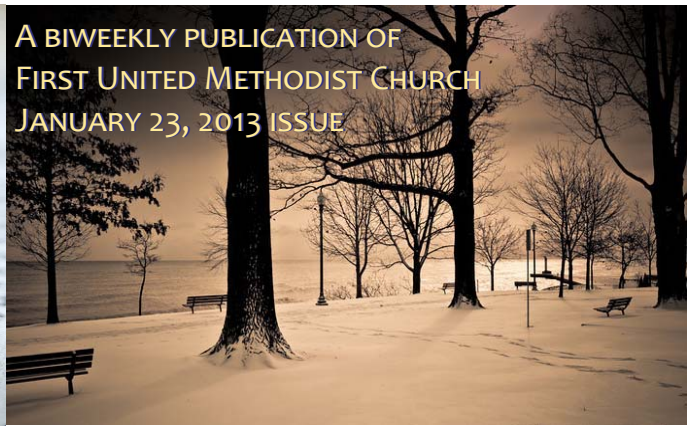


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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME -

Bible studies start at 6:00 p.m. on January 30.

- **Adult Studies** - "Faith Lessons", DVD Series led by Pastor Carpenter, in the Fellowship Hall
- "The Transforming Power of the Gospel", with Brenda Wrather, in the Now Classroom
- **Youth Group** - Study in Proverbs
- **Children's Bible Adventure Land** - The Disciples of Jesus

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY - Youth will meet at on February 3, at 5:15 p.m., at the home of David and Missy Owen, 116 Eagle Trace, Covington, to kick-off the winter session of UMYF with a Super Bowl Party. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the time as well. In addition to the fellowship, we will have a discussion with all parents about the upcoming semester of youth activities.



Go Getters - Join the group on an outing to Reelfoot Lake for the Reelfoot Eagle Festival on Monday, February 4th. A park guide will step onto our church van to show us eagles (cost is \$5.00). Lunch will be at Boyette's; each individual is responsible to pay their own lunch bill. Departure is from the church at 8:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the group for this outing.



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

We are saddened by the loss of Julian Whitley on Sunday, January 20. He leaves his wife, June; a son, Jay; a daughter, Jan; and six grandchildren. Visitation will be at FUMC on Thursday, January 24 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The memorial service is at 2:00 p.m. The Whitley's home address is 823 West Sherrod, Covington, 38019.

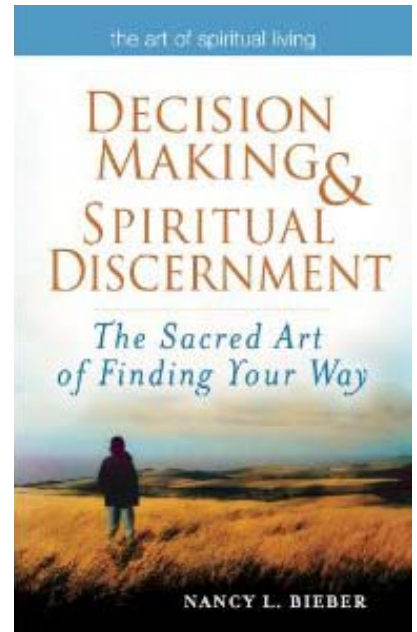
THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

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? What can we learn from scripture that can help us to know God's intention for us? Quaker author and spiritual director Nancy Bieber explores these questions and offers ways we can open ourselves more fully to God. Study books are \$12 and will be available at worship on Sunday, January 27.

Starting Thursday, January 31
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

New Beginnings Classroom

Study and advance preparation needed.



ALL WOMEN INVITED

Childcare provided if needed.

