



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



May 8 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Elizabeth Posey and Phyllis Richmond	<u>Traditional Service</u> Mike and Alice Morrison
May 15 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Frank and Barbara Racy	<u>Traditional Service</u> Joe and Debbie Winberry
May 22 <u>Morning Song Service</u> Roy and Brenda Wrather	<u>Traditional Service</u> Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie and Tom Rogers

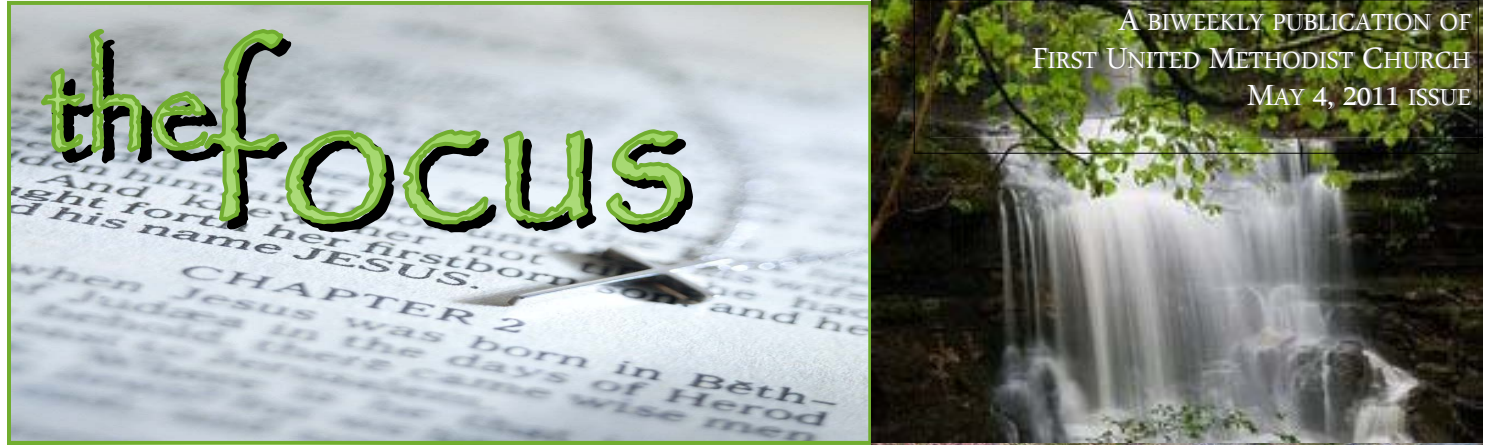
"Leading Others to Christ, Learning to Be Disciples, Loving through Service."

MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAY 4, 2011



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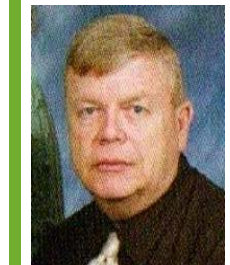
Justin Hanson, Organist
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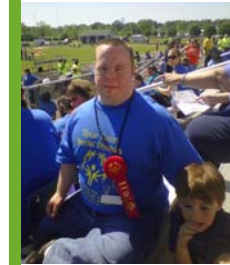
UNsung HERO



We are pleased to announce Hugh Cook as the recipient of the 2011 Unsung Hero Award. Hugh has been a faithful member of FUMC for 16 years and has been media coordinator for the last two years, providing audiovisual displays in both MorningSong and Traditional Worship services. Hugh spends many hours and much of his own funds to ensure the best quality video-graphics in our services and special programs.

Hugh has served as Sunday School president and teacher for 11 years, on the Administrative Board for 5 years, and on the Board of Trustees for 3 years.

Hugh is truly an asset to our FUMC community. We are grateful for his contributions and to have him a member of our Family.



FUMC SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARD!

Sam Franklin, son of Bill and Patty Franklin, won second place in a softball throwing competition at the Special Olympics event on Friday, April 29. Congratulations, Sam!



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

A picnic will be held on the church grounds. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Sunday School classes will be asked to bring side items. Join us for music, games and fellowship. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

SANCTUARY AIR CONDITIONING STATUS - Thank you for your gifts to replace the Sanctuary air handler. The repairs are complete. Not only will the equipment provide cooler air temperatures, but the equipment will be more cost effective. Your gift continues to give! The total amount for the repairs was \$13,400, yet the total amount raised was \$17,447. That is an overage of \$3,047.60!! The trustees have recommended those funds be directed toward a major plumbing repair which is necessary and involves cutting the patio concrete to reach a collapsed plumbing line. Rose Construction will begin this repair the week of May 9. If you prefer a prorated refund from your Air Conditioning donation (rather than directing the funds towards the plumbing repair), please contact Holley by e-mail at "hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net" or by phone at 901.476.9694.

We graciously thank everyone for your generosity!

We extend a "Thank You" to Rob Witherington, with Witherington Services, who hauled the old equipment to a scrap metal facility. This netted \$627.60 which Rob directed to the church. As many of you know, Rob's FUMC grandmother is Nadine Davis.



LAKESHORE
united methodist assembly

LAKESHORE DAY RETREAT - Singles and their children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc. are invited to a day of fund and fellowship at the Lakeshore UMA and Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park on Saturday, May 21. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Activities are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Note: There is a \$6.00 charge for those wishing to swim or tube at the campus pool or Lazy River.

RSVP by contacting Wendy Hopper (731) 695-8330 or "whopper@eplus.net"

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Currently, the committee has met with Rose Construction and the architect in order to focus our efforts on accommodating the Needs Assessment as approved by the church. The challenge is confirming the best location on our grounds and the size of the proposed new building which will be feasible to build. It is a slow process, but progress is being made. As soon as possible, the Building Committee will make its recommendation to the Administrative Board. If approved, the Board will then bring the recommendation to the church for a Church Conference vote.

The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15, at 4:00 p.m., in the New Beginnings/Gift Classroom.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES DESIGNATED ADVANCE SPECIAL FUND (con't from page 8)

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church provides an avenue for ministries such as Bread of Life to be recognized and supported in their work by allowing them to be designated as "Advance Special" funds, either within the Annual Conference or their District (655 – Discipline). With the support of our District Superintendent Sandra Leatherwood, the Administrative Board of the church presented a proposal to the Memphis Annual Conference Finance & Administrative Committee, in early April, requesting that this outreach ministry be designated as a Conference Advance Special Fund. That request was approved and will be ratified at the Annual Conference in June. This designation allows for two important things to happen:

- Since we serve all of Tipton County with these ministries, this would provide an avenue for other Tipton County and sister UMC churches within the Conference to participate in and support these ministries.
- The total amount of funds expended in these outreach efforts starting June will be deducted from our church's total expenditures when our apportionments are calculated, thereby reducing the total amount of apportionments we will owe.

Thank you for your support and participation in the Bread of Life Outreach Ministries as we follow the leading of the Spirit in offering care and compassion to our community in 2011!

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Memory of **Virginia Bryant**

The Samaritan Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Frances Felcilia**

The Samaritan Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Jean Gasson**

The Samaritan Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Margaret Portis Houston**

The Bereavement Meal Fund by Peggy Portis and Marsha Portis Greenwood

In Honor of **Betty Shelley** and in Memory of **John Shelley**

The Air Conditioner Fund by the Van and Pam Shelley families

In Memory of **Walter Whitehorn**

The Samaritan Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Clara Woodrome**

The Samaritan Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready



BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES DESIGNATED ADVANCE SPECIAL FUND

Following the leading the Holy Spirit, our congregation has borne remarkable fruit in the last year serving needy and marginalized persons throughout Tipton County. People in our church and throughout the community are responding in compassion not only with financial contributions, but also with their time to serve, and their prayers for those receiving help. Local businesses and county government have made substantial financial and in-kind donations to the ministry. There are persons in our congregation who hear God's call now to provide other types of caring ministries such as emergency dental care, a clothes closet, and a backpack, school supply and tennis shoe program for needy children. The following is information which shows the scope of the ministry in **2010**:



Emergency Assistance:

In 2010, the Samaritan Fund provided emergency assistance to 233 Tipton County families with a total of \$24,757 for rent, utilities and temporary housing.

- Temporary lodging (homeless or transient): 52 families with \$ 2,459
- Rent assistance: 49 families with \$ 8,498
- Utilities assistance: 132 families with \$13,800

Feeding Ministry:

In 2010, 890 families (2,613 persons) received 144,820 pounds (72.4 tons) of food at a cost of \$15,376:

- Mid-South Food Bank: \$8,126
- Pantry Equipment: \$7,250

(Bagging tables, shelving for food, carryout carts, storage bins, 15' panel truck)

In 2010, these caring ministries impacted the lives of over 1,000 needy and hurting Tipton County families by providing temporary lodging, rent and utilities assistance, clothing, household appliances and furniture and 72.4 tons of food at a cost of \$40,133. But perhaps more importantly, these families know that the love of Jesus Christ through His church is real in this community and persons in this church and community get to meet face-to-face the people they are serving.

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A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

FUMC's Mrs. Ruth Glass will celebrate her 92nd birthday on May 9th. Her address is 1446 Roane, Covington 38019



2011 SENIORS GRADUATES...



We congratulate our FUMC 2011 High School Graduates.



Bobby Bailey
CHS



Will Cooley
CHS



Zach Dickey
BHS



Daniel Flanagan
CHS



Molly Griffin
CHS



Caroline Jacobs
BHS



Adam McDuffie
MHS



Stephen Racine
TRA



Tyler Walkem
CHS



Demarcus Williamson
CHS

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

April 24, 2011

MorningSong -	124
Sunday School -	125
Traditional Worship -	332
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,180.25
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,966.52

May 8, 2011

MorningSong -	86
Sunday School -	136
Traditional Worship -	161
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,646.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 9,857.60



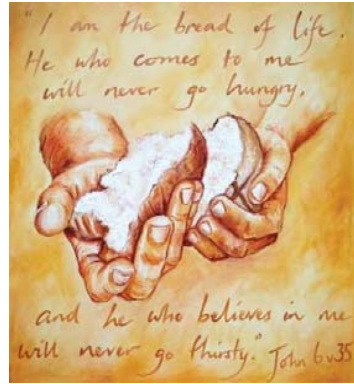
WORSHIP BROADCASTS

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.



Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

April 2011

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during April! At the suggestion of one of our volunteers, we have begun asking those who come for food if they have prayer concerns. A prayer request card similar to the ones we use in worship is provided. To date, 35 persons have submitted written prayer requests. The request forms have been given to the prayer teams on Sunday mornings and those requests have been lifted up alongside those submitted by our congregation.

Thanks be to God for this caring ministry!

	<u>April 2011</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	170 (Covington) 132 (Brighton) 302 (Total)	367 (Covington) 229 (Brighton) 596 (Total)
Individuals served:	438 (Covington) 406 (Brighton) 844 (Total)	982 (Covington) 680 (Brighton) 1662 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	155 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	10,545 (Mid-South Food Bank) 75 (Save-A-Lot) 65 (Kroger) 10,685 (Total)	50,425 (Mid-South Food Bank) 774 (Save-A-Lot) 722 (Kroger) 750 (donated deer meat)* 51,921 (YTD Total)
Cost of food:	\$712.10	\$2,768.02
Cost per pound:	6.6 cents	5.3 cents
Average cost per household:	\$2.43 (for a seven-day distribution of food)	

* Donated by the local chapter of Farmers and Ranchers for the Hungry.

Wednesday, May 4, 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 5, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 p.m. Prayer-On-The-Square - Courthouse
- 1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/ Cockrill Gift

Saturday, May 7, 2011

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

Sunday, May 8, 2011 - Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. UMW Hope Circle—Hope Classroom
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 9, 2011

- 12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Rebekah Circle - Mary Eve Dawson Home

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. UMW Adah-Mary Circle - Cockrill Gift Room
- 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 11, 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 12, 2011

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

Saturday, May 14 2011

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

Sunday, May 15, 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

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

- 12:00 p.m. Friendship Class - Spring Luncheon - Peggy Miller home
- 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting—Cockrill Gift



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

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

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

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.



Happy Birthday!
May 5 - May 18

May 6	Benjamin Brasfield	May 10	Pamela Usher
May 7	David Caldwell	May 13	Ann Enzor
May 8	Bernice Liles	May 15	Katelyn Turner
May 9	Ruth Glass	May 18	Cambria Oldham
	Jillian Hunter		Charly Oldham
May 10	Jon Ziarko		

THANK YOU...

The flowers decorating the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 1, were from the Emily Eledge and Adam Shelley wedding. We thank those families for so thoughtfully sharing the beautiful flowers. The couple's new home address is 739 Simmons Road, Drummonds 38023



"Thank You for the kindness you showed our family in the recent death of our Aunt Margaret Portis Houston."

Peggy Portis and Marsha Portis Greenwood



LENTEN HUNGER OFFERING - The total amount received for the Lenten Hunger Offering is \$1,001.33. These funds will benefit the Food Pantry. This will purchase over 14,000 lbs. (7 tons) of food at the Mid-South Food Bank. Thank you, to all who participated!



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.



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.



SAMARITAN REPORT

April 20, 2011 through May 3, 2011:

- 6 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 381.31 (paid to the vendor)
- 1 household received 3 nights lodging (totaling \$209.99 and paid to the vendor.)
- 4 households received a total of \$100 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).
- 1 individual received \$10 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 1 household received \$50 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 1 individual received \$137.70 for bus ticket to return home (paid directly to the vendor) – he had been to Tennessee to visit his ill parent.
- 1 household received \$110 in storage assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 1 individual received a ride from Covington to Friendship, Tennessee.
- 1 burned-out household received substantial donations of clothing and small household items from various individuals.

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

- 63 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 5,930.00 (paid to the vendor)**
- 22 household received lodging (totaling \$722.99 and paid to the vendor.)**
- 13 households received a total of \$390 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).**
- 10 individual received \$185 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).**
- 4 household received \$821.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).**
- 3 individual received \$344.82 for bus ticket to return home (paid directly to the vendor) – he had been to Tennessee to visit his ill parent.**
- 1 household received \$110 in storage assistance (paid directly to the vendor).**
- 1 individual received a ride from Covington to Friendship, Tennessee.**
- 1 burned-out household received substantial donations of clothing and small household items from various individuals.**
- 1 individual received \$42.50 for F Endorsement (paid to State of Tennessee).**
- 3 individuals received space heaters totaling \$132 (paid to the vendor)**
- 1 individual received \$40 in work shoes (paid to the vendor)**

Total households assisted: 123

Total amount expended: \$8,719.01

NATIONAL CONCERN FOR TORNADO VICTIMS - Our prayers go out for all of our neighbors across the south and Midwest who are suffering from the destruction of tornadoes. For those who have lost loved ones, who are still searching for missing loved ones, for those who are injured, and for those who have lost homes and possessions, we ask for God's comfort and strength. For emergency, aid and medical workers who are on the ground providing help and support, we pray for their safety, strength and perseverance. If you would like to give to assist through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), you may give through our church designated your check for: US Spring Storms 2011, UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326.

