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CHURCH TO BEGIN CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, July 22 at 9:45 a.m., a Church-wide Conference, by overwhelming majority, passed a resolution entering into agreement with Horizons Stewardship to lead our capital funds campaign. The Campaign will be led by Dr. David Lewis, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and a member of the Memphis Annual Conference. The Campaign will begin soon, and will be a three year process. The initial phase is set to last through the fall. More information to follow.

David joined Horizons in 2003 after serving as a local church pastor for over thirty years. Twenty-one of those years he was the Executive Pastor of a 3,400 member congregation. In that capacity he was responsible for all matters relating to administration and stewardship. He is a certified church business administrator. David has unique skills in capital campaigns for medium-large churches, strategic planning, vision casting and specialty funding for missions.



Dr. David Lewis

Dr. Lewis graduated from Lambuth College and received his Master of Divinity from Duke University. His Doctorate is from St. Paul School of Theology. Emory University awarded him his Certification in Church Business Administration. David lives in Memphis with his wife. They share two grown children.

YOUTH POOL PARTY/COOKOUT AND PARENT'S MEETING -



Our 6th Graders will be welcomed into UMYF at a pool party on Sunday, July 29. There will be burgers, hotdogs and drinks. Parents will meet during that time to discuss the St. Louis trip and future plans for the Youth. The party is at the Covington Country Club pool, 1880 South Main St., from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.



Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant will celebrate her **103rd** birthday on August 12. Her home address is 397 Bess Lane, Covington 38019.

Congratulations!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - Our Children/Youth Departments will offer child care service on Friday, July 27, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. This service is open to FUMC families. Our youth will be on hand to help watch and entertain the children. Yes, the nursery will be open!



Cost for this service \$8.00 per child. Supper and snacks will be provided. Please make a reservation by contacting Charlotte Quinley at 476-9694 ext. 20 or cquinley_fumc@bellsouth.net; or Peggy Miller at 476-9694.



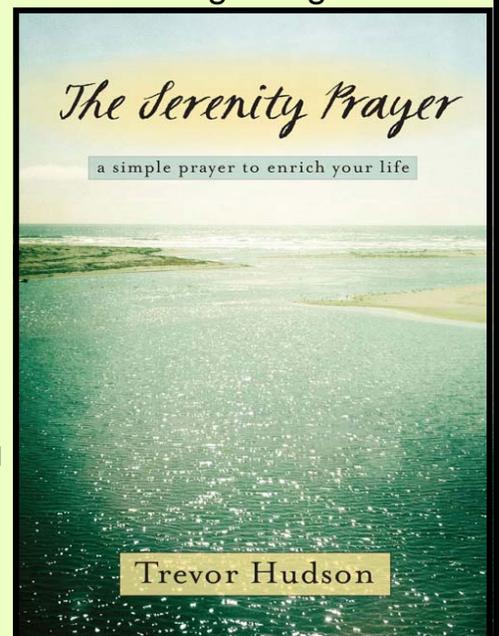
◇ Ruby Marshall's son, Charles Sims III, passed away on July 14 in Defuniak Springs, Fl. Our sympathies go to Mrs. Ruby and her family. Dave and Ruby's home address is 352 Country Club Lane, Covington 38019.

◇ We extend our condolences to Jimmy McCall whose mother, Mary Alice, passed away on July 12. Jimmy and Melisande's home address is 4095 Hwy 59E, Covington 38019.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP - The next study session will be August 9 through October 11, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the New Beginnings Classroom. Many things assault our sense of peace—stressful jobs, troubled marriages and children, financial and retirement worries. This book explores the meaning of the famous "Serenity Prayer" and challenges each of us to discover peace when life seems out of control. Our study text comes from acclaimed writer and South African United Methodist pastor Trevor Hudson. The book is \$12 and will be available at worship on Sunday, July 29.

Please contact Grace Phelps, at 476-9694 ext. 15, if you have questions regarding this study.

ALL WOMEN INVITED
Bring friends, neighbors or family.
Childcare provided if needed.



