

When I began to move things into my office at about this time last year, Lee Ramsey left me a gift: Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth, a collection of Walter Brueggemann's prayers. Walter was an Old Testament seminary professor at Columbia Seminary in Atlanta. I was allowed to take classes at both Columbia and Gammon while an Emory student, but Professor Brueggemann's classes always filled up before I could ever get in one. Walter passed away about a year ago, but his work continued to inspire:

We are ready to listen

*Healing, sovereign God,
overmatch our resistant ears
with your transforming speech.
Penetrate our jadedness and fatigue.
Touch our yearnings by your words.
Through your out-loudness, draw us closer to you.
We are ready to listen.*

Amen.

- from Illumination/July 9, 1992

As I have always maintained, I believe the priority in our prayer lives is to talk to God less and listen more, as we tend to dominate the conversation by asking, asking, and asking. I more than appreciate Walter's prayer: "Penetrate our jadedness and fatigue..."

It is a weary season for some. May God remind us – and may we listen - that God has the last word, and that we ARE ready to listen.

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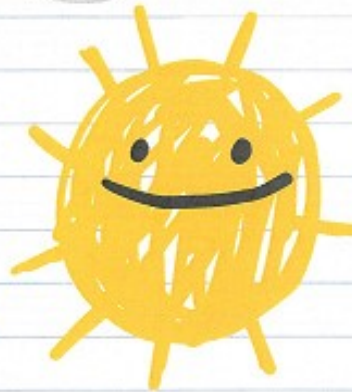
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9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

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

VBS



SAVE THE DATE!

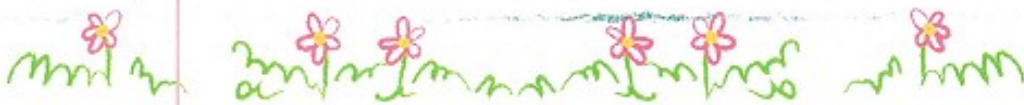
July 20-23

FUMC CLC

5:30-8



More Info Coming Soon!!





POOL *Party*

— WEDNESDAY —

MAY 20TH

5:30-7:30



**PIZZA AND TREATS
FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUTH**

**Covington Aquatics
Center**



Before we know it, summer will be in full swing. Already folks are busy with ball games, practices, weekend get aways and all sorts of fun and adventuresome activities. Our schedules are going to become more hectic and our free time limited. But, one constant will remain; the Bread of Life food pantry will continue to provide food to our community each Saturday morning and we will continue to need volunteers. The food pantry operates the first and third Saturday of each month at Covington First United Methodist Church and the second and fourth Saturday of each month at Munford First United Methodist Church.

New volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and deeply appreciated. On the job training is provided with each pantry event, signup is requested but last minute walk-ins can be a God send. Youth organizations, ball teams, and groups of all kinds are welcome to come and help out, we request that they notify the church office first, 901-476-9694.

Below are the links to volunteer during the months of May, June and July. Please signup for the dates you are available, feel free to share these links. As always, should you have any questions feel free to reach out to me, LNemwan@Covingtonfumc.com

To volunteer during the month of May: volunteersignup.org/T9KW7

To volunteer during the month of June: volunteersignup.org/YX3RY

To volunteer during the month of July: volunteersignup.org/T37DC



United Women in Faith

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Candle burning tributes for United Women in Faith. Your generosity raised \$415.00 to support the missions of UWF.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lynne Fisher and June Whitley! Both ladies were honored with the United Women in Faith Special Mission Recognition Award. This award is given for faithful service to the church and community.

Ms. June is a devoted volunteer for the Good Samaritan assistance office helping those in need seeking utility or rental assistance.

Ms. Lynne is a dedicated volunteer for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. She greets all of the patrons, answers their questions and guides them through the process to receive their food.

Both ladies are always to be found with a warm welcome, smiling face, sweet disposition and are overall Godly women and a blessing to this church and everyone they meet!



TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Honor of **Cathy Adams**
Congregational Care Fund by the Family of Claire Marshall

In Memory of **Paul Bell**
Food Pantry Fund by Cheryl Thomas
Food Pantry Fund by Venita Walker

In Honor of **Wanda Butler**
Bereavement Meal Fund by Lynne Fisher

In Memory of **Gail Ganier**
Education Building Renovation Fund by George Robert and Erin Baddour
Landscaping Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh
Education Building Renovation Fund by Paul and Nancy Rose
Children's Fund by Lynn Tyson
Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Beth Willingham

In Memory of **Claire Marshall**
Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
Organ Restoration Fund by Lynne Fisher
Organ Restoration Fund by Grady and Cathy Mitchener
Landscaping Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Honor of **Carole Mathis and the Monday Worship Team**
Choir and Worship Fund by the Family of Claire Marshall

In Memory of **Sharon Rieken**
Operating Fund by Joe and Cindy Torrence

In Memory of **Judy Rogers**
Landscaping Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Lanier Young**
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner





May 16 Joe Lewis
 Joe Naifeh
 May 18 Elton Bryant
 May 19 Evan Gangaware
 David Moore
 May 20 Courtney Cook
 Neil Thornton
 May 21 Sara Carter
 May 23 Micah Bricco
 Paula Cook

May 24 Jake Winberry
 May 25 Vicki Creasy
 Charley Phelps
 May 27 Jenny Lazure
 Matt McDaniel
 May 28 Annabelle Jones
 May 29 Hugh Cook
 May 30 Will Clark
 May 31 Ryan Ford
 Anne Thornton
 June 3 Russ Bailey
 June 5 Ally Newman
 Joe Winberry
 June 6 Bill Flanagan
 Keith McCalla
 Brenda Moss
 June 8 Bobby Hughes
 June 9 JoAnne Cain
 Melissa Mitchell

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

May 3, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:	75
In Person 11:00 service:	98
Sunday School:	87
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	282
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	813
Offering:	\$5,065.00



May 10, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:	85
In Person 11:00 service:	86
Sunday School:	73
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	257
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	861
Offering:	\$2,781.00



Physical Concerns

Lynn Blalack
 Jeffrey Bryant
 Dennis Cain
 Morgan Stitt Davanzo
 Pam Harris
 Sue Jones
 Jon Benton Mize
 Alice Morrison
 Mylie Parham
 Bettye Shelley
 J.C. Thornton
 Dianne Williams

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Don Clark	Dorothy Newman
Beverly Orton Felts	Terry Newman
Tucker James	Sondra Pignes
Leslie Diane Marshall	Kathy McCool Townsend
Jennifer Jones Moore	Hyatt Williams

Condolences

Family of Claire Marshall
 Family of Lanier Young

Event Calendar

Saturday, May 16:

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

Sunday, May 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

Monday, May 18:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting - New Beginnings Room

Tuesday, May 19:

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

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

6:30 PM: Methodist Preparatory School Graduation-Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 20:

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

5:30 PM: Children & Youth Pool Party-Covington Aquatics Center

Thursday, May 21:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, May 23:

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

Sunday, May 24:

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, May 25 - Memorial Day (Church Offices Closed):

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, May 26:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - 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

Candle Burning Tributes

*In Honor of **Liz McCracken** by Beverly Smith*
*In Honor of **Betty Shelley** by Van and Pam Shelley*
*In Honor of **Katie Williams** by Tim and Kathy Wallace*

*In Memory of **Margarette Gray, Mott Gray, Jane Brock and Charles Gray** by Doris Ann Gray*

*In Memory of **Jane H. Whitaker** by Liz Newman*

*In Memory of **Karen W. Harris** by Liz Newman*

*In Memory of **Aneeda Miller, Francine Oldham,***

***Mabel Stitely and Joyce Stottlemyer** by Sandy Burgess*

*In Memory of **Daisy Thornton** by J.C. and Anne Thornton*

*In Memory of **LaRue Turner** by J.C. and Anne Thornton*

*In Memory of **our Mothers and Grandmothers** by Tim and Kathy Wallace*

*In Memory of **Ed Timberlake** by Sherrie Wright*



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