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Choir Cantata
Palm Sunday, March 24
ONE Worship
11:00 a.m.
Children's Palm Procession

Followed by Luncheon
And Egg Hunt for Children

ONE SERVICE - Palm Sunday, March 24, we will have a combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. as the Chancel Choir will present its Lenten Cantata. In addition, the children will sing and process with palm branches to open the service.

Following the service, all are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Ham and drinks will be provided by the church. Sunday School classes are asked to bring accompanying dishes (see page 2). Easter Egg hunt follows the luncheon.

TENEBRAE SERVICE - Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Holy Week service where gradually extinguishing the candles symbolize the events from Palm Sunday through Jesus' burial. Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. for the Tenebrae Service.



SUNRISE SERVICE - We will continue our tradition of joining First Presbyterian Church for a Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m., March 31, at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church. Please join us!



Mary Sam Dawson died on March 10th. She leaves her daughter, Mary Leslie; her son, Robert; and their families. Mary Leslie and Lee's address is 1763 Autumn, Memphis 38112. Robert's address is 7538 Golf Course Drive S., Denver, NC 28037. Please keep this family close in your prayers.

Walter Fletcher, Jr., Beverly Smith's brother, passed away. He was a resident of the Burlison community. Beverly and Jim's home address is 347 Countrywood Drive, 38019. Please keep Beverly and her family in your prayers.



Jason and Jennifer Lindley welcome a new son, Jenson. Two year old, Jasper, is a proud big brother. The Lindley's home address is 3138 Oil Mill Road, Covington 38019. FUMC grandparents are Jeff and Jenny Nix. Their address is 3200 Oil Mill Road, Covington 38019. FUMC great-grandmother is Claudine Elder who is at Covington Care, 765 Bert Johnston Ave., Room 309, Covington 38019.



Individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for our Easter egg hunt on March 24. Please place your donations in the collection boxes located in the Education Building.

PALM SUNDAY MEAL - Sunday School classes are asked to provide the following for our Fellowship Meal at noon on Sunday, March 24.

- Enjoy Class Rolls
- Friendship Class Chips
- Go Class Baked Beans
- God's Grace Class Cole Slaw
- Hope Class Desserts
- Men's Bible Class..... Contribution toward cost of ham
- New Beginnings Class Desserts
- Now Class Potato Salad

Thank You!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

March 10, 2013

MorningSong -	88
Sunday School	90
Traditional Worship -	135
Bread of Life Worship (3/9/2013) -	56
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 206.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 6,751.00

March 17, 2013

MorningSong -	120
Sunday School -	108
Traditional Worship -	148
Bread of Life Worship (3/16/2013) -	80
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,314.33
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 4,846.00

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARCH 25-29, 2013
12:05-12:30 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND SPEAKERS

Monday, March 25 at First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Tim Carpenter, of First United Methodist, preaching

Tuesday, March 26, at First Baptist
Rev. Ed Hawkins, of Covington Assembly, preaching

Wednesday, March 27, at First United Methodist
Rev. Scott Sealy, of First Presbyterian, preaching

Thursday, March 28, at Covington Assembly of God
Rev. Chuck Williams, of First Baptist, preaching

Friday, March 29, at St. Matthew's Episcopal
Rev. Tom Ralston, of Central Christian, preaching

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
MONDAY-THURSDAY



MISSION TRIP - Rev. Lee Ramsey and his congregation at Elm Grove United Methodist Church will be going on a Habitat for Humanity mission trip to construct a home in Guatemala in June of this year. They still have some spots on the mission team if you would be interested in being part of that work. Habitat for Humanity Guatemala's mission is to work together with God and people from around the world to develop communities with those in need by building or improving houses so that every person lives in adequate housing and experiences the love of God. Since the construction of its first home in Guatemala (1979), Habitat and its volunteers have built over 40,000 homes. The mission team of 10-15 persons will be traveling to Guatemala June 15-23, 2013 for a 9 day mission experience (leaving on Saturday, returning on Sunday). The team is open to all persons 18 years or older who feel led to participate. The main ability needed is an interest and willingness to serve others in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ and a desire to give and to learn from others who live in a different culture and whose lives are very different than our own. Basic construction skills are helpful but not essential. Habitat will gear the project to the level of our ability as we work with Guatemalan builders to construct a simple home. Tasks will vary from painting, mixing concrete, carrying concrete blocks, digging trenches for foundations, to sharing a conversation and smile with local residents. All team members will need a valid US Passport and up to date shots and vaccinations.