Thank You

“Dear Congregation:

You are comprised of very loving and compassionate people. I want to thank each and every one for the prayers, calls, cards well wishes and food during my recent hip replacement and recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Carpenter, Bill Face and the New beginnings class for their extraordinary support. It is indeed a privilege to be a member of this wonderful congregation for so many reasons.”

Larry Anderson

Go Getters

Go Getters will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck supper. This month’s host is Doris Ann Gray. All are welcome to join.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Valerie Byrd has been accepted into Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program. She has been selected to attend the 18 month program starting this fall. The selection process is very competitive with 40 applicants this year. Five students are accepted based on overall GPA, completed pre-requisite coursework GPA, reference scores, interviews, and professional potential. This has been Valerie's dream since day one of attending college and she has worked extremely hard and dedicated herself to achieving this goal. Please keep her in your prayers as she moves to Nashville and continues her studies. Valerie is the daughter of Donna Camiel (and David) and the granddaughter of Bill and Ann Enzor.



CORRECTION - We apologize to the Bryant and Gillahan families for incorrectly spelling Margaret Ann Gillahan’s name in the last issue of Focus.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

July 15, 2012

MorningSong -	73
Sunday School -	150
Traditional Worship -	131
Bread of Life Worship	75
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,899.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 5,610.00

July 22, 2012

MorningSong -	105
Sunday School -	99
Traditional Worship -	153
Bread of Life Worship -	50
MorningSong Offering	2,489.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 3,112.15

Blessed indeed is the senior parent or spouse who voluntarily relinquishes the car keys...

For most seniors, driving is a key to the independence they want to hold onto for as long as possible. However, it is important to know when it's time to stop driving. It's not just for your loved one's safety, it is important for everyone else on the road.

Research studies have shown that elderly drivers are more likely to be involved in traffic accidents than younger drivers. Physical fitness, diminishing eyesight, slower reflexes and/or increased numbers of medications can affect the ability to drive safely.



Giving up the car keys means the senior will become dependent on someone else for grocery shopping, doctors' appointments and social events. Loss of driving is often the first step to isolation because seniors are hesitant to 'impose' on friends and family. They only ask for rides for the most 'important' trips. Seniors and caregivers both fail to realize that socialization is one of the most important activities in maintaining personal self-confidence as well as maintaining cognitive skills. In fact, most seniors who are still driving enjoy company when making even the shortest trips, and a trip to the doctor's office with a non-driving friend can be capped off with a nice lunch or early dinner which is not only a treat for the non-driver but a way of saying 'thank you' to the driver.

Getting and keeping the keys is not a single conversation. It takes time and patience and sometimes input from professionals. Here are a few tips to get started:

- Begin the conversation about their driving abilities before it is too late.
- Ask them to consider the effects of their own physical condition, poor eyesight, slower reflexes, recollection of familiar routes, etc.
- Talk to their doctor, friends or others that might have input. They might doubt you but believe a non-family member.
- Plant the seed of a thought now.
- Call their attention to newspaper or magazine articles on the subject.
- Get help from family, friends, and neighbors to run errands with/for the older person.

When all else fails, 'break the car' by unplugging some vital wires or simply 'lose' the keys. By doing so, the caregiver is protecting the elderly person and others on the road. But understand that as the caregiver, you are responsible for filling the transportation void in the life of your older parent or spouse. Don't be afraid to ask others to help. It takes a village.....

Should you learn of a child needing food please share that the Tipton County schools has **USDA Summer Feeding Program for Kids** at Crestview Elementary, Covington High School, Brighton High School and Munford Elementary. Thank you for your prayers and everyone involved with the feeding program for the children.



Reelfoot Rural Ministries is conducting a school supply campaign for the 2012 -2013 school year. Please help by donating school supplies as listed below. Donations can be placed in the box located in the Handicap Entrance.

