

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Covington, TN

May 31, 2023
A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Sermons

Real Life Faith

This sermon series urges us away from projecting a filtered and curated version of our lives and our faith journeys. Whether it's from the fear of others, the shame of our shortcomings, or the fear of facing the truth, living through a false self can cripple our spiritual growth. We also deal with the hypocrisy and temptation of living in two worlds simultaneously: that of the church or Christian life and that of the normal life. We will discover whether it is possible to live in both or if we must choose to live in one or the other.

June 4, 2023 - Part 3

Jonah was living in denial of who God called him to be. Jonah's fear of facing the truth led him to run from God's presence and left him—like many Christians—in distress, desperately crying to God to save him. Real-life faith does not ignore, deny, or run from facing the reality of our circumstances. By bringing to God our motivations for living in denial, we can experience God's mercy and walk confidently into the plans he has for us.

June 11, 2023 - Part 4

Jesus calls His disciples to live out our faith by being salt and light to the world. Our saltiness and light should extend beyond our church life. To have Real Life Faith, believers must allow their faith to affect the rest of their life.



Services can be viewed online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCCovington/live/>

<https://www.youtube.com/CovingtonFUMC>

11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am

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FUMC Office Hours:
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Monday-Friday

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



June 3 Russ Bailey
 June 5 John Turner Cromwell
 Ally Newman
 Joe Winberry
 June 6 Bill Flanagan
 Keith McCalla
 Brenda Moss
 June 8 Bobby Hughes
 June 9 JoAnne Cain
 Melissa Mitchell
 June 10 Tom McDow
 June 13 Ross McDaniel
 Marie Timberlake

June 14 Caleb McDaniel
 June 16 Judy Whitehorn
 June 17 Drew Lazure
 Ann Owen
 Barbra Racy
 June 18 Chandler Howard
 June 22 Raegan Baddour
 Carole Mathis
 Molly Turner
 June 25 Michael David
 June 26 Walker Bailey
 June 27 Charles Maxwell
 Patricia McCorkle
 June 28 Ky Anderson
 Van Shelley
 June 29 Alex Cox
 Elizabeth Cox
 Holt Howard
 June 30 Doris Ann Gray
 W.C. Whitesides



GIVING, ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

May 21, 2023

In Person 8:30 service:	113
In Person 11:00 service:	100
Sunday School:	81
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	130
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	208
Offering	\$5,196.00

May 28, 2023

In Person 8:30 service:	56
In Person 11:00 service:	98
Sunday School:	14
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	172
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	118
Offering	\$3,741.00

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS!

MEXICAN MONDAYS

* STARTING BACK *
JUNE 5, 2023
12:00PM
AT MARGARITA'S IN COVINGTON

BRING MONEY
AND AN EMPTY
STOMACH!



SERVE COVINGTON

JUNE 19-21
COVINGTON FUMC
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

MONDAY 8:00AM-3:00PM
TUESDAY 8:00AM-3:00PM
WEDNESDAY 8:00AM-3:00PM, 6:00PM-7:30PM

\$35

LUNCH PROVIDED EACH DAY
BRING REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

READY, SET, MOVE!



FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

June 12-16
6-8 p.m.



We're Hiring!

Nursery Worker Needed

Covington First United Methodist Church is seeking to hire one, part-time Nursery attendant. The successful candidate must be at least 21 years of age, available to work every Sunday morning, and meet other requirements. For more information or an application contact the church office at 901-476-9694 or email Lnewman@covingtonfumc.com.



Covington FUMC Pickleball Court Lines T-Shirt Fundraiser

Style: Crew (Gilden Softstyle Unisex - Pretty True to Size)



Style: V-Neck (Gilden Cotton Women's Cut - Fitted)



Style: Tank (Gilden Heavy Cotton Men's Cut)



style	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Crew	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$22	\$22
V Neck	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$24	\$24
Tank	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$24	\$24

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Email Orders to: smwalker11@gmail.com or Text Shauna Walker @ 901-356-2033.

Please contact Sandy Burgess at the church to pay: sburgess@covingtonfumc.com or 901-476-9694.

Order Deadline: June 8, 2023. T-Shirts will be delivered to the church for pick-up in late June.

Event Calendar

Saturday, June 3:

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

Sunday, June 4:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center

9:30 AM: Safe Sanctuary Training-Fellowship Hall

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 5:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: Youth Mexican Monday - Margarita's Restaurant

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting - New Beginnings Room

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 6:

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, June 7:

6:00 PM: Safe Sanctuary Training-Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, June 8:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, June 10:

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

Sunday, June 11:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 12:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: Youth Mexican Monday - Margarita's Restaurant

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 13:

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 14:

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 15:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 16:

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School Pool Party - Ripley Water Park

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Ricky Clay**

Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Eric Howard**

Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Betty Jack**

Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Roger Marshall**

Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Peggy Portis**

Operating Fund by Lee Price

In Memory of **Joyce Rice**

Food Pantry Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Jim and Elizabeth Baddour

Education Building Renovation Fund by Bank of Tipton

Christian Counseling Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Robert and Kathryn Buckles

