

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Covington, TN**

**September 28, 2023**  
**A Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

## ***Upcoming Sermons***

### **Neighbors**

#### **Big Idea of the Series:**

This five-week series explores the idea of community life in the church. Through understanding the importance of community, the unity of Christians in Christ, the ethic of community, and the reflection of Jesus to the world, we can see the power and importance of being with other believers in our daily lives.

#### **October 1, 2023**

**Text:** Luke 10.25-37, Acts 2.42-47

The early church reflects to us the importance of Christians being together and not isolated. We are called to be a part of a community of believers.

#### **October 8, 2023**

**Text:** John 17.22-23

Believers are unified in Christ and can experience God together in fellowship worship. We are called to experience God together with other believers.



#### ***Services can be viewed online at:***

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

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

*11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am*

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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."*



September 29 Eddie Daniel  
 Christopher David  
 September 30 Don Clark  
 October 2 Haley Henderson  
 Matthew Higgins  
 October 3 Keith Elzie  
 Gena Maury  
 October 4 Jasmyne Knoll  
 October 5 Alexander Mitchell  
 Jennifer Winberry  
 Jones Allen Wooten

October 6 Jack Edwards  
 Turner Shrum  
 October 7 Emma Grace Pence  
 October 8 Shannon Beasley  
 Trace Griffin  
 October 9 Murphy Jones  
 October 10 Brenda Elzie  
 October 11 Molly Kate Phelps  
 October 12 Philip Sigler  
 October 13 Norma Beasley  
 October 16 Camille Burlison  
 Candace Cook  
 October 17 Gil Erwin  
 October 19 Chris Gangaware  
 October 20 Emily Sigler  
 October 21 Leah Gangaware  
 October 22 Lori Knoll

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **September 17, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	87
In Person 11:00 service:	93
Sunday School:	65
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	160
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	295
Offering	\$3,107.00

### **September 24, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	87
In Person 11:00 service:	102
Sunday School:	73
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	151
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	298
Offering	\$5,226.00

*Pray*  
WITH US

### **Physical Concerns**

Faye Beckett  
 Jack Edwards  
 Nate Lazure  
 Mike Turner

### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Barbara Blythe  
 Opal Brock  
 Janie Hall  
 Bob Lakey  
 Duane Marshall  
 Donna VanDouser  
 Ashley Wilson  
 Landon Wilson

### **Condolences**

Family of Nathan Shelby  
 Family of Susan St. John



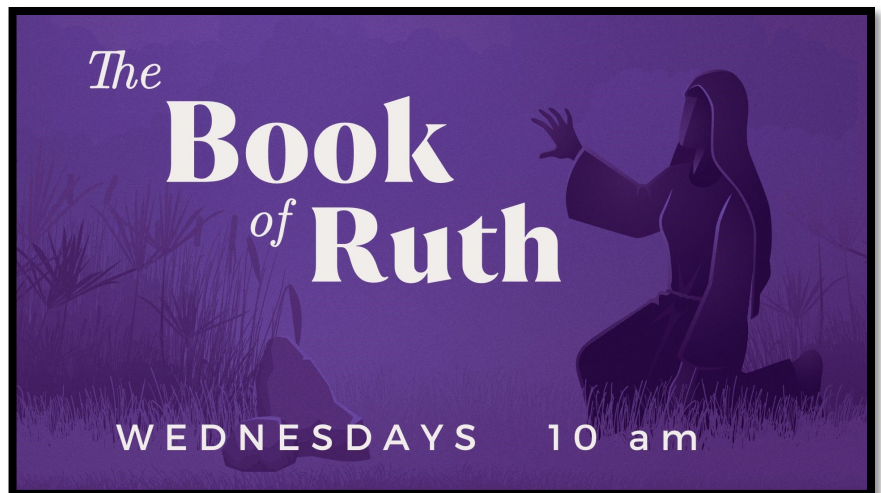
## Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**9:00 a.m.**

**Begins September 26th**

*See Carole Mathis for Details*

***Pastor's Bible Study  
Everyone is welcome  
to attend!***



**Lake Junaluska Women's Retreat**

### **Journey to Joy November 10th-12th, 2023**



*For more information, see Carole Mathis.*

Join us for a weekend of laughter, sharing, worship and fellowship at the "Journey to Joy" Women's Retreat at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. The dates are November 10th-12th, 2023, and the registration deadline is October 11th.

You can register at the link below, or see Carole Mathis with any questions.

