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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, HABITAT SUNDAY -

Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County was established in 1990 as an approved affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. As a part of the International organization, Habitat of Tipton County became one of over 400 affiliates worldwide with the mission of eliminating poverty housing.



In early 1991, Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County acquired its first home site at 923 South Maple Street in Covington. The building process and the dream of a new home for a family became reality on July 26, 1992 when the first home ever constructed by Habitat of Tipton County was dedicated.

Since then, Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County has constructed at least one home per year. The dedication of the 24th home was on February 12, 2011. Work on another project is underway.

An ecumenical Christian organization, Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County follows the ideals of Habitat International's founder, Millard Fuller, who once said: "We may disagree on all sorts of things – baptism, communion, what night to have a prayer meeting and how the preacher should dress. But thank God we can agree on a nail, and the use of the hammer as an instrument to manifest God's love."

We are proud that FUMC's own, Mike Morrison, is the Director of the Tipton County chapter. We are also proud of all our members who volunteer their time and their skills. **The communion offering on Sunday, October 2, will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County.**



**BIRTHDAY INVITATION** - Please join Dave Seagrave's family on Sunday, October 2, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for a surprise celebration on his 80th birthday.

Shhhhh! This is a surprise for Mr. Dave,



**UMW AWARD** - Reverend Grace Phelps was surprised as she received the 2011 Special Recognition Pin given by the local unit of the United Methodist Women. Spiritual Growth coordinator JoAnn Anderson presented the UMW gold pin to Grace during the September 1st General Meeting luncheon held at the church. Grace was given this honor for her accomplishments with the Bread of Life Food Pantry, Round-Up, and soon-to-be Coat Closet missions.

*Carliss Chastain*



**CONDOLENCES...**

We extend our love and prayers to the family of **Addison Bringle** who died on Friday, September 16, at the age of 100. Mr. Bringle's daughters are Martha Brasfield\*, Beth Ziarko\*, and Charlotte Wilkerson. His FUMC grandchildren are Ben, Sara and Charles Brasfield. Martha's home address is 1861 S. Main St., Covington; Beth's home address is P.O. Box 765, Covington.

We are saddened at the death of **Mr. Harold Love** who died early on Wednesday, September 21. We ask you to keep his wife, Mary Jane, his son Hal, and his daughter Cristi Hill and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Love's home address is 1327 Walters, Covington; Hal's home address is 1403 Walters, Covington; Cristi's home address is 300 West Oaklawn Drive, Brighton.



**Kenneth Mason**, who has been on our prayer list for some time passed away on September 21. Please keep his wife Brenda and their family in your prayers.

<b>ATTENDANCE AND GIVING</b>			
<b>September 11, 2011</b>		<b>September 18, 2011</b>	
MorningSong -	123	MorningSong -	110
Sunday School -	140	Sunday School -	127
Traditional Worship -	175	Traditional Worship -	137
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 6,076.00	MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,482.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,696.00	Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,098.00



# Share the Warmth

**October 1 - 16, 2011**

Many adults and children in our community do not have a warm coat to wear when the weather turns cold. **Bread of Life Outreach Ministries needs your clean, used coats, jackets and fleece hoodies that you no longer need - ALL SIZES.**

So please go through your closet and gather up your unneeded coats and jackets. Large boxes will be provided in the handicapped entrance hallway **October 1 - 16.**

Coats will then be sorted and sized by volunteers and stored in the Chapman Room on the lower floor of the sanctuary building. They will be offered on Saturday food pantry days to food recipients and during the week to those who come to us for assistance.

**One coat per person - records will be maintained of who receives a coat.**



The Tipton-County Commission on Aging offers "The 16th Annual Kaleidoscope" a Health Fair for Seniors, age 55 and over. The fair will be Tuesday, October 11, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Middle School gymnasium, 7785 Hwy. 51 South, Brighton. The fair offers flu shots, health screens, health information, food and entertainment.

"I am extremely proud of what FUMC has done in the past several years in helping support the programs for Tipton County Commission on Aging. Again, I am asking for support by way of donations for church school classes and individuals. In 2010, FUMC donated \$750 and our name continues to grace the Community Wall of Support at the Senior Center with a 36"x36" sign. The money donated provides funding for service and programs that promote the independence, wellness and advocacy for seniors, caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren, and their families served by the TCCA. No amount is too small or too large. Your donation may be made in the form of a memorial or an honorarium. Please make your checks payable to FUMC and designated for TCCA. Deadline for donation is October 2, 2011."

Thank you for your support,

*Shirley Bready*

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Honor of **JoAnne Finn**

Prayer Shawl Fund by Members of Union Grove UMC

In Memory of **Louise Leach**

Samaritan Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier

In Memory of **Dee Whitesides**

Samaritan Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier



**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



Donate all your 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 donations.

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

**AT THE CHAMBER CENTER**

## LAKESHORE RETREATS...



**ADULT BACKPACKING RETREAT** - Take a trip into the wilderness. Backpack into the Land Between the Lakes, sleep in the woods, cook out in the open, and enjoy wonderful sites that few visitors see. This is a light hiking event, however it is serious backpacking. No previous backpacking/hiking is required. October 28 - 30, cost is \$69 per person. Registration deadline is October 21.



LAKESHORE  
united methodist assembly

**CHRISTMAS AND CULTURE DAY** - Spend a day, December 3rd from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Lakeshore and experience Christmas as it is practiced in Mexico. Lakeshore will be transformed to the Mexican culture, which celebrates **Feliz Navidad** Christmas from December 25th to February 2nd. Enjoy authentic food, decorations, crafts and activities. Watch La Posada, a reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter. Adults \$18, Children (9 and under) \$15.