Education Building Renovation Fund by Will and Sara Carter

Education Building Renovation Fund by Eddie and Carol Daniel

Education Building Renovation Fund by Mandy Dover and Family

Education Building Renovation Fund by Evan and Hogan Gangaware

Education Building Renovation Fund by Roy and Debra Haggard

Education Building Renovation Fund by Jennifer McCollum

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

Education Building Renovation Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

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Education Building Renovation Fund by Lee Price

Education Building Renovation Fund by Debbie Sater, Erin Vandergrift and Rachel Devaughn

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Education Building Renovation Fund by W.C. and Eleanor Whitesides

In Memory of **Robby Tribble**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Debbie Sater

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Walter Whitley**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Eddie and Carol Daniel

In Memory of **Rev. Ronnie Wylie**

Christian Counseling Fund by Shirley Bready



First United Methodist Church Covington is known throughout the county for its food pantry. Serving anywhere between 300 and 400 households each month, the Food Pantry relies solely on volunteers to make the operation work. Collecting donations, sorting food, stocking the food pantry, bagging produce, bread, and canned goods, registering patrons, loading cars, and cleaning up are all jobs that are executed by volunteers.

Lately finding volunteers has been a challenge, and the summer months will prove to be even more difficult with families planning vacations and teenagers taking on summer jobs. We could use some extra help.

The Food Pantry operates every first and third Saturday of each month in Covington. Volunteers serve from 8:15 to 11:00 AM on those days. Very few of the volunteer jobs require any type of pre-training and can be learned on the job. Even signing up to volunteer is easy. Just click on one (or more) of the following web links (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

To sign up for a Saturday in June: volunteersignup.org/R8B4W

To sign up for a Saturday in July: volunteersignup.org/M9K4C

To sign up for a Saturday in August: volunteersignup.org/RLBHY

Just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

For questions please contact Liz Newman or Sandy Burgess in the church office, (901)476-9694 or email LNewman@CovingtonFUMC.com.



Physical Concerns

Wally Burdette
Johnny Tyler

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

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

Please continue to pray for families that are grieving.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Safe Sanctuaries training will be held Sunday, **June 4th** at 9:30 a.m. and again Wednesday, **June 7th** at 6:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. **This training is mandatory for anyone working with children and/or youth including Sunday school, Wednesday nights, nursery workers, Vacation Bible School, etc.**

Sessions will last for approximately 30 minutes and you will need to attend one session.

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Providing a safe environment for children & youth as they grow in faith

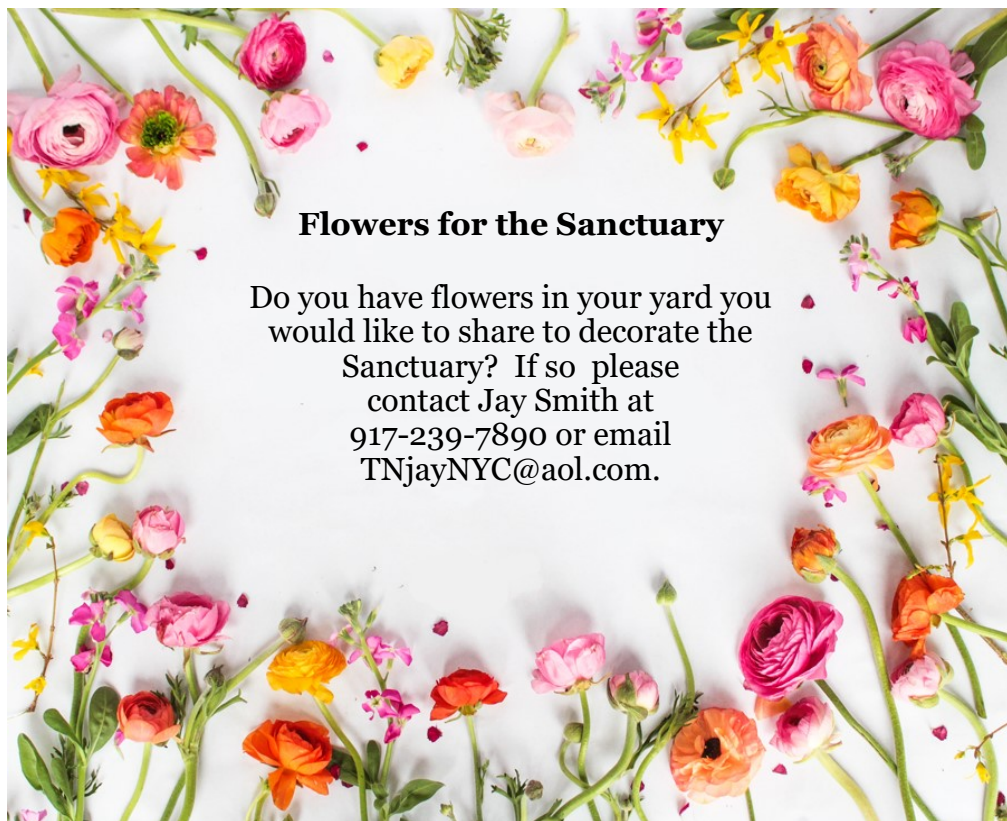




WORSHIP TIMES

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 flowers in your yard you would like to share to decorate the Sanctuary? If so please contact Jay Smith at 917-239-7890 or email TNjayNYC@aol.com.

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