

# The Cumberland

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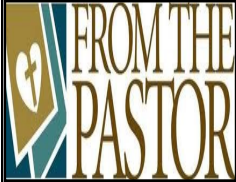
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### Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 16, 2016



I want to thank everyone (we had at least 23 people, including two Boy Scouts) who participated in last Saturday's **Spring Work Day**. Because of your hard work, our grounds look great! If you were not able to participate last Saturday or would like to help some more and have available work/volunteer time between now and **Easter Sunday**, please contact either **Jimmy Curtis**, our Building and Grounds Committee chair (865-382-8947), or **Tom Witmer**, our Office/Building Manager (865-742-9377), and they can help you figure out what task needs to be done that you are able to do.

As the **Season of Lent** is nearing its conclusion, I encourage you to focus, not on what you have given up, but rather, on what God gave up for our salvation—His only Son, Jesus Christ.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,  
*Pastor Mike*

### Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> (This coming Sunday.)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
6:30 p.m.	Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i>
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b>
12:00 noon	Community Worship Service (at Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, 711 S. Northshore Drive; Pastor Mike will be one of the speakers)
Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
8:00 a.m.	SonRise Service (in our Chapel)
8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (in our Gym)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service, with <i>Communion</i>

### Easter Musical

Our **Choir** will present this year's **Easter Musical**, "*Behold the Lamb*", in three parts. The first and longest part will be presented on **Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 20<sup>th</sup> (this coming Sunday); a second part on **Maundy Thursday**, March 24<sup>th</sup>; and the third part on **Easter Sunday**, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and make your plans now to attend each of these special services, and while you are at it, invite a few family members and friends to join you.

### 2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Thank you for your very generous contribution of \$688.00 last Sunday. This brings our total to \$849.00 and with Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church's contribution of \$1,500.00, this brings the grand total to \$2,349.00. Our goal combined is \$4,500.00, and with the anticipated contribution from Church of the Savior United Church of Christ, we are well on our way to meeting our goal. We are still needing people to sign up for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> bagging session—a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the **FISH** bulletin board. If you want to contribute to this campaign, make your check out to the church and mark it for **FISH**. Thank you for your support. May our church be truly blessed as we help to alleviate hunger in our community.— **Betty Hammill**

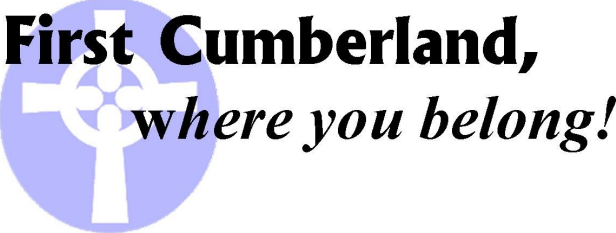
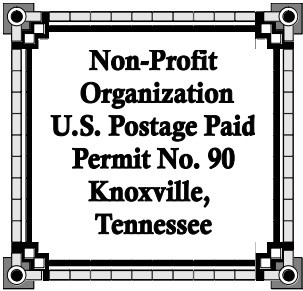
### Youth News


Saturday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> (All Youth need to be at the church by 10:30 a.m. to help hide the eggs for the younger children.)
Saturday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m.	<b>FISH Food Pantry Bagging Session</b> (Following the <b>FISH</b> Bagging Session, the high school youth will hike at Ijams Nature Center; bring a sack lunch.)
Sunday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 12:15 p.m.	<b>Middle School Youth Lunch and Activity</b> (Immediately following our Worship Service, a light lunch will be provided. After lunch, they will help design/create Welcome Kits for our visitors.)

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., we will hold our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for toddlers through fifth-grade children; lunch will be served. This is not merely a children's event; it is for the entire family, and indeed for the entire church family. So come out and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. We are still in need of candy-filled plastic eggs for the hunt; donations may be dropped off in the Church Office.

*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to **worship** Christ, **evangelize** the lost, **love** one another and our neighbor, and **learn** more about our God.*






# Happy Birthday

March 16th-22nd

19th ~ Allen Gwilliams  
19th ~ MariKate Walker  
21st ~ Judy Gammon  
21st ~ Dianne Pipkin



Stewardship Report March 13, 2016	
Sunday School.....	30
Worship Service.....	56
Offering.....	\$8,096.00
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$688.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$250.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for March 16-22, 2016	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club to Cheddars
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service - Palm Sunday
12:15 p.m.	Missions/Outreach Committee
12:15 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	

*Among Our People*

**Dick Booher** remains at his son’s home, in Morristown, recovering from surgery; he is currently undergoing physical therapy on his shoulder, but should return home in early April . . . **Mary Cregger** remains in Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center . . . **Debbie Neal** (daughter of Mildred Acuff) was in Knoxville visiting her mother last weekend . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . **Jean Stapleton** (mother of Elaine Stapleton) has an abdominal aneurysm; her doctors do not think she is healthy enough for surgery at this time . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** will have surgery on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; at that time they will remove and biopsy the apparently benign cyst/mass . . .

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at **Cheddar’s Casual Cafe** located at 8390 Kingston Pike (in front of Bearden High School), at 11:00 a.m.

**Missions and Outreach Committee**

Our **Missions and Outreach Committee** will meet this coming Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, following our Worship Service.

**Christian Education Committee**

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**“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.” — Psalm 31:24, NIV**



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital

Mary Cregger @ Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center

### Health and Prayer Concerns

 (alphabetized)

Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Pat Beeler (friend of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; *Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries*, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); **JUDY GAMMON**; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Beth Hazelwood’s baby (friend of Lisa Hayes); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby Girl (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); **JEWELL KERR**; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); *persecuted Christians around the world*, Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Mary Safewright (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Tom Witmer

*Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.*



**Church’s Website**

The church’s website, [www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

**Quote of the Week**

“If your god never disagrees with you, you might just be worshipping an idealized version of yourself.” —Tim Keller