- 1 1/2 " Binder
- 2" Binder
- 3" Binder
- Backpack
- Pink Erasers
- Calculator (scientific)
- Composition Notebook
- Ear Phones
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Expo Dry Erasers (black)
- Flash Drive (1gb or greater)
- Pocket Folders
- Pocket Folders with brads
- Plastic Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Facial Tissues
- Nap Mat (red & blue)
- Pencil Box
- Pencil Pouch with holes
- Red Ink Pens
- Hand Sanitizer (small)
- Ziploc Bags (gallon)
- Ziploc Bags (quart)
- Divider Tabs (5-8)
- Index Cards (4x6 lined)
- Index Cards (3/5 lined)
- Loose Leaf Paper - wide rule
- Colored Pencils
- #2 Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Post-it Notes
- Scissors
- Staple Gun

Monetary gifts can be made to FUMC and marked RRM School Supplies. For more information Contact Roger Ganier at 476-8801.

CANNING WORKSHOP - UT Extension will conduct a class on canning foods safely. The course will cover the basics of food preservation and canning. A hands-on demonstration will be given on water baths and pressure canners. They will also share tips on freezing foods. The course will be on Thursday, August 9 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$20. Registration is required by August 3rd and can be made to UT Extension - Tipton County, Attn: Priscilla Eddins, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, P.O. Box 523, Covington. (901) 476-0231.



August 1 -

August 15



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| Aug 2 | Keith Anderson
Martha Brasfield
Mac McDowell III | Aug 10 | Jordan Davis
Jeffrey Nix
Carter Todd |
| Aug 4 | Jackson Atkins
Tanner Atkins
Debbie Neal
Mike Racine | Aug 12 | Carolyn Turner
Elizabeth Bryant
Amy David |
| Aug 6 | Cade Sampson | Aug 13 | Henry Glass Sr.
Mary Catherine Turner |
| Aug 8 | Linda Ray
Rebecca Stivers
Ed Timberlake | Aug 14 | Lee Delashmit |
| Aug 9 | Tim Cousar
Grace Fisher
Emogene Ray | Aug 15 | Dennis Hart |

Congregational Health Network

In 2008, First United Methodist Church joined the ***Congregational Health Network (CHN)*** of Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare. Three of our members were trained to be liaisons between our congregation and Methodist LeBonheur. These three are: Bill Face, Gail Ganier and Arnold Bull. There are many benefits to this relationship which will be described in this article, but the primary one for our church is the ability to know when any of our members are admitted to any of the Methodist LeBonheur Hospitals. This only happens when you as a member sign a release form that authorizes a Methodist Hospital agent to notify the church of your admittance. Several members have already signed the agreement. If you are willing to have us notified, the authorization forms are available in the church office. Only a trained liaison will be notified and that person will make certain a pastoral visit is made.

The ***Congregational Health Network (CHN)*** is a covenant relationship between Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare hospitals, Mid-South congregations and community health organizations. The CHN provides a network of more than 300 congregations and faith communities that are partnering with Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare to improve the patient journey through the MLH system and to build healthier communities in the Mid-South. The congregation becomes a part of the quality care team, helping the patient navigate the journey from home to medical care and back. Trained liaisons are assigned a navigator, employed by Methodist LeBonheur, to assist each congregation in receiving a continuity of care for its members.

What else does the ***Congregation Health Network*** provide?

- *Develop and maintenance of a social system
- *Implementation of covenant relationship
- *In-hospital support and accompaniment
- *Community health promotion
- *Micro-grants to congregations promoting and supporting health advocacy
- *Mapping and leveraging of religious health assets in Mid-South
- *Building practical interfaith collaboration
- *Training and education of congregations and liaisons in community care, hospital visitation, aftercare training, end of life care, mental health first aid and many others.

Once again, let's look at how the major benefit of **CHN** works for FUMC.

Upon admittance to a Methodist hospital in the Mid-South, you will be asked if your church is a member of CHN and if you would like the congregational liaison be notified. If you say yes, one of our liaisons will be notified by the MLH navigator that you have been admitted to Methodist North, Methodist University, Methodist LeBonheur, Methodist Germantown, etc.

