

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

December 14, 2023 A Bi-Weekly Newsletter



2024 Stewardship and Capital Campaign By the Numbers

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge card for either the 2024 Stewardship Campaign, the Education Building Capital Campaign or both! We still have a long way to go to balance the budget and cover the cost of the building renovation.

Pledges for the stewardship campaign for 2024 are a commitment to fund the church's operating expenses for the year. Currently, the proposed expenses for the coming year are estimated to be \$624,860.00. This amount comprises utilities, building maintenance, supplies for janitorial needs, youth and children's ministries, staff salaries, commitment to the Conference and much more. To date, 44 pledges have been made totaling \$264,020.00, compared to last year when 79 pledges were made totaling \$372,440.00.

The Education Building Renovation Capital Campaign has received 49 commitments totaling \$252,110.00 over a three-year period. The current balance in the building fund including the loan taken out from the United Methodist Development Fund is \$1,585,791.06. Rose Construction has begun work on the renovation and the total cost will be \$1,678,621.00. To date, Rose has been paid \$104,088.00. This leaves a balance due to Rose of \$1,574,533.00 and the balance due on the building loan is \$979,932.98.

There is still time to send in your commitment card if you haven't done so already. Cards are available at both services and can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office. If you have any questions about the budget process, the stewardship or capital campaigns or the church finances in general, please don't hesitate to call Sandy Burgess, 901-476-9694 or come by the office.

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"Leading people to Christ, Learning to be like Christ, Loving like Christ."



0		December 29	Hudson Lucas
0.			Gage Ward
w	ishing	December 30	Kinley Escue
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a re	happy	December 31	Gary Chandler
0		January 1	Taylor Aday
RIF	KHIDAY		Martha Thornton
	(AL)	January 3	Yvonne Bryant
December 16	Peyton David		Deb David
	Sheri Gilbreath		Keith Watson
December 17	Katelynn Aday	January 5	Nancy Leem
December 20	Nathan Burdette		JoAnna Tyler
	Allison Phelps	January 6	Beckett Maxwell
December 22	Hallie Hendren	January 7	Paisley Payne
December 23	Betty Glass	January 8	Helene Kramer
	Keith Winberry	January 9	Becky Stalcup
December 24	Erin Hall		Ty Tyler
	Stephanie Pugh	January 10	Gary Liles
December 26	Wayne Hughey	January 13	Jackie Delashmit
	Martha McDaniel		
	Britton Rogers		
December 28	Kenneth Phillips		





Maddie Smith graduated from the Dyersburg State School of Nursing, December 7, 2023. She has accepted a position at Regional One in the Neonatal ICU beginning January 2024. Maddie is the daughter of Chad and Leigh Smith and granddaughter of Stephen and Kaye Smith. Congratulations Maddie!



# <u>Thank you</u> <u>Munford Hígh School Band!</u>



Tuesday December 12, the Munford High School Band held their annual Christmas Concert, inviting family and friends to enjoy sounds of the season. As a response to the amount of support the community gives to the band, the "cost" of admission was a jar of peanut butter or a box of cereal to be donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.



The event yielded 206 jars of peanut butter and 126 boxes of cereal. Peanut butter and cereal are staples for the food pantry, given out each week at both locations. These items are not often available through the Midsouth Food Bank and must be purchased retail. It is because of community support, through volunteer workers, food and monetary donations that the Bread of Life Food Pantry continues to be a successful community ministry.





United Women in Faith met Thursday, December 14th at Old Town Hall for their annual Christmas luncheon. Twelve ladies were in attendance with several more stopping by to say "hello" and "Merry Christmas". Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

United Women in Faith meets the second Monday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided. Please join us at our next meeting Monday, January 8th. Police Chief Donna Turner will be our guest speaker.



The Tipton County Community Chorus will begin their Spring Program practices Monday, January 8 at 6:00 PM in the Christian Life Center. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join. This is a non-denominational, public group that enjoys singing both sacred and secular music. The group will occasionally preform for nursing home residents, senior centers, or for community events. For more information you can check out their Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/people/Tipton-County-Community-Chorus/100063494829031/.

