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CHARGE CONFERENCE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

District Superintendent Clay to Preach and Hold Charge Conference

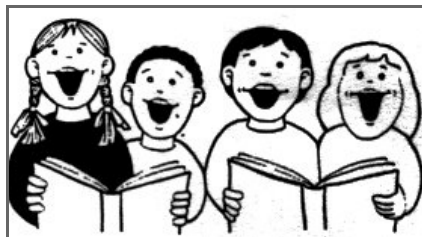
Sunday, September 18, Rev. Sandra Clay will preach at both of our worship services.



During the Traditional Service, we will hold our **Charge Conference** in a worshipful way. A report on our ministries will be included in a litany, and officers and pastors' salary will be set by the church conference at the conclusion of the service.

What is a Charge Conference?

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church requires that the Charge Conference take place once a year to review and evaluate the mission and ministry of each church, to receive annual reports regarding the ministries, finances, and administration within the life of the church, and to adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Administrative Board.



FUMC CHILDREN SING -
Our FUMC children will sing for us in both worship services on Sunday, September 11. The children will perform songs they learned during July's

Vacation Bible School session. Please come and hear these joyous voices!



Velma Peeler will celebrate her 93rd birthday on September 19th. Ms. Velma's home address is 823 West Liberty, Covington 38019



UPCOMING YOUTH OUTING - The youth will travel to Golf and Games Family park in Memphis on Sunday, September 18th for laser tag. Cost will be \$12 plus a bit extra for fast food. The time for this event is 4 - 8 p.m. All youth are invited to join the group. Please contact Jason Smith at (205) 542-2281 for more information.

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.

Dustin Phelps was sponsored by the Men's Bible Class in the 2010 Emmaus Walk. Below are inspiring words from his experience:

"I have trouble putting into words the meaningfulness of the Walk to Emmaus in my life. This immersion into study, prayer and personal reflection was such an emotional and spiritual journey drawing me closer to my rock, my comforter, my God. The format not only allows fellow Christians to share their struggles in their faith both large and small but also allows you to learn and grow in faith from one another. Christ calls us to be servants, not just to our God but to everyone around us. It is such an amazing opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in in your life, receive a new perspective of God's unfailing grace in our lives, and form lasting friendships to support you on your walk and when you head back out into the real world." I wish the best for you in your Walk to Emmaus and know that you will be forever changed by this experience. - De Colores." Dustin Phelps (dustintphelps@gmail.com)



CHILD AWARENESS GIFT - The total amount received for Child Awareness Sunday was \$530. These funds will be gifted to the Carl Perkins Center. Children of our community will benefit from your generosity. Thank You!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

August 28, 2011

MorningSong -	104
Sunday School -	160
Traditional Worship -	144
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,734.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,748.00

September 4, 2011

MorningSong -	87
Sunday School -	105
Traditional Worship -	127
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,603.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 6,442.37

DISTRICT LAITY EVENTS...

“Overview of the Call to Action” - Thursday September 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Colonial Park United Methodist Church (Sanctuary), 5330 Park Avenue, Memphis. Coffee and light refreshment will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available, reservations required. Call Tammy (901) 590-4820.

SPRC Training - Monday, October 3, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Bartlett United Methodist Church, 5676 Stage Road, Bartlett. Chairperson and all members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relation Committee are invited to attend. Training includes...basic work of committee, building relationships with pastors, evaluation process, submitting preferences, and team concept. Dinner is provided. RSVP to Tammy at (901) 590-4820 by Sept 29.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brittany and Clay Crockett announce the birth of Hannah Evelyn born September 2nd, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. The Crockett home address is 117 Carrington Avenue, Brighton, 38011

April and Paul Fisher are new parents of a 7 lb. 14 oz. baby, Grace, born August 9, 2011. The very proud grandmother is FUMC’s Pam Usher. April and Paul’s address is 1489 Center Star Road, Columbia, TN 38401.

REACHING FOR THE STARS

Confidential Care for Women presents
Bruce Wilkinson
New York Times best-selling author of *The Prayer of Jabez*,
The Secrets of the Vine, *A Life God Rewards & More*

Bellevue Baptist Church
Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m.
Seating begins at 6:30 p.m.
By Reservation Only

Contact Denise McDow
For Tickets @ 476-8932

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

AT THE CHAMBER CENTER

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Honor of **JoAnn Anderson**

Samaritan Fund by Mary Lois Shelley

In Honor of **Lucy Krull**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Honor of **Dot Peyton**

Prayer Shawl Ministry by Paul and Mary Jane Crotty

In Memory of **Mary Neal Thorn**

Samaritan Fund by Barbara Lakey



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 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.



