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DISASTER RELIEF FOR STORM

VICTIMS - A truckload of supplies

from the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church was delivered to southern Mississippi on August 29 to help with inland flooding and evacuee assistance as a result of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Isaac. Bill Carr, Memphis Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator, took bottled water, hand sanitizers, MREs (meals ready to eat) and generators in response to specific requests coordinated by United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

How can you help?

>Assemble cleaning buckets, formerly known as flood buckets, which contain basic supplies to help survivors clean their homes after a flood. The contents for each bucket costs approximately \$55. Specific guidelines must be followed when filling a bucket. A detailed list can be obtain from the church office or click on "Cleaning Buckets" online at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies> ". Completed buckets should be left in Fellowship Hall no later than **September 11.**

>Donate money to UMCOR to assemble cleaning buckets. The cost of one cleaning bucket is \$55. Checks may be dropped into Sunday's offering plate or sent to the church office. When writing a check, please make the check payable to FUMC and indicate UMCOR on the "For" line. If donating cash, please indicate UMCOR on your envelope. You may also donate online at www.umcor.org.





Mrs. Velma Peeler will celebrate her 94th birthday on September 19. Happy Birthday Ms. Velma! Her home address is 823 W. Liberty, Covington 38019



Congratulations to Jake and Jennifer Winberry on their recent marriage. Their new home address is 300 Boswell Road, Burlison, TN 38015.

The UMW General Meeting is Thursday Sept. 13th at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. It will be Pot Luck, so bring a dish to share that will go with ham. Our program will be a slide show entitled "50 Years of UMW". It is sure to bring back fond memories for some and be an interesting update for others. Please come!



The communion offering on September 2 totaled \$653 for Reelfoot Rural Ministries. Thank you!

September 16
September 30

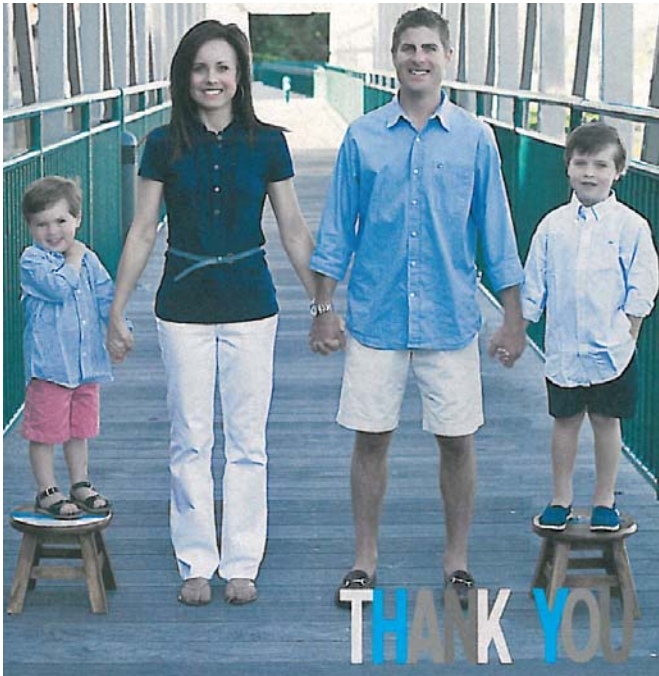


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| Sep 17 | Valerie Byrd
Lane Clark
Michael Locke | Sep 23 | Andi Grace
Richardson |
| Sep 19 | Hollie Bryant
Meredith Owen
Velma Peeler
Holli Ray
Rachel Smith | Sep 24 | Storm Smith |
| Sep 21 | Thad Glenn
Nancy Lindsey
Bill Scruggs
Ted Turner | Sep 25 | Judy McDowell
Walter McIntosh
Roy Wrather |
| Sep 22 | Charles Elam
Claire Peeler
Carter Smith
Christopher Smith | Sep 27 | April Fisher |
| | | Sep 28 | Liz Glass
Billy Greggs |
| | | Sep 29 | Eddie Daniel
Chelsea David
Frank Poole |
| | | Sep 30 | Larry Anderson
Don Clark |

Thank You...

"I would like to thank my dear church family for all the kindness shown me during my recent illness. Thank you for all the cards, the prayers, the food, and the caring. I am grateful to be part of such a loving family. Your kindness and generosity mean the world to me. I am getting better every day and look forward to being back at church soon."

Shirley Hensley



Elizabeth is Billy Anderson's granddaughter.



