

The Value of Community

While the recent ice storm wasn't my first ice storm (it was my third), it did remind of (1) the value of patience, but more importantly (2) the value of community. I can say as a relatively new member of the Covington community that we are blessed with a wonderful community.

People were checking in with each other, making sure that they were warm, had food, and other essentials. My phone stayed busy with calls and text messages, not only for things church-related, but from people checking on me to be sure I was ok. We human beings need each other, and we are better with each other.

The Bible is full of admonitions and advice about being in community with each other: we are to bear each other's burdens, to break bread together, that two are better than one, that we love each other earnestly. The Book of Hebrews has some very sage advice:

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

— Hebrews 10: 24-24

What we learn in our living life together is that even our differences from each other are our gifts TO each other. What wonderful gift we have been given!

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9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

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

Just a friendly reminder that our Pictorial Church Directory photo dates are fast approaching! Photos will be taken March 5th, 6th and 7th. Appointment times are filling up, so hurry and schedule your time if you haven't already.

For participating, you will receive a Complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Our directory wouldn't be complete without you!



ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

➤ Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)

➤ Or, use this QR code.



- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- Enter your church code **tn231**
- Enter your church password **photos**
- Click on the Enter button
- Click on the desired **photography date**
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- **Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment.**

JOIN US! - February 18th, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

**5:45 p.m. - Gather
6:00 - Church-Wide Meal
6:30 - Service of Worship**

All activities will take place in the CLC
COVINGTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday evening of worship and reflection. We'll begin with a church-wide meal (chicken tenders and sides), followed by a worship service led by our children and praise team.

Sky will bring the message leading into the traditional imposition of ashes.

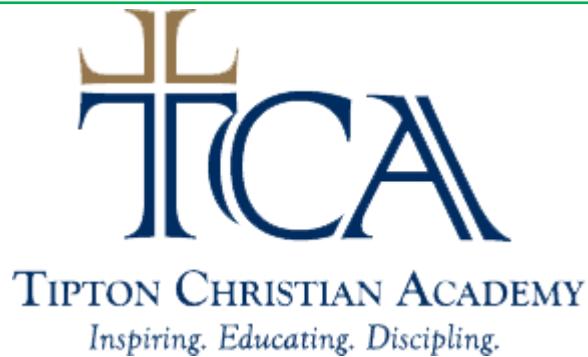
Please help spread the word and encourage others to attend.



New Choir Members in the Loft!

We are looking forward to hearing our newly formed Children's Choir Wednesday evening during our Ash Wednesday Service.

We will gather Wednesday, February 18, at 5:45pm in the Christian Life Center. A light dinner will be served at 6:00, and the Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30. Please join us for this solemn service as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season.



A big THANK YOU to the Tipton Christen Academy High School students for their recent donation to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Their continued support helps us keep this much needed outreach ministry going.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry contact Liz Newman at LNewman@Coivngtonfumc.com or call the church office, 901-476-9694.



United Women in Faith

Will meet Tuesday, March 3rd at noon in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served prior to an informational presentation on the ARISE2Read literacy program. All women are encouraged to attend.



The children have been busy rehearsing songs for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Easter services.

We look forward to this special season of worship!



Teaming Up For a Cause

Children and Youth joined forces for some food, fellowship and team work! After enjoying some pizza, a little choir practice , and ice cream with all the trimmings, Wednesday evening children and youth participants paired up to assemble *Bags of Hope*, and *Snack Packs*. It was an evening of pure *chaos*, I mean fun! It was loud, it was hectic, it was productive, **IT WAS GREAT!!**

Thank you to all the parents that hung around to help, thank you to Carole Mathis for leading the Children's Choir, thank you to the youth for their patience and help with the little ones, and thank you to Justin Gangaware for providing, through his workplace, all the components for the making of the bags.

*"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other;
let us show the truth by our actions." 1 John 3:18*





February 13 Opal Brock
 Justin Hanson
 Kane Ray
 Hank Sampson
February 14 Eley Kate Burdette
 Gael Gilbreath
February 15 Dennis Cain
 Lilah Carter
 Naomi McDade
February 16 Kendy Erwin
 Jane Mayfield
 Andrew Mitchell

February 17 Eli Bailey
 Abbey Beasley
 Rhonda Castleman
 Wade Mathis
February 18 Susan Turner
February 19 Abby Naifeh
February 20 Ann Caldwell
February 21 Kristin Burgess
February 24 Bill Ray
February 26 Paul Crotty
 Bud Neal
February 27 Mary Claire Peeler
 Lillie Timberlake
February 28 Mary Jane Crotty
 Kenny Edwards
 Annalyn Henderson
 Jenny Nix
February 29 Jammie Castleman

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2026

One Worship 11:00 a.m.	73
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	995
Offering:	\$4,824.00



February 8, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:	82
In Person 11:00 service:	105
Sunday School:	69
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	275
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	417
Offering:	\$5,797.52



Physical Concerns

Jeremy Armstrong
Lynn Blalack
Jeffrey Bryant
Morgan Stitt Davanzo
Andrea Franklin
Sue Jones
Shirley Mathis
Brenda Moss
J.C. Thornton

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Don Clark	Jennifer Jones Moore
Bettye Davis	Dorothy Newman
Rev. Jim Glass	Terry Newman
Janet Greggs	Kathy McCool Townsend
Tucker James	

Condolences

Families who have lost loved ones.

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Honor of **Cathy Adams**
Operating Fund by Henry and Betty Glass
Choir and Worship Fund by Claire Marshall

In Memory of **Don Brock**
Organ Maintenance Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of **Carole Mathis**
Choir and Worship Fund by Claire Marshall

In Memory of **Francine Oldham**
Organ Maintenance Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Barbara Turner**
Education Building Renovation Fund by Tommy and Susan Cheairs
Organ Maintenance Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

But I will restore
you to health
and heal your
wounds,' declares
the Lord.

Jeremiah 30:17

Event Calendar

Saturday, February 14:

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

Sunday, February 15:

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, February 16:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, February 17:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, February 18:

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

5:45 PM: Ash Wednesday Meal and Service- Christian Life Center

Thursday, February 19:

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

Saturday, February 21:

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

Sunday, February 22:

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, February 23:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, February 24:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, February 25:

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

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

6:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary



Services can be viewed online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCCovington/live/>

11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am

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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