Feliz Navidad

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 7	5 - 9 p.m.	Dutton Concert - Collierville	Sun. Oct 2	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Sep 11	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 5	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 9	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Sep 18	4 - 8 p.m.	Laser Tag - Memphis	Sun. Oct 12	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 16	4 - 8 p.m.	Corn Maze - Memphis
Sun. Sep 25	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Oct 19	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 28	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Oct 23	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
			Wed. Oct 26	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
			Sun. Oct 30	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group

SAMARITAN FUND -

August 20, through September 6, 2011:

- 3 households received total of \$75 in food (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received lodging totaling \$207.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 18 households received utility assistance totaling \$1,306.06 (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received vehicular gas totaling \$125 (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).
- 30 households received lodging (totaling \$2,044.99 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).
- 22 household received \$2,192.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 139 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$11,369.89 (paid to the vendor)
- 32 households received a total of \$810.00 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 266.

Total amount expended: \$18,022.45.

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is -\$211.10

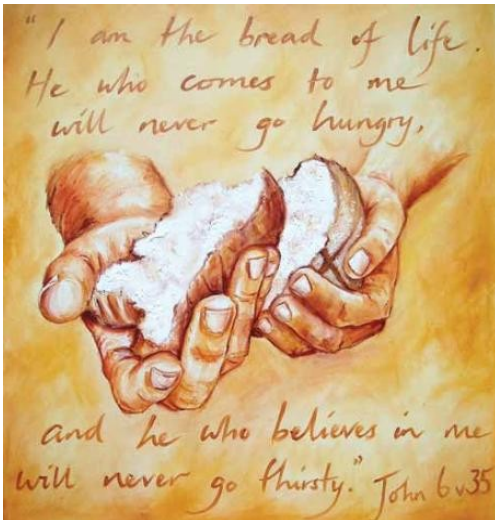
Stories of interest:

- A young couple of two children had been living with her sister. The mother and children were displaced from the home with no money or food. They could not stay with the mother's father and step mother due to alcohol reasons and there were no other family members in the area. FUMC provided two nights lodging and food. The mother made contact with the children's paternal grandfather in Florida who traveled to Covington to pick them up. One child was a second grader while the other was 2 to 3 years old. While the arrangements were being made in Grace's office, the mother and preschool child were visibly upset and scared. When the child cooled off and became still, she fell asleep. As Grace was pulling together a food package, the mother fell asleep in Grace's office, too. They felt safe at the church. Please lift up this special family in prayer.
- At Saturday's food pantry in Covington, Gail Ganier was qualifying a faithful patron. As they were completing the process, the woman gave Gail \$20 and said this was her tithe to FUMC for the food being provided to the community and how the food is needed. This woman has a very limited income and this gift represented the true widow's mite. Gail had tears in her eyes when she was describing the encounter to Grace. There were two additional qualifiers in the room during the conversation and they said they were both tearing.
- Several years ago, a father and adolescent son came to the church requesting assistance with something – I don't remember the particulars but I do remember the young boy was on crutches. Something about the request did not add up and the request was denied. As the pair left the church through the west doors by The Friendship Class, the boy tucked the crutches under his arm and walked perfectly normal from the door to their vehicle. I still chuckle with this recollection.

Halley Morris

Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

August 2011



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during August! The number of households we served in August jumped a little over 20% over the number served in July.

Several different factors were cited by food recipients including funds spent on getting kids back-to-school clothes and supplies and also the amount of food stamps for which folks are eligible is being reduced by government cuts.

The Mid-South Food Bank, our source for most of our food pantry items, has been hard hit by the economic times as well. Many items which we usually get from them have not been available recently such as peanut butter, macaroni and cheese and meat items. Thanks to Naifeh's Food Rite for allowing us to purchase these items from them at their cost.