Contact Peggy, 476-9694, in the church office for registration forms or contact Troy (731) 584-6102 or troy@lakeshoreuma.com, for more information.

## YOUTH CALENDAR...

Wed. Sep 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 12	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Sep 25	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 16	4 - 8 p.m.	Corn Maze - Memphis
Wed. Sep 28	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Oct 19	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Oct 2	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 23	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Oct 5	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Oct 26	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Oct 9	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 30	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group

## SAMARITAN FUND -

### September 7, through September 16, 2011:

- 1 households received total of \$30 for miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 4 households received assistance with rent totaling \$288.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 15 households received utility assistance totaling \$683.42 (paid to the vendor).
- 1 households received assistance with rent totaling \$50 (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)
- 25 individual received \$530 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 33 households received lodging (totaling \$2,172.99 and paid to the vendor).
- 12 households received \$625.78 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received \$104.27 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 23 household received \$2,242.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 152 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$11,990.92 (paid to the vendor)
- 32 households received a total of \$810.00 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 283

Total amount expended: \$18,785.70

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is \$702.74

On Monday of this week, one of our regular food pantry patrons came to the church in need of utility assistance. She and her husband are raising 3 children – ages 15, 11 and 7 – plus they have their two grandchildren – ages 2 and 1 – for two weeks out of each month. She comes to the church at 6 a.m. on her food pantry day and takes names and gives out numbers to those waiting for food in appreciation for what they receive in food. Her husband works full-time at Lowe's in Millington, but six weeks ago he was injured on the job, had to have surgery and missed several weeks of work in recovery while only drawing 2/3 his pay through worker's compensation. They got behind on their bills during that time. One of our Sunday School classes assisted the family with gifts at Christmas last year – they are good, hardworking folks. Both their gas & water and their electric utility bills were scheduled for cut-off this week. The gas bill is \$91.88 and the electric bill is \$104.77. **Our Samaritan funds were completed exhausted at that time, so an email request for assistance for this family was sent out around 11 a.m. on Monday. By mid-afternoon Monday, through the generosity of four different households, both of these utility bills were paid.** The mom, who came to pick up our checks to the utility companies, was so relieved and appreciative of the care that our church family has shown her family.

Thank you so much for your continued generous support of this important caring ministry to folks in this community who are hurting.

Please continue sharing this praise.....An gentleman requested assistance with his family's electric bill of \$65.25 which FUMC provided. The following Monday, he visited with Grace and gave her \$42.57. He said this was all he had left from his paycheck and wanted to pay back the church.

## CAREGIVER CORNER by Margaret Fleming

The most debilitating condition threatening the health of caregivers is stress. Wow! Stress! Doesn't everybody experience stress? Of course, but caregiving stress catches you by surprise. By the time you realize you are the primary caregiver your elderly parent is already needing additional help. You are behind before you were aware you needed to get started.

Caregiver stress is unique in several ways:

- neither the caregiver nor the one needing care like the job or volunteered for it
- because the care receiver is most likely a parent, the 'role reversal' in the relationship creates a set of circumstances that are new and uncomfortable
- expectations of other family members may seem like nagging even when those expectations are offered in love
- the self-expectation that you can't do enough

Since stress is one of the biggest causes of physical and mental health problems, it is vital that all caregivers learn to deal with it positively. Each caregiver is responsible for his/her own self-care. It is vital that caregivers stay healthy in order to provide the best care possible for their loved ones.

So all of you caregivers (and those of you who do not yet to see yourselves as caregivers), give yourselves a break! See a movie! Take a nap! Call a friend!

(Taken in part from an article at [www.seniorconnection.us](http://www.seniorconnection.us))

**EMMAUS WALK** - The Men's Bible Class will sponsor two individuals to participate in the Emmaus Walk. This life changing opportunity is open to any FUMC female or male. Persons interested in this sponsorship can contact Arnold Bull 476-4601 or Dave Marshall 476-3401.



## 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.*

FUMC CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 4, 2011

**Wednesday, Sep 21, 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, Sep 22, 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, Sep 24, 2011**

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

**Sunday, Sep 25, 2011**

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship - Children's  
 Choir  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Tuesday, Sep 27, 2011**

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

**Wednesday, Sep 28, 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, Sep 29, 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 1, 2011**

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

**Sunday, Oct 2, 2011**

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 12:00 p.m. Dave Seagrave Birthday Celebration  
 - Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Oct 3, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Go Getters - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, Oct 4, 2011**

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

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



Go Getters will have a potluck supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3. Jackie Mc Divitt's Crosstown Grass Band will entertain. Please bring a coat to donate to the "Share the Warmth" coat ministry.

*October 1 - October 15*



Oct 2	Haley Henderson	Oct 11	Cathy Elam
	Rodney Hughes	Oct 13	Bob Buxton
	David Seagraves		Norma Beasley
Oct 3	Carole Barham		Janet Gairhan
Oct 5	Alexander Mitchell		Janet Klutts
Oct 6	Halle Childers	Oct 14	Mary Poole
	Phillip Mathis	Oct 15	Hudson Freeman
Oct 8	Shannon Beasley		Katie Henderson
Oct 10	Brenda Elzie		
	Tami Jackson		



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



**September 25**  
**Morning Song Service**  
Roy and Brenda Wrather

**Traditional Service**  
Mike and Alice Morrison

**October 2**  
**Morning Song Service**  
Larry Anderson, Joey Caldwell

**Traditional Service**  
Joe and Debbie Winberry

**October 9**  
**Morning Song Service**  
Don and Carliss Chastain

**Traditional Service**  
Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie & Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,  
Loving through Service."

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