

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

Don't miss the beautiful beginning of the Advent-Christmas season this coming Sunday, November 28, 10:45 a.m.! The sanctuary will be adorned with evergreens, poinsettias, white lights, the Advent wreath and candles, the "Chrismon trees," and all the timeless symbols representing the coming of the Christ child.

What a wonderful time to invite unchurched family and friends to worship! We will be sending postcards to hundreds of new residents within a one-mile radius of the church inviting them to experience the true meaning of Christmas. Let's pray that they will be ready to hear and respond!

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE OPEN THIS SUNDAY!

This Advent-Christmas season we will be continuing a holiday tradition at First Church. Beginning this coming 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 information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

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.

LOAVES AND FISHES!

We are filling up our collection boxes for the annual "Loaves and Fishes" offering sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Please keep it in a conspicuous place for daily contributions of pocket change and bills until "Dedication Sunday," December 5.

This year's "Loaves and Fishes" offering will be go to the following ministries: 50% to hot lunch programs for poor children in Cambodia and Laos (new CP mission work); 25% to the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund; and 25% for local benevolence needs in the Knoxville area. Give generously!



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, November 28, 10:45 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent including completion of the "Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary and narthex.

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 CHURCH OFFICE!

For those who want to shop for some very urgent local needs there is a family who lost their home by fire and another family whose children need clothes for winter along with some books and toys for Christmas. Stop by the church office beginning this Sunday, November 28 and look for the "Angel Tree" shopping tags with names and needs printed on them. Take one or several and return them by Sunday, December 19. Celebrate the reason for the season!

A NEW SANCTUARY IN THE PHILLIPINES!

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

November

28-Mary Cregger

December

3-Chris Goodrich

3-Carol Seeman

4-JoAnn Ford

4-Andrea Golliher

Activities for November 28-December 4, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Pioneer Clubs

Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 21, 2010

Sunday School..... 38

Worship.....64

Offering.....\$1,925.35

Capital Improvements Fund\$40.00

Expenses paid last week\$10,233.60

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 Appalachia on cold winter days. (*Coalition of Appalachian Ministries)

New Baby Boy

FROM NICK DEAL'S FACEBOOK

William Nathaniel Deal was born at 6:01 pm (November 15) and weighed 7 lbs 15 oz...I am now a proud daddy of two!

Congratulations to both Lisa and Nick!

And let's not forget Anna.

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

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Millie Jones; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal's aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis's niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald's sister); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker's husband); Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); Matthew Crawford (12 year old friend of Phil Bridges' niece Melissa Roach); Melanie Ball; Judy Moore; Jin Gaston; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Daniel and Kay Jang, missionaries in the Philippines suffering with the dengue disease; Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis's); Kayla Rose (Carol Seeman's granddaughter); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson's father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Golliher and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher's mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Golliher and Carol Seeman); Dick Booher; Steven Park; Tom Parrott (Patty Fitzgerald's brother and Cliff's son); Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill; Burnell Bankert (Tom Witmer's step-father); the family of Mr. Hawkins (John Duncan' grandfather).

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.

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The Outreach Committee will be accepting donations for Coats for the Cold. There will be different locations to drop your coats off starting this Sunday. We will donate the coats to Lost Sheep Ministries. All sizes are welcome. Thank you for your support.