	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	197 (Covington) 129 (Brighton) 326 (Total)	479 (Covington) 306 (Brighton) 785 (Total)
Individuals served:	534 (Covington) 413 (Brighton) 947 (Total)	1,335 (Covington) 982 (Brighton) 2,317 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	9,638 (Mid-South Food Bank) 128 (Save-A-Lot) 36 (Kroger) 350 (purchased – Naifeh's) 10,152 (Total) – 5.1 tons	91,026 (Mid-South Food Bank) 1,400 (Save-A-Lot) 1,008 (Kroger) 1,250 (donated miscellaneous) 350 (purchased – Naifeh's) 95,034 (YTD Total) – 47.5 tons
Cost of food:	\$1,324.71	\$5,718.15
Cost per pound:	13.0 cents	6.0 cents
Average cost per household:	\$4.06 (for a seven-day distribution of food)	

FAMILY CAREGIVING -

Providing elder care is one of the most challenging tasks people face in their lives. Many caregivers attempt to go it alone, thinking they can do it all. In some cases, there may be siblings who are unable or unwilling to pitch in, leaving it up to one family member to provide all caregiving services.



Whatever the case, caring for the elderly is a demanding responsibility that should not be assumed by just one person; it requires multiple people to chip in to meet the many needs of the senior citizen.

Surviving the caregiving process without having a complete physical or emotional breakdown is no small feat. Forming an alliance of people on whom you can rely for support, guidance, resource information, and respite care is essential to the caregiver's overall health; this is what is meant by forming a Caregiving Team.

In addition, there is a significant reason to form this type of caregiving group: different people who provide these caregiving services may meet the elder's needs in ways you may not. You may need a resource who has nursing background to help navigate medical issues; someone with legal background can help with issues on finances, wills and power of attorney; a pastor may be a great resource for you and your loved one for spiritual guidance.

Taking care of yourself, first and foremost, is absolutely essential when providing elder care. The rewards and challenges of caring for an elder are equally as great, so make arrangements to get respite care and tap into the various resources you need so you will survive the experience.

Family Caregiver Education and Support is available at FUMC each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapman Room (lower level of the sanctuary building). Please contact Margaret Fleming, 476-6507, for more information.

You are a caregiver if:

- You check on an aging parent or ailing relative several times a week
- Pick up prescriptions or grocery items
- Have their power-of-attorney and help make decisions
- Help bathe or dress someone who is frail or disabled
- Take care of household chores, meals, or bills for someone who cannot do these things alone.

THANK YOU . . .

Church Friends,

I would just like to thank everyone for your cares and concerns during my surgery and recovery. Thanks for all the call, cards, flowers and food. Thanks to Brother Tim and Bill their visits.

Norma Beasley

Members of First United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It means so very much to me that you would give that to me in my mother's memory! I will enjoy the comfort and peace it will give me in the days to come.

Tina Stewart & Family

Your help (with a utility bill) was truly a blessing for my husband and myself. Please let those who helped know that we are so thankful to them.

Nona Stultz



PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED!!!

Both locations of our food pantry are in need of plastic grocery bags. Cardboard boxes are located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to receive your bags. Thank you!



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, 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 7 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Wednesday, Sep 7, 2011

5 - 9 p.m. Youth Group - Dutton Concert
- Collierville
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Sep 8, 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 10, 2011

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

Sunday, Sep 11, 2011

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

Tuesday, Sep 13, 2011

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

Wednesday, Sep 14, 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 15, 2011

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

Saturday, Sep 17, 2011

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Sep 18, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- Charge Conference

Tuesday, Sep 20, 2011

5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - Cockrill Gift

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

September 16- September 30



Sept 14	Kim Stewart	Sept 22	Claire Peeler
Sept 16	Lane Clark	Sept 22	Carter Smith
Sept 17	Valerie Byrd		Christopher Smith
	Michael Locke	Sept 24	Storm Smith
Sept 19	Hollie Bryant	Sept 25	Judy McDowell
	Meredith Owen		Walter McIntosh
	Velma Peeler (93)		Roy Wrather
	Holli Ray	Sept 27	April Burkette Fisher
	Rachel Smith	Sept 28	Liz Glass
Sept 21	Thad Glenn		Billy Greggs
	Nancy Lindsey	Sept 29	Eddie Daniel
	Bill Scruggs		Chelsea David
	Ted Turner	Sept 30	Larry Anderson
Sept 22	Charles Elam		Don Clark



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



September 11
Morning Song Service
Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service
John Wallace

September 18
Morning Song Service
Frank and Barbara Racy

Traditional Service
Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

September 25
Morning Song Service
Roy and Brenda Wrather

Traditional Service
Mike and Alice Morrison

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service."

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