



### ***2024 Stewardship and Capital Campaign Update***

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has turned in a pledge card for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign and/or the Education Building Capital Campaign!

Pledges continue to come in and to date, **62** have been made totaling **\$344,120.00**. Currently, the proposed expenses for the coming year have come down since the last report and are estimated to be \$619,700.00.

The Education Building Renovation Capital Campaign has received **54 commitments** totaling **\$262,370.00** over a three-year period. The current balance in the building fund including the loan taken out from the United Methodist Development Fund is \$1,611,565.03.

Final numbers and giving statements will be sent mid-January.

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.

May God bless you all in the coming year!

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

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



# Gingerbread BASH

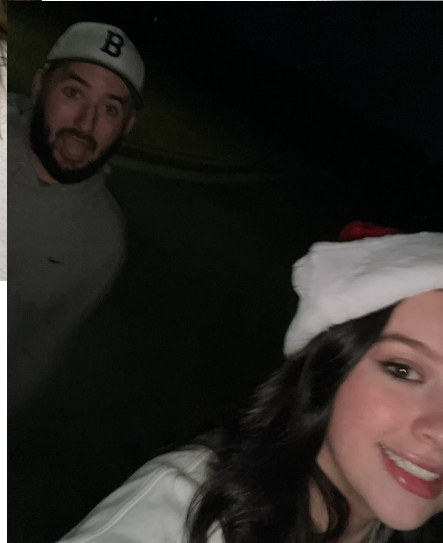
Gingerbread Bash was a BLAST!! We played games, showed off some expertise in our gingerbread building skills, ate some sweet treats, sang some songs, and BEST of all celebrated the GREATEST gift ever... Jesus!!





## Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa

Caroling, Cookies and Cocoa took place Wednesday, December 20th. Groups visited Parkway Cove and Ms. Evelyn Chapman along with other stops. Everyone had a great time and then returned to the church for cocoa and cookies provided by a host of volunteers! Thank you to everyone who came out to sing and to those who baked cookies for this event!





December 29 Hudson Lucas  
Gage Ward  
December 30 Kinley Escue  
Tiny Phelps  
December 31 Gary Chandler  
January 1 Taylor Aday  
Martha Thornton  
January 3 Yvonne Bryant  
Deb David  
Keith Watson  
January 5 Nancy Leem  
JoAnna Tyler  
January 6 Beckett Maxwell  
January 7 Paisley Payne

January 8 Helene Kramer  
January 9 Becky Stalcup  
Ty Tyler  
January 10 Gary Liles  
January 13 Jackie Delashmit  
January 14 Abigail McDaniel  
John Richardson  
Amelia Sullivan  
Tanner Sullivan  
January 15 Kristi Escue  
Judson Naifeh  
January 18 Carson Winberry  
January 19 W.T. Bailey  
Joel Howard  
January 20 Dianne Stone  
January 22 Olivia McCalla  
Jim Reece  
January 23 Pam Shelley  
January 25 Carolynn Scruggs  
Katelyn Stewart

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **December 17, 2023**

One Worship: 265  
Fellowship Breakfast: 105  
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 474  
Offering: \$9,372.50

### **December 24, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service: 148  
In Person 11:00 service: 145  
Sunday School: 51  
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 421  
Offering: \$19,848.00  
March to the Manger: \$6,968.00

*Pray*  
WITH US

### **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 Mike Turner

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Paul Bennett**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Mrs. Margaret Craig Green**

Christian Counseling Fund by Mrs. Jane Green Ingram Howard

In Memory of **Mrs. Florence Craig Haskins**

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In Honor of **Mary Kate Huffman**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Mary Lee Tipton

In Memory of **Finley Ryan Jones**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

In Honor of **Murphy Jones**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Bill Ray

In Memory of **Nancy McDonald**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Mary Dell Boyd

In Memory of **Myrna Myers**

Food Pantry Fund by Chuck, Rachel and Mattie Bridges

In Honor of **Michael Pence**

Education Building Renovation Fund by The GO Class, Covington First UMC

In Honor of **Allison Phelps Birthday**

Food Pantry Fund by Kay Curry

In Memory of **Pam Smith**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Joey and Ann Caldwell

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of **the Staff of Covington First United Methodist Church**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Bill and Jean Face

In Memory of **Sam Stitt**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Kitty Cannon

Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler

Education Building Renovation Fund by Jackie and Lee Delashmit

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

Education Building Renovation Fund by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Education Building Renovation Fund by Michael and Christina Jones

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

Education Building Renovation Fund by Debbie Sater

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Education Building Renovation Fund by Whitehorn, Tankersley & Davis, PLLC

In Memory of **Liz Buckley Turner**

Food Pantry Fund by Chuck, Rachel and Mattie Bridges

In Memory of **Mike Turner**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher





# ***Poinsettia Tributes***

**Please take your  
poinsettias after  
services Sunday,  
December 31st.**

## ***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 and 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  
*Chandler, Hartley and Holt Howard* by Gary and Julie Chandler  
*Faye Hughes* by Marsha Portis Greenwood  
*Aliza Banks, Rhett and Sosie Kircher* by Gary and Julie Chandler  
*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

## **Event Calendar**

### **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!

### **Tuesday, January 2:**

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

### **Wednesday, January 3:**

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

### **Thursday, January 4:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

### **Saturday, January 6:**

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

9:00 AM: Memphis Area Legal Clinic - Christian Life Center

### **Sunday, January 7:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

3:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

### **Monday, January 8**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: United Women in Faith Meeting - Fellowship Hall

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

### **Tuesday, January 9:**

10:00 AM: Tipton County Line Dancers - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

### **Wednesday, January 10:**

7:15 PM: Choir Practice-Sanctuary

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

### **Thursday, January 11:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

### **Saturday, January 13:**

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



## WORSHIP TIMES

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

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



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

perform 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/>.

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