

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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ADVENT

Advent is the beginning of the *liturgical* year for Christians. (*Liturgical* – from *liturgy*, which means the forms and functions of public worship). The dates of Advent vary each year, but it always contains the four Sundays before Christmas Day. This year Advent began last Sunday, Dec. 2. And our Advent celebration will continue this Sunday morning. Thanks to **Jewell Kerr** for her lighting of the first Advent Candle Sunday. **Mike & Ann Bachman** will light the two candles Sunday.

POINSETTIAS

The beautiful Christmas poinsettias bless the beauty of our sanctuary as we have begun 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. Thank you for your orders thus far. If you still desire to participate in this, call the church office with your order.



BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS

The beautifully decorated sanctuary that you witnessed Sunday was made possible through the efforts of Leigh Ann Summers, Judy Gammon, and Barbara McCammon. Enjoy! And give a word of thanks to these great volunteers!

MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree is awaiting your decorations! Located in the Church Library, this tree will accept mittens/gloves/scarves through Christmas. These items will be taken to the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM) for distribution early next year. Place these items on your shopping list!

GLEANERS' CLASS GIFT

The Gleaners' Sunday School Class (taught by Heath Harper) is honoring the memory of three special friends by donating a Christmas gift of a trio of rabbits through Heifer International. Even families without grazing land can earn a living from wool. Angora rabbits are prized all over the world for their fine wool. Our prayer is that our gift will bless families as we honor the blessings our church family received from Faye O'Neal and Richard and Esther Congdon.

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our sincere sympathies to the family of **Steve Gwilliams**. Steve died suddenly at home Dec. 1. Funeral services were held Tuesday evening, with Pastor Hester and Pastor Kevin Wood presiding. We pray for God's blessings on Judy, Allen, and Stephanie – and all of the extended family in these times of their grief. **Daisy Ware** (Sam's mother) continues under Hospice care at home

Among Our People

... **Mildred Acuff** enjoyed her family over Thanksgiving ... **Mary Cregger** is battling a case of the shingles ... **Richard Booher** had an MRI Monday; will have further treatment on his back Friday ... **Bonnie Holbert** (at age 101) has been in hospital with an infection ...

We need your commitment cards if you have not turned them in. We ask that you bring them this Sunday. Friendship Club will meet Dec. 19 at The Copper Cellar for lunch. Mark your calendar!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – 5:00 p.m.

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Happy Birthday

December

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- 12-Allison Witmer Davis

12-Taylor Ford

13-Susan Shelton

14-Justin Rech
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Activities for December 9–15, 2012

- Sun.,

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service
- Wed.,

6:30 p.m.

Choir
- (See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report December 2, 2012

Sunday School.....	39
Worship.....	60
Offering	\$4,870.11
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.

WEST CIRCLE

Will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec 11 at 11 am in the Keene Room. We will be having a pot luck Christmas lunch as well as a program. We invite the ladies of the Church to join us.



The Happy Birthday, Jesus Party

Thanks to Heather Grubb and Donna Walker for throwing a birthday party for Jesus for the children of the church. Twelve children had fun learning how to and actually decorating their cupcake. We had some real artistic decorations. Fun was had by all.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Bonnie Holbert, Ft. Sanders



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; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); the family of Steve GWilliams.

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

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” this week – and you are invited! Singing in this chorus are J. David Hester, Timothy Hester (son) and Zoe Hester (grand-daughter). After two performances last week-end, the final presentation will be made this Sunday, Dec. 9, 5:00 p.m., at First Christian Church, Fifth & Gay Sts. in Knoxville.

NEEDED

The church is in need of one 4-drawer file cabinets . Please let the office know if you have any.