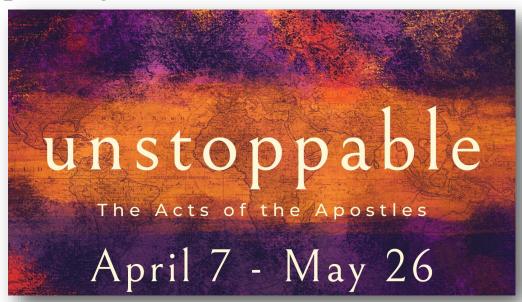
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

March 28, 2024 A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Sermons



Unstoppable: The Acts of the Apostles

Big Idea of the Series: This series examines the remarkable spread of the gospel and the kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world. Jesus has commissioned every one of his followers to be his witness by the power of the Holy Spirit. Despite challenges from outside and within, the kingdom of God continues to advance. Today, we continue to be his witnesses and have a vital role in the continuing story of Jesus's unstoppable kingdom.

April 7 - Unstoppable, Part 1 - Acts 1:1–26

Big Idea of the Message: The Holy Spirit empowers God's people to be witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ, beginning in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth.

April 14 - Unstoppable, Part 2 - Acts 2:1-47

Topic: The Church, Fellowship, Prayer, Generosity

Big Idea of the Message: After being filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter proclaims the gospel; over three thousand people are saved, the church is born, and God's kingdom begins to impact Jerusalem.

April 21 - Unstoppable, Part 3 - Acts 4:1-5:11

Topic: Fear, Temptation, Overcoming, Courage

Big Idea of the Message: As the kingdom of God moves forward, challenges from outside and within the church will occur.

April 28 - Unstoppable, Part 4 - Acts 8:1–40 (1-4, 26-40)

Topic: Witnessing, Persecution, Risk, Divine Moments

Big Idea of the Message: God's kingdom begins to spread from Jerusalem into

Samaria and Judea as the church continues to be witnesses of Jesus.

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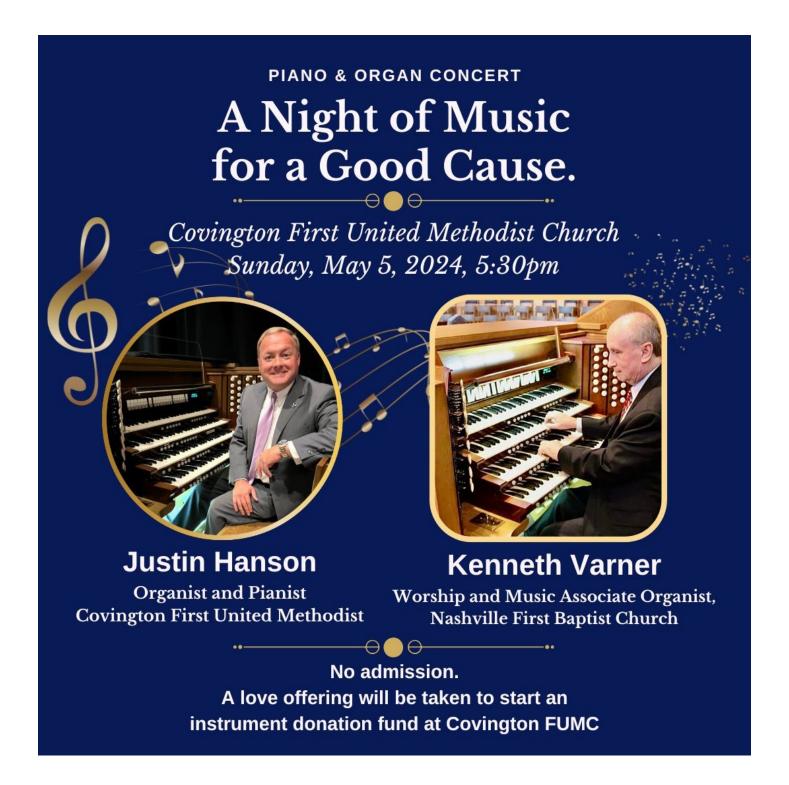
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FUMC Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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



Covington First UMC's 28-rank Schantz pipe organ is the largest in Tipton County and will be 60 years old in 2025. It takes significant money to maintain it.

The purpose of this concert is to start a specialized pipe organ maintenance/renovation/ expansion fund for people wanting to make an honorarium or memorial donation.



THANK YOU to all who shared their gifts in our Palm Sunday Service!

Special thanks to these behind the scenes people...

Rachel Brock and Cathy Adams - Costume Coordinators

Alexander Mitchell - Camera and Audio

Hugh Cook - Visual and Lyrics Presentation

Molly Glass and Mark Shrum - Technical Assistance

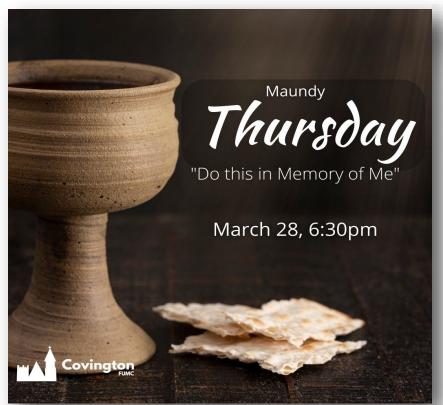


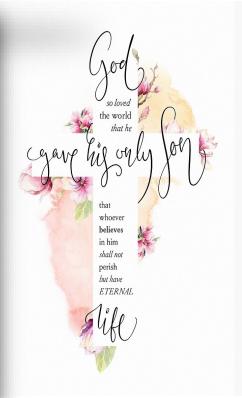
Palm Sunday was full of fun for our children from the palm waving processional and Easter Egg hunting to visits with some pretty sweet bunnies! What a BLESSING all these PRECIOUS children are!!