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Duke Brasfield**

Family Life Building Fund by a friend

In Honor of **Willie Mae Gayden**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Walter McBride**

Samaritan Fund by Billy and Paula Dycus

Samaritan Fund by Mary Max

In Honor of **Bill and Nancy Peeler's 30th Wedding Anniversary**

Family Life Building Fund by Phil and Susan Huffman

In Memory of **Clara Jane Phelps**

March to the Manger by Russell Phelps



SUPER SATURDAY DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING - Disasters happen without warning. The best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared. The American Red Cross, Tipton County Emergency Management Agency, and Tipton County Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD) encourage you to train now to be ready to assist your neighbors in time of disaster. To register, call Wanda Doyle at 672-6374 or email to Wanda.Doyle@redcross.org.

Saturday, Feb 9, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 4625 Hwy 59, South, Covington
 -lunch provided-

OR

Saturday, Feb 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Munford Fire Station
 1275 Munford Ave., Munford
 -lunch provided-


Choose from two training courses:

Shelter Operations - Red Cross shelters are provided for families whose homes are lost or threatened by tornado, fire, flood or other disaster. Red Cross joins forces with community partners and volunteers to set up and operate shelters. Learn how the Red Cross partners in Tipton County open relief shelters and how you can care for families in need.

Disaster Action Team (DAT) - On-call DAT volunteers respond to meet emergency needs (food, shelter, clothing and mental health support) of those affected by house fires and other disasters. Learn how you can serve your neighbors as part of this dynamic team.

Volunteers must be 18 year of age and must complete a volunteer application and background check.

February - 1
February 31



Feb 1	Jo Ann Anderson Chris Turner	Feb 10	Tim Carpenter Liz Flanagan
Feb 2	Chris Henderson Mar Ray	Feb 12	Beth Coulston Rebecca Harrison
Feb 4	Tiffany Holland		Allan Turner
Feb 5	Earl Beckett Dabney Maxwell	Feb 13	Justin Hanson Millie Pullen
Feb 6	Mike Turner Brenda Wrather		Kane Ray Hank Sampson
Feb 8	Elizabeth Posey	Feb 15	Naomi McDade
Feb 9	Kirk Richardson Casey Rogers		

DID YOU KNOW? WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED

2012 Church Finance Highlights:

- Our Pledge Giving was 103% of the expected amount for 2012.
- Our Unpledged Giving was 143% of the anticipated amount for 2012.
- Total Giving was \$49,253 over the anticipated income for 2012.

Therefore; we were able to do the following:

- Give our church leaders and staff salary increases for 2013.
- Put money in a reserve account so there will not be a cash flow problem. (In other words, pay out bills in a timely manner.)
- Transfer more farm income to our Building Fund.
- Paid our conference appointments in full.

Also, above and beyond our paying our bills (budget expenses), we gave over \$100,000 to charity, missions and ministries through many programs like the Food Pantry.

And God's people of First United Methodist Church, Covington, TN. said:

“Thanks be to God!”

We live in exciting times at FUMC. If we can build on our previous year's stewardship for 2013, we can continue to grow in serving our community and making disciples through our faith in Jesus Christ.

In closing, the Finance & Stewardship committee understands the responsibilities we have in serving God through the administration and oversight of the monies received from the faith community of FUMC. We welcome your inquiries about church finances.



We are all Friends through Jesus Christ,

Finance Committee

JoAnn Anderson
 Martha Brasfield
 Arnold Bull
 Joey Caldwell
 Tim Carpenter
 Steve Clark
 Ron Jones
 Naomi McDade
 Holley Morris

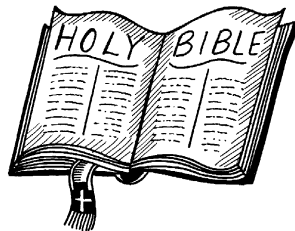
Ray Newbill
 Carolyn Turner
 George Patton
 and
 Russell Lindsey,
 Chairperson



HOW DO YOU SAY 'WHEN'?

It is very difficult to visit a loved one in the hospital, residential care facility or even in their own home and see in their eyes that they just want peace. No more pain, no more suffering – just to be with Jesus. When coffee is poured into our cup, it is easy to say “when” so that you get the amount you want. However, it’s not so easy to do that in terms of the length and quality of our life. Technology and scientific advances today have advanced us to a point that our physical bodies can be kept alive much longer than in years past. Persons can often be kept alive, but with little quality of life. This can be very difficult for them and their family, both emotionally and financially.

