

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

April 27, 2023  
A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

### Church Council Update

Our church council met on Tuesday, April 18. After conducting our regular work, the council heard a report from the Exploration Team regarding the future of our church in relationship to the United Methodist Church. Here are some bullet points from the surveys that the team received from members of the church.

- 207/210 people felt Average or Higher when it comes to their awareness of what is going on in the United Methodist Church.
- When asked what you thought we should do, this is how it turned out.  
Stay - 22%  
Disaffiliate - 31%  
Wait - 47%
- When asked if we were to Stay no matter what, this is how it turned out.  
Continue as Member - 53%  
Leave to find new church - 22%  
I Don't Know - 25%
- When asked if we were to Disaffiliate, this is how it turned out.  
Continue as Member of Disaffiliated Church - 54%  
Leave to find a new church - 7%  
I Don't Know - 39%
- When asked what you would do if we waited, this is how it turned out.  
Continue as member of our church - 86%  
Leave and find new church - 14%

The church council discussed the results, their own opinions, and looked at the possible choices the council could act upon. A member of the council moved to wait until after the General Conference of 2024 before taking action in relationship to Disaffiliating. The vote was held and everyone who voted agreed with the motion to wait. Here is what that means:

- For now, we will not be entering into an official vote on disaffiliating
- The church council will continue monitoring the situation regarding the future of the church and if anything changes, they will revisit disaffiliating at that time.
- We will continue to keep the ministry of our church in prayer and strive towards meeting the needs of our members and our community.
- We encourage continued prayer.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Michael Pence if you have any questions or would like further information or clarification.

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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."*

## United Women in Faith Candle Burning



Candle Burning is a very special part of the worship service on Mother's Day for United Women in Faith. For a gift of \$5.00 or more, you may give a tribute in honor of or in memory of your mother or any other person who is special to you. By the light of the candle, mission work is supported

around the world. Tribute forms are located on the usher's table in the Sanctuary, on the tables and in the lobby of the Christian Life Center or scan the QR code to make your tribute online. Thank you for your support of the missions of United Women in Faith!



*Pray*  
WITH US

### Physical Concerns

Susan Cheairs  
Robert Sanford  
Johnny Tyler  
John Wrather Winberry

### Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Opal Brock  
Lane Camp  
Jackson Hughey  
Bob Lakey  
Nancy McDonald  
Michael Pence  
Sherry Sartain Powell  
Ann Rivers  
Liz Turner  
Donna VanDouser  
Ashley Wilson  
Landon Wilson  
Sean Wilson

### Bereavement

Family of Joyce Rice  
Family of Robby Tribble



April 28 Wanda Butler

April 29 Faye Beckett

Judy McCool

May 1 Anna Marie Agee

Jennifer Lindley

May 2 Leonard Moss

May 3 Melanie Billings

Annamae Cromwell

Mackenzie Henderson

May 4 Daniel Cox

Carol Daniel

May 6 Alanna Alston  
Ben Brasfield  
Eleanor Whitesides

May 7 David Caldwell

May 9 Erin Baddour

May 10 Katie Cooley

May 12 Chad Stewart

May 16 Joe Lewis

Joe Naifeh

May 17 Heather Murphy

May 18 Elton Bryant

Destiny Ferrell

May 19 Evan Gangaware

David Moore

May 20 Courtney Cook

Neil Thornton

May 21 Sara Carter

May 23 Micah Bricco

Paula Cook

Annalyssa Ferrell

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Mae Baskin**

Christian Counseling Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Nadine Trantham Callaway**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier

In Memory of **Ricky Clay**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier

In Memory of **Eric Howard**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler

Choir and Worship Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Christian Counseling Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Carole Hughey**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Roger and Gail Ganier

In Memory of **Dave and Ruby Marshall**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Rob Witherington

In Memory of **Roger Marshall**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Education Building Renovation Fund by Rob Witherington

In Memory of **Robby Tribble**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

In Memory of **Walter Whitley**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

Tipton County Disaster Relief Fund by Hal and Andrea Roe

Education Building Renovation Fund by Paul and Nancy Rose

Christian Counseling Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Christian Counseling Fund by Mary Lee Tipton

Christian Counseling Fund by Steve and Lura Turner

## EASTER LILY TRIBUTES

In Memory of **Garner Baddour** by Robert and Jan Sanford

In Honor of **Weston and Raegan Baddour** by Robert and Jan Sanford

In Honor of **Gary and Julie Chandler** by Hartley, Chandler and Holt Howard

In Honor of **Sue Jones** by Leonard and Brenda Moss

In Memory of **Sonny Leem** by Nancy Leem

In Honor of Grandgirls: **Georgianne, Molly Kate and Charley Phelps** by Kay Curry

In Memory of **Rev. Grace Phelps** by Keith and Tiny Phelps and Family

In Memory of **Russell and Clara Jane Phelps** by Keith and Tiny Phelps and Family

