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ASH WEDNESDAY -

Ash Wednesday, February 13, marks the beginning of Lent, and is a day of prayer, fasting, penitence and reflection. Traditionally on this day a cross is marked on the forehead with ash as a sign of repentance in preparation for the great festival of Easter.



7:00-7:30 p.m. Service of Imposition of Ashes

BIBLE STUDIES -

Pastor's Study - For the weeks leading up to Easter, we will be studying a new series of Faith Lessons, "Walking in the Desert" and "The Path to the Cross". Travel by DVD to the land of Israel and discover what new lessons the culture of Jesus' day and the geography of the desert can teach us. Led by Rev. Tim Carpenter, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Spiritual Life Study -The focus of this study is the importance of being transformed by the Spirit into the likeness of Christ. Led by Brenda Wrather, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Now Classroom.

Women's Bible Study - How can we know God's will for our life? How can we listen more carefully to that "still, small voice" so that the choices we make and the way we live reflects God's intention? Led by Rev. Grace Phelps, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the New Beginnings Classroom

PLANNING MEETING - Parents of children ages Pre-K to 5th grade are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a planning session for children's activities for the Spring.



Ashley and Nathan Shelby welcomed William Walker Shelby on January 17, weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Two year old Miller is proud to be a big brother. The Shelby's home address is 89 Moses Dr., Jackson, TN 38305-6930. FUMC grandparents are Tommy and Denise McDow, 2445 Highway 54 East, Covington, 38019; and FUMC great-grandfather is Pete McDow, 141 McDow Lane, Covington, 38019.



Jimmy Maxwell, brother to FUMC's Charles Maxwell passed away last week. Charles and Annette's home address is 359 Fairway Drive, Covington, 38019. Please also remember Charles' mother, Dillon Maxwell, during this time.



Methodist Presbyterian Nursery School is having a very fun fundraiser. The children will be drawing or painting a picture that can be transferred to several different kinds of items to be purchased for you or as gifts to grandparents or friends. If you would like to capture your child's or your grandchild's art work to save for years to come, please call Andrea, 603-0126, and she will get the paper for the art work. Andrea will provide order forms and instructions as to how to do the art work and what art materials you may use. The proceeds go to the nursery school. You can get an idea of the types of items available by looking at Art To Remember website at <http://www.arttoremember.com/keepsake-products>.

The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.



For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Currently, FUMC sponsors a Venturing Troop and a Cub Pack. We will honor Boy Scouts of America in our 11:00 a.m. service February 10th.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

January 27, 2013

MorningSong -	80
Sunday School -	126
Traditional Worship -	100
Bread of Life Worship (1/12/2013)-	85
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,954.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,494.00

February 3, 2013

MorningSong -	96
Sunday School -	108
Traditional Worship -	158
Bread of Life Worship (1/19/2013) -	83
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 4,820.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 7,886.00



(from left) Christopher Smith, Cade Freeman, Hudson Freeman, Callie Freeman and Cherri Freeman making fresh snow.

The theme for the supper was "Snow".



WINTER KICK-OFF CHILI SUPPER



Children are amazed at the making of Elephant Toothpaste.



Snowman Cookies



Melissa Mitchell and Hope Turner enjoy chili while Neely Turner makes snow.



Alexander Mitchell, Brian Elzie and Christopher Smith man their forts for a snowball fight while Caroline Turner stays safely out of range.

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Paul Blankenship**

Family Life Building Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade

In Memory of **Charlie Cook**

Family Life Building Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Dan Elliston**

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Honor of **Bill and Jean Face**

Family Life Building Fund by Dot Peyton

In Memory of **Ada Fletcher**

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Charles Glass**

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Family Life Building Fund by Dot Peyton

In Honor of **Bill Ray**

Family Life Building Fund by Faye Stokes

In Memory of **Faye Sanford**

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Honor of **Stephen and Kaye Smith**

Family Life Building Fund by Debbie and Bruce Sater

In Memory of **JoAnn Turner**

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Julian Whitley**

Family Life Building Fund by Bill and Ann Enzor

Family Life Building Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Family Life Building Fund by Lynne Fisher

Family Life Building Fund by Dennis and Barbara Gargus

Family Life Building Fund by Mary L. Goddard

Bereavement Meal Fund by Bob and Wanda Lakey

Family Life Building Fund by Russell and Nancy Lindsey

Family Life Building Fund by Mary Jane Crotty, Shirley Hensley, Judy McCool,
Dot Peyton, Ginny Whitehorn and Sara Utz

