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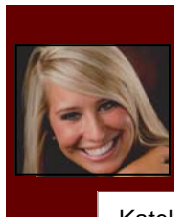
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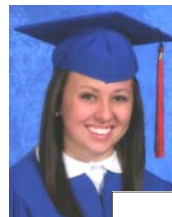
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - We proudly announce that our 2012 graduating high school seniors are Katelynn Aday, Amy David, Claire Peeler and Keri Holt (picture not available). Sunday, May 6, we will honor these student during the Traditional Service. Following the service, the Hope Class will host a luncheon for the students and their families. Bibles for the students are located in the hallway leading from the sanctuary. Please take a moment to jot a note in their bibles. The Bibles will be presented to the students during the luncheon.



Katelynn Aday
Covington High



Amy David
Tipton -Rosemark



Claire Peeler
St. George's

BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 29, Leah Katheryn Gangaware was baptized. Parents are Justin and Katheryn Gangaware, and First UMC grandparents are Chris and Sara Gangaware. Pray for Leah Katheryn as she grows that she might be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. *(Picture not available as of this publication.)*



**JASON SMITH COMPLETING THREE YEAR
TENURE AS YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Jason Smith is concluding his time with First United Methodist Church. On May 12, Jason will graduate from Memphis Theological Seminary with a Masters of Arts in Religion specializing in Youth Ministry. He will serve his last day the evening of May 20th with the youth. He then begins serving in June with a United Methodist congregation near Birmingham, AL, which is home.

We are blessed to have had Jason serve with us these three years, and we wish God's richest blessings upon him. We will recognize Jason on Sunday, May 20th during the Traditional service. Please wish him well as you see him.

CONFIRMATION 2012- We are pleased to announce the confirmation of Spencer Atkins, Abbey Beasley, Raygen Escue, Tommy Flanagan, Abby Naifeh, AnnaLea Posey, Maddie Pugh, Aaron Rogers, Lauren Smith, Katelyn Stewart, Molly Turner and Will Turner on April 22. Mentors were Shannon Beasley, Stefanie Beasley, Ann Caldwell, Joey Caldwell, Angela Clark, Steve Clark, Kristi Escue, Alice Morrison, Mike Morrison, Robin Racine, Susan Turner, Brenda Wrather, and Roy Wrather. In addition, six youth offered assistance: Ethan Carpenter, Jordan Carpenter, Gil Erwin, Ally Naifeh, Amanda Phillips, and Storm Smith.



Confirmands, Mentors and Helpers

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN WALLACE -- John Wallace will be leaving our MorningSong Praise Team on May 20. John was an original member of the Praise Team when MorningSong began in January of 2008 and his involvement has been invaluable to the music and the service. We cannot express our appreciation enough to his leadership in this area of ministry. His music ministry have touched many people and his talents will be greatly missed. John is moving to Nashville to pursue work in nursing.



John grew up at First UMC, so he is leaving his home church. Our best wishes and prayers follow him. Please wish him well when you see him.



Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation is committed to providing resources to enhance the quality of daily living and well-being for the residents of Wesley Senior Ministries. Our special offering on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, will go to the Golden Cross Ministry Senior Residents Fund.

Go Getters

The Go Getters will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7 for a pot-luck supper. Guest speakers, Chris and Lessie Fisher will present a program on Civil War Re-enactment. Please join us!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

April 22, 2012

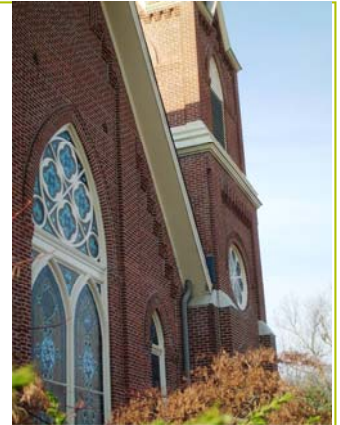
MorningSong -	65
Sunday School -	150
Traditional Worship -	310
Bread of Life Worship -	95
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,085.50
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,695.13

