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CAMPAIGN UPDATE -

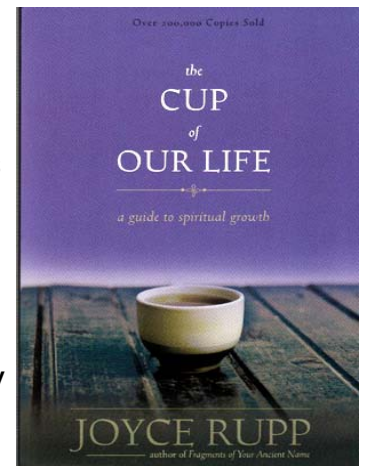
- Invitations have been extended to persons to make Advanced gifts for the campaign. If you would like to be a part of providing an Advanced gift to the church, please contact Stephen Smith, our campaign chairperson, at 476-8531.
- November 4 will be ONE WORSHIP service at 11:00 a.m.
- Please continue to be in prayer, "LORD, what do you want to do THROUGH ME?"



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP -

Grace Phelps leads Bible study each Thursday morning for women of FUMC and the community. A new session of study will begin on November 8th, and will run for six weeks.

In *The Cup of Our Life*, acclaimed author Joyce Rupp shares how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us ever closer to God. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and all its blessings.



All women are invited to join the study at 9:00 a.m. in the New Beginnings classroom for coffee and goodies. The study and discussion is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided if needed.

The study book will be available at worship on October 28 and November 4. Cost is \$17.

FUMC COAT CLOSET - We will resume operation of the FUMC Coat Closet on November 3. The Closet is run in conjunction with the FUMC Food Pantry, in Covington on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of a month. Persons or families in need of a coat may select one coat per family member, per year. If you have coats to donate, please place them in the donation box located in the handicap entrance foyer.



coat

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 21 UMYF at church 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 28: Haunted Hayride and Corn Maze
Leave Church at 5:00, return by 8:00 p.m. Cost \$10.

**HANGMAN'S HOLLOW
HAUNTED HAYRIDE**

Sunday, November 4: Afternoon of Disc Golf and
McDonald's: Leave church at 1:30, return by 5:45 p.m.



Wednesdays, October 17-Nov. 14th : Bible Study 6:00-7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

"Thanks to the Sunday School Classes of FUMC, Go Getter's and United Methodist Women for their generous donations to Tipton County Commission on Aging. Because of you, we raised \$800 for TCCA which provides many programs and services for our Tipton County seniors."

In Christian love,
Shirley Bready

"Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the love and concern that you showed to me and my family during my recovery from surgery. I truly appreciate all of the prayers, calls, visits, cards, food and other acts of kindness. You have been such a blessing to both me and my family. We are all so thankful for such a loving church family. I am well on the road to a full recovery, and I am so grateful to each of you, as you have been instruments of my healing. May God bless you as you have blessed us!

In Christ, Dawn Carpenter

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

October 7, 2012

MorningSong -	80
Sunday School -	111
Traditional Worship -	141
Bread of Life Worship -	125
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,510.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 6,131.00

October 14, 2012

MorningSong -	86
Sunday School -	116
Traditional Worship -	123
Bread of Life Worship -	56
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,050.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 3,501.00



Terry Wilson died on October 11. His wife, Judy, is the daughter of FUMC's Cassie Evans. Cassie's home address is 1306 Walters, Covington 38019

CONGRATULATIONS! Molly Kate Phelps was born on 10/11/12 to Dustin and Allison Phelps. She is gladly welcomed by her 1 1/2 year old sister, Georgianne; her grandparents, Keith and Grace Phelps (146 Country Lake Drive, Covington 38019), and her great grandfather, Russell Phelps (1307 Walters, Covington 38019). Dustin and Allison's home address is 10252 Herons Pointe, Lakeland 38002.



JONES ORCHARD
Since 1940
www.jonesorchard.com

6880 Singleton Parkway
Millington, TN

Our children will visit Jones Orchard on October 21 for an afternoon of fun! Parents, please plan to attend with your children.

Corn Mazes
Haunts
Pumpkin Picking

FUMC will celebrate Halloween by having Trunk or Treat in the lower (College St.) parking lot. In lieu of games, FUMC will have hotdogs available for the community. We ask for your help in the following ways:



- donate individually wrapped candy
- volunteer to help serve hotdogs

Candy can be placed in donation boxes located in the education building. To volunteer, please call Peggy in the church office at 476-9694.

**November 1-
November**



Nov 1	Arnold Bull	Nov 10	Kevin Hold
	Bo David		Alice Morrison
	Susan Thornton		Mandy Phillips
Nov 2	Gail Ganier	Nov 11	Russell Phelps
	Jennifer Jones		Camden Sampson
Nov 5	Clark Turner		Aubrey Williams
	Brooke Shipley	Nov 13	Cade Freeman
	John Wallace	Nov 14	Shirley Bready
Nov 7	Sherrie Wright	Nov 15	Waymon McDade
Nov 8	Raygan Escue		



Sunday, November 4th we will honor All Saints Sunday. On that day, we remember all persons in the church who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year. Please join us for this special tribute.

Members that we have lost this year are: Carol Barham, LaVerne Jones, Beverly Lewis and Mary Lois Shelley.

If you know of someone we may have missed, please contact Peggy at 476-9694 or at "pmiller_fumc@bellsouth.net

Join Us

(Children Ages 7-12)

Each Saturday
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

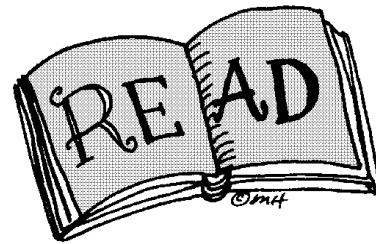
For Faith that Works

Reading, Writing &
Spelling Program

Theme: Believe to Achieve
(Food Served)

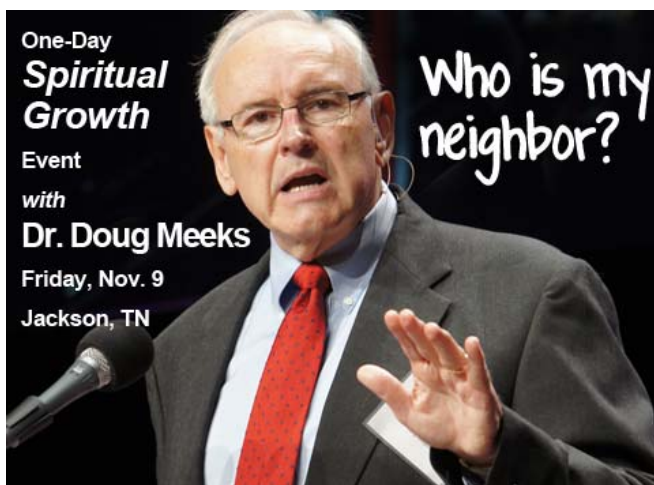


Where:
Housing Authority
Community Building
702 Jackson Street
Covington



Volunteers are needed to help with this program. If you are interested contact someone at the numbers listed below.

Contact:
(901) 652-2765 or the UMC at (731) 285-1465
or Marlyn Seagrave 475-6842



One-Day Spiritual Growth Event for laity and clergy

Friday, Nov. 9
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(registration at 9:30 a.m.)

Cost: \$25.00

Northside United Methodist Church,
2571 N. Highland Avenue, Jackson, TN

Register online at www.memphis-umc.net/events/detail/3111

DIAPERS NEEDED...



One of the most regular requests we get from Bread of Life food pantry and Samaritan folks that we cannot often fulfill is for diapers. Consider these issues for children and parents living in poverty that many of us might never even think about:

FACTS:

- Safety-net programs such as the Food Stamp Program and WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) do not cover the cost of diapers.
- Infants use up to 12 diapers/day, toddlers up to 8/day. In low-income households, a child might stay in a single diaper ALL DAY or longer, increasing the risk of health problems, from skin diseases to hepatitis.
- A baby crying non-stop from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged time is more likely to be abused.
- The vast majority of licensed day care centers do not accept cloth diapers, and require parents and caregivers to provide a steady supply of disposable diapers.

Parents unable access daycare because they can't afford diapers are less able to attend work or school on a consistent basis. This in turn contributes to increased economic instability and a continuation of the cycle of poverty.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- ◇ If you have access to unneeded diapers that your children or grandchildren have outgrown or no longer need, donate them to the Bread of Life food pantry.
- ◇ Clip coupons for diapers from store ads in newspapers, advertising circulars or online and bring them to the church. Deposit them into the box in the hallway leading into the sanctuary.
- ◇ Purchase a few packs of diapers when you do your grocery shopping and bring them to the church - place the diapers into the box located in the hallway leading into the sanctuary.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity as we seek to care for those in need.

Grace

"As you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me."

Matthew 25:40

SAMARITAN REPORT -

September 29 through October 12, 2012:

- 1 bus ticket totaling \$142.80 (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received lodging totaling \$160.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received miscellaneous items totaling \$120.00 (paid to vendor).
- 1 household received rent totaling \$50.00 (paid to vendor).
- 7 households received \$350.75 towards utilities (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$40.00 for vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).



Year to Date totals - January 1, 2011 through October 12, 2012:

- 2 persons received bus tickets totaling \$192.80 (paid to the vendor).
- 22 households received food items totaling \$735.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 74 households received lodging totaling \$3,964.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 32 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$2,335.71 (paid to the vendor).
- 36 households received rent assistance totaling \$3,162.57 (paid to the vendor).
- 310 households received utility assistance totaling \$18,380.18 (paid to the vendor).
- 59 households received vehicular gas totaling \$1,400.00 (paid to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 535
Total amount expended: \$ 30,171.25

Current Samaritan Fund Balance is \$ 474.57
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Please remember the unusual needs of the FUMC Bread of Life food pantry along with the Mid-South Food Bank which supplies food to FUMC. These are very difficult times all around.

A few facts about the Mid-South Food Bank:

- Counties served: 31 (east Arkansas, north Mississippi and west Tennessee)
- Total pounds of food distributed annually: 10,895.646
- Types and numbers of service agencies distributing food from the MSFB
 - * Emergency: 109
 - * Soup Kitchens: 4
 - * Shelters: 11
 - * Residences: 13
 - * Day Cares: 7
 - * Multi Service: 29
 - * Senior facilities: 5
 - * Rehabilitation Services: 9
 - * Youth Programs: 14
 - * Other Programs: 2



Thank you for your continued prayer and gifts to these ministries.



The October communion offering for Grace Place Ministries totaled \$252. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

FUMC CALENDAR OCTOBER 17 2012 - OCTOBER 30, 2012

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

- 6:00 p.m. Health Class, "Eating Disorders"
- New Beg.
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Class
- 6:00 p.m. Children, Youth, and Adult Studies
- Education Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 18, 2012

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Campaign Meeting #4
- New Beginnings

Saturday, October 20, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, October 21, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Children Corn Maze Outing - Millington
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

- 6:00 p.m. First Responder's Training
- New Beginnings
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts - Education Bldg.

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Class
- 6:00 p.m. Children, Youth, and Adult Studies
- Education Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 25, 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

Saturday, October 27, 2012

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

Sunday, October 28, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF
- 6:00 p.m. Campaign Dinner

Monday, October 29, 2012

- 6:00 p.m. Campaign Dinner

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

- 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting - New Beg.
- 6:00 p.m. Campaign Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Education Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee's Meeting - New Beginnings

**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.

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





UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE

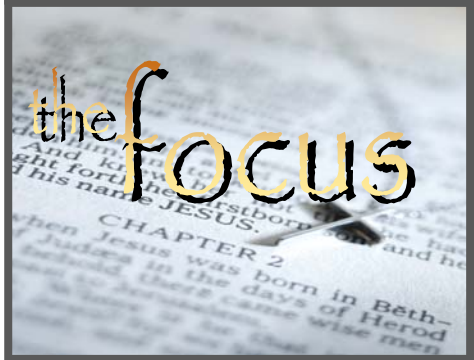
	October 21 MorningSong Service Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace	Traditional Service Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler
	November 4 MorningSong Service Frank and Barbra Racy	Traditional Service Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers
	November 11 MorningSong Service Joey Caldwell and Dennis McDuffie	Traditional Service Cathy Adams, David and Tobie Smith

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

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
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