

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

This Sunday, December 5, 10:45 a.m. come and enjoy all the sights, sounds, and symbols of the Advent-Christmas season. We will continue the countdown to the birth of the Christ child!

The Pioneer Clubs kids will be recognized after completing the fall session. We will receive and dedicate the "Loaves and Fishes" offering. The morning message will be "The Virgin's Womb and the Empty Tomb!"

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will have a Christmas workshop (gingerbread) and party from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All in all a great day to be in the house of the Lord! Bring your friends and family with you!

LOAVES AND FISHES!

This coming Sunday, December 5 is "Dedication Sunday" for our Loaves and Fishes offering. Please bring your boxes with you and let the children collect them during the "Children's Message" in morning worship.

Our coins and bills will make a world of difference for the new hot lunch programs in Cambodia and Laos (50%), the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund (25%), and local benevolence needs (25%). Thank you for participating!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Friendship Club invites everyone at least 55 years-old to join them for their Christmas luncheon, Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. at The Copper Cellar, 7316 Kingston Pike (673-3422). No exchange gifts please. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the conclusion of morning worship Sunday, December 12 a congregational meeting will be held to elect three new elders for three-year terms. The Session will place in nomination Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the candidates have previously agreed to serve.

All members of the church are encouraged to vote and to prayerfully support and encourage those who are elected to serve. A service of ordination and installation of the new elders will be held Sunday, January 9, 2011.

SESSION

The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders are encouraged to be present. New elders-elect are also asked to be attend if possible. Session packets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, December 12.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2010!

You can celebrate Advent this year by inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to the following special events and services:

Sunday, December 5, 10:45 a.m.

Pioneer Club Sunday; Dedication of the "Loaves and Fishes" offering;
Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Christmas Party (2-4 p.m.)

Sunday, December 12, 10:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

"Gift to the King" offering (part 1); Christmas Talent Show and Party.

Sunday, December 19, 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Cantata by the Sanctuary Choir; "Gift to the King" offering (part 2).

Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion Service

ANGEL TREE IN NARTHEX!

For those who want to shop for some very urgent local needs there will a very special "Angel Tree" in the narthex starting this Sunday, December 5! Shopping tags with names and needs printed on them have been placed on the tree. Take one or several and return them by Sunday, December 19. Celebrate the reason for the season!

A NEW SANCTUARY IN THE PHILIPPINES!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church sent its first missionaries to the Philippines in 2007, and the church has grown consistently since that humble beginning. The missionaries are Daniel and Kay Jang. Rev. Jang has recruited an effective team of leaders, including one Filipino pastor.

The new congregation numbers nearly 100 in worship and has outgrown its rental space. It is time to buy property and build a sanctuary. The Gift to the King offering for 2010 will be dedicated to construction costs.

First Church will receive the annual Gift to the King offering on Sundays, December 12 and 19. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin. Your dollars will encourage and empower this new congregation to continue their strong witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

~ Pastor Kevin

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Happy Birthday

December

Activities for December 5-11, 2010		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Gingerbread House Building Pioneer Clubs
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	11:00 a.m.	Talent Show Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report for November 28, 2010	
Sunday School.....	48
Worship.....	94
Offering.....	\$3,362.85
Capital Improvements Fund	\$215.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,723.79

MITTEN TREE
Please remember to place Mittens,
Gloves, Scarves, etc. on the tree in the
library in Dec. They will be delivered to
CAM* after Christmas to be distributed
through the schools to children of Ap-
palachia on cold winter days. (*Coalition
of Appalachian Ministries)

The First Cumberland Women's Ministries is
hosting a Make-It-And-
Take-It Gingerbread House
Workshop on Sunday, Decem-
ber 5th from 2-4pm. The
cost is \$2 each & all are
welcome. Refreshments will
be provided. Please RSVP
to either the church of-
fice (588-8581) or email
thetwwalkers@att.net by
December 1st, so we can have sufficient
materials for everyone. Kids are welcome!

**Kian Paul Pipkin was born No-
vember 23 at 1:30 and
weighed 7lb 4oz.! He is the son
of Kevin and Erin Pipkin. The
grandson of Dianne Pipkin and
great-grandson of Dr. J. David
Hester.**
**Congratulations to the parents
and all the family members.**

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE
This Advent-Christmas season we will be continuing a
holiday tradition at First Church.
Began Sunday, November 28 you
can bring your Christmas cards for
the church family and leave them in
the Christmas Post Office box in
the narthex. For a donation of 25
cents each the Pioneer Clubs kids
will sort and deliver them. Please
make your checks to First Church
and designate them “Pioneer Clubs Post Office.” Deadline
for delivery will be Sunday, December 19. For more in-
formation contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

The Outreach Committee will be ac-
cepting donations for **Coats for the
Cold**. There will be different locations
to drop your coats off starting this Sun-
day. We will donate the coats to **Lost
Sheep Ministries**. All sizes are wel-
come. Thank you for your support.

BETTY IS HOME AND SENDS THANKS
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, calls and cards you
sent during my illness. It is wonderful to be home and al-
though a little weak, I expect to regain my strenth and en-
ergy soon. I look forward to returning to church and hug-
ging all of you. Special thanks to Rev. Wood and Dr. Hes-
ter for their visits when I was in the hospital.
Betty Hammill

A CHRISTMAS GIFT
Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help,
healing, and hope to millions of impoverished families
worldwide.
Based in Little Rock AR, in these 65 years more than 12
million families in more than 125 countries have been as-
sisted by gifts of farm animals. This livestock is given to
develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty.
The Gleaners Sunday School Class of our church has
made a Christmas gift of one sheep—to be sent to a family
in Kosovo.
When war came to Kosovo, Ibrahim Gashi lost his entire
flock of 50 sheep. This gift is to help him start over in his
life as a shepherd.
We share this information with you in the hopes that you
will seek ways through this Advent/Christmas season to
help others.
The Gleaners Sunday School Class

This Sunday, December 5 is the last Sunday to bring dona-
tions for Lakeshore. If you need guidance in what to buy,
please call Dianne Fielder 982-6918. Items have to be de-
livered next week.