#### **GIVING & ATTENDANCE**

#### <u>December 3, 2023</u>

In Person 8:30 service: 107 In Person 11:00 service: 110 Sunday School: 68

Facebook Views 8:30 service:

Facebook Views 11:00 service: 289

Offering: \$12,305.00

#### December 10, 2023

In Person 8:30 service: 98
In Person 11:00 service: 124
Sunday School: 83

Facebook Views 8:30 service:

Facebook Views 11:00 service: 306

Offering: \$17,270.00



#### **Physical Concerns**

Doug Jones (son of Donna Jones) Don Kincade (brother of JoAnne Cain) Mike Turner

#### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Kirk Boyer
Opal Brock
Janie Hall
Bob Lakey
Duane Marshall
Ann Rivers
Hattie Shell
Donna VanDouser
Landon Wilson

#### **Condolences**

Family of Finley Ryan Jones Family of Sam Stitt

#### TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ray Bringle

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of Frances Bryan

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of James Chapman

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley
Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones
Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss
Education Building Renovation Fund by Lee Price
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of Wayne Cooley

Education Building Renovation Fund by The GO Sunday School Class

In Honor of Mary Hastings Gangaware

Children's Fund by Evan and Hogan Gangaware

In Memory of Brittany Johnson

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones

In Memory of Chris Anna Joy

Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

In Honor of Jennifer Lindley

Children's Fund by Evan and Hogan Gangaware

In Memory of Helen Lindsey

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of Michael Pence

Education Building Renovation Fund by Kane and Nikki Ray

In Honor of Allison Phelps Birthday

Food Pantry Fund by Her Class at Tipton Rosemark Academy

In Memory of Judy Sloan Ralph

Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of Bill Ray

Education Building Renovation Fund by The GO Sunday School Class

In Memory of Jim Rhodes

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones

In Memory of William "Dude" Trantham

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Honor of **Kyle Witherington** 

Education Building Renovation Fund by Glenn Maclin



# Poinsettia Tributes

### In Memory of:

Billy and Anita Anderson by Terry Anderson The Best Teacher Ever by William Wooten **Dr.** and **Mrs. L.C. Bierman** by Their Family Ben and Ruth Billings by Kaye and Stephen Smith Monte Connell, Sr. by Nelda Connell Gloria Cook by Reece Shipley Leroy and Ruby Elzie by Keith, Brenda and Bryan Elzie Bill and Ann Enzor by David Enzor Bill and Ann Enzor by Waymon and Naomi McDade **Helen Huffman** by Reece Shipley Carole Hughey by Wayne Hughey Wayne Locke by Keith, Brenda and Bryan Elzie Our Parents and Grandparents by Tim and Kathy Wallace Grace Phelps by Keith and Tiny Phelps Russell and Clara Jane Phelps by Keith and Tiny Phelps Bill and Lucille Pinner by Chris and Sara Gangaware Jim and Gini Portis by Marsha Portis Greenwood Newt and Dollie Portis by Marsha Portis Greenwood Peggy Portis by Marsha Portis Greenwood Uzzell and Margie Rose by Keith and Tiny Phelps John Shelley by Bettye Shelley Mike Shelley by Bettye Shelley Jim Smith by Beverly Smith and Jay Lyman and Lola Smith by Stephen and Kaye Smith **Paul Wallace** by Bud and Debbie Neal Martha Wallace by Bud an Debbie Neal Dr. Barton Williams by Evan and Hogan Gangaware

# In Honor of:

Eddie and Carol Daniel by Marsha Portis Greenwood

Evan, Hogan, Mary Hastings and Griff Gangaware by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Justin, Katheryn, Leah and Linley Gangaware by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Rachel Gangaware by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Faye Hughes by Marsha Portis Greenwood

Michael and Samantha Pence by Kyle Witherington

Bettye Shelley Van and Pam Shelley

Nancy Simpson and Family by Marsha Portis Greenwood

Maddie Smith (for graduating from Nursing School) by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Please take your poinsettia after the service on December 24th.

# **Event Calendar**

Sunday, December 17:

9:30 AM: Breakfast - Christian Life Center

11:00 AM: One Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

Tuesday, December 19:

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

Wednesday, December 20:

10:00 AM: Pastor's Bible Study - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Caroling & Cocoa - Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center

Thursday, December 21:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, December 23:

8:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Munford

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

5:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service-Sanctuary

9:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed - Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 26:

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

Thursday, December 28:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Sunday, December 31:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Church Offices Closed - Happy New Year!



#### **WORSHIP TIMES**

**Modern Worship** 

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

**Traditional Worship** 

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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