

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 19, 2014



While I do not have all the details yet worked out, enough people showed an interest in helping that we will participate in the Rocky Hill Business District's first-ever **Christmas Parade**, on Saturday, December 6th, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. I am still working on securing a trailer or boat or a large truck to serve as a float, but if that does not workout, we will walk as a group and carry a banner displaying the name of our church.

For most of this year, our offerings have met, and even slightly exceeded, what was needed to meet our expenses. As a congregation, you are to be commended for both your faithfulness and your generosity. However, for some reason our giving has been way down the last two weeks. If this trend continues, it could quickly develop into a financial bind. With this in mind, our *Stewardship and Finance Committee* would like to remind us that there are only six more Sundays remaining in 2014. This means that we need to finish strong so that we finish the year in the black financially, thus helping lay a solid foundation for 2015. Both I and our *Committee* have the utmost confidence First Cumberland will once again rise to the challenge.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Thank You Note

My Dear Friends at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
Words cannot express my gratitude for what you have done for me and my family over the last few months. Your prayers of hope, healing, and love for all of us and your cards and notes have kept me going. The love of our God shines in all that you have done for me. Your love has kept me strong through this terrible struggle and the thoughts of coming home to see all again were the light at the end of the tunnel. May God bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Mildred Acuff

Bake / Craft Sale

Our **Ladies' Ministry** will hold their annual **Bake/Craft Sale** this coming Sunday, November 23rd, in the Library. Ladies, please bring you baked items to the Library as early as you can Sunday. If you want to bring your craft items sooner, check with Betty Hammill (865-690-8739). The sale will run from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Youth to help fund their trip to Winter Convocation in Gatlinburg this January. Thank you for your participation—either baking, crafting, or buying.

Loaves and Fishes

We will dedicate our annual **Loaves and Fishes Offering** Sunday, November 30th, during the Worship Service. The boxes for this offering are in the Narthex. This year's offering will help support the Cumberland Presbyterian Children Development Program in the Philippines. This program currently feeds one hundred children once a week. The vision is to expand to feed even more hungry children.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Sunday, November 23rd, our ladies ministry's annual **Bake/Craft Sale**
- ⇒ Sunday, November 30th, dedicate our annual **Loaves and Fishes Offering**
- ