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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.

Vin has served as the President of The Foundation since 2006. The Foundation was established for the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences in order to provide a management-investment partnership for long-term and permanent funds for local churches, institutions, and ministries of the Church; to encourage and receive planned gifts in support of local churches, institutions, and special ministries of the United Methodist Church; and to help local churches and/or pastors, through educational programming, to strengthen their financial base.

Vin has been a minister in the Tennessee Conference of The United Methodist Church since January, 1968. He and his wife, Ann, have one son.

**YOUTH OUTING** - Our youth will travel to Cordova for bowling on Saturday, February 11. Youth depart the church at 12:00 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. They need \$12 for bowling and additional cash for fast food. For additional information on this event, please contact Jason Smith at (205) 542-228.



**CHILDREN'S OUTING** - Our children will take a trip to the Children's Museum in Memphis on Sunday, February 12. Departure from the Church is at 1:00 p.m. and return is at 5:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For additional information on this outing, please contact Charlotte Quinley at 476-9694 ext. 22, or by email to Cquinley\_fumc@bellsouth.net.



**SCOUTS** - Sunday, February 12, we pay tribute to the Scouting Ministries at our 11:00 a.m. service. Please join our service honoring the Cub Scouts and Venture Crew members, and witness the presentation of the Good Samaritan Award to a worthy scout.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to...



- The family of Carole Barham who passed away on January 29. Carole is the mother of FUMC's Carliss Chastain. Don and Carliss' home address is 1409 Countrywood, Covington 38019.
- The family of George Shackelton who passed away on January 26. George's sister is FUMC's Mar Ray, married to Bill Ray. The Ray's home address is 1362 Mt. Lebanon Road, Covington 38019
- The family of Joyce Turner who passed away on January 25. She is the wife of Roy Clay Turner. She is sister-in-law to FUMC's Ted and Carolyn Turner. Their address is 653 Leighs Chapel Road, Covington 38019.

*February 16 -*

*February 29*



Feb 16	George Dailey	Feb 24	Bill Ray
	Kendy Erwin	Feb 25	Laura Cochran
	Andrew Mitchell		Sloane Sullivan
	Marlyn Seagrave	Feb 26	Paul Crotty
Feb 17	Abbey Beasley		Bud Neal
Feb 18	Bobby Anderson	Feb 27	Fairfax Hamby
	Susan Turner		Lillie Timberlake
Feb 19	Michelle King	Feb 28	Mary Jane Crotty
	Abby Naifeh		Jenny Nix
Feb 20	Ann Caldwell		
	Angela Mathis		
Feb 22	Bill Face		

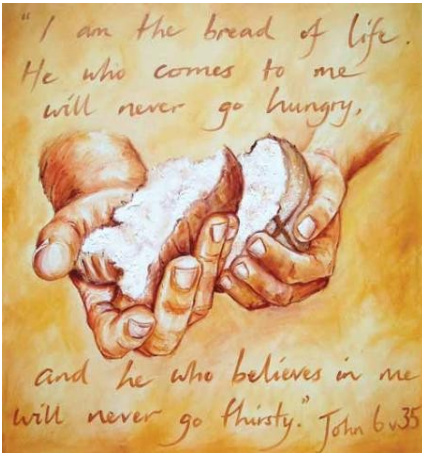
## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

### January 29, 2012

MorningSong -	117
Sunday School -	156
Traditional Worship -	194
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,273.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,369.00

### February 5, 2012

MorningSong -	97
Sunday School -	141
Traditional Worship -	165
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 9,647.64
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 6,272.00



## Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update January 2012

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during January! The first Saturday in the month was a light crowd with only 75 households. But the last three Saturdays all drew 90+ households for the distribution. Thankfully we had plenty of food and did not have to turn anyone away.

Each food pantry patron is invited to fill out a prayer request card if they have concerns which need our prayers. The prayer teams on Sunday lift up these concerns and some are also added to our email prayer chain. We received 129 prayer request cards from patrons during the month of January.

	<u>January 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	196 (Covington) 185 (Brighton) <b>381 (Total)</b>	196 (Covington) 185 (Brighton) <b>381 (Total) *</b>
Individuals served:	545 (Covington) 607 (Brighton) <b>1,152 (Total)</b>	545 (Covington) 607 (Brighton) <b>1,152 (Total) *</b>
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	6,743 (Mid-South Food Bank) 623 (Save-A-Lot) 365 (Kroger meat) 400 (purchased Save-A-Lot) <b>18,131 (Total) – 9.0 tons</b>	16,743 (Mid-South Food Bank) 623 (Save-A-Lot) 365 (Kroger) 400 (purchased) <b>18,131 (YTD Total) – 9.0 tons</b>
Cost of food:	\$1,586.69	\$1,586.69
Cost per pound:	8.7 cents	8.7 cents
Average cost per household:	<b>\$4.16 (for a distribution of food in January)</b>	

\* These are distinct families and individuals who were served at least once during the year – some on a monthly basis.



## SAMARITAN FUND -

### January 15 through February 6, 2012:

- 1 individual received groceries totaling \$15.00 (paid to vendor).
- 3 individuals received lodging totaling \$128.00 (paid to vendor).
- 1 individual received miscellaneous assistance totaling \$50.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received prescriptions totaling \$7.50 (paid to vendor).
- 4 households received assistance with rent totaling \$200.00 (paid to vendor).
- 16 households received utility assistance totaling \$1,690.20 (paid to vendor).
- 2 household received vehicular gas totaling \$50.00 (paid to vendor).

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

- 1 individual received \$15.00 total in groceries (paid to vendor).
- 6 individuals received \$96.00 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).
- 4 households received \$160.00 in rent assistance (paid to vendor).
- 39 households received \$1,808.66 for utilities (paid to vendor)
- 5 household received \$40.00 for vehicular gas (paid to vendor).