Family Life Building Fund by Peggy Pennel McCord

Family Life Building Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade

Family Life Building Fund by The New Beginnings Class

Family Life Building Fund by Bill and Carolynn Scruggs

Family Life Building Fund by David and Marlyn Seagrave

Family Life Building Fund by Paul and Sheree Sells

Family Life Building Fund by Thirza and Tim Sloan

Family Life Building Fund by Jim and Beverly Smith

Family Life Building Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith



MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Julian Whitley** (con't)

Family Life Building Fund by Charles and Sara Tanner
 Family Life Building Fund by Mary Lee Tipton
 Family Life Building Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner
 Family Life Building Fund by Edward and Jeanine Umstot
 Family Life Building Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker
 Family Life Building Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace
 Prayer Shawl Ministry by Jane Whitaker
 Family Life Building Fund by Whitehorn Tankersley and Davis, PLLC
 Family Life Building Fund by Edward F. Whitley
 Family Life Building Fund by Kay Willard

In Memory of **Robert Yoakum**

Family Life Building Fund by Russell and Nancy Yoakum

WORSHIP BROADCASTS



Live radio broadcast of the Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11 a.m.

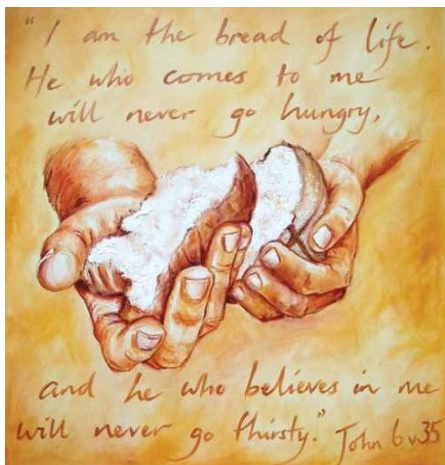
Delayed broadcast of the Traditional Worship on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county). Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 12 Noon and Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at www.covingtonfumc.com, as well as streaming of past services, at any time.

YOUTH CALENDAR -



Feb 06	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Introduction	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Feb 10	Sun	No UMYF	
Feb 13	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 1	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Feb 17	Sun	No UMYF	
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	



Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update *January 2013*

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during January! A big thank you goes out to a group of students at Munford Middle School who served together at the Covington pantry on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

We are also indebted to the Delfield Company for their continued support of this ministry. They generously replaced without charge a compressor which stopped working on one of the units they had donated for our use two years ago. Thanks to Jay Rivers and Jerry Dowell for making that possible.

	<u>January 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	172 (Covington) 145 (Brighton) 317 (Total)	172 (Covington) 145 (Brighton) 317 (Total)
Individuals served:	430 (Covington) 581 (Brighton) 1,011 (Total)	430 (Covington) 581 (Brighton) 1,011 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	14,879 (Mid-South Food Bank) 577 (Save-A-Lot) 587 (Kroger) 500 (donated / purchased) 16,543 (Total) 8.2 tons	14,879 (Mid-South Food Bank) 577 (Save-A-Lot) 587 (Kroger) 500 (purchased / donated) 16,543 (YTD Total) 8.2 tons
Cost of food:	\$1,446.41	\$1,446.41
Cost per pound:	8.7 cents	8.7 cents
Average cost per household:	\$4.56 for a distribution of food in January.	



coat

Share the Warmth Coat Closet Report

Those receiving coats YTD in 2013:

Households:	49
Adults:	61
Children:	<u>55</u>
Total Distributed:	116

Coats still on hand: 539

Total coats distributed 2011 – 2013: 882

Total coats donated 2011- 2013: 1,421



UMW BOOKBOOK - Don't forget that the UMW is collecting recipes for a church-wide cookbook. The goal is to include recipes from as many FUMC church members as possible. You can 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. Or, if you like, just send your recipe directly to Kathy Wallace via e-mail to kpw422@aol.com. Please get your recipes submitted right away so the publishing process can begin!

We need an additional 150 recipes to what we have received. Please submit recipes by March 1, 2013.