Deadlines and Deposits:

March 1. An initial deposit of \$300/person is required. Final payment is due to Habitat for Humanity, April 15.

Program cost

US\$1,306 plus airfare (approx. \$925, Memphis to Guatemala City). The cost includes all lodging, all meals, all transportation, travel medical insurance, excursions, cost of building materials and all coordination.

Fundraising

We encourage mission members to engage in fundraising in their local congregations, communities, among friends and co-workers. Your team leader can provide fundraising ideas and materials that are specific for Habitat for Humanity. Each individual is responsible for raising his or her own funds to participate in the trip, but team members may want to work together on joint fundraising projects. (Rev. Ramsey has had good success doing fundraiser through social media by networking with friends.)

Team Leaders:

Rev. Lee Ramsey, pastor, Elm Grove UMC
Shelley Ramsey, volunteer coordinator, Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala

How to Register:

Go to www.habitat.org/gv/closed Use this team number to begin registration process.
GV13574

More Information:

Contact Lee Ramsey at 901-283-9969 or lr Ramsey@memphisseminary.edu



coat

Share the Warmth Coat Closet Report

Those receiving coats YTD in 2013:

Households:	67
Adults:	76
Children:	52
Total :	128

Coats still on hand: 598

Total coats distributed 2011 - 2013: 911

Total coats donated 2011- 2013: 1,509

Go Getters

The Go Getters will travel to Memphis, on Monday, April 1, to the Pink Palace IMAX Theater to see "Titans of the Ice Age". Viewers are transported to the beautiful and otherworldly frozen landscapes of North America, Europe and Asia ten thousand years before modern civilization. The show starts at 11:00 a.m. Departure from the church is at 9:30 a.m. Please notify the office if you plan to attend by calling 476-9694.

UMW GENERAL MEETING - The UMW General Meeting will be on Thursday, April 11th in Fellowship Hall. Instead of a noon meal we are going to have tea and coffee with "goodies" at 10:00 AM. Kerri Overton, the new Director at the Senior Center, will present the program. So come and enjoy some food and fellowship and hear what Kerri has to say. Bring a friend! All women of the church are welcome to attend. You don't have to be a member of UMW.



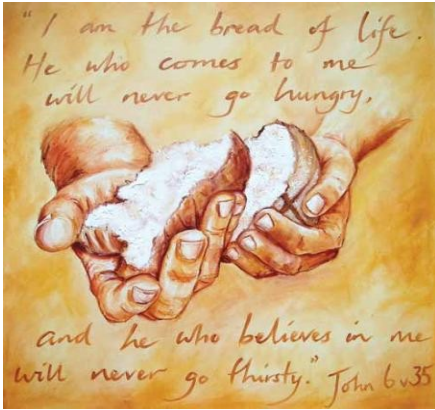
*April 1 -
April 15*



Apr 1	Tom Rogers	Apr 7	Barbara David
	Lola Sprenkle	Apr 8	Hallie Bryant
Apr 2	Cayla Cook	Apr 9	Daniel Rogers
	Todd Locke	Apr 10	Neely Turner
	Staci Sullivan	Apr 12	Keith Phelps
Apr 4	Maddie Pugh	Apr 14	Megan Dorgan- Carpenter
Apr 5	Loren Crown		Michelle Dorgan- Carpenter-Coulston
	Isabella Hughes	Apr 15	Stephanie Beasley
Apr 6	Liz Newman		Charles Brasfield
	Clay Crockett		Nate Lazure
	Thomas Flanagan		Jeremy Maxwell
	Ava McCalla		
	Jonathan Stewart		

Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

February 2013



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during February! A big thank you goes out to a group of students from Covington High School who served together at the Covington pantry on the third Saturday of the month. On the second Saturday at Brighton, our patrons were treated to organic eggs produced by free range chickens which were donated by Anna Savoy of Brighton. Ms. Savoy visited the pantry and was able to meet the folks receiving the eggs. It is through the generosity of people like her that we continue to be able to provide this ministry. The Holy Spirit continues to stir the hearts of people in this community!

