for bus ticket to return home (paid to the vendor)

Total households assisted: 126 totaling \$9,112.93

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is a negative **-\$89.64**.



GO GETTERS POTLUCK SUPPER, JUNE 6

Join the Go Getters for their next gathering, hosted by Mary Gene Matheny and Jane Whitaker.



Madelyn Elizabeth Hughey was born Thursday, May 12, to Russ and Crystal Hughey. Madelyn has a big sister, Rachel Kathryn, who is two years old. Russ and Crystal's address is 7169 Chena Bay Lane, Cordova, 38018. Madelyn Elizabeth's FUMC grandparents are Wayne and Carole Hughey, 1452 Solo Rd., Covington 38019.



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 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, May 18, 2011

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

Thursday, May 19, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
 Cockrill Gift
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Education Bldg.

Saturday, May 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. Bread Of Life, Covington Food
 Pantry

Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. Building Committee - Cockrill Gift
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 23, 2011

6:00 p.m. Finance-Committee - **Cancelled**

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. Brenda Wrather's Bible Study
 (no Pastor's Bible Study)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 26, 2011

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

Saturday, May 28, 2011

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

Sunday, May 29, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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



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

Sign-up sheet is available on
 UMW Bulletin Board
 Or contact:
 Alice Morrison, 489-3694
 Carliss Chastain, 475-6635



GOING GREEN - UMW is sponsoring a "Reduce/Recycle/Reuse" drive for unused electronic items such as computers, electronic parts, and cell phones. The items collected in this campaign will be donated to the Goodwill. If you are interested in contributing your discarded items, please contact Janice Newbill at 476-9089 or Carliss Chastain at 475-6635.



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



May 22
Morning Song Service
Roy and Brenda Wrather

Traditional Service
Dawn Carpenter and Kendy Erwin

May 29
Morning Song Service
Joey Caldwell

Traditional Service
Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie and
Tom Rogers

June 5
Morning Song Service
Don and Carliss Chastain

Traditional Service
Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson

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

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