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SPECIAL GUEST FEBRUARY 26

On Sunday, February 26, Rev. Dr. Vincent (Vin) Walkup of the Nashville Area Foundation will be present to lead our Finance Committee and Administrative Board in a workshop on Financial Planning for the church. He will also share the message with us during both worship services.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TRIP - Our FUMC children had a blast at the Children's Museum of Memphis. They started their experience by going back in time to visit with dinosaurs. Meadow Lewis even rode one! They got to go into real airplanes and enjoyed a contest of flying paper airplanes. Mary Catherine Turner was a master at hitting the mark! Alexander Mitchell soared into the clouds in an hot air balloon. They visited a police and fire fighter exhibit



where Cade Freedman dressed up as a fire-fighter while Jasper Hunter drove a police car. Maddie Smith and Neely Turner took a turn at safe cracking.

A great time was had by all. Our FUMC kids are invited to join the next outing, which will be to Bouncy Place on the Square in Covington on Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. See more photos on page 6...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - Our communion offering on March 4 will go to Eyeglass/Sunglass 20/20 Project. - a human services program that protects and improves vision for disadvantaged persons of all faiths. See more information on this organization on the FUMC website at "<http://www.covingtonfumc.com/Project%2020/20>"



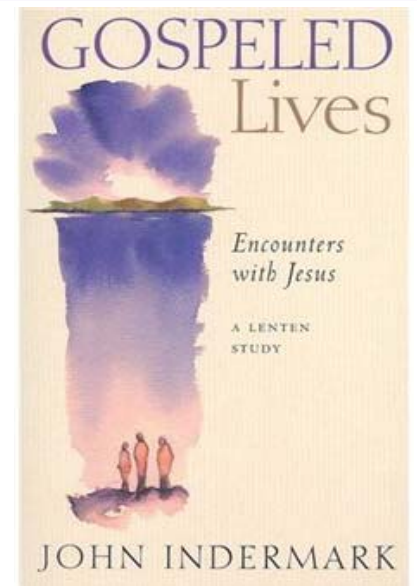
We extend a special Happy Birthday to Mrs. LaVerne Jones on the occasion of her 99th Birthday on March 1. Mrs. Jones' address is Covington Care Center, Rm. # 203, 765 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington 38019.

Happy Birthday, Miss LaVerne

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP - A new session of Bible study with Grace Phelps will start on March 1st. The new study will be "*Gospeled Lives: Encounters with Jesus, A Lenten Study.*" In this study, meet the New Testament individuals who heard Jesus speak a word to them about their life. Their stories will inform and challenge how we will respond to Jesus' word in our lives today.

Study books are \$10.00 and available from Grace Phelps. Preparation is needed prior to the group session.

Thursday mornings, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
March 1 - April 5, 2012



PLAN AHEAD...The UMM are planning a men's camping trip to Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee State Park from Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20. Activities include fishing, hiking, eating, and good Christian fellowship.

RSVP's are required by May 1. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Barry Wright 476-0795, Roy Wrather 476-1662, or Phillip Mathis 476-7231.



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

February 12, 2012

MorningSong -	108
Sunday School -	149
Traditional Worship -	188
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 6,022.33
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 1,902.00

February 19, 2012

MorningSong -	113
Sunday School -	160
Traditional Worship -	161
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,997.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,417.23

2012 COMMUNION OFFERINGS - The Finance committee has established the following schedule for communion offerings this year.

March - Eyeglass/Sunglass Project 20/20
April - Lenten World Hunger
May - Golden Cross
June - Carl Perkins Center
July - Good Samaritan
August - Habitat

September - Reelfoot Ministries
October - Grace Place Ministries
November - Hannah's Hope
December - Good Samaritan
March to Manger - To Be Announced

FUMC COAT CLOSET - Since November, the Share the Warmth Coat Closet has distributed 555 coats on Covington food pantry days – 291 adults and 264 children in 222 Tipton county households. Our current coat stock stands at 351 coats – total donated thus far 906 coats. Thank you to all who have donated and volunteered in the coat room on Saturdays! XXL and XXXL coats for men and women are still in great demand and we have none in stock.