	<u>February 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	180 (Covington) 175 (Brighton) 355 (Total)	240(Covington) 223 (Brighton) 463(Total)
Individuals served:	534 (Covington) 541 (Brighton) 1,075 (Total)	738(Covington) 727 (Brighton) 1,455 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	15,069 (Mid-South Food Bank) 230 (Save-A-Lot) 300 (Kroger) 15,599 (Total) – 7.8 tons	29,948 (Mid-South Food Bank) 807 (Save-A-Lot) 887 (Kroger) 500 (purchased / donated) 32,142 (YTD Total) – 16.0 tons
Cost of food:	\$712.67	\$2,259.08
Cost per pound:	4.5 cents	7.5 cents
Average cost per household:	\$2.00 for a distribution of food in February	

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Mary Sam Dawson**

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Donna Jones and
Judy Heath

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Craig and Kathleen Jordan

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Bettye Shelley

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Cynthia Wright

In Honor of **Bill Face**

Dawson Scholarship Endowment by Mary Leslie Dawson
Ramsey and Robert Dawson

Family Life Building Fund by The Julian Whitley Family

In Memory of **Charlotte McGowan**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Honor of **Russell Phelps**

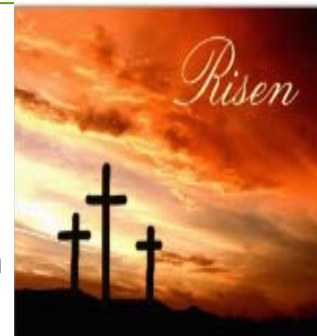
Family Life Building Fund by The Julian Whitley Family

In Honor of **Keith Watkins**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Bob Yoakum**

Family Life Building Fund by Fraternal Order of Police, Smoky Mtn. Lodge #31



YOUTH CALENDAR - (TENTATIVE)

Mar 24	Sun	UMYF	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 27		Holy Week Services at 12:00 p.m. M-F and Tenebrae Service Wednesday 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	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Apr 17	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 9	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Apr 21	Sun	UMYF	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Apr 24	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 10	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

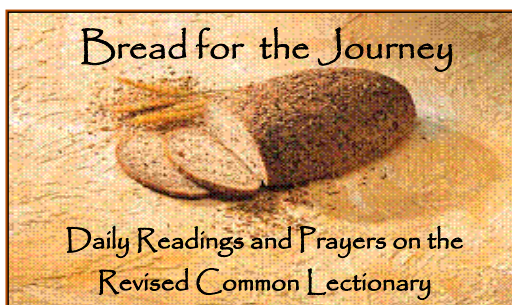


Round-Up Utility Assistance Report February 2013

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 assistance in paying their utility bill.

	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>February</u>
Beginning balance in account:	\$17,370.71	
Funds received from Round-Up proceeds:	\$ 6,590.22	\$1,580.29
From Covington Electric:	\$ 3,448.05	\$ 0 *
From Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:	\$ 3,142.17	\$1,580.29
People Helping People:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds dispersed from Round-Up proceeds:	\$ 4,120.10	\$2,251.81
To Covington Electric:	\$ 2,466.85	\$ 911.25
To Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:	\$ 1,653.25	\$1,340.56
People Helping People:		
Current balance of Round-up proceeds:	\$19,740.90	
Covington Electric:	\$ 4,494.04	
Covington Gas, Water & Sewer:	\$14,878.40	
People Helping People:	\$ 368.46	
Households applying for Round-Up funds:	16	6
Those approved:	14	6
Those declined:	2	0

* February Round-Up check was not received from Covington Electric until March.



Thank You...

Bereavement Meal Committee.

"Thank you for the Bereavement Meal. This is one of the best outreach programs we have. It was a true saving grace for our family. Please give your committee our heart thanks."

Much love,

June, Jay & Jan Whitley

HABITAT SUPPER - Habitat for Humanity, Tipton County, will have their annual Fund Raiser Dinner on April 12 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in FUMC Fellowship Hall. \$6.00 donation is requested for the meal. The menu is homemade spaghetti, coleslaw, bread, desert and drink. Enjoy an evening with us and support the ministry of Habitat for Humanity! Musical entertainment will be provided.



