

A BIWEEKLY PUBLICATION OF
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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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.

A potluck luncheon for parents and children will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Ham and drinks will be provided by the church. Sunday School classes are asked to bring accompanying dishes. Please see page 3 for a list.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - Holy week will be observed March 25 through March 29. Special services will be held each weekday at 12:05 p.m. Lunch will follow (except Friday). Each day's service is hosted at a local Covington church. The Holy Week schedule can be found on page 5.

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.

PROJECT 20/20 - a human service program that protects and improves the sight of disadvantaged persons of all faiths in underdeveloped areas of the world where medical care for the poor is very limited.



The program provides eyeglasses to medical teams that provide the poor with professional eye care free of charge. This non-profit all-volunteer program is sponsored by the United Methodist Church as a response to people in need regardless of their faith. Find out more about this organization at "www.project2020.org".

During the month of March we are collecting glasses for Project 20/20. If you have unused glasses to contribute, they can be placed in the collection boxes located in the Fellowship Hall lobby or in the hallway by Grace's office. Our communion offering on March 3rd brought \$148 for this project.



Earl and Faye Beckett welcome a new great-granddaughter, Hayden Kinley Ray who was born on Wednesday, February 27 weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces and she is 19 ½ inches long. Hayden and her family live in Oakland, Tennessee. The Beckett's home address is 243 Country Lake Drive, Covington, 38019.

Stewardship:

"Use of Money Reveals Heart"

(The following is part of an answer by Billy Graham which appeared in The Commercial Appeal on February 20, 2013 to the question about a preacher talking too much about money and not more about dealing with spiritual things.)

"...how we handle our money is of great concern to God. How we spend money indicates what's important to us. If our goal is to put ourselves first and provide for our comfort and security, then that's how we'll spend our money. But if God is at the center of our lives, we'll want to use our money for His glory. We'll want to use it to bless others and extend God's kingdom....What is more important to you? Is it yourself---or is it Jesus Christ? Ask God to help you use the resources He's given you for things that will count for eternity. (2 Corinthians 9:7)."

Russell Lindsey
Chairperson, Finance Committee

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

February 24, 2013

MorningSong -	86
Sunday School -	
Traditional Worship -	152
Bread of Life Worship (2/23/2013) -	85
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,335.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 20,286.57

March 3, 2013

MorningSong -	93
Sunday School -	
Traditional Worship -	170
Bread of Life Worship (3/2/2013) -	40
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 4,705.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 6,572.50

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

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| Enjoy Class - | Rolls |
| Friendship Class - | Desserts |
| 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 | Chips |
| Now | Potato Salad |

Thank You!



Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings Time
begins **March 10**. Turn your
clock forward one hour.



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.

March 16-

March 31



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| Mar 16 | Elaine Crown | Mar 26 | Cody Erwin |
| | Jodi Turner | | Wyatt Newbill |
| Mar 17 | Jeff Mitchell | Mar 29 | Lily Ford |
| Mar 18 | Joey Caldwell | | Brittany Jackson |
| Mar 20 | Catherine McCalla | | Kirk Winberry |
| Mar 21 | John McDaniel | Mar 30 | Tom Bready |
| Mar 22 | Rachel Harrell | | June Whitley |
| Mar 25 | Jared Burdette | Mar 31 | Cameron Kasmai |
| | Andi Katherine Delashmit | | |
| | Katie Hart | | |
| | Cameron Ray | | |
| | Eddie Twohig | | |

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Charlie Glass**

Family Life Building Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow

In Memory of **Wanda Glover**

Family Life Building Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Sam Morrison**

Samaritan Fund by Sue Jones

In Memory of **Gerald Allen Spencer**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Julian Whitley**

Family Life Building Fund by Betsy Babb

Family Life Building Fund by Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Bierman

Bereavement Meal Fund by the Friendship Sunday School Class

Family Life Building Fund by Rodney and Fay Hughes

Family Life Building Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow



"We have moved to our property ..."

Frank and Mary Poole
839 Country Acres Road
Alford, FL 32420
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YOUTH CALENDAR - (TENTATIVE)



Mar 06	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 4	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Mar 10	Sun	UMYF	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 13	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 5	6:00 - 7:00 p.m
Mar 17	Sun	UMYF	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Mar 20	Wed	Youth Study - Proverbs Lesson 6	
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.

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

SAMARITAN FUND 2013 -



February 2 through March 4, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
7	\$ 416.00	Lodging
4	\$ 175.89	Miscellaneous
1	\$50.00	Rent
25	\$1,257.07	Utilities
5	\$120.00	Vehicular Gas
42	\$2,018.96	Total

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

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
22	\$ 896.00	Lodging
5	\$ 20.58	Miscellaneous
4	\$ 225.00	Rent
61	\$ 2,010.59	Utilities
38	\$120.00	Vehicle Gas
101	\$5,291.13	Total

Samaritan Funds available as of 3/04/2013 is \$2,258.36

STORIES OF INTEREST:

An elderly woman whose husband has been in the hospital in Jackson for two months after brain surgery came to the church asking for help with her utility bills. Their only income is his social security check and because he is on life support and unable to endorse his paper check, she has had no income to pay their bills. In addition, they had a natural gas leak at their home and their utility bill was unusually high this month. A repair has been made, but the bill was way more than she could handle. She is working with the social worker at the hospital to try to address the situation with her husband's social security check while he is unable to function normally – his wife has no idea what to do under those circumstances. They were normally able to take care of their bills with their income. We assisted her with both her utility bills under the Round-Up program.

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.

FUMC CALENDAR MARCH 6 2013 - MARCH 19, 2013

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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

Thursday, March 7, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Adult Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 9, 2013

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

Sunday, March 10, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. UMW Hope Circle - Hope Classroom
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, March 11, 2013

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. UMW Martha-Rebekah Circle
 - JoAnn Anderson's home

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

9:30 a.m. UMW Mary-Adah Circle - New Beg.
 6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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

Thursday, March 14, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:30 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, March 16, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

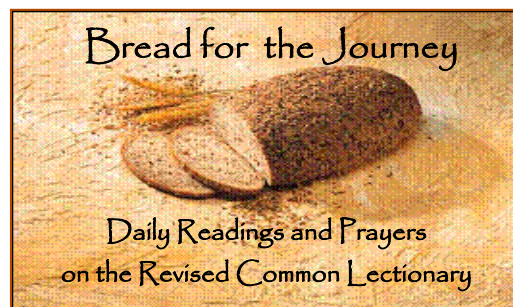
Sunday, March 17, 2013

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, March 19, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Bldg. & Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Trustee's 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.





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Traditional Worship
Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.



Morning Song
ON THE SQUARE
SERVICE OF PRAISE
SUNDAY @ 8:30 A.M.
AT THE CHAMBER CENTER

UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



March 10
MorningSong Service
Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service
Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers

March 17
MorningSong Service
Frank and Barbra Racy

Traditional Service
Cathy Adams, David and Tobie Smith

March 24
MorningSong Service
Joey Caldwell

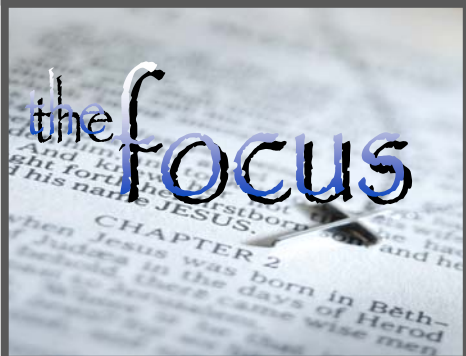
Traditional Service
Melissa Mitchell and Emily Richardson

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

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