With your permission, the congregational liaison will:

- *Contact the minister for visitation
- *Determine what your needs are during your stay.
- *Assess your needs upon discharge (ride home, prescriptions picked up, etc.)
- *Assess home health needs

A new committee has been formed at FUMC called **Health Advocacy Committee**. The purpose of this committee is to respond to the health needs of the congregation. Through this committee, we will have trained personal available for medical emergencies, general health screening and health education. The **HAC and CHN** relationship will be a great asset for FUMC and will compliment each other.

We would like all our members to sign the authorization cards to let us know when you are admitted to one of the Methodist hospitals. Peggy has the cards in the church office.



PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

Each Sunday during both worship services, a prayer team of 2-3 persons gather in the Upper Room prayer chapel to offer prayers for specific requests made by church members and food pantry patrons. Additional prayer team members are needed. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Peggy Miller in the church office at 476-9694. Thank you.

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Dorothy Baker**

Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.
Food Pantry Fund by New Beginnings Class

In Honor of **Gene Butler**

Russia Initiative Fund by Dot Butler

In Honor of **Tim Carpenter**

Samaritan Fund by Beverly and Jim Smith

In Honor of **Gail and Roger Ganier**

Reelfoot Rual Ministries by Judy Whitehorn

In Honor of **Bill Face**

Samaritan Fund by Beverly and Jim Smith

In Memory of **Margaret Ann Gillihan**

Samaritan Fund by Mary Louise Ezell
Bereavement Meal Fund by the Friendship Class
Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.
Samaritan Fund by Barbara Lakey
Samaritan Fund by Carolyn Locke
Youth Fund by New Beginnings Class

In Honor of the **Go Class**

Samaritan Fund by Beverly and Jim Smith

In Memory of **Charlotte Gurley**

Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.

In Memory of **LaVerne Jones**

Food Pantry Fund by Bill and Ann Enzor
Samaritan Fund by Patsy Fleming and Hunter Fleming
Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.
Bereavement Meal Fund by the Friendship Class
Choir Fund by New Beginnings Class
Chimes Fund by Gary and Sharon Stubblefield

In Honor of **Sue Jones**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Beverly Lewis**

Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.

In Honor of **Walter and Edith McBride's** birthdays

Samaritan Fund by Billy and Cheri Jones
Samaritan Fund by Maxine and Paul Rickard

In Memory of **Mary Alice McCall**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin



MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Margaret Peterson**

- Samaritan Fund by Tim and Dawn Carpenter
- Food Pantry Fund by Bill and Ann Enzor
- Bereavement Meal Fund by the Friendship Class
- Samaritan Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier
- Samaritan Fund by Gwen and Henry Glass, Sr.
- Samaritan Fund by Hope Class
- Samaritan Fund by Barbara Lakey
- Samaritan Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart

In Honor of **Grace Phelps**

- Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Charles Sims III**

- Altar Guild Fund by Bill Jim and Helen Davis



YOUTH CALENDAR -

Friday, July 27	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Parent's Night Out
Sunday, July 29	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	UMYF Pool Party/Cookout - Covington Country Club
Friday, August 3	7:00 a.m.	Depart church for St. Louis
Tuesday, August 7	5:30 p.m.	Return to church from St. Louis



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEED - Charlotte Quinley is looking for a Joseph "coat of many colors". If you have a Joseph coat that she can borrow for Sunday School lessons, please contact her at 476-9694 ext. 20 or cquinley_fumc@bellsouth.net.



COUNSELING. . .

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

Faye Beckett, D.C.C. 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.



SAMARITAN REPORT -



July 7 through July 20, 2012:

- 1 household received food totaling \$50.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received lodging totaling \$128.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 4 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$155.00 (paid to vendor).
- 3 households received rent totaling \$127.00 (paid to vendor).
- 18 households received \$1,082.59 towards utilities (paid to the vendor).
- 6 households received \$150.00 for vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).