<https://lakejunaluska.com/spiritual-renewal/adult-ministry/journey-to-joy/#invitation>





# ELEVATE

Youth Wednesday Nights

5:30-7:00pm

CLC

For food trucks, come at 5:15pm

Join us after the Covington High School  
home football game!

## 5TH QUARTER

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 • 9:00-11:00 PM  
COVINGTON FUMC - COVINGTON, TN  
IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

*Games, food, & fun!*

We invite all youth in the community to join us in the CLC on Friday, September 29 from 9:00-11:00pm for 5th Quarter after the Covington High School football game! There will be food, games, crafts, video games, and fellowship... And best of all: it's free!

# **Event Calendar**

## **Sunday, October 1:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center  
9:45 AM: Sunday School  
11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Monday, October 2:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center  
6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting-New Beginnings Room

## **Tuesday, October 3:**

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study-New Beginnings Room  
10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center  
4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center  
7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

## **Wednesday, October 4:**

10:00 AM: Pastor's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room  
6:00 PM: Children & Youth Bible Study  
7:15 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center

## **Thursday, October 5:**

7:00 AM: Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, October 7:**

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

## **Sunday, October 8:**

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center  
9:45 AM: Sunday School  
11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
12:00 PM: Cookies for Kairos-CLC  
4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Monday, October 9:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

## **Tuesday, October 10:**

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room  
10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center  
4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center  
7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Nathan Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie

In Memory of **Ronnie Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie

In Memory of **Nancy McDonald**

Food Pantry Fund by Barbara Lakey

In Memory of **Myrna Myers**

Children's Fund by George Robert and Erin Baddour

In Memory of **Frank Racy**

Food Pantry Fund by The GO Sunday School Class

In Memory of **Nathan Shelby**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Susan St. John**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **William "Dude" Trantham**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie



### Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held **Tuesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. This is the annual meeting with church leaders and our Interim District Superintendent, David Weatherly. The conference will review the previous year of ministry, complete essential church business, and affirm goals and leadership for the coming year. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

According to the Book of Discipline: "The Charge Conference shall be the connecting link between the local church and the general church (§ 247)... The primary responsibilities of the Charge Conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of the United Methodist Church (§ 247.3)."



We want to welcome Benjamin Robert Bailey born September 8th to W.T. & Shelby Bailey. He weighed 7.6 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud big brother is Eli and grandparents are Russ & Patricia Bailey.



A new grief group will begin **Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00 p.m.** in the New Beginnings room. For more information, contact Cathy Adams at 901-355-3428.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin **Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m.** in the G.O. classroom, lower level of the Sanctuary building. This ministry is open to everyone who enjoys prayers and community; knitting and crocheting skills are an added plus but we are happily willing to teach you. Materials and instructions will be provided.

For more information or if you have questions see Melissa Mitchell, or contact Liz Newman in the church office, 901-476-9694, or email [LNewman@covingtonfumc.com](mailto:LNewman@covingtonfumc.com).



### **COMMUNION OFFERING**

The communion offering for **Sunday, October 1st** will benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA volunteers provide court support and advocacy for abused and neglected children. For more information, please visit their website:

<http://www.casatipton.org/home.html>.



## Food Trucks and Fellowship

Every Wednesday evening in September, a food truck was brought in to provide food for many hungry adults, youth and children. Tables were setup under the awning at the handicapped entrance and everyone enjoyed catching up with folks they may not have seen in a while and enjoying a meal together!



*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."  
Matthew 18:20*





# COVINGTON

## Chargers



Covington High School Cross Country teams held a food drive for the Bread of Life food pantry at the 6th Annual Cross Country meet on September 21st. CHS invited visiting teams, parents, teachers and coaches to bring food items to support this great endeavor.

Thank you CHS X-Country and Coach Coley!



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, October 9th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided and all women are invited to attend!

# Costumes & Candy

# CANDY DRIVE

## Now through October 31



Collection boxes will be located in the CLC lobby & at the handicap entrance. We are expecting a BIG crowd!



## WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

# Cookies *for* Kairos

Join us Sunday afternoon, October 8th, as we bake **THOUSANDS** of cookies for the Women's Therapeutic Residential Center in Henning. We will begin baking at 12:00 in the CLC, immediately following traditional worship.

The cookies will flood the compound serving as a physical symbol of God's unending grace, which is available to all believers.

If you can't join in the fun and fellowship but would still like to bake Cookies for Kairos, guideline brochures are available in the CLC lobby or on the ushers table in the Sanctuary. Cookies should be dropped off at the CLC Wednesday, October 11, by 6 PM. For additional information contact Lena Akerson (901)279-4341.



## BAKERS NEEDED!!!

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