The time to talk about these issues with your loved ones is when good decisions can be made with care by each person for themselves, so that when the time comes, their true wishes can be carried out. Even though most people will complete their end-of-life care plans indicating “no extreme measures” in their care, often when the time comes for those plans to be used, family members may feel guilty about not employing every medical possibility available to prolong that person’s life. Sometimes the most loving thing we can do for another person is to allow them die peacefully and with dignity, assuring them of our love for them and that we will be all right after they have died. Hospice care is one of the best and most supportive medical provisions that has come into practice in recent years. With hospice care, persons can be made comfortable in their own homes or care facilities, and can die with dignity surrounded by their family and friends. Talk about these issues with your family members and make an end-of-life care plan in writing so that when the time comes, you may honor each other’s wishes in the most loving way possible.



*Submitted by, Margaret Fleming
Tipton County Commission on Aging,
Retired*

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

January 13, 2013

MorningSong -	79
Sunday School -	108
Traditional Worship -	135
Bread of Life Worship (1/12/2013)-	80
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 960.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 1,695.11

January 20, 2012

MorningSong -	82
Sunday School -	
Traditional Worship -	166
Bread of Life Worship (1/19/2013) -	100
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,120.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 6,024.00

CHURCH OFFICIALS 2013

Administrative Board:

Joey Caldwell, Chair
 Don Clark
 Hugh Cook
 Phil Huffman
 George Patton
 Glen Lazure
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 Naomi McDade
 Myrna Myers
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 Jan Sanford
 Chad Stewart
 Ted Turner
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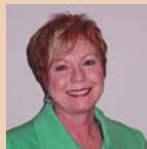
Building Committee:

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 Tim Carpenter
 Jackie Delashmit
 Keith Elzie
 Lauren Enzor
 Kristi Excue
 Bill Face
 Waymon Mc Dade
 Ray Newbill
 Nancy Peeler
 Keith Phelps
 Susan Sampson
 David Seagrave

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.

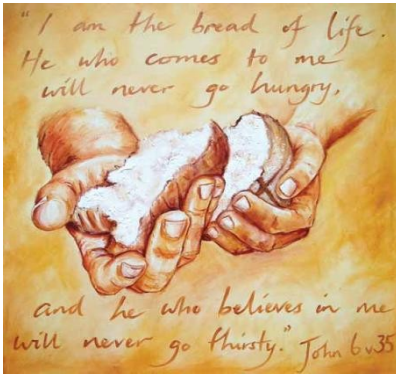
Cindy Pease, M.H.S.P., Licensed Profes-



sional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18.

Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

December 2012



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during December! A big thank you goes out to truck patch farmer, Darnard Clemons, for 1,750 pounds of sweet potatoes, and 'Farmers and Ranchers for the Hungry', Mary Catherine Turner and Bo Cranford for their donation of 340 pounds of deer meat! We are also grateful to the Charms Company for their donation of over 200 pounds of candy. Kroger has begun donating "just past sell by date" items from the deli and bakery in addition to meat, so patrons are now receiving specialty breads, cakes, pies and cookies in their food bags.

Bread of Life was truly blessed in 2012 with wonderful volunteers and outstanding support from the community. God has provided for this ministry in so many ways. Thank you for your support and service in 2012!

