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God's Special Time

KAIROS COOKIES - Kairos Prison Ministry has requested FUMC's UMW provide 50 dozen, freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. The UMW is looking for

volunteers to bake cookies. The cookies must be made using the recipe supplied by Kairos. If you can help by baking cookies please call Kathy Wallace at 476-7918. Deliver cookies to the Church kitchen on Sunday morning. Please see page 6 for the cookie recipe and specific requirements for the cookies.

ONE SERVICE - We will have one combined service on Palm Sunday, March 24, in the sanctuary. FUMC's Chancel Choir will present a Lenten cantata entitled "Canticle of the Cross". Mark your calendar to hear God's glorious praises accompanied by a chamber orchestra.



Go Getters The next gathering for Go Getters, Senior Adults, will be on Monday, March 4 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be stuffed manicotti, strawberry salad, bread and tiramisu for dessert.

UMW COOKBOOK DEADLINE - Recipes for the UMW Cookbook must be submitted by March 1st. Submit your favorite recipes by completing a Recipe Collection Sheet and placing it in a zip-lock collection bag on one of the church's bulletin boards. If you prefer, send your recipes directly to Kathy Wallace at kpw422@aol.com.



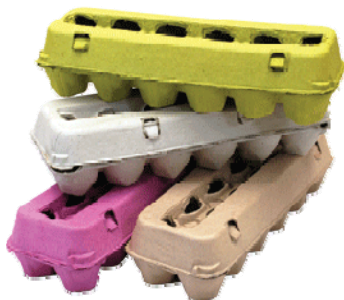
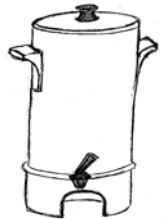


Nancy Hampton, spouse of Jim Hampton and former FUMC member, passed away on February 13. Jim's home address is 701 Walker Road, Thaxton, Mississippi 38871. The Hamptons were very active at FUMC and members of the Friendship Class.

Gerald Alan "Bubba" Spencer passed away earlier this month. He was FUMC Jana McCommon's step-father. Mr. Spencer had been suffering from cancer for quite a long time. Jana's home address is 1106 Kelley's Chapel Road, Burlison 38015.

THANKS - Waymon and Naomi McDade have repaired the processional cross which had been damaged recently. The cross is used during Traditional Service. We extend a special "Thank You" to Waymon and Naomi for their handy work..

The Food Pantry is in need of a large volume coffee maker (at least 24 cups) for the Brighton Pantry. Any style is fine. If you have an unused coffee maker that you can donate to the Pantry, we'd love to make use of it. Please call Grace at 476-9694.



Thanks to everyone who contributed egg cartons two weeks ago for the food pantry. We had opportunity to get fresh eggs this week from the Mid-South Food Bank for the Brighton pantry - 120 dozen! They come in large commercial flats, not retail cartons. **We need your egg cartons once again!!** If you have unneeded egg cartons, please drop them by the FUMC church office - **we need the cartons prior to this Saturday's pantry.**

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

February 10, 2013

MorningSong -	100
Sunday School -	141
Traditional Worship -	187
Bread of Life Worship (2/9/2013) -	80
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,035.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 12,612.80

February 17, 2013

MorningSong -	102
Sunday School -	123
Traditional Worship -	169
Bread of Life Worship (2/9/2013) -	76
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,289.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 4,394.75

Thank You...

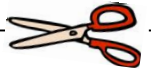
“Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers and food. It was a blessing to have such a wonderful church family supporting us when our family really needed it the most. We love our church family!”

Sincerely,

The Hughes Family
Matthew, Rachel, Isabella & Owen

FOOD PANTRY AND COAT CLOSET...

The Food Pantry is in need of disposable diapers. Diapers can be dropped into a collection box located in the Handicap Entrance. We can also use diaper coupons. If you see coupons and don't need them, please clip them for FUMC.



Wal-Mart has marked down all their coats to really low prices. Now would be a great opportunity to purchase coats to replenish sizes we need in the coat closet. We are low on coats for infants and toddlers and very large sizes for men and women – XXXL and larger. Should you be shopping and feel so inclined.... they would be much appreciated! *Thank you!*



March 1 -

March 15



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| Mar 1 | Linda Childers | Mar 11 | Paul Buxton |
| Mar 2 | Jan Sanford | | W.W. Ray |
| | Delia Sigler | | Emma Smith |
| Mar 5 | Catherine Phelps | Mar 13 | Denise McDow |
| Mar 6 | Tim Pugh | Mar 14 | Cherri Freeman |
| Mar 8 | Caroline Turner | | Howie Freeman |
| Mar 9 | Glenn Lazure | | Edward Haverkamp |
| | Kingston Parfait | | |
| Mar 10 | Helen Davis | | |
| | Evelyn Elam | | |
| | Susan Huffman | | |
| | Missy Owen | | |
| | Luke Phillips | | |