Year to Date totals - January 1, 2011 through July 23, 2012:

- 1 person received bus ticket totaling \$50.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 11 household received food items totaling \$325.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 52 households received lodging totaling \$2,780.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 20 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$1,934.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 19 household received rent assistance totaling \$1,934.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 167 households received utility assistance totaling \$10,740.58 (paid to the vendor).
- 36 households received vehicular gas totaling \$900.00 (paid to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 306
Total amount expended: \$18,174.80

Current Samaritan Fund Balance is \$ 814.00
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Notes of interest:

- Earlier this month a food patron was given an information sheet about the Round Up program with instructions *'to take this home and read it – it may help you with your utilities'*. The patron mumbled that she could not read. Nancy Lindsey took the patron and her son to a location to assist her with the documentation. Nancy learned the child was 12 years old and learning delayed. Seeing a Bible in the room, the child asked Nancy if he could have it, stating he didn't have a Bible. Nancy explained that it might belong to someone. A Bible, better suited to the boy's need and level of learning, was given to the boy. Kudos to Nancy for her retired teacher's evaluation of his learning level and the fact he wanted a Bible.
- A man came to the church this week to apply for utility assistance through Operation Round-Up. He is married and they have twelve children. He drove a long haul truck for fourteen years and has also worked as a prison guard at Ft. Pillow. However, he had to stop working in March because his wife has several chronic, degenerative health conditions and he has to be present to care for her and take care of the household. He does all the cooking, cleaning, and shopping for the household as well as getting the kids to school and after school activities. His wife has been approved for disability benefits, but will not begin receiving them until August. His savings have been exhausted and he needed some help this month. His love for his wife and his children was apparent as he shared his circumstances. He spoke of what a handful it is to have a houseful of mostly teenagers, but also said what a blessing it is. As he was waiting for his application to be processed, he began talking with a 2 year-old boy who was waiting with his mom for assistance. The boy was wiggly and restless and his mother was obviously frazzled in dealing with him. In a matter of minutes, the man had engaged the little boy in conversation and had him sitting still for his mom. The difference in his behavior was remarkable. It was a real pleasure to watch a good father in action, taking time for a little boy who needed someone's time and attention. We were able to help the family with both their utility bills this month through the Round-Up program and give them a bit of breathing room.

FUMC CALENDAR JULY 27, 2012 - AUGUST 7, 2012

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

10:00 a.m. EFNEP Nutrition Training
- Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Class
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, July 26, 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, July 28, 2012

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

Sunday, July 29, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
5:00 p.m. August Children's Sunday School
Rotation Meeting - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. UMYF Pool Party - Covington
Country Club

Monday, July 30, 2012

7:00 p.m. SPR Committee Meeting - New Beg.

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

10:30 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting -New Beg.
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

10:00 a.m. EFNEP Nutrition Training
- Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, August 2, 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.

Friday, August 3, 2012

7:00 a.m. Youth Depart for St. Louis

Saturday, August 4, 2012

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, August 5, 2012

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

Monday, August 6, 2012

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

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

5:30 p.m. Youth Return from St. Louis
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

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

NEW BISHOP - Bill McAlilly, currently Superintendent of the Seashore District in the Mississippi Conference, has been assigned to serve the Nashville Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. His appointment begins Sept. 1. Bishop McAlilly is one of five newly-elected bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The Nashville Episcopal Area includes the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences.



Please be in prayer for Bishop McAlilly and his family.



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



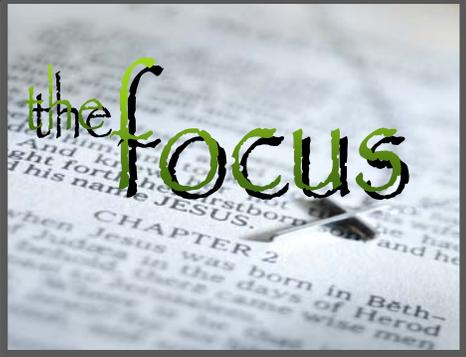
<p>July 29 MorningSong Service no ministry available</p>	<p>Traditional Service Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler</p>
<p>August 5 MorningSong Service Joey Caldwell and Dennis McDuffie</p>	<p>Traditional Service Joe and Debbie Winberry</p>
<p>August 12 MorningSong Service Don and Carliss Chastain</p>	<p>Traditional Service Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers</p>

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service.”

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