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

August 26, 2012

MorningSong -	88
Sunday School -	137
Traditional Worship -	136
Bread of Life Worship -	90
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,823.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,337.00

September 2, 2012

MorningSong -	69
Sunday School -	111
Traditional Worship -	123
Bread of Life Worship -	64
MorningSong Offering -	1,625.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 6,533.00

VETERAN? FUMC is compiling a list of members who have served in the Armed Forces. Would you help by reviewing the list below? If you know of someone who has been omitted or perhaps see changes that are necessary, please contact Peggy at 476-9694 or pmiller_fumc@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your assistance!

Last Name	First Name	Branch of Service
Anderson	Billy	Air Force
Beasley	Aaron	Army
Beasley	Landon	Air Force
Beckett	Earl	Air Force
Bierman	L.C.	Army
Bryant	Jimmy	Air Force
Bull	James Arnold Jr.	Marine Corps
Burdette	Wally	Navy
Butler	Gene	Navy
Chapman	William A	Army Air Corps
Chastain	Don	Navy
Cheairs	Tommy	Air Force
Cook	Candace	Army
Cook	Hugh	Army
Dailey	George	Navy
Davis	Bill Jim	Navy
Enzor	Bill	Air Force
Erwin	Cody Hayes	Army
Face	Bill	Marine Corps
Fisher	Charles IV	Air Force
Fisher	Ferd III	Army
Franklin	Bill	Navy
Glass	Henry Sr.	Army
Glenn	Thad	Army
Hensley	Bob	Army
Hughes	Rodney	Navy
Hughey	Wayne	Marine Corps
Jackson	Scott	Navy
Karney	R.A	Army
Knox	Greg	Marine Corps
Kugler	Kenneth	Army
Lakey	Bob	Navy
Marshall	Dave	Navy

Last Name	First Name	Branch of Service
McDade	Waymon	Navy
McDivitt	Jack	Navy
Miller	Peggy	Marine Corps
Ray	Russell	Army
Newbill	Raymond III	Air Force
Newbill	Russell	Army
Peeler	Bill	Army
Phelps	Russell	Army
Portis	James N.	Air Force
Portis	Margaret	Army
Powers	James	Navy
Racy	Frank	Air Force
Rogers	Lynne	Navy
Rogers	Tom	Navy
Seagrave	Dave	Army
Smith	Jim	Navy
Smith	Maurice	Navy
Stockton	Gene	Army
Thornton	J.C.	Army
Timberlake	Ed.	Air Force
Twohig	Edward	Navy
Yoakum	Bob	Army

U. S ARMED FORCES



MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Virginia Lawrence Carpenter**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Emma Lou Dickey**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Margaret Ann Gillihan**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Honor of **Mary Ann Gulley**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Charlotte Gurley**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Laverne Jones**

Family Life Building by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith

In Memory of **Beverly Lewis**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **George May**

Samaritan Fund by Rebecca May

In Memory of **Bobby Mayfield**

Family Life Building by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith

In Honor of **Walter and Edith McBride**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Mary Alice McCall**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Honor of **Charlie Moss**

Family Life Building by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith

In Memory of **Margaret Peterson**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

Family Life Building by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith

In Memory of **Charles Sims III**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

Family Life Building by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith

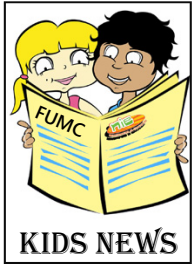
In Memory of **Ann Tipton**

Landscape Maintenance Fund by Tom and Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Sarah Walton**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin





SAFE SANCTUARY “MAKE UP” TRAINING/MEETING - We had a few of those who work with our children and youth to attend the regular Safe Sanctuary meeting. After a vote, on email, I understand that Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, would be best time to have the make-up safe sanctuary meeting. This is the yearly meeting that we must have to satisfy United Methodist policy. All of those who work with children or youth must attend. Please make it a priority on your calendar as 47 more need to attend.

