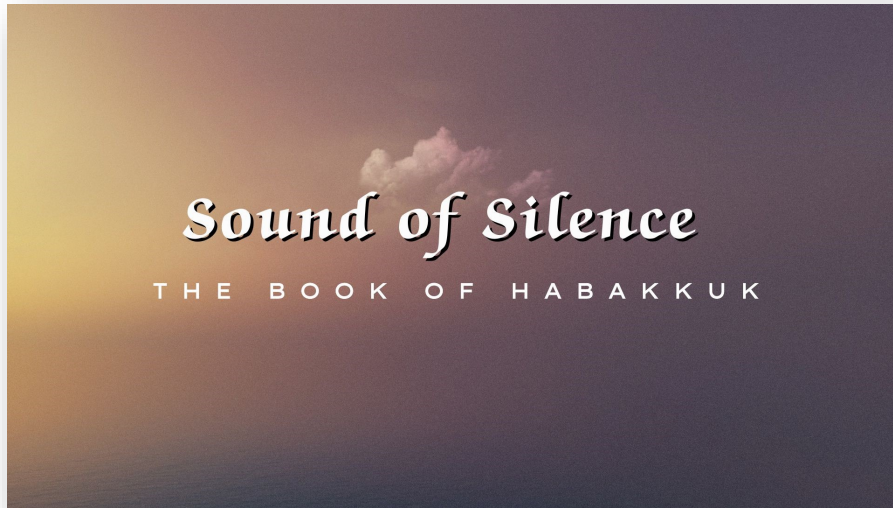


Upcoming Sermons



March 3 - Habakkuk 1.1-17

Big Idea of the Message: God is big enough for our questions and our objections; he invites us to bring them to him in dialogue and to trust him with them. When we are real and honest with God and tell him what's on our hearts, he will lead us on a path that matures and deepens our faith.

March 10 - Habakkuk 2.1-20

Big Idea of the Message: The story of the redemption of humankind is much bigger than the vapor of when we are born until when we die. The more I realize that God is perfect, holy, faithful, and good, the more I can trust him and his perspective.

March 17 - Habakkuk 3.1-16

Big Idea of the Message: Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is a key element in navigating difficult seasons. Seeing God's faithfulness in the past, in our lives and in the lives of others, encourages us that we can trust him in the present and the future.

March 24 - Combined Worship - Special Music Sunday - Habakkuk 3:17-19 (This will be a simple 3-5 minute devotion)

Big Idea of the Message: Worship is not about the moment; it's about the lifetime. Learning to worship, regardless of circumstances, will deepen your faith and relationship with God. True worship is centered on God and God alone. True worship should not be impacted by our current set of circumstances.

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Monday-Friday

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

BEHIND THE SCENES

As many of you know, there is a great deal of prep work that goes into having a weekly food pantry. One of the most tedious jobs is double-bagging; taking all the plastic bags and sorting through them, straightening them and stuffing one inside another. It doesn't sound too bad...unless there are literally THOUSANDS to do.

Recently Cathy Adams, Dennis and JoAnn Cain, Brenda Moss, Ann Rivers and Sherrie Wright got together for an impromptu "Double Bagging Party". There was lots of conversation, a few laughs and a whole lot of bags. The party lasted only as long as the bags did, about an hour and a half, but the work they accomplished has eased the duties of our Saturday Food Pantry volunteers immensely!

If you would like to be a "Behind the Scenes" worker just contact Liz Newman, 901-476-9694 or LNewman@CovingtonFUMC.com.



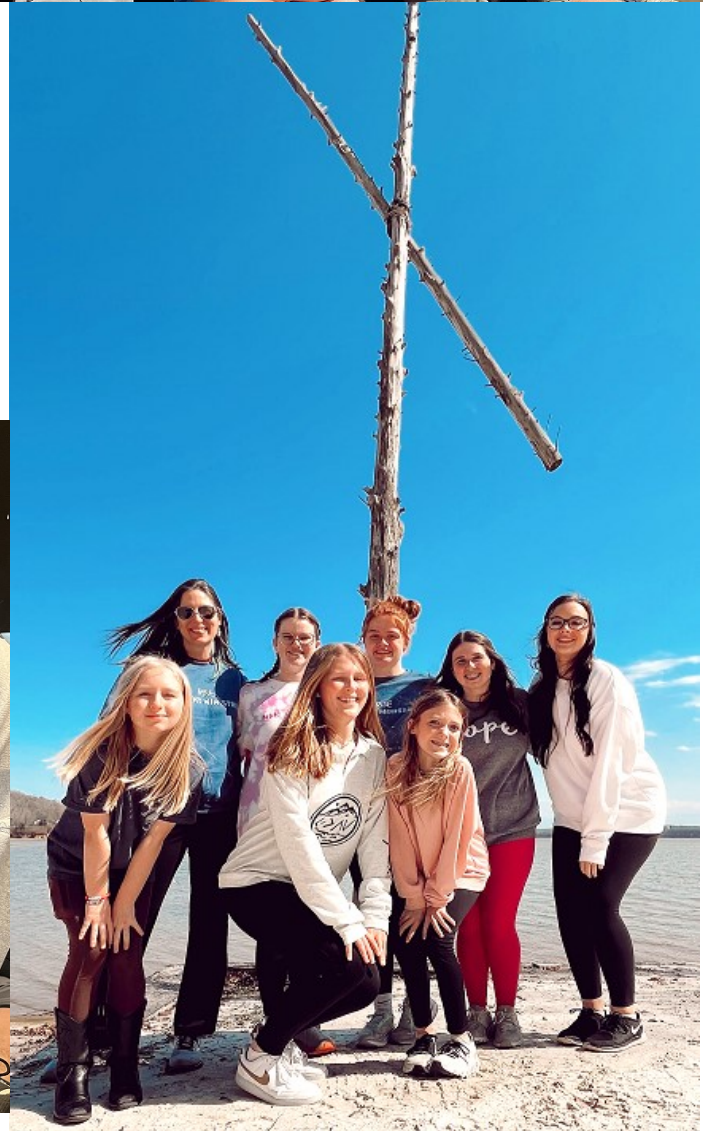
Orders for Easter lilies are being taken now through March 20th. You may order in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Lilies are \$15 each and will be displayed during services Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. You may take your Easter lily home after the services Sunday, March 31st.

