# The Cumberlander

### Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

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## Holy Night

The Chancel Choir of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

under the direction of Sam and Karen Ware

invite you, your family and friends

to celebrate the miracle of the Christ child this

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ELDERS!**

In a congregational meeting last Sunday Ann Bachman, Sam Ware and Tom Witmer were elected to three-year terms as elders. Please pray for them as they assume office! A service of ordination/installation will be conducted Sunday, January 9 during morning worship. May God bless and empower them as they prepare to serve!

### **OUR CHILDREN INSPIRED US LAST SUNDAY!**

The wintry weather caused the cancelation of the annual Christmas program last Sunday evening but the children of First Church inspired us with handbells and choruses during Sunday morning worship! Special thanks to the children and their directors, Laura Paschke, Julie Rech and Dianne Pipkin for helping us experience the joy and wonder of Christmas all over again!

### YOUR CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY CONTINUES!

Thank you for giving so freely and so often during this Advent-Christmas season!

The "Loaves and Fishes" offering will exceed \$700 when the final count is in! All the "Angel Tree" gifts were claimed and everyone who is purchasing them is reminded to bring them to the Keene Room by this Sunday, December 19. Wrap them in one large box with an identification tag on top.

Several poinsettias and "goodie bags" prepared by the Cornerstone Sunday School class need to be delivered any time through this Sunday. Cover the poinsettias and deliver some Christmas joy to those who will greatly appreciate it!

Coats for the Cold will be collecting all good, used coats of any size until Sunday, January 2, 2011! Bring them to church and place them in the boxes provided. The "Mitten Tree" is still receiving contributions in the library through Sunday, December

### **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 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 in the sanctuary.

### ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP 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.

For those who did not get to participate in the Gift to the King offering last Sunday you will have one more opportunity this Sunday, December 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!

#### PEACE!

The ancient Hebrew prophets proclaimed that the peace the world was seeking would ultimately come through a person! The Messiah would bring "shalom," the peace of God; the peace "that passes all understanding." This peace would be far more than inner peace. It would also mean an end to injustice; all brokenness would be healed; all people would finally learn to love each other; peace would finally flow deep and broad, embracing all of God's creation!

700 years before Jesus was born, the Old Testament prophet Micah said the Messiah would be born on a silent night in an inconspicuous little town called Bethlehem. "He will be the source of our peace," Micah announced.

For those who truly long for "shalom" the peace of God has come. But the revolution of peace that began that first Christmas has to start inside you and me. We are rebels who must learn to lay down our arms and surrender to Christ if we ever hope to

Do you have a longing for peace this Christmas? Are you looking for the "peace-giver" in your own life? Then by faith claim the peace that comes to everyone who receives, knows, and follows the Messiah, Jesus, the Christ! Once you know His peace in your heart, announce it to others! Be an instrument of that peace that will one day consume the world when Jesus, the Messiah, comes again!

Nancy and I wish you God's "shalom" in Jesus, the Christ, this Christmas!

- Pastor Kevin

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Join Us For Worship this Sunday! And bring a friend!





## Happy Birthday



### December

12-Allison Davis

12-Jaylor Ford

13-Susan Shelton

14-Justin Rech

18-Jara Shelley

18-Wendy Goodrich

19-Bernie Migas

19-Kevin Pipkin

22-Jammy Eblen

23-Jaura Paschke

### Activities for December 19-25, 2010

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

10:45 a.m. Worship Service—Cantata

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

Fri., 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

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worship	92
Offering	\$1.454.00
Capital Improvements Fund	
Expenses paid last week	

### **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)

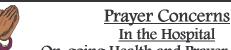
### COATS FOR THE COLD

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.

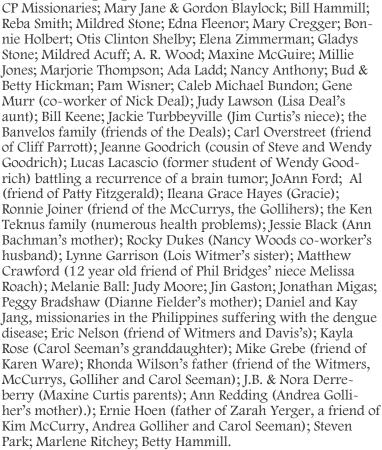


### REBECCAS





On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

### CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE- LAST CALL

This Advent-Christmas season we are 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 information contact Maxine Curtis (357-0441).

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO HAILEY DAVIS**

Hailey finished 2nd All-Around this past weekend at the TN State Gymnastics Championships, scoring a

38.500. Hailey competed at Level 5b. She finished this year's competition with three 1st All-Around and two 2nd All-Around. She has 3 more meets in January and February. Come and see her at Flip Fest January 18 at the Knoxville Convention Center.