In Memory of **Beatrice Powell** by Kristen Solley

In Memory **Uzell and Margie Rose** by Keith and Tiny Phelps and Family

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

In Memory of **Martha Wallace** by Bud and Debbie Neal

In Memory of **Paul Wallace** by Bud and Debbie Neal

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



# **Event Calendar**

## **Sunday, April 30:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

## **Monday, May 1:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting-New Beginnings Room

## **Tuesday, May 2:**

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

## **Wednesday, May 3:**

6:00 PM: Children and Youth

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

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

## **Thursday, May 4:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, May 6:**

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

## **Sunday, May 7:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

## **Monday, May 8:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

## **Tuesday, May 9:**

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

## **Wednesday, May 10:**

6:00 PM: Children and Youth

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

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

## **Thursday, May 11:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, May 13:**

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

## **Sunday, May 14:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

# We're Hiring!

## Nursery Worker Needed

Eligible candidates must be at least 21 years of age, available to work every Sunday morning, and meet other requirements of the job description. For more information or an application contact Liz Newman, 901-476-9694 or LNewman@covingtonfumc.com.

***Volunteers are needed until someone is hired.***



## GIVING, ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

### April 2, 2023

One Worship 11:00	155
Sunday School:	33
Facebook Views	Not posted
Offering	\$6,533.00

### April 16, 2023

In Person 8:30 service:	112
In Person 11:00 service:	177
Sunday School:	78
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	232
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	337
Offering	\$8,655.00

### April 9, 2023

In Person 8:30 service:	178
In Person 11:00 service:	250
Sunday School:	76
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	367
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	282
Offering	\$7,608.00

### April 23, 2023

In Person 8:30 service:	68
In Person 11:00 service:	137
Sunday School:	78
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	204
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	144
Offering	\$11,409.00





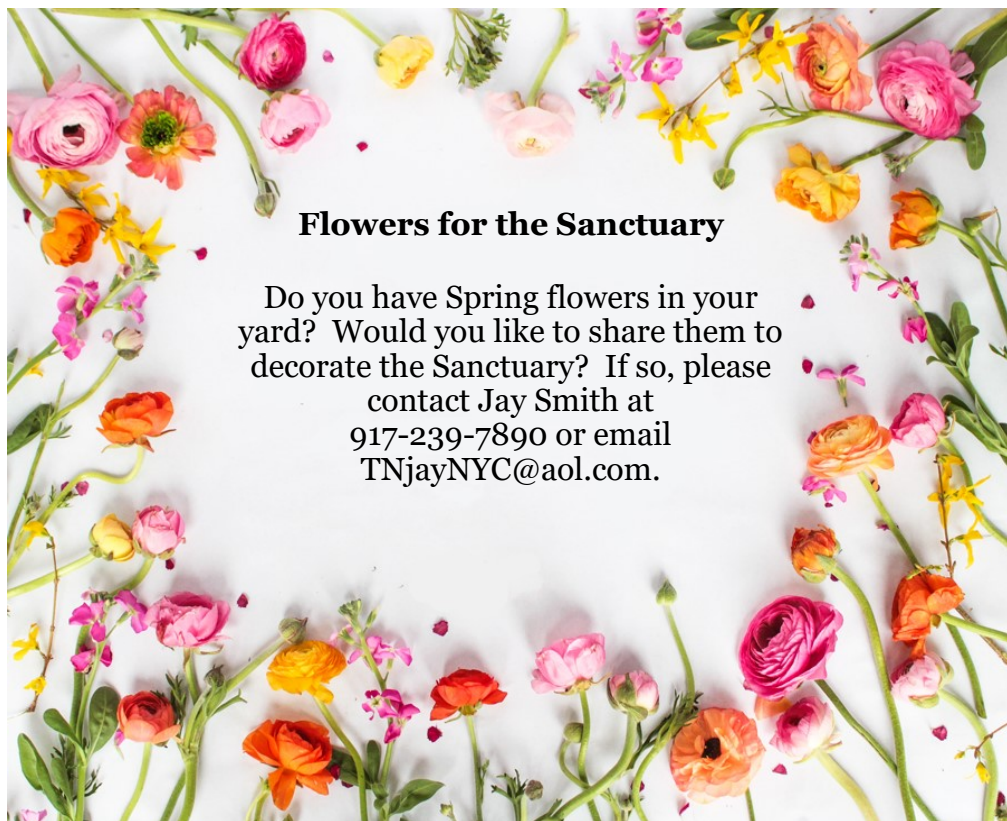
## **WORSHIP TIMES**

### **Modern Worship**

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

### **Traditional Worship**

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary



### **Flowers for the Sanctuary**

Do you have Spring flowers in your yard? Would you like to share them to decorate the Sanctuary? If so, please contact Jay Smith at 917-239-7890 or email [TNjayNYC@aol.com](mailto:TNjayNYC@aol.com).

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