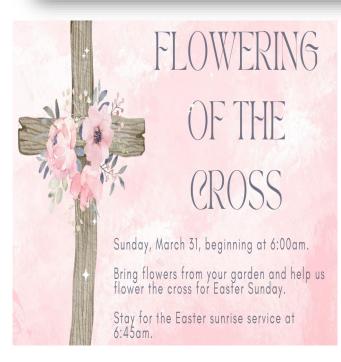




JOIN US FOR WORSHIP











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

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April 5	Isabella Hughes
April 6	Tommy Flanagan
	Ava McCalla
	Jonathan Stewart
April 7	Easton Burdette
	Barbara David
April 8	Hallie Bryant
	Andrea Franklin
	Liz Newman
April 9	Lena Akerson
April 10	Debbie Sater
	Neely Turner
April 11	David Enzor
April 12	Keith Phelps
April 13	Cayden Griffin
April 15	Stefanie Beasley
	Charles Brasfield

Nate Lazure

Jackson Gardner

Maddie Pugh

April 3

April 4

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

March 17, 2024

 In Person 8:30 service:
 76

 In Person 11:00 service:
 120

 Sunday School:
 71

 Facebook Views 8:30 service:
 225

 Facebook Views 11:00 service:
 231

 Offering:
 \$9,431.00

March 24, 2024-Palm Sunday

In Person 11:00 service: 254
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 481
Offering: \$15,791.00



Physical Concerns

Ron Goforth Waymon McDade Alice Morrison Sophie Nolan

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

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

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Melva Baskin

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie
Education Building Renovation Fund by Carolyn Locke
Bereavement Meal Fund by Beverly Smith
Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of Jackson Hughey

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie Education Building Renovation Fund by Carolyn Locke

In Memory of Norma Kugler

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie

In Memory of Veda Robinson

Education Building Renovation Fund by George Robert and Erin Baddour
Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
Education Building Renovation Fund by Kendra and Josh Huffman
Education Building Renovation Fund by Mary Kate Huffman
Education Building Renovation Fund by Sarah and Jim Huffman
Education Building Renovation Fund by Debbie Sater
Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith
Education Building Renovation Fund by Margaret Trimble
Education Building Renovation Fund by Roy Clay Turner
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

EASTER LILY TRIBUTES



In Honor of **Eddie** and **Carol Daniel** by Marsha Portis Greenwood In Honor of the **GO Class** by Robert and Elaine Gwinn Todd In Honor of **Faye Hughes** by Marsha Portis Greenwood In Honor of **Nancy Simpson** and **Family** by Marsha Portis Greenwood In Honor of **Beverly Smith** by Robert and Elaine Gwinn Todd

In Memory of **Herbert** and **Cathrine Campbell** by Dianne Stone

In Memory of **Rodney Hughes** by Marsha Portis Greenwood

In Memory of **Carole Hughey** by Wayne Hughey

In Memory of **Jim** and **Gini Portis** by Marsha Portis Greenwood

In Memory of **Newt** and **Dollie Portis** by Marsha Portis Greenwood

In Memory of **Peggy Portis** by Marsha Portis Greenwood

In Memory of **Jim Smith** by Beverly Smith and Jay Smith

In Memory of Jim Smith by Robert and Elaine Gwinn Todd

In Memory of **Gordon Stone** by Dianne Stone

In Memory of **William Michael "Mike" Turner** by Ted and Carolyn Turner and His Family

In Memory of **Our Parents and Grandparents** by Tim and Kathy Wallace

Event Calendar

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday:

Church offices closed

12:00 PM: Good Friday Worship Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31, Easter:

6:45 AM: Easter Sunrise Service - Christian Life Center

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, April 1:

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, April 2:

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, April 3:

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

6:00 PM: Children's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 4:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7:

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, April 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



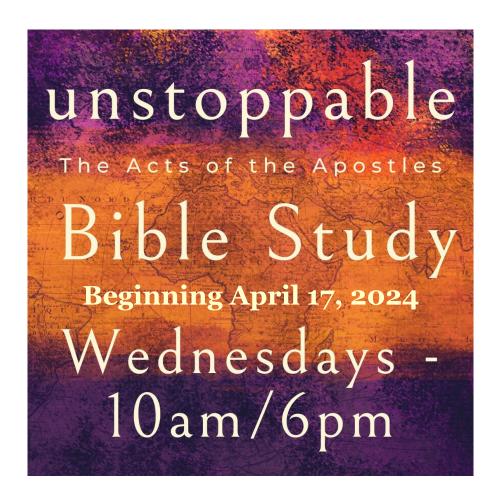
WORSHIP TIMES

Modern Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary



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