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**CHILDREN'S FALL OUTING** - children are invited to join Charlotte Quinley for a visit to Priddy Farms Pumpkin Patch in Memphis on October 23. Departure from the Church is 1 p.m. and the return about 7:30 p.m. Cost per child is \$6.00. There will be a hayride, child-size pumpkin, a barrel ride and create a scarecrow with clothing the children bring (child sizes only). Afterwards the children return to the church for pizza and then a cotton-trailer ride. A parent must be present with each child for the ride. Please contact Charlotte at "cquinley\_fumc@bellsouth.net" or 476-3981 for more information or to register you and your child for this event.



**WELCOMING A NEW RICHARDSON!**

Ema, Kirk and Emily Richardson announce the arrival of the newest member of their family. Andi Grace arrived on September 23 weighing just over 4 lbs. In spite of her slight weight, her time in the hospital was minimal. She is healthy and doing well. The family spent 10 days in Oklahoma City finalizing her adoption. They were all extremely glad to arrive back in Covington on October 11. Ema is proud to be a big sister and is always eager to lend her parents a helping hand. The Richardsons are very grateful for all the prayers, gifts, and kindnesses extended to them during this adoption process and since their return home. Their home address is 211 Fairway Drive, Covington 38019.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** -- FUMC will celebrate Halloween with games, a bouncy castle and treats, on Monday, October 31 in the lower parking lot (College St.) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

See also page 3...



To Our Church Family at FUMC,

*Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1173.00 from the Communion Offering on Sunday, October 2. Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County would not even exist without the charity and generosity of Covington First Methodist. We appreciate your continued financial and spiritual support of this vital home building ministry.*



Mike Morrison, President  
Habitat for Humanity of Tipton county



Ethan Carpenter and Ally Naifeh

### TRA HOMECOMING

FUMC's youth and children and were active in this year's TRA Middle School Homecoming. Ally Naifeh is this year's Middle School Queen.



### HOLIDAY EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER -

The Methodist-Presbyterian Nursery School is conducting a holiday fundraiser.

Wreaths, centerpieces, garland and more are available. Brochures are located on bulletin boards around the Church. Order must be made by October 27. Orders can be placed by calling Andrea Franklin at 603-0126 or by e-mail to "soccermom711@comcast.net. If you'd like a copy of the brochure, take one from the table located in the hallway near the handicap entrance or contact Peggy at 476-9694. Payment must be made at the time of order.



TRA Middle School won their football game.



Alice Sigler

We are proud of our FUMC Rebels!!!



Ally Naifeh, Jason Smith, and Abby Naifeh

## THANK YOU...

*"Thank you so much for allowing the Tipton County Retired Teachers Association to hold our October meeting at FUMC. We especially would like to thank Holley for making the arrangements; Kenny and Rebecca for assisting in the dining hall; and also, the Go Getters for their lovely fall decorations."*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Kay Summers, President*

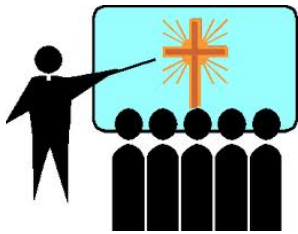


**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M**

Donate candy to Trunk Or Treat! Large numbers of children come to FUMC for Halloween, therefore, we need large amounts of candy. Boxes will be placed in the Education Building for your candy donations.

Sign-up to bring your vehicle to Trunk or Treat. You'll need approximately 300 pieces of candy to distribute. Have your vehicle in place in the church west parking lot by 5:45 p.m. Please call Peggy Miller at 476-9694 or e-mail to "pmiller\_fumc@bellsouth.net" if you plan to participate.

Sign-up to assist We'll need help with getting everything together and games. Please contact Peggy to volunteer. Youth volunteers should call Jason Smith at (205) 542-2281. Volunteers should plan to be at the church by 5:30 p.m.



**PRISON MINISTRY -**

Teachers are needed for Sunday School

classes at the Tipton County Correctional Facility on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. United Methodist doctrine would be used for this teaching. If you are interested, please contact Grace Phelps at 476-9694 or by e-mail at phelps\_fumc@bellsouth.net.

*The Pew Renovation Plaque has been placed in the hallway between the sanctuary and handicapped entrance. Please take a moment to review. If you have any corrections, please contact Holley in the church office at "hmorris\_fumc@bellsouth.net" or by phone at 476-9694.*



**UPWARD BASKETBALL --** Sign up at Oak Grove Baptist Church, 4048 Hwy. 59 West, Covington. For more info call 476-1263.

Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



**WORSHIP BROADCASTS**

Live radio broadcast of the Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11 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 Channel 19 (county). Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at [www.covingtonfumc.com](http://www.covingtonfumc.com), as well as streaming of past services, at any time.



