

Mark Your Calendars – Something Special Is Coming!

In just one week, on **Sunday, October 26th**, we'll once again come together in worship with our friends from Canaan Missionary Baptist Church for our second annual joint worship service.

Last year, Covington First UMC had the joy of hosting this powerful time of praise. This year, Canaan has graciously invited us to join them across the square for another spirit-filled morning of worship and fellowship.

The service begins at 10:00 a.m., with a fellowship lunch to follow.

Sky will be delivering the message, our musicians and singers from both congregations will unite in leading worship, and there will be a special time planned for children and youth as well.

We are excited to gather with our Canaan brothers and sisters in Christ and lift our voices together in praise. You won't want to miss this joyful and meaningful day of worship!



**2ND ANNUAL COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE**
with
Canaan Missionary Baptist
and
First United Methodist

Sunday, October 26th, 2025
10:00 a.m. at Canaan MB Church

Fellowship Meal to Follow



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FUMC Office Hours:
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

*"Leading people to
Christ, Learning to
be Disciples,
Loving through Service."*



Bags of individually wrapped candy are needed for this year's Costume & Candy community event.

Donations may be left in the boxes provided or brought to the church office. This year's event is on a Friday night, and we are expecting a very large crowd.



COSTUMES & CANDY

Join the fun, become a table host! Friday October 31, 5:30 - 8:00 PM. This is a fantastic community outreach opportunity!

Contact Liz Newman or the church office for more information.



ARISE2Read will be starting anew with the 2026-2027 school year. Having been inactive for over 2 years, due to the tornado damage, it will be necessary to start from the very beginning.

ARISE2Read is a ministry focusing on second grade literacy. We will be mentoring at both Charger Academy and Covington Elementary school.

Volunteers are needed to dedicate one hour a week, during the school year, to mentoring and coaching two second grade students. Using the team read approach, students receive one-on-one coaching twice a week focusing on simple, but essential, sight words and phrases. Arise2Read positively impacts the lives of children, teachers, parents, and the community by providing students with individualized tutoring during one of the most critical years for students.

Training and all supplies will be provided.



Interested in becoming an ARISE2Read mentor? Need more information? Contact Liz Newman in the church office, 901-476-9694 or email LNewman@CovingtonFUMC.com

Methodist Prep is having a fundraiser!

If you'd like to support our school by purchasing some beautiful live Christmas greenery, contact Amy Shrum at 901-493-7866. These wreaths and garlands are so pretty and smell like Christmas! **Orders are due by Wednesday, November 6th.** All greenery will be shipped to the church the first week of December. We also have options to deliver to people who aren't local, so please reach out if you'd like to see those options as well!



ITEM # W2 ●

\$ 25

Noble Fir 22" Wreath

Fresh, fragrant Noble fir wreath in a traditional arrangement. Includes a red velvet water repellent bow and two snowy pine cone clusters for easy attaching.



ITEM # W3 ●

\$ 35

Mixed Evergreen 28" Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.



\$ 26

ITEM # G3 ●

Western Cedar Garland

10' of fragrant, fresh cut western cedar garland made especially to adorn your front door or porch railing. (Two 10' section garlands pictured.)



ITEM # C5 ●

\$ 22

Tabletop Centerpiece

Cedar, Noble fir, pine, and berried juniper arranged in an oasis block and bowl for your table. Snowy white cones and red faux holly berries included for custom arrangement. Also includes traditional taper candle holder. Size is approximately 12" inches diameter.



ITEM # W4 ●

\$ 26

Mixed Evergreen 22" Wreath

An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color are provided by red faux holly berries. A red velvet water repellent bow is included for easy attaching.



\$ 25

ITEM # S4 ●

Noble Fir Door Swag

Newly designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect alternative to a wreath. Includes 1 set of snow dusted cones and a red bow. Approximately 30"x19".





United Women in Faith

The monthly meeting of United Women in Faith was held October 13th in Fellowship Hall. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch of potato soup, ham & cheese sliders, and pumpkin spice cake. After lunch, and a short devotional, a presentation was made by Covington Civic Center Director, Stephanie Pugh. Mrs.

Pugh gave some highlights as to the Downtown Grant Program that is being used for improvements on the square by both the city and business owners. She also provided information on upcoming happenings in Covington, including the Charms facility expansion and the return of Dickens Christmas.

During the business portion of the meeting, kudos were expressed for efforts put forth by everyone involved with the Rummage Sale fundraiser, which profited over \$1,600.00 for the missions and ministries of the group. The ladies discussed and signed up to prepare and serve a meal for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club, Friday, October 24th. If you missed the meeting and would like to help with this event please contact Kathy Wallace or Martha McDaniel.

In addition to the Boys and Girls Club meal other important dates were brought to attention:

Friday, October 24th - Meals for Boys and Girls Club

- Food Prep - 1:00 p.m. CLC Kitchen
- Deliver/Serve - 3:00 p.m. leave CLC

Saturday, October 25th - Metro District Annual Meeting - Mullins UMC

Meet in the upper church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

Program 10 a.m. - noon RSVP to Kathy

Friday, October 31st - Operation Christmas Child boxes due

Monday, November 10th - UWF Meeting –12:00 Noon

Program –CASA presentation & making blankets for CASA (Bring a pair of scissors and plan to stay to help tie blankets)

Tuesday, December 9th - UWF Christmas Dinner - 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Special Musical Guest Aaron Brock Spouses and Guests welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this active group contact Kathy Wallace or Martha McDaniel for more information OR just show up at the next meeting, Monday, November 10th, at noon, in Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you!





October 17 Gil Erwin
 October 19 Chris Gangaware
 October 21 Leah Gangaware
 October 23 Jeffrey Bryant
 Rhett Olesen
 Jimmy Richardson
 October 24 Mel Walton
 October 27 Blair Brasfield
 Graeson Carter
 CH Sullivan

October 30 Dale Byrd
 Molly Flanagan
 October 31 Susan Sampson
 November 1 Bo David
 Billy Jones
 Susan Thornton
 November 2 Gail Ganier
 Glenda Fullen
 November 5 Brooke Shipley
 Clark Turner
 John Wallace
 November 6 Zachary Mitchell
 November 7 Sherrie Wright
 November 8 Jack Winberry
 November 10 Kevin Holt
 Alice Morrison
 Virginia Rhodes Olesen
 Amanda Phillips

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

October 5, 2025

In Person 8:30 service:	69
In Person 11:00 service:	79
Sunday School:	50
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	252
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	419
Offering:	\$5,153.00

October 12, 2025

In Person 8:30 service:	57
In Person 11:00 service:	81
Sunday School:	46
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	236
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	497
Offering:	\$3,676.00

Pray
WITH US

Physical Concerns

Faye Beckett
 Pat Frovarp
 Gail Ganier
 Pete Gutierrez
 Sue Hoerter
 Beth Lakey
 Kyle Maclin
 Sophie Nolan
 Donna VanDouser
 Shirley Young

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Lydia Anderson	Bob Lakey
Donald Brock	Rickey Lindsey
Kenneth Coulston	Lois Martin
Bettye Davis	Jennifer Jones Moore
Janet Greggs	Johnny Nichols
Christine Hight	Francine Oldham
Robert Hurt	Ellen Sherrill
Tucker James	

Condolences

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Charlie Elam Sr.**
Operating Fund by Russ and Patricia Bailey

In Memory of **Mrs. Evelyn Elam**
Operating Fund by Russ and Patricia Bailey

In Memory of **Carolyn Calhoun Hall**
Food Pantry Fund by Nancy Simpson

In Memory of **Jimmy Overton**
Organ Restoration Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

In Memory of **Lilah Stokes**
Organ Restoration Fund by Beverly Smith



Event Calendar

Saturday, October 18:

9:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Covington

Sunday, October 19:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, October 20:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

5:00 PM: Tipton County Chorus - Christian Life Center

6:30 PM: Church Council Meeting - New Beginnings Room

Tuesday, October 21:

9:00 AM: Tipton County Line Dancers - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, October 22:

10:00 AM: Adult Bible Study - New Beginnings room

5:30 PM: Children and Youth Activities - Christian Life Center/Education Building

7:00 PM: Choir Practice at Canaan MB Church

Thursday, October 23:

7:00 AM: Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

5:00 PM: Charge Conference - Sanctuary

Saturday, October 25:

9:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Munford

Sunday, October 26:

10:00 AM: Combined Worship with Canaan MB Church at Canaan

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, October 27:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Tipton County Chorus - Christian Life Center

Tuesday, October 28:

9:00 AM: Tipton County Line Dancers - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, October 29:

10:00 AM: Adult Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

5:30 PM: Children and Youth Activities - Christian Life Center/Education Building

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary



WORSHIP TIMES

Modern Worship
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Christian Life Center

Traditional Worship
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

YOUTH FALL RETREAT AT LAKESHORE



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