	December 2012	Year-to-Date
Households served:	227 (Covington) 161 (Brighton) 388 (Total)	645 (Covington) 495 (Brighton) 1,140 (Total)
Individuals served:	727 (Covington) 503 (Brighton) 1,230 (Total)	2,117(Covington) 1,546 (Brighton) 3,663 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	16,769 (Mid-South Food Bank) 450 (Save-A-Lot) 307 (Kroger) 790 (donated / purchased) 1,750 (sweet potatoes) 20,066 (Total) – 10.0 tons	143,124 (Mid-South Food Bank) 6,161 (Save-A-Lot) 6,743 (Kroger) 12,463 (purchased / donated) 8,225 (fresh produce) 176,716 (YTD Total) – 88.3 tons
Cost of food:	\$1,242.14	\$17,847.27
Cost per pound:	6.2 cents	10.0 cents
Average cost per household:	\$3.20 for a distribution of food in December	

SAMARITAN FUND 2013-



January 5 through January 18, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
8	\$ 416.00	Lodging
2	\$ 75.00	Rent
12	\$ 473.78	Utilities
1	\$ 80.00	Vehicle Gas

Year-To-Date January 1 - January 18, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
10	\$ 544.00	Lodging
2	\$ 75.00	Rent
21	\$1,211.73	Utilities
2	\$ 80.00	Vehicle Gas

Total households assisted: 35
Total amount expended: \$1,910.73

Samaritan Funds available as of
1/18/2013 is \$3,842.05

- Thank you to the friends who have transported Mrs. G, the 86 year old lady, to her cancer treatments in Memphis. She is close to completing her treatments and she appears to be tiring. The treatments are taking a physical toll. Such a blessing to her reducing her day from 12 to 13 hours to 3 hours. Thank you.
- On Saturday's food pantry prayer requests a lady requested prayers that her mortgage holder could/would help her repair/replace her heating system. The lady was contacted by the FUMC to see if an electrical heater would be of some assistance. She responded that she would consider the heater a blessing. No sooner than the heater was delivered, the lady called back to say she was praising God for a heater.
- Grace was at Kroger's and acknowledged a former Round Up patron. They smiled at each other, nodded and continued their ways. The woman turned around and told Grace that she knew this was unorthodox but she wanted to hug Grace out of appreciation for the help provided to her family. When she needed help, she was in the last semester of college, going through a difficult divorce, financially broke and working part time. Since receiving help from FUMC, she has completed college, been hired full time with the state with full state benefits for her and the children, the divorce has been finalized with regular child support payments. She and her children have moved to a three bedroom home where everyone has their own bedroom. She told Grace she is able to make all of her household expenses with her income. She said that she had no clue what would have happened to her family had help not been made available. She again asked if she could hug Grace again. It is so rewarding to know that the help provided to this household empowered them in so many ways. You are a part of the empowerment.

The Food Pantry is in need of disposable diapers and coats for the Coat Closet. If you see diaper coupons and don't need them, please clip them for FUMC. Boxes for your donations are located in the handicap entrance. *Thank you!*

FUMC CALENDAR JANUARY 23, 2013 - FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Studies Kick-off Meal
- Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 24, 2013

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

Saturday, January 26, 2013

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

Sunday, January 27, 2013

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Education Building

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

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

Thursday, January 31, 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, February 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, February 3, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
5:15 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party
- Owen's home

Monday, February 4, 2013

8:15 a.m. Go Getters, Reelfoot Eagle Festival
(meet at church)

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Education Building
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - New Beginnings
(rescheduled from 1/15/2013)

**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



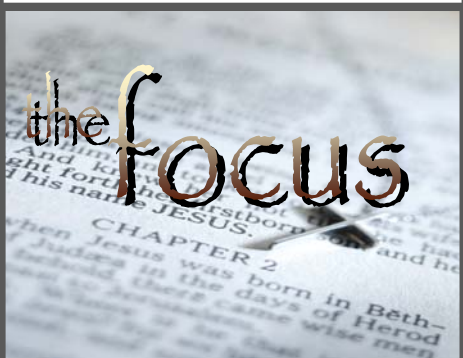
<p>January 27 MorningSong Service Ray and Janice Newbill</p>	<p>Traditional Service Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers</p>
<p>February 3 MorningSong Service Frank and Barbra Racy</p>	<p>Traditional Service Cathy Adams, David and Tobie Smith</p>
<p>February 10 MorningSong Service Joey Caldwell and Dennis McDuffie</p>	<p>Traditional Service Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson</p>

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service.”

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