April 29, 2012

MorningSong -	103
Sunday School -	126
Traditional Worship -	175
Bread of Life Worship -	95
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,537.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,242.00

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

- In Memory of **Carole Barham**
Food Pantry Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass
- In Memory of **Virginia Baxter**
Food Pantry Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass
- In Honor of **Mary Ann Gulley**
Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner
- In Memory of **Beverly Lewis**
Samaritan Fund by Sue Jones
- In Memory of **Dorothy McDaniel**
Food Pantry Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass
- In Memory of **George Shackelton**
Food Pantry Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass
- In Memory of **Graydon Simpson**
Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner
- In Memory of **Joyce Turner**
Food Pantry Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass
- In Honor of **John Wallace**
Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin



Thank You "I would like to thank my church family for all the calls, cards, meals, prayers and visits during my recent hospital and rehab stays. Special thanks to Tim Carpenter and Bill Face, and the New Beginnings Class for all their love and support. I feel truly blessed in many ways."

Ann Enzor



SPRING LUNCHEON - The Friendship Class will have a luncheon at Peggy Miller's house (217 Fairway Drive, Covington) on May 15 at noon.



COLLEGE GRADUATION -- Valerie Byrd will be graduating from MTSU on May 5th with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science and a minor in Health. After graduation she plans to continue studies in the field of health. Her home address is 187 Hawkins Road, Burlison 38015. Valerie's parents are Donna and David Camiel and Elvis Byrd. Her FUMC grandparents are Bill and Ann Enzor.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY - If you are interested in being a part of a team to record our church service for broadcast, please contact Tim at tcarpenter_fumc@bellsouth.net or Keith Phelps at kphelps@jamiesonandfisher.com. Training will be provided.



SAMARITAN FUND -

April 14 through April 29, 2012:

- 7 individuals received food totaling \$230.00 (paid to vendor).
- 5 individuals received lodging totaling \$288.00 (paid to vendor).
- 2 households received assistance with rent totaling \$290.00 (paid to vendor).
- 13 households received utility assistance totaling \$685.93 (paid to vendor).
- 2 individuals received vehicular gas totaling \$50.00 (paid to vendor).

Year-To-Date Totals January 1, 2011 through April 29, 2012:

- 10 individuals received \$275.00 total in groceries (paid to vendor).
- 37 individuals received \$1,631.00 for lodging (paid to vendor).
- 7 individuals received \$414.50 for miscellaneous assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 9 households received \$427.00 in rent assistance (paid to vendor).
- 93 households received \$6,144.81 for utilities (paid to vendor)
- 17 households received \$440.00 for vehicular gas (paid to vendor).

Total households assisted: 173
Total amount expended: \$9,620.31

The Samaritan Fund balance
as of 4/29/2012 is \$17.27

- One mother who came to FUMC has three boys (ages 15, 13 and 7) and she shared her heart with Grace. One of the concerns was trying to keep the boys fed even with them eating at school for breakfast and lunch. This mother has just been hired at McDonalds and hopes to change their circumstances. Please pray for this family and their new goals.
- A couple requested help with both their utilities. The household has had quite a lot of drama since the 2011 summer and at this time there is no income to the household due to the drama. FUMC provided \$50 towards the utility which was scheduled for termination while First Baptist paid the balance. Please keep this family in your prayers. They have returned to their church and are counseling with their pastor but have quite a few hurdles to overcome.

LOCAL BUSINESS CONTRIBUTES TO BREAD OF LIFE

Height's Finance, a local financial business, recently contributed \$530 to the Bread of Life food pantry plus several hundred pounds of canned and dry food they had collected at their business office. Representatives of the company provided two local elementary schools – Covington Integrated Arts Academy and Crestview Elementary – with printed pages which their students were asked to color which emphasized the importance of helping others. Their slogan for the coloring page campaign was “Pay It Forward”. Over 2,000 coloring sheets were completed by the students and they are currently displayed at Height's Finance, located at 105 Mueller Brass Road, Covington. For each colored page, the company donated 25 cents to our food ministry. Thanks to the staff of Height's Finance and to the students of CIAA and Crestview Elementary for helping us help our needy neighbors!



LOCAL FFA CHAPTERS SUPPORT FOOD PANTRY WITH GARDEN PLOTS

The Covington and Brighton FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapters will be supporting the Bread of Life food pantry this summer by planting ½ acre plots of sweet corn and sweet potatoes. Liz Flanagan, advisor of the Covington FFA chapter, and her students have already planted the sweet corn on a plot of land owned by Eddie and Carol Daniel. The corn harvest should come in around June 15 and will be distributed to food pantry patrons at both Covington and Brighton. The sweet corn seed was donated by Joey Caldwell and local farmers Bo David and Randy Cromwell are assisting with planting and cultivating the crop. Covington FFA members work two Thursday afternoons each month unloading the Food Pantry truck at FUMC



Sweet corn

Around May 15, Swayne Huffman, advisor of the Brighton FFA chapter, and his students will be planting a ½ acre of sweet potatoes on a plot of county land located in Brighton. The sweet potato harvest is anticipated around August 15 and will also be distributed at both pantry locations. The \$500 necessary to purchase the sweet potato plants was donated by the Bayer Chemical Corporation via their local sales representative Kevin (Bo) Cranford.



Sweet potato

Thanks are extended to Phillip Mathis and L.C. Bierman for their leadership and support in this project.

YOUTH CALENDAR

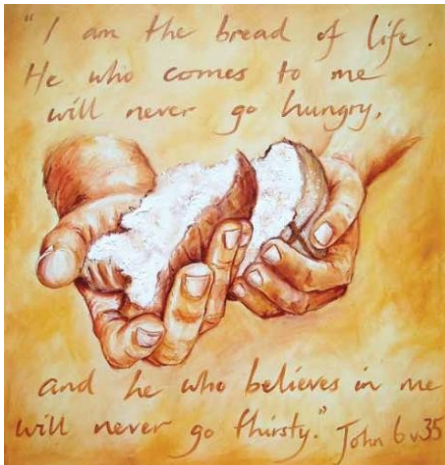
May

May 2	Wed.	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
May 6	Sun.	Youth Group	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
May 9	Wed.	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
May 16	Wed.	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
May 20	Sun.	Youth Group	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Graduation Dates

Brighton High - May 17 Munford High - May 18 TRA - May 19 Covington High - May 21



Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update *April 2012*


Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during April! This month, we began offering a 20 minute time of worship from 8:35 – 8:55 a.m. immediately before our pantry distributions on Saturday. We have a time of singing, prayer and a brief devotional. Patrons and volunteers alike have responded in a positive way!

Thanks to Dale & Terri Smith and their daughter Noel Smith-Howe for their commitment of \$750 quarterly donation to the food pantry through their company IPL, Inc. in Brighton. Welcome to new pantry volunteers from Unity Baptist Church in Millington!

	<u>April 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	161 (Covington) 165 (Brighton) 326 (Total)	330 (Covington) 310 (Brighton) 640 (Total) *
Individuals served:	535 (Covington) 544 (Brighton) 1,079 (Total)	915 (Covington) 955 (Brighton) 1,870 (Total) *
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	14,040 (Mid-South Food Bank) 417 (Save-A-Lot) 1,525 (Kroger) 575 (purchased) 16,557 (Total) – 8.3 tons	53,750 (Mid-South Food Bank) 1,075 (Save-A-Lot) 2,007 (Kroger) 1,125 (purchased) 57,957(YTD Total) – 28.9 tons
Cost of food:	\$1,933.65	\$5,280.46
Cost per pound:	11.6 cents	9.1 cents


Average cost per household: **\$5.93 (for a distribution of food in April)** – there was no meat available at the Mid-South Food Bank the last week of the month, so we purchased meat at retail price to add to food packages.