Habitat for Humanity thanks Rob Witherington and his 1st Presbyterian Team for painting the recent Habitat project home. This is the 25th home that the local Habitat group has completed. FUMC is a sponsor of Tipton County Habitat for Humanity.

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.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Easter lilies can be purchased to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter morning worship service, Sunday, March 31.

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 24

Cost is \$15.00 each



In Honor: _____

In Memory: _____

Given By: _____

Place this form in the offering plate or give to an usher. You can also order lilies by calling the church office, 476-9694.

Please plan to take the lily with you after Easter service.

SAMARITAN FUND 2013 -



March 1 through March 15, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
9	\$ 480.00	Lodging
4	\$ 89.94	Miscellaneous
1	\$50.00	Rent
8	\$384.17	Utilities
1	\$20.00	Vehicular Gas
42	\$2,018.96	Total

Year-To-Date January 1 - March 15, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
28	\$ 1,632.00	Lodging
4	\$ 236.47	Miscellaneous
6	\$ 325.00	Rent
67	\$ 3,503.81	Utilities
9	\$260.00	Vehicle Gas
101	\$5,291.13	Total

Samaritan Funds available as of 3/20/2013 is \$3,778.46

STORIES OF INTEREST:

- A young woman aged 20 was recently released from jail for a parole violation. The woman has two children ages 2 and 5. Her sister was keeping the 2 year old, and the woman has a court order to pay child support to the 5 year old child's paternal grandmother. The woman has been staying with her sister but only for a limited time. The woman does not have a job and appears to have limited employment skills. She requested assistance with lodging for herself and her 2 year old. FUMC supplied lodging for the woman and food. Please pray for this situation.
- A mentally disabled married couple with three children came to the church for assistance with their utilities under the Round-Up program. The husband and all three of the children receive disability income (one child is autistic). The mother is higher functioning, but has great difficulty communicating and keeping details straight. She had worked a job, was laid off, and had been drawing unemployment which will lapse on March 29. She was unsure about a possible extension. Their mortgage is over \$900 / month. The couple has great difficulty managing their money. Their food stamps had been drastically reduced and they were not sure why. One of the children's disability check was much smaller than previously and they did not know why. We were able to assist them under Round-Up with their utilities, but also assisted them in making an appointment with a case-worker at Professional Care Services (PCS) which offers a financial case management program to persons with disabilities. If they elect to participate, all their regular income and expenses would be funneled through a case worker who would help them with difficulties (such as the food stamps or disability reduction) and make sure their income is used wisely to pay their essential bills. Please pray for this family.

The FUMC Coat closet is now closed and will re-open next Fall. We're always able to accept your coat donations. Just bring your gently used, unneeded coats to the church office. Thank you!

FUMC CALENDAR MARCH 20 2013 - APRIL 2, 2013

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

Thursday, March 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

Saturday, March 23, 2013

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

Sunday, March 24, 2013 - Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal & Easter Egg Hunt
 - Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, March 25, 2013

12:05 p.m. Holy Week Service - 1st Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

12:05 p.m. Holy Week Service - 1st Baptist Church
 1:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

12:05 p.m. Holy Week Service - FUMC
 1:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 12:05 p.m. Holy Week Service - Assembly of God Church
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

Friday, March 29- Good Friday

-- Office Closed --
 12:05 p.m. Holy Week Service - St. Matthew's Episcopal

Saturday, March 30, 2013

No Food Pantry

Sunday, March 31, 2013 - Easter

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church
 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, April 1, 2013

9:30 a.m. Go Getters - Pink Palace IMAX Theatre

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

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

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

OUTINGS - Our Youth will go to a Redbirds game in Memphis on Sunday, April 7. Departure from the church is at 1:00 p.m. The Children will go to the Memphis Zoo on

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.





UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE

	<p>March 24 ONE Worship Service Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson</p>	
	<p>March 31 MorningSong Service -none available-</p>	<p>Traditional Service Phyllis Richmond and Brenda Wrather</p>
	<p>April 7 MorningSong Service Ellen Clark and Doris Ann Gray</p>	<p>Traditional Service Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler</p>

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service.”

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