[Click here](#) to order, scan the QR code or use the order forms available on the usher's table in the Sanctuary and the front table in the Christian Life Center. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office, 145 W. Church Avenue, Covington, TN 38019.

Payment must be made at time of order. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church.



Some of our youth got to spend the past weekend at the Lakeshore Spring Retreat! We also got to see Emma Pence there as a Youth Director with her new church! The theme of the retreat was "Together as One," where we focused on learning how the Bible tells us to love others, and also where we came up with ways to include others in Christ's love. Our prayer for the weekend truly summed it all up: "When the church is only an event, the sanctuary becomes the theater, the people become the audience, the music becomes the entertainment, and the preaching becomes the keynote. But, when the church is the *people*, both gathered and scattered, the sanctuary, people, music, and preaching become *vehicles* for healing, restoring, equipping, and sending."



Palm Sunday Celebration

Sunday, March 24

One Worship Service, 11:00 AM

Followed by a

**“Bring-a-Dish” Fellowship Meal
& the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt***

Ham, rolls and tea will be provided

*** Remember to bring your Easter Baskets**





February 29 Jammie Castleman
 March 1 Derek Baltimore
 March 2 Allie Moss
 Jan Sanford
 Delia Sigler
 March 4 Sam Franklin
 March 5 Walt Cromwell
 Catherine Phelps
 March 6 Tim Pugh
 March 7 Sandra McCalla
 March 8 Caroline Turner

March 9 Will Carter
 Glenn Lazure
 March 10 Susan Huffman
 Missy Owen
 Luke Phillips
 Ben Watkins
 March 11 Martha Moore
 W.W. Ray
 March 12 Jenson Lindley
 March 13 Denise McDow
 March 14 Voncile Baxter
 March 16 Elaine Crown
 Jodi Turner
 March 17 George Robert Baddour
 Jeff Mitchell
 March 18 Joey Caldwell
 Taylor Henderson
 March 20 Molly Glass
 March 21 Ron Goforth
 March 23 Amy Baltimore
 March 24 Madeline Akerson

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

February 18, 2024

In Person 8:30 service:	92
In Person 11:00 service:	110
Sunday School:	67
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	206
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	209
Offering:	\$2,981.00

February 25, 2024

In Person 8:30 service:	81
In Person 11:00 service:	111
Sunday School:	65
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	170
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	243
Offering:	\$5,460.00

Pray
WITH US

Physical Concerns

Susan Huffman
 Alice Morrison
 Sophie Nolan
 Becky Parks

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Landon Beasley
 Opal Brock
 Kenneth Coulston
 Janie Hall
 Robert Hurt
 Doug Jones
 Bob Lakey
 Duane Marshall
 Joanne Parfait
 Ann Rivers
 Hattie Shell
 Bill Vandergrift
 Donna VanDouser
 Landon Wilson

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Barbara Blythe**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Jackson Hughey**

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In Memory of **Norma Jean Kugler**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Carolyn Locke

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In Honor of **Carole Mathis**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Mary Lee Tipton

In Memory of **JoAnn Potts**

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In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Food Pantry Fund by David and Debbie Sloan

In Memory of **Bruce Sater**

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In Memory of **Walter Whitley**

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United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet **Monday, March 11th** in the Christian Life Center. Lunch will be provided and all women are invited to attend.

Monetary donations are being collected by to procure supplies to make health kits for UMCOR. Items will be purchased and the kits will be assembled at the meeting. Health kits are distributed by UMCOR to those in need following a disaster or during times of crisis.

Gifts to support this effort may be brought to the church office or dropped in the offering plate with "UWF Health Kits" noted in the memo line. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Event Calendar

Saturday, March 2:

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

Sunday, March 3:

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

4:00 PM: High School Disciple Group - Pence Home

Monday, March 4:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting - New Beginnings Room

Tuesday, March 5:

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

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

7:00 PM: Young Adult Meeting - Joyner Home

Wednesday, March 6:

10:00 AM: Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

5:30 PM: Youth Bible Study - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Children Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM: Adult Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10:

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

4:00 PM: High School Disciple Group - Pence Home

Monday, March 11:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: United Women in Faith-Christian Life Center

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



WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

VBS
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