THANK YOU...

“Our words of gratitude cannot possibly compare to the incredible gifts of Christian love and generosity displayed by the members and staff of First United Methodist Church. Thank you Bro. Tim and Bill Face for supporting us with your prayers and presence in helping us to accept Don's diagnosis of lymphoma. The meals made and delivered to our home so that I could spend as much time with my mother during her hospitalization and hospice care were so appreciated. We are thankful for your prayers, sympathy cards, memorials, the numerous phone calls, the bereavement meal, funeral service and all other acts of kindness shown to me during the loss of my mother, the most difficult time of my life. We sincerely love you, our church, and our community who continue to keep us close in prayer. God has truly blessed us by being part of FUMC's loving and caring congregation.”

In Christian love,
 Don and Carliss Chastain

March 1 -

March 15



Mar 1	Linda Childers	Mar 10	Helen Davis
	LaVerne Jones		Evelyn Elam
Mar 2	Jan Sanford		Susan Huffman
	Delia Anne Sigler		Missy Owen
Mar 5	Catherine Phelps		Luke Phillips
Mar 6	Tim Pugh	Mar 11	W.W. Ray
Mar 8	Caroline Turner		Emma Smith
Mar 9	Kingston Parfait	Mar 12	Katie Williams
	Glenn Lazure	Mar 13	Denise McDow
		Mar 14	Cherri Freeman
			Howie Freeman

SAMARITAN FUND -

February 4 through February 17, 2012:

- 1 individual received groceries totaling \$15.00 (paid to vendor).
- 7 individuals received lodging totaling \$340.00 (paid to vendor).
- 1 household received assistance with rent totaling \$50.00 (paid to vendor).
- 10 households received utility assistance totaling \$845.07 (paid to vendor).
- 3 household received vehicular gas totaling \$80.00 (paid to vendor).

Grand Totals January 1, 2012 through today's date:

- 2 individuals received \$30.00 total in groceries (paid to vendor).
- 13 individuals received \$340.00 for lodging (paid to vendor).
- 1 individual received \$50.00 for miscellaneous assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 1 individual received \$7.50 for prescriptions (paid to vendor).
- 5 households received \$250.00 in rent assistance (paid to vendor).
- 50 households received \$3,821.73 for utilities (paid to vendor)
- 8 household received \$220.00 for vehicular gas (paid to vendor).

Total households assisted: 80
Total amount expended: \$5,007.23

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is **\$13.78**

Stories of Interest:

- Grace had a person who was deaf and mute visit with her requesting assistance for vehicular gas. They had a lively written conversation. The gentleman 'said' he would be back on Saturday for the food pantry.
- A 64 year old man who has/had a flooring business that has essentially closed leaving a large gap with his finances. He and wife have separated but he does not have a sustainable household. FUMC committed \$50 should the balance be collected. Provided food from the food pantry.
- A visitor to FUMC moved to Tipton County about 12 months ago and has lost two minimal paying jobs – one was a termination, the other caused when the business closed. Has been living on friends' couches and in a car for the past two weeks. Provided two nights lodging and vehicular gas – visitor declined food pantry offer as still have food stamp funds. Recommended follow up with the Covington Housing Authority.
- A couple, purchasing their home, requested utility assistance. She receives disability and he had a health emergency in September 2011 and still recovering but unable to work. Provided utility assistance and follow up appointment with the Round UP program for the remaining utility needs. Recommended they visit the food stamp office, food pantry, and follow-up with Delta Resources.
- CH Sullivan shared his thoughts last week after a need was made known to the emailing group: *"I just want to say that it warms my heart how the church congregation is able to rally and meet these daily needs with no hesitation. In less than 45 minutes the need was met. I am so glad that I am able to live and raise my family in such a wonderful community. May the Lord bless each and every one of you today and all of the days to come."*
- We assisted a homeless man with two night's stay at the Baxter Motel and emergency food. He also visited the food pantry the following Saturday. He returned on Sunday morning (at the invitation of Peggy Watson, who was his qualifier at the pantry) and attended Sunday School in the Men's Bible Class. He had just gotten out of jail on Saturday and had no place to go – said he had

