

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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ADVENT

This Sunday will mark the first Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of the Christian Year. Four Sundays of Advent will bring us to the celebration of Christmas, the birth-date of Jesus the Christ. You will note this Advent emphasis upon your arrival Sunday; decorations will abound and the liturgical colors will change. Join us for the celebration!

POINSETTIAS

The beautiful Christmas poinsettias will bless the beauty of our sanctuary as we begin Advent. This year, you are invited to purchase one (or more) of these plants at a cost of \$5.00. On Dec. 23, you may take your plant home with you, or you may deliver it to one of our shut-ins.

Order blanks for the poinsettias were in Sunday's bulletin and will be in this Sunday's bulletin as well. If you are a shut-in and would like to buy a plant in memory or in honor of someone, call the church office with your order.



THE MESSIAH

G.F. Handel composed "*The Messiah*" in 24 days in 1741. The best-known piece of the 53 pieces is "*The Hallelujah Chorus*".

The Clinch Valley Community Chorus and Orchestra will present "*The Messiah*" next week – and you are invited! Singing in this chorus are J. David Hester, Timothy Hester (son) and Zoe Hester (grand-daughter).

Three presentations will be made; Saturday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m., Norris United Methodist Church; Sunday, Dec. 2, 4:00 p.m., Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church; Sunday, Dec. 9, 5:00 p.m., First Christian Church in downtown Knoxville.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregation of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville is hereby notified of a called meeting of the congregation; this will be at the conclusion of the Morning Worship on Dec. 9. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three new Elders. Nominated are Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, Jewell Kerr. Other nominations will be accepted from any member. The requirement is that the nominee has been contacted and has agreed to serve.

THANK YOU!

During the weeks that Tom Witmer has been recovering from surgery, we relied on Dianne Fielder to print and produce the Sunday bulletins and the Cumberland. Weekly, Mary Ann Haney prepares the Cumberland for mailing. Our deep appreciation is expressed to both these volunteers!

Among Our People

Mike & Ann Bachman spent last week in Cashiers NC ... **Peggy Bradshaw**, mother of **Dianne Fielder**, spent last week visiting here; after worshipping with us Sunday, she returned home to Dyersburg ... **Christian Sympathy** is expressed to **Tammy Eblen** in the death of her sister, **Sherry Ambercrombie**; funeral was Sunday evening in Lenoir City; **Randall Mayfield**, former Assistant Pastor here, in the death of his mother in Lamar MO on Nov. 24; the family of **Dr. James Gilbert** of Ft. Worth Texas in his death Nov. 20; Dr. Gilbert was for years Executive Director of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton Texas.

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Happy Birthday

December

3-Carol Seeman
4-Andrea Golliher

Activities for December 2-8, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 25, 2012

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| Sunday School..... | 35 |
| Worship..... | 68 |
| Offering | \$3,737.25 |
| Capital Improvements Fund | \$25.00 |

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FISH

Our church has been a part of the area FISH program since its inception. This year, the Fish Hospitality pantries will feed over 11,000 families per month!
For \$5.00 or any multiple of \$5.00--you can send holiday wishes to feed hungry families. You may send family and friends FISH Hospitality Pantries Christmas Gift Cards and help end hunger in Knoxville. (\$5.00 will feed a family of four for three days!)

In our Narthex there are brochures that give you directions as to people you are remembering and how to get the money to FISH.

CONGRATULAITONS TO ...

Hailey Davis who with her Level 7 Optional Gymnastics team competed at the Music City Gymnastics Invitational Saturday, November 17 in Nashville. The Tataru's Level 7 team finished first. Hailey won 3 gold medals in the Floor, Beam and High Bars and won first place and a gold medal for finishing first all-around in her age group. Their next competition will be in the Atlanta Crown Invitational in Duluth, GA Jan. 11-13 and then in Knoxville Jan 18-21 in the OZONE invitational.

NEEDED

The church is in need of one 4-drawer file cabinets . Please let the office know if you have any. Thanks to Diane Crooks Crabb for donating one file cabinet.



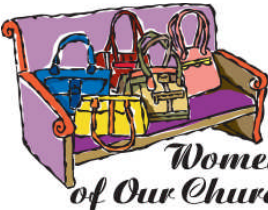
Prayer Concerns



On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Saxon Cochran, 12-year old rare cancer with no known cure (neighbor of the Bridges'); Carl Ware; Daisy Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Tom Witmer, Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); the family of Sherry Abercrombie, sister of Tammy Eblen.

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email irstcpc@earthlink.net



Join Us For...

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Women and children, you are invited to join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 p.m.! Our special guest is Heather Grubb from The Learning Channel's America's Next Best Baker. She will be sharing her testimony with us and decorating cupcakes with the kids. Please call Donna Walker at 566-7381 before November 29nd to RSVP, so Heather will know many cupcakes to bake! Feel free to invite friends. Deadline has been extended till the 29th, please reserve your spot or there may not be any spots.