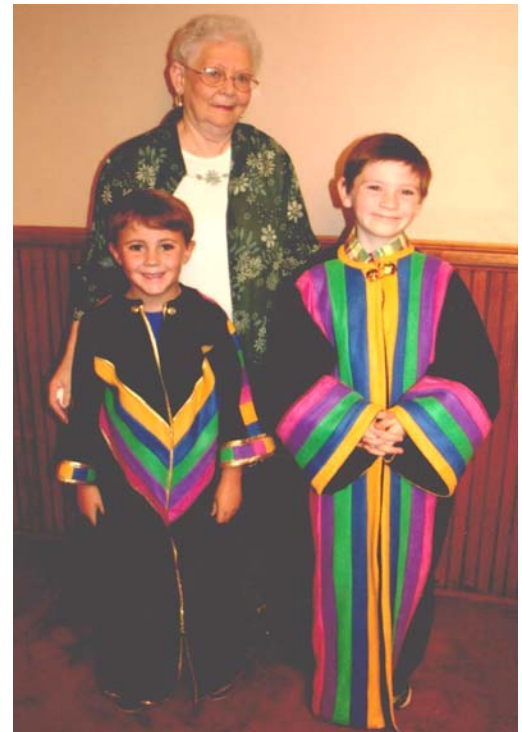
JOSEPH HAS ARRIVED - Bernie Liles has put to use her talent as a seamstress and created a ‘dream coat’ for our Sunday School Lesson this month on Joseph. I was just looking for a bathrobe from the congregation, but Mrs. Bernie told me she would make one for our lesson. Well, after much measuring and material, she created two Joseph dream coats and many other coats to place in our closet of costumes. A big **“Thank You”** goes out to Mrs. Bernie for putting her time and talents to use in the children's department!



Thank you,

Charlotte Quinley
Children’s Director

Thank You, Mrs. Bernie!





ELDERLY SELF ESTEEM - How we feel about ourselves, our work, our relationships and standing in the community is the cornerstone of our ability to function and be productive in life. Self esteem plays a large part in our mental and physical well-being. It defines whether we have a positive or negative outlook on life; whether we are internally happy or depressed. Self esteem can be influenced by appearance, job status, family responsibilities and/or financial status.

Self esteem for an elderly person can take a huge beating when life begins to take its toll. Remember when your parents were the most important persons in your life? They were your driver, personal shopper, cook, financial manager, and counselor...and now you have these responsibilities with your own children. Your parents were your caregivers! They gave you positive self esteem!

Now the tables are turning and while you may not be 'raising them', you are beginning to take on the caregiver role which means that in addition to helping with their finances, physical issues, and living arrangements, you must consider their mental health and self esteem.

Self esteem is one of the 'intangibles'. It can't be touched or seen; but it can be felt. It is a caregiving responsibilities that caregivers often fail to recognize. Changes can happen so slowly that we do not see them until we have embarrassed a parent or hurt their feelings. "Mom, don't you remember?" or, "Dad, you have told that story a million times!" Remember that their sense of self worth comes from their independence and ability to be useful. When they have to relinquish the car keys or move out of their home, egos take a beating.

You can do a lot to re-build that self esteem. Keep in touch! Listen to the old stories! Encourage contact with friends! And above all, let them have lots of time with those grandchildren who think their 'gramps' and 'grammys' are the greatest people in the world! After all we all feel better when we are around those who love us unconditionally.

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.

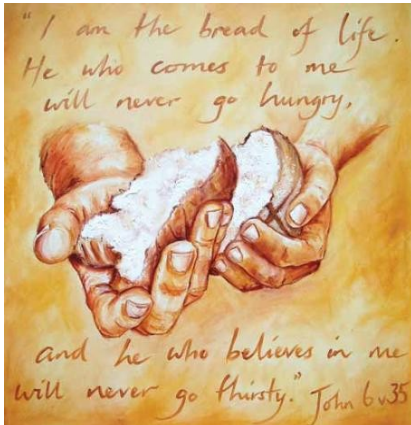


Cindy Pease, M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18.



Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

August 2012



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during August! Thank you to Unity Baptist Church members from Millington who continue to come as a group to Brighton once a month to serve. Our appreciation goes out to members of First Baptist Church, New Salem United Methodist Church, and Munford United Methodist Church for their financial support of the pantry this month.

We were blessed with a donation of 500 loaves of bread from our local Kroger store due to a labeling changeover and both Kroger and Save-A-Lot had substantial meat donations.

	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	192 (Covington) 182 (Brighton) 374 (Total)	477 (Covington) 396 (Brighton) 873 (Total) *
Individuals served:	364 (Covington) 763 (Brighton) 1,127 (Total)	1,379 (Covington) 1,267 (Brighton) 2,646 (Total) *
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	8,216 (Mid-South Food Bank) 912 (Save-A-Lot) 1,007 (Kroger) 750 (purchased) 1,200 (fresh produce) 12,085 (Total) – 6.0 tons	103,949 (Mid-South Food Bank) 4,243 (Save-A-Lot) 3,052 (Kroger) 2,613 (purchased) 4,050 (fresh produce) 117,907 (YTD Total) – 58.9 tons
Cost of food:	\$1,933.83	\$12,790.44
Cost per pound:	16 cents	10.6 cents