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

- In Memory of **Dorothy Baker**
Bereavement Meal Fund by Larry and Bettye Davis
- In Memory of **Carole Barham**
Choir and Worship Fund by Beverly and Jim Smith
Samaritan Fund by Mrs. William Chapman
Samaritan Fund by David and Tobie Smith
Samaritan Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart
- In Honor of the **Hope Sunday School Class**
Samaritan Fund by Mrs. William Chapman
- In Honor of **Marlyn Seagrave**
Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
- In Memory of **George Shackelton**
Samaritan Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart
- In Memory of **Thelma and Leslie Orval Trumbo**
March to the Manger Faye and Earl Beckett
- In Honor of **Roy and Brenda Wrather**
Samaritan Fund by Rick and Barbara David



YOUTH CALENDAR

Feb 22	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb 26	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Feb 29	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar 2	Confirmation Worship Experience - Temple Israel	
Mar 4	Confirmation	12:00 p.m.
Mar 4	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar 7	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar 10	Fun Day - Pizza	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Mar 11	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar 14	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar 18	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar 21	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar 25	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar 28	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Spring Break

TRA	Mar 12 - Mar 16
Tipton County	Mar 26 - Mar 30

WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Live radio broadcast of the Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11 a.m.

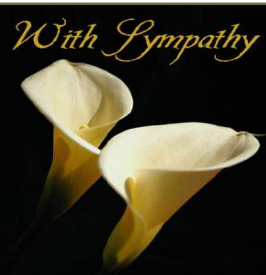
Traditional service: Delayed broadcast on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county). Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

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.



FUMC CHILDREN'S NEWS - The children's visit to the Children's Museum in Memphis was quite a success!



With Sympathy CONDOLENCES...

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Evelyn Elam in the passing of her brother, Tipton Turnage.

Mrs. Evelyn's home address is 5549 Milachi Circle, Knoxville TN 37918

**MEN'S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

**THURSDAYS
7:00 A.M.**

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ONLY \$3.00



FUMC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 22, 2012 - MARCH 7, 2012

Wednesday, Feb 22, 2012 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 6:50 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
 7:25 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb 23, 2012

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

Saturday, Feb 25, 2012

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

Sunday, Feb 26, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship (Children Sing)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Children Sing)
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Admin Board and Finance Meeting
 - Fellowship Hall
 4-6:00 p.m. Confirmation/Youth Group

Tuesday, Feb 28, 2012

10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Mtg.
 - New Beginnings
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Wednesday, Feb 29, 2012

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, Mar 1, 2012

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

Friday, Mar 2, 2012

4:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Worship
 Experience

Saturday, Mar 3, 2012

9:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Mar 4, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Worship
 Experience
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation
 4-6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation
 1:30-3:30pm Children's Outing to Bouncy-Bouncy
 - Covington

Monday, Mar 5, 2012

6:00 p.m. Go Getter's Pot Luck
 - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Mar 6, 2012

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

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

COUNSELING

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. *Fees are based on ability to pay.*

Dr. Faye Beckett, Doctorate in Christian Counseling, Master of Science in Psychology. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext. 19.



Cindy Pease, M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18.





FIRST
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Traditional Worship
Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.

Morning Song

ON THE SQUARE

SERVICE OF PRAISE

SUNDAY @ 8:30 A.M.



AT THE CHAMBER CENTER

UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



February 26

MorningSong Service

Janet Gairhan and Doris Ann Gray

Traditional Service

Cathy Adams and Phyllis Richmond

March 4

MorningSong Service

Bob and Shirley Hensley

Traditional Service

Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson

March 11

MorningSong Service

Wanda Lakey, Elizabeth Posey
And Kathy Wallace

Traditional Service

John Wallace

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

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