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

 **Special Olympics** Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics – if you would like to volunteer by sponsoring, partnering, driving, coaching or many other tasks, please contact Scott Seagrave at (901) 233-6101. Scott is an ambassador for the Special Olympics and participates in swimming and golfing. For additional information, please contact Marlyn Seagrave at (901) 355-2954. Additionally, if any child, youth or adult wishes to participate as a Special Olympics athlete, contact Scott or Marlyn at the numbers listed above.

CAMPING...The United Methodist Men are taking a camping trip to Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee State Park, May 18-20, 2012. For more information please call Phillip Mathis 476-7231; Roy Wrather 476-1662; or Barry Wright 476-0795 .



 **PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED FOR BREAD OF LIFE!** If you've been saving your plastic grocery bags for the food pantry, we need them now! Our supply is running low. Pantry days have been big in the last couple of months – 100+ families each week – so we go through a lot of them (we double bag everything). Thank you for your continued support, presence and prayers in this caring ministry!

Operation Round-Up Utility Assistance Report



Interviews for Round-Up utility assistance are currently completed on an as-needed basis depending upon those who apply for the benefit.

Funds received from Round-Up proceeds YTD:		\$20,540.24
From Covington Electric:	\$10,210.97	
From Covington Gas & Water:	\$ 8,829.27	
From People Helping People:	\$1,500.00	
Funds dispersed from Round-Up proceeds YTD:		\$2,947.28
To Covington Electric:	\$1,920.53	
To Covington Gas & Water:	\$1,026.75	
Current balance of Round-Up proceeds:		\$17,592.96
Households applying for Round-Up funds:		30
Those approved:	22	
Those declined:	8	

FUMC CHILDREN'S NEWS - The Big Back Yard at the Botanical Gardens was such a fun place to play. We hoola-hooped, crawled through wormholes, danced the bee waggle, found turtles, tadpoles, and were followed by a goose. The Koi fish wanted us to feed them and followed us around the lake. We saw it all, hammock swings, swinging bridges, a mushroom treehouse and flowers in wrought iron beds. The Prehistoric trail led us past ferns and straight to where we unearthed dinosaur bones. The Butterfly, Iris, and Japanese gardens were nice but the herb garden was wild with a rattlesnake master. We walked and ran and played for two hours.



Phyllis Richmond, Ella Locke, Brian Elzie & Blaine Locke



Rattlesnake Master - Brian Elzie

Blaine Locke, Brian Elzie, & Ella Locke



May 16 - May 31



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| May 16 | Rita King | May 24 | Jake Winberry |
| May 18 | Cambria Oldham | May 27 | Steven Holt |
| | Charly Oldham | | Jennifer Lazure |
| May 19 | Evan Gangaware | | Matt McDaniel |
| May 20 | Courtney Cook | May 29 | Hugh Cook |
| | Vickie Creasy | | David Wright |
| | Adam Shelley | May 30 | Griff Clark |
| May 21 | Sara Brasfield | May 31 | Claudine Elder |
| May 22 | Russ Hughey | | Ryan Ford |
| May 23 | Paula Cook | | Lincoln Rogers |

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.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

THURSDAYS 7:00 A.M.

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ONLY \$3.00



FUMC CALENDAR MAY 2, 2012 - MAY 15, 2012

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Class
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 3, 2012

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beg.
 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer
 - Court Square
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, May 6, 2012

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. High School Senior Luncheon
 - Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 7, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

9:30 a.m. UMW Adah-Mary Circle - New Beg.
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Friendship
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.
 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board - New Beg.

Wednesday, May 9, 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, May 10, 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.

Saturday, May 12, 2012

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

Sunday, May 13, 2012 - **Mother's Day**

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

Monday, May 14, 2012

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. UMW Martha-Rebekah Circle
 - JoAnn Anderson home

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

12:00 p.m. Friendship Class Luncheon
 - Peggy Miller house
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

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

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.





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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



	May 6 MorningSong Service Joe and Debbie Winberry	Traditional Service Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler
	May 13 MorningSong Service Wanda Lakey and Kathy Wallace	Traditional Service Joe and Debbie Winberry
	May 20 MorningSong Service Ray and Janice Newbill	Traditional Service Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,
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