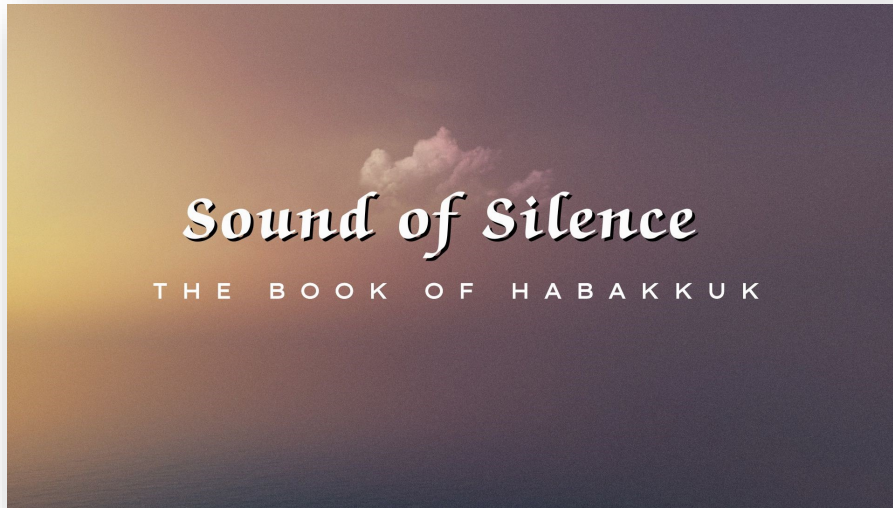


Upcoming Sermons



Match 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 life-time. 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.



Services can be viewed online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCCovington/live/>
<https://www.youtube.com/@CovingtonFUMC/streams>

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Monday-Friday

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

Words cannot express the gratitude I have for the many cards, texts, and calls I had on my 90th birthday on February 22nd. You all have been such a blessing to Jean and me. We will always look at FUMC as our church. At 700 miles away we still tell everyone about the wonderful church we had in Covington. We have truly been blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hope to see you this year.

Blessings,
Bill Face



To all the wonderful members of Covington First UMC, I cannot find the words to say how much your prayers for Sophie and the lodging help meant to us. It has been such a great help, especially with the long stay in the ICU.

There are five visits a day with Sophie; Trey and Stacey have made them all. Hopefully, we are looking at the neuro-storming to cease as it has slowed way down. We would appreciate continuing prayers as she has a long road ahead of her. We are hopeful believing that she is in God's Hands.

Thank you,
Brenda Wrather

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 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.





Tipton County Community Garden

Have you heard the exciting news?! A community garden is being established at 3399 US Highway 51 South in Covington, TN - between Express Chevrolet & Breakfast Cove. The garden has a total of 38 plots, 4 - 10' x 50', 10 - 10' x 20', and 24 - 10' x 10'. The plots are being adopted by local businesses, civic groups, educational programs, and individuals. Plots will be separated by mulched pathways with a large pollinator garden, filled with native plants, inside the garden to attract butterflies and bees.

Everything is 100% FREE for everybody! EVEN FIRST TIME GARDENERS!!

Thanks to the generosity of TCAT Digital Agronomy the garden will have:

- A drip irrigation system to help with watering.
- Seeds of all varieties.

The garden will have a “Harvest Shed” for everyone to use that will include:

- Various gardening tools
- Boxes and shelves for donated excess produce

***Everyone is encouraged to donate part of their harvest - and many people are donating ALL of their harvest to benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantries in Covington and Munford.**

*Gardeners just grab a container or two from the Harvest Shed, fill it with produce to donate, and leave it on the shelf in the Harvest Shed. Bread of Life Food Pantries will take care of the rest!

Thanks to the partnership with the Tipton County Master Gardeners, TCAT Digital Agronomy, and FFA Chapters of Covington and Brighton High Schools, there will be plenty of expertise to help!

Partnering with the Tipton County UT Extension Office has made it possible for to offer canning classes at First United Methodist Church in Covington. All of the “Ball” jars, canning supplies, and hands on instruction will be FREE for anyone who attends. Food pantry patrons will be provided with recipes for the fresh produce and encouraged to attend the canning classes to ensure donated harvest will go to good use!

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is grateful to each and every sponsor of the Tipton County Community Garden, and also to the gardeners, for making this project a reality.

Tipton County (Office of Jeff Huffman, Tipton County Executive)
Burlison Gin/Kelcot Warehouses
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Wooten Tractor
Church Under a Tree
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To watch the progress of the Tipton County Garden check out their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551219205690>

Are you looking for a new home for all those canning jars you no longer use?



Bring them to the church! The Tipton County Agricultural Extension Office in partnership with the Tipton County Community Garden, will be leading classes for our food pantry patrons to provide them with the skills they need to can fresh produce for their families. The class and supplies will be provided for the patrons at no cost.



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**



EASTER
Candy Collection

February 18 - March 22



Collection boxes will be in the lobbies!

FLOWERING
OF THE
CROSS



Sunday, March 31, beginning at 6:00am.

Bring flowers from your garden and help us
flower the cross for Easter Sunday.

Stay for the Easter sunrise service at
6:45am.



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

March 25 Jared Burdette
 Andi Katherine Edwards
 Tommy Fullen
 Cameron Ray
 March 26 Cody Erwin
 March 29 Lily Ford
 Josh Griffin
 John Howard
 Hope Turner
 Kirk Winberry
 March 30 June Whitley
 March 31 Dustin Phelps
 April 1 Tom Rogers
 Lola Sprenkle
 April 2 Cayla Cook
 Staci Sullivan
 April 3 Jackson Gardner
 April 4 Maddie Pugh
 April 5 Isabella Hughes

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

March 3, 2024

In Person 8:30 service:	100
In Person 11:00 service:	127
Sunday School:	76
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	239
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	240
Offering:	\$10,629.00

March 10, 2024

In Person 8:30 service:	79
In Person 11:00 service:	126
Sunday School:	77
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	238
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	296
Offering:	\$5,791.50

Pray
WITH US

Physical Concerns

Jackson Bushley
 Ron Goforth
 Susan Huffman
 Waymon McDade
 Alice Morrison
 Sophie Nolan

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

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

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Jackson Hughey**

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In Memory of **Norma Kugler**

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In Memory of **Phil Merritt**

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Covington First United Methodist Church



Palm Sunday
Combined Service
March 24th
11:00 a.m.



Event Calendar

Saturday, March 16:

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

Sunday, March 17:

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 18:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, March 19:

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 20:

10:00 AM: Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

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

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

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday):

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: One Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 PM: Fellowship Meal followed by Easter Egg Hunt - Christian Life Center

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Monday, March 25:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: Holy Week Service - Sanctuary

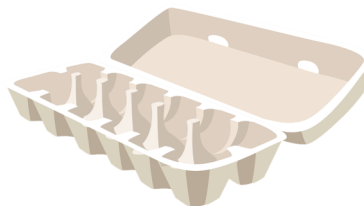
6:00 PM: Tipton County Chorus - Christian Life Center



WORSHIP TIMES

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

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



Please donate your
empty egg cartons to
the Bread of Life Food
Pantry.



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