

Over the past forty years, I never dreamed I would gain as much knowledge - or experience - in the building, real estate, non-profit law, finance, and maintenance aspects of churches. But these things are not only realities, but they are also necessities. We have to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted us to spread the Good News.

We are very blessed as a church to have excellent facilities AND excellent trustees who are good stewards of our properties and assets. As they met on Monday, they realize that we have some immanent and deferred maintenance that needs attention before we need costly or catastrophic repairs.

- Our “upper” parking lots. We have obtained bids to re-pave our parking lot, and will work with Covington Public Works on a final solution, as King Circle runs through part of our parking lot to Church Street. Asphalt is dependent on oil prices, so the cost for such fluctuates with the market and world situation.
- The parsonage needs a new roof, new windows, and a new A/C unit. The windows are original to the house, thus are approaching 60 years old. We have received some very favorable bids for the windows and the roof! The A/C unit at the parsonage, while currently still working, is over 30 years old and long past its expected lifespan (and we are thankful for its service!). The rest of the parsonage is in excellent shape.

The trustees are looking at the planters and retaining walls in front of the church, which are starting to crack and lean, seeking both solutions and costs for repair.

Also, bids for our farm property were opened and awarded. We are very blessed for those who were forward-thinking and included the church in their end-of-life planning with such wonderful gifts. We are also pleased with recent work done on (1) insulating our ductwork in our attic space in the sanctuary, and (2) our new heating system which replaced a boiler that was over 50 years old.

As the Board of Trustees and your pastor, we not only want you to be in the know, but that these things can be part of your thoughts and prayers.

Peace,

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Monday-Friday

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



**CALLING ALL DETECTIVES!
COME UNCOVER THE MYSTERY AT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**JULY 19-23
5:30-8:00 P.M.**





The Bread of Life food pantry continues to provide food to our community each Saturday morning and we always 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 July, August and September. 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 July, follow this link: volunteersignup.org/T37DC

To volunteer during the month of August, follow this link: volunteersignup.org/B3EWT

To volunteer during the month of September, follow this link: volunteersignup.org/388YC



SAFE
GATHERINGS
— A VALIDITY COMPANY —

Safe Gatherings has taken the place of Safe Sanctuaries. If you are working with children and youth, you **must** have this training which also includes a background check. This is an online program. Please email sburgess@covingtonfumc.com or call the church office, 901-476-9694 to be sure we have your current email address and an invitation link will be sent to you to complete the training.

Thank you for being a blessing to our youth and children's ministries and keeping the children participating in these programs safe!



Armed with clipboards, pens, and personalized detective hats, children and their adult group leaders spent a Sunday afternoon on the hunt! Our detectives in training were charged with the task of locating over fifty specific items. These items could be found somewhere in or around the church building. Their exact location was a mystery. After

thorough and in depth search, all three teams were successful in completing their assignment and celebrated with customized ice cream sundaes and a rousing game of *Simon Says*. Our resident sleuths will continue to use their mystery solving skills during **On the Case** VBS July 19–23. To register as a participant or a volunteer visit <https://vbsmate.com/CovingtonFUMC2026>



TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Tom Bready**

Designated to the Chimes Maintenance Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Joey Bready**

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In Memory of **Gail Ganier**

Altar Care Fund by Shirley Bready

Designated to the Education Building Renovation Fund by Joe and Lee Duncan

In Memory of **Roger and Gail Ganier**

Designated to the Education Building Renovation Fund by Ed and Betsy Kelly

In Honor of **Molly Glass**

Designated to the Children's Ministry Fund by an Anonymous Donor

In Memory of **Claire Marshall**

Designated to the Education Building Renovation Fund by Earl and Faye Beckett

Designated to the Altar Care Fund by Shirley Bready

Designated to the Altar Care Fund by Beverly Smith

In Honor of **Sky McCracken**

Designated to the Children's Ministry Fund by an Anonymous Donor

In Memory of **Lanier Young**

Designated to the Joey Bready Chimes Fund by Shirley Bready



Dear Church Family,

As we prepare for a new school year, Charger Academy is hosting a **School Supply Giveaway during our Back-to-School Night** to help students start the year ready to learn.

We are currently seeking donations of school supplies, including:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Headphones
- Notebook paper
- Germ-X/hand sanitizer
- Erasers
- Glue sticks



Any donation, big or small, will go directly to our students and is greatly appreciated.

For your convenience, I have attached our Amazon Wish List link if that is helpful. Items purchased through the list will be sent directly to the school. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JQL8MNVIFTVL?ref=wl_share

Thank you for supporting the students of Charger Academy. Your generosity helps make a difference in the lives of our children!

With gratitude, Taryn Anderson, School-Wide Instructional Facilitator, Charger Academy



July 10 Bryan Elzie
Liv Maxwell
David Owen
July 11 Jeff Nix
July 12 Laurie Anna McArthur
July 13 Brian McDaniel
July 16 Duke Carter
Maddie Smith
July 17 Daniel Flanagan
Will Turner

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July 17 Daniel Flanagan
Will Turner
July 18 Callie Winberry
July 19 Sara Gangaware
July 21 Tommy Cheairs
Chad Smith
J.C. Thornton
July 24 Benjamin Smith
July 25 Lynne Fisher
Nellie Drew Shrum
July 26 Jaylee Bryant
July 28 Jack Owen
August 1 Bill Franklin
August 2 Keith Anderson
Martha Brasfield
August 4 Debbie Neal
Mike Racine

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:
In Person 11:00 service: 75
Sunday School: 45
Facebook Views 8:30 service: 396
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 573
Offering: \$2,777.00



July 5, 2026

One Worship 85
Sunday School: 32
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 468
Offering: \$7,526.00



Physical Concerns

Ken McCool
Jon Benton Mize
Joe Naifeh
Bettye Shelley
J.C. Thornton
Dianne Williams

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Don Clark Jennifer Jones Moore
Beverly Orton Felts Kathy McCool Townsend
Tucker James Hyatt Williams
Leslie Diane Marshall

Condolences

Families who have lost loved ones.

Event Calendar

Saturday, July 11:

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

Sunday, July 12:

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, July 13:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, July 14:

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

1:00 PM: Taco Tuesday - Margarita's Restaurant

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Thursday, July 16:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, July 18:

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

Sunday, July 19:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

5:30 PM: Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 20:

5:30 PM: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 21:

5:30 PM: Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 22:

5:30 PM: Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 23:

5:30 PM: Ripley Waterpark



WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

MISSING



One black, two wheel hand truck. If located, please return to the Bread of Life Food Pantry or call the church office at 901-476-9694.

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