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Honor of **Justin Hanson**

Worship and Music Fund by Evelyn Chapman

In Memory of **Julian Whitley**

Family Life Building Fund by Jim Baddour

Family Life Building Fund by Dr. and Mrs. Travis Bolton

Family Life Building Fund by Earl and Judy Glasson

Family Life Building Fund by Willis and Joyce Partee



YOUTH CALENDAR -



Feb 20	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 2	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Feb 24	Sun	UMYF	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Feb 27	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 3	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Mar 03	Sun	UMYF	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 06	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 4	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Mar 10	Sun	Covington Scavenger Hunt	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 13	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 5	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Mar 17	Sun	UMYF	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 20	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 6	
Mar 24	Sun	UMYF	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 27		Holy Week Services at 6:00 p.m.	
Mar 31	Sun	No UMYF - Easter Sunday	
Apr 03	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 7	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Apr 07	Sun	Redbirds Outing	
Apr 10	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 8	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Apr 14	Sun	UMYF	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Round-Up Utility Assistance Report January 2013



Round-Up is a utility assistance program which is offered to needy Covington residents. Funds are administered by the 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 as-

sistance in paying their utility bill.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>January</u>
Beginning balance in account:	\$17,370.71	
Funds received from Round-Up proceeds:	\$ 5,009.93	\$5,009.93
From Covington Electric:	\$ 3,448.05	\$3,448.05*
From Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:	\$18,984.22	\$1,561.88
People Helping People:		
Funds dispersed from Round-Up proceeds:	\$ 1,868.22	\$1,868.22
To Covington Electric:	\$ 1,555.60	\$1,555.60
To Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:	\$ 312.62	\$ 312.62
People Helping People:		
Current balance of Round-up proceeds:	\$19,442.20	
Covington Electric:		\$ 4,978.14
Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:		\$14,095.60
People Helping People:		\$ 368.46
Households applying for Round-Up funds:	10	10
Those approved:	8	8
Those declined:	2	2

* December Round-Up check was not received until January.

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.



Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and, their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world.

Kairos is a non-profit corporation chartered in the state of Florida. The word “kairos” is a Greek word meaning “in God’s special time” or “in the fullness of time”, indicating an opportunity for their participants and guests to reconsider their life choices. As hearts are changed, inmates begin to take responsibility for their actions.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Makes approximately 4 1/2 dozen, 3-inch cookies

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour	3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. baking soda	3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup butter, softened	2 eggs
	12 oz. chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. In a separate bowl, cream butter, sugars and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Gradually beat in the flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake 9 - 11 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand two minutes before removing to cooling racks. Cool completely before bagging.

No Nuts!

- Cookies should be bagged by the dozen in Zip-loc bags.
- Please label “**UMW Kairos Ministry**” on each bag.
- Deliver cookies on Sunday morning, February 24, to FUMC kitchen.

Contact Kathy Wallace at 476-7918.

FUMC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 20, 2013 - MARCH 6, 2013

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies - Education Building
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 21, 2013

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

Saturday, February 23, 2013

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

Sunday, February 24, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. UMYF

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies - Educational Building
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 28, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

Saturday, March 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, March 3, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. UMYF

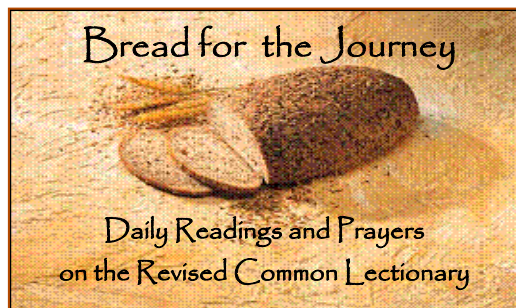
Monday, March 4, 2013

12:00 p.m. Go Getters

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building & Fellowship Hall

**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.*

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.



THE FOCUS



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



February 24

MorningSong Service

Ellen Clark and Doris Ann Gray

Traditional Service

Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

March 3

MorningSong Service

Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace

Traditional Service

Phillip and Angela Mathis

March 10

MorningSong Service

Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service

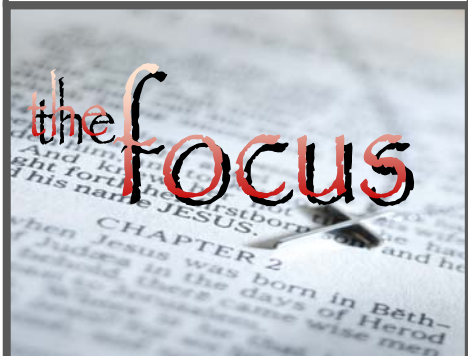
Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers

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

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