Total households assisted: 57  
 Total amount expended: \$3,627.16

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is \$139.51

### Stories of Interest:

- A gentleman came into FUMC requesting assistance with his heating bill. When it was noted that it was a relatively small amount, he stated that he and his family only turn on the heat when it is extremely cold. They try to get by with doubling up on their clothing and using extra blankets. This family is trying to maintain a household within their means. Trying not to use utilities beyond what they can afford. Even being so careful, they did need some assistance this month.
- *Follow up from story shared about a family with four children ages 4, 6, 7 and 9 whose electricity had been disconnected. An appeal was made on their behalf with responses within minutes. This couple learned about FUMC providing assistance from their neighbor who is a faithful food pantry patron. There were a couple of nights before the couple actually arrived at the church to request help. Their neighbor, a widow on a very limited budget, had been hosting the children in her home at night so they would have a warm place to sleep. Truly the widow's mite.*
- A young man who is 20 and was released from prison recently, had been staying with different 'friends', came to the church requesting lodging. FUMC provided two nights lodging. In the conversation with this young man, both of his parents are incarcerated and he has been raised by his grandparents. He has burned his bridges with his grandparents and is clueless to what he will do. He stated he has children in the area. Please pray about this situation.
- A couple had been helped by the Holly Grove Presbyterian friends who recommended they come to FUMC for food from the pantry. In the conversation, it became apparent a microwave would be a tremendous help to the couple. The microwave was given to FUMC by friends from Tabernacle UMC. It is amazing how all of the pieces are placed together by so many different sources. Please note: This is just one of many stories of this nature with other churches and friends being involved.

Thank you for all of your prayers and gifts to help those in need.

**MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...**

In Memory of **Carole Barham**

- Bereavement Meal Fund by Russell and Nancy Lindsey
- Bereavement Meal Fund by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith
- Choir Fund by The Now Sunday School Class
- Choir Fund by Johnny and Joanna Tyler
- Choir Fund by Jane Whitaker
- Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
- Samaritan Fund by Michael and Hope Turner



In Memory of **George Shackelton**

- Samaritan Fund by Sara and Chris Gangaware
- Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
- Samaritan Fund by Michael and Hope Turner

**YOUTH CALENDAR**

Feb 8	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb 11	Youth Bowling, Cordova	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Feb 12	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Feb 15	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb 19	Confirmation/Youth	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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.
	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.



**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.



## FUMC CHILDREN'S NEWS -

*NOTE: Please make a point to pick up your children in nursery promptly after Sunday School. This allows our nursery volunteers time to get to the sanctuary before worship service starts. Thank you!*



### Upcoming Events:

February 12	Outing to Children's Museum, Memphis
February 26	Children sing at both services, "Arky-Arky" and "Father Abraham"
March 4	Outing to The Bouncy Place, Covington
April 1	Palm Sunday, children bring in palm fronds at both services
April 1	Easter Egg Hunt
April 29	Children sing at both services, "Do Lord" and "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"

**LOST AND FOUND** - we have accumulated quite a few items that have been left at FUMC. On Sunday, February 12, all items in the lost and found will be placed on a table outside the sanctuary (in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall). Please take a few minutes before or after Traditional Service to stop by and see if you identify something of yours.

**COAT CLOSET** - Saturday, February 5th, thirty-one coats were distributed from the Coat Closet during food pantry hours. Since November, the Share the Warmth Coat Closet has distributed 521 coats on Covington food pantry days – 270 adults and 251 children. Our current coat stock stands at 353 coats – total donated thus far 874 coats. Thank you to all who have donated and volunteered in the coat room on Saturdays.

### CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER -

A printed copy of the UMC Memphis Conference newsletter "Circuit Writer" is available online at [www.memphis-umc.org](http://www.memphis-umc.org).



**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

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

**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ONLY \$3.00**



## FUMC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - FEBRUARY 24, 2012

### Wednesday, Feb 8, 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, Feb 9, 2012

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beg.  
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.  
 6:30 p.m. Finance and Stewardship Meeting  
 - New Beginnings Room

### Saturday, Feb 11, 2012

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry, Trust Co. Bank,  
 - Brighton  
 12-4:00 p.m. Youth Bowling - Cordova, TN

### Sunday, Feb 12, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. UMW Hope Circle - Hope Classroom  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 1-5:00 p.m. Children travel to Children's Museum  
 - Memphis

### Monday, Feb 13, 2012

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. SPR Committee Meeting - New  
 Beginnings Room  
 7:00 p.m. UMW Martha Rebekah Circle  
 - Martha Brasfield home

### Tuesday, Feb 14, 2012

9:30 a.m. UMW Adah-Mary Circle  
 - New Beginnings Room  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

### Wednesday, Feb 15, 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, Feb 16, 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.

### Saturday, Feb 18, 2012

9:00 p.m. Food Pantry - Covington

### Sunday, Feb 19, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 4-6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation

### Monday, Feb 20, 2012, Presidents Day

**-Office Closed-**

### Tuesday, Feb 21, 2012

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.  
 7:00 p.m. Trustee's Meeting - Men's Bible  
 Classroom

### **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.







UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



<b>February 12</b> <b>MorningSong Service</b> Don and Carliss Chastain	<b>Traditional Service</b> Joe and Debbie Winberry
<b>February 19</b> <b>MorningSong Service</b> Ellen Clark and Bonnie Wright	<b>Traditional Service</b> Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers
<b>February 26</b> <b>MorningSong Service</b> Janet Gairhan and Doris Ann Gray	<b>Traditional Service</b> Cathy Adams and Phyllis Richmond

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Learning to Be Disciples,  
Loving through Service.”

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