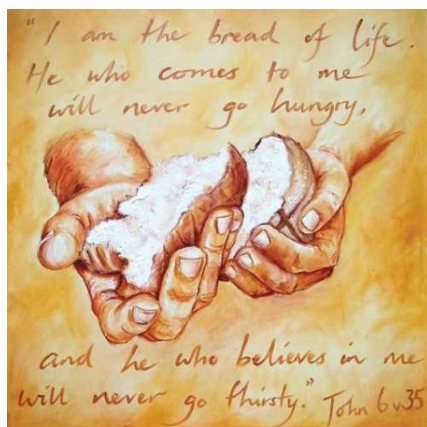
**COUNSELING**

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.*

# Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update *September 2011*



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during September! On September 8, our feeding ministry was honored with the **Pantry of the Year Award** at the Mid-South Food Bank Annual Agency Conference. We were recognized for the quantity of food we have distributed, the frequency of our distributions (4 times a month) and for the large number of regular volunteers who work to make it all happen. Thank you, volunteers!!!!

Our appreciation goes out to Dale and Terri Smith and Noel Smith-Howe of Industrial Painting and Maintenance in Brighton. Their company donated 240 jars of peanut butter to the feeding ministry this month. In addition, the Covington chapter of Weight Watchers and the Tipton Co. Retired Teachers Association both donated a substantial amount of canned goods for our pantry in September. Thanks to all those who helped us feed the need this month!

	<u>September 2011</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	172 (Covington) 147 (Brighton) <b>319 (Total)</b>	510 (Covington) 322 (Brighton) <b>832 (Total)</b>
Individuals served:	447 (Covington) 466 (Brighton) <b>903 (Total)</b>	1,396 (Covington) 1,033 (Brighton) <b>2,429 (Total)</b>
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	12,136 (Mid-South Food Bank) 120 (Save-A-Lot) 200 (donated) <b>12,456 (Total) – 6.2 tons</b>	103,162 (Mid-South Food Bank) 1,520 (Save-A-Lot) 1,008 (Kroger) 1,450 (donated misc.) 350 (purchased – Naifeh's) <b>107,490 (YTD Total) – 53.7 tons</b>
Cost of food:	\$1,331.56	\$6,957.69
Cost per pound:	11.0 cents	6.4 cents
Average cost per household:	<b>\$4.17 (for a distribution of food)</b>	



Sunday, November 6th we will honor All Saints Sunday. On that day, we remember all persons in the church who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year. Please join us for this special tribute.

Members that we have lost this year are: Wilbur Cash, Harold Love, Jon Strong, Martha Wallace and Walter Whitehorn.

If you know of someone we may have missed, please contact Peggy at 476-9694 or at "pmiller\_fumc@bellsouth.net." *Thank You!*

**YOUTH RETREATS ..**

**FALL RETREAT** - November 4 - 6 at Lakeshore. Cost is \$75 which is due immediately.

**BREAKTHRU WINTER RETREAT** - December 28-31 in Springville, AL. Cost is \$150, which includes 3 nights lodging, 8 meals, 4 day retreat and a t-shirt. First \$75 payment is due November 6, final \$75 due by December 4.

Contact for these events is Jason Smith, (205) 542-2281, "jsmith\_fumc@bellsouth.net".



**YOUTH CALENDAR...**

Wed. Oct 19	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Nov 9	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Oct 23	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Nov 13	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Oct 26	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Nov 16	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Oct 30	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Nov 20	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Nov 2	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Nov 23		no youth activity
Fri. Nov 4 - 6		Lakeshore Retreat	Sun. Nov 27	5:30 p.m.	Advent Procession
			Sun. Nov 30	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group



Go Getters will celebrate "Thanksgiving Feast" on Monday November 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey and ham will be provided ...just bring the rest of the fixins! Rev. Norman Crittenden will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.