February - 16

February 28



Feb 16	George Dailey	Feb 24	Bill Ray
	Kendy Erwin	Feb 25	Laura Cochran
	Andrew Mitchell		Sloane Sullivan
	Marlyn Seagrave	Feb 26	Paul Crotty
Feb 17	Abby Beasley		Bud Neal
Feb 18	Dearl Pemberton	Feb 27	Fairfax Hamby
	Susan Turner		Lillie Timberlake
Feb 19	Michelle King	Feb 28	Mary Jane Crotty
	Abby Naifeh		Jenny Nix
Feb 20	Ann Caldwell		
	Angela Mathis		
Feb 22	Bill Face		

SAMARITAN FUND 2013 -



January 19 through February 1, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
5	\$ 416.00	Lodging
1	\$ 20.58	Miscellaneous
2	\$150.00	Rent
15	\$798.86	Utilities
1	\$40.00	Vehicular Gas
24	\$1,361.44	Total

Year-To-Date January 1 - February 1, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
15	\$ 896.00	Lodging
1	\$ 20.58	Miscellaneous
4	\$ 225.00	Rent
36	\$ 2,010.59	Utilities
3	\$120.00	Vehicle Gas
59	\$3,272.17	Total

Samaritan Funds available as of 1/19/2013 is \$3,819.61

- On Saturday, January 12th, we had completed another successful Food Pantry in Brighton. We had some awesome volunteers who did not mind getting soaked to the skin carrying food to the recipients cars. As we were finishing up at the Trust Bank, I noticed a man standing inside the door. Since most all of our volunteers had left, I was afraid that he was going to ask for a distribution. I approached him expecting to have to turn him away. I asked if I could help him and he began asking me what was needed to qualify for a distribution. I explained to him that patrons could qualify if they were on food stamps or social security disability. I also explained that a person could qualify based on their household income and the number of people living in the home. He seemed interested in this avenue of qualifying. He questioned me about how we determine household income. I explained that we took into consideration the income of everyone in the home. Then he began to explain to me why he was asking. He stated that his wife had come to the pantry and received a distribution. They are not receiving food stamps. He said they had social security income and retirement income. He stated that he did not feel quite right about it since she told him that she only gave the qualifier her income and did not include his in the calculation. He stated that this was like Adam and Eve. Eve was tempted first, then Adam followed along. He said that he wasn't sure if they would have qualified if the entire household income was considered. He gave me their combined income and I checked the qualification sheet and explained to him that they were about \$800 a month over the cut off. I explained to him that based on their income, they really did not qualify. He understood completely...that is why he came. He had to find out for himself if they really qualified for a distribution. He then said that he and his wife are both ministers. He stated that he could not tell his congregation to do the right thing, if he was not doing the right thing himself. He was very concerned about his wife receiving a distribution. He said he just did not feel right about this. He did not want to take from someone else who might need it. I told him that he had not given me his name, and I was not going to ask for it. I thanked him for his honesty and sharing his concerns with me. He then invited me to come to his church anytime. Again, I thanked him for his honesty and sincerity. We hugged and he went on his way.

So, was his wife wrong in what she did? Yes, probably so, but he did not have to come by and share their story with me. He could have kept quiet and no one would have noticed, but something made him feel that he had to check it out, to see if he and his wife were "doing the right thing". So, just when you begin to get cynical at the world, something or someone comes along to let you know that God and the Holy Spirit are still at work around us, among us and even in us.

Tim Wallace, Brighton Pantry Coordinator

FUMC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 6, 2013 - FEBRUARY 19, 2013

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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

Thursday, February 7, 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 9, 2013

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

Sunday, February 10, 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, February 11, 2013

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. UMW Martha-Rebekah Circle

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies - Educational Building
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 14, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

Saturday, February 16, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, February 17, 2013

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

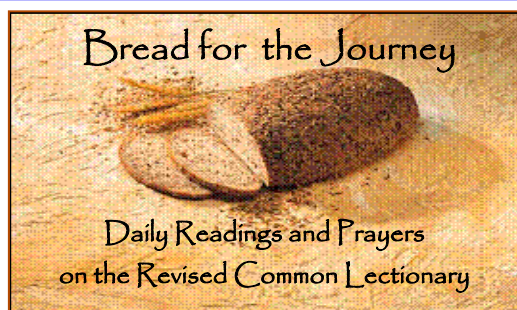
Monday, February 18, 2013

- Office Closed

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Education Building
 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - New Beginnings

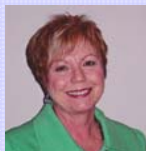
**FUMC Regular Office Hours:
 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday**



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 10
MorningSong Service
Joey Caldwell and Dennis McDuffie

Traditional Service
Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson

February 17
MorningSong Service
Don and Carliss Chastain

Traditional Service
Phyllis Richmond and Brenda Wrather

February 24
MorningSong Service
Ellen Clark and Doris Ann Gray

Traditional Service
Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service."

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