Average cost per household: **\$5.16 for a distribution of food in August (food supplies at Mid-South Food Bank were slim this month and we purchased some items to supplement)**

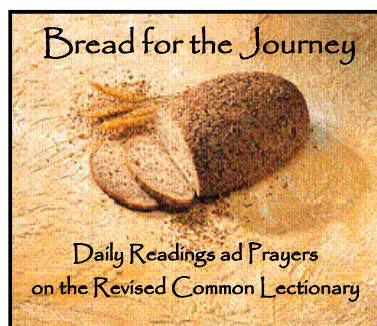
Round-Up Utility Assistance Report

January - August 2012



Round-Up is a utility assistance program which began in November 2011 and is offered to needy Covington residents. Funds are administered by our Bread of Life Outreach program. City residents are offered the option to “round up” their electric and gas utility bills to the nearest whole number. That money goes into a pool of funds which are made available to city residents who have had something unexpected or emergency happen causing them to need assistance in paying their utility bill. Due to the extreme heat recently, many households needed this benefit in August.

	Cumulative	August
Funds received from Round-Up proceeds:	\$34,350.36	\$3,327.53
From Covington Electric:	17,678.12	1,795.32
From Covington G,W & S:	15,172.24	1,532.21
People Helping People:	1,500.00	
Funds dispersed from Round-Up proceeds:	\$20,802.15	\$6,481.93
To Covington Electric:	14,428.80	4,895.85
To Covington G, W & S:	5,642.28	1,491.33
People Helping People:	731.74	94.75
Current balance of Round-up proceeds:	\$13,548.21	
Covington Electric:	3,249.32	
Covington G, W & S:	9,529.96	
People Helping People:	768.26	
Households applying for Round-Up funds:	96	23
Those approved:	83	21
Those denied:	13	2
Demographics:		
Those approved:		
African-American	74%	78%
White	26%	22%
Those denied:		
African-American	43%	60%
White	57%	40%



Our daily devotional resource will help you apply scripture to your daily life. Available each Sunday in worship or online at www.covingtonfumc.com

SAMARITAN REPORT -



August 18 through August 31, 2012:

- 1 household received food totaling \$15.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 9 households received lodging totaling \$448.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$191.49 (paid to vendor).
- 1 household received rent totaling \$50.00 (paid to vendor).
- 21 households received \$933.25 towards utilities (paid to the vendor).
- 4 households received \$80.00 for vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).

Year to Date totals - January 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012:

- 1 person received bus ticket totaling \$50.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 15 households received food items totaling \$495.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 61 households received lodging totaling \$3,292.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 25 households received miscellaneous items totaling \$1,897.23 (paid to the vendor).
- 29 households received rent assistance totaling \$2,756.00 (paid to the vendor).
- 229 households received utility assistance totaling \$14,240.45 (paid to the vendor).
- 47 households received vehicular gas totaling \$1,155.00 (paid to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 445
Total amount expended: \$ 25,664.41

Current Samaritan Fund
Balance is \$ 1,466.44

Notes of interest:

- Grace worked with a gentleman who had a touching story. He had been employed for 30 years at one location which closed due to the economy. Rather than file for his unemployment, he went to work for a construction worker being paid in cash. The new employer's wife became ill and that avenue of work has closed for the gentleman. This gentleman now is living with his son and son's family while he awaits his unemployment to start (which takes 7 to 8 weeks). The gentleman had an interview on Wednesday afternoon in Memphis. The gentleman voiced his concern about burdening his son's family and not being able to contribute to the household. Please be in prayer for this gentleman to find a job and restore his independence. FUMC provided vehicular gas for the gentleman's interview and food from the pantry to contribute to the household.
- A homeless family of one mother and three children ages 14, 12 and 7 were in the office several times this week. Please be in prayer about this situation as difficult decisions have been and may continue to be made.



FUMC CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

10:00 a.m. EFNEP Nutrition Training
- Fellowship Hall
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, September 6, 2012

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- New Beginnings Classroom
1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Adult Scouts - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Campaign Meeting

Saturday, September 8, 2012

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

Sunday, September 9, 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

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Education Building
7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
- New Beginnings Room

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

10:00 a.m. EFNEP Nutrition Training
- Fellowship Hall
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, September 13, 2012

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beg.
10:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting
1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Adult Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, September 16, 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

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

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.

Traditional service: Delayed broadcast 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



September 9
MorningSong Service
Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service
Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

September 16
MorningSong Service
Frank and Barbra Racy

Traditional Service
Joe and Debbie Winberry

September 23
MorningSong Service
Joey Caldwell and Dennis McDuffie

Traditional Service
Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service.”

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