## SAMARITAN FUND -

### October 10 through October 14, 2011:

- 1 household received rent assistance totaling \$27 (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$100.00 in utility assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received \$25 in vehicular gas (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 vendor)
- 25 individuals received \$530 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 37 households received lodging totaling \$2,424.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 13 households received \$600.00 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received \$104.27 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 27 households received \$2,406.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 177 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$13,754.23 (paid to vendor)
- 33 households received a total of \$835 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 318

Total amount expended: \$21,000.51

### Stories of interest:

- On August 9, you responded to an email appeal on behalf of a young single mother who needed help with a \$204 utility bill. She had been seriously assaulted by a boyfriend who was serving time in prison for that assault. She has a 1 year old little boy. She was trying to start a new life for herself and her son. She was scheduled to start school the next day to get her GED. On August 26, she stopped back by the church to share that she had passed the entire GED test except the writing portion. Early in October she stopped by again to say that she had now successfully completed her GED! She was so proud and said she and her son are doing much better and she hopes to find a job soon. She again expressed how much it meant to her that we helped her at a time when she was desperate and had nowhere to turn. Please keep her in your prayers. The boyfriend who assaulted her is now eligible for parole and she says if he is released, it has been recommended that she relocate – probably out of state – to insure her safety. Her name is Sonyercia and I wish you could have seen her beautiful smile and that of her little boy. Thank you for the hope you offered this young woman through your gift.
- A woman who works in the dietary department at the hospital came seeking help with a utility bill. Her daughter and three children live with her and contribute nothing to her household. She said her bill was due the next day but she did not get her paycheck until the end of the week. Since we had already assisted her with rent in May and a utility bill in August, told her we would not be able to help her further at this time and suggested that she should find someone to borrow the money from until the end of the week. She expressed appreciation for what we have done for her in previous months and said she understood.
- Another lady with similar situation appealed to FUMC for assistance making this the third request in a brief time span. Her request was denied due to the repetitive nature.

**FUMC CALENDAR OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

**Wednesday, Oct 19, 2011**

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

**Thursday, Oct 20, 2011**

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

**Friday, Oct 21, 2011**

5-9:00 p.m. New Beginnings Social - Cockrill Gift

**Saturday, Oct 22, 2011**

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

**Sunday, Oct 23, 2011**

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 1:00 p.m. Children's Pumpkin Patch Trip  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, Oct 24, 2011**

6:30 p.m. Joint Admin. Board and Finance Committee meeting - Cockrill Gift

**Tuesday, Oct 25, 2011**

10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Committee  
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

**Wednesday, Oct 26, 2011**

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

**Thursday, Oct 27, 2011**

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

**Saturday, Oct 29, 2011**

NO Food Pantry

**Sunday, Oct 30, 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

**Monday, Oct 31, 2011**

6-8:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat - lower parking lot

**Tuesday, Nov 1, 2011**

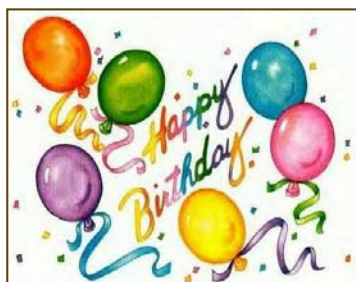
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

**FUMC OFFICE NOTES, OCTOBER 10 - 21, 2011**

- Holley will be out of the office October 10 - 21
- Peggy will have adjusted hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Office hours will return to normal October 24: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



*November 1 - November 15*



Nov 1	Arnold Bull Bo David Susan Thornton	Nov 10	Kevin Holt Joshua Love Alice Morrison
Nov 2	Gail Ganier Jennifer Jones Lillie McDaniel	Nov 11	Mandy Phillips Russell Phelps Camden Sampson
Nov 5	Clark Turner Brooke Shipley John Wallace	Nov 13	Aubrey Williams Cade Freeman
Nov 7	Sherrie Wright	Nov 14	Shirley Bready
Nov 8	Raygan Escue	Nov 15	Waymon McDade



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



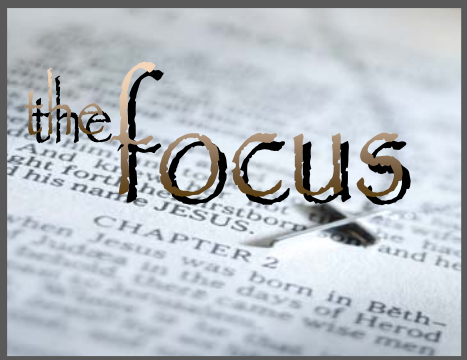
<b>October 23</b> <b>Morning Song Service</b> Janet Gairhan and Doris Ann Gray	<b>Traditional Service</b> John Wallace
<b>October 30</b> <b>Morning Song Service</b> Bob and Shirley Hensley	<b>Traditional Service</b> Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler
<b>November 6</b> <b>Morning Song Service</b> Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace	<b>Traditional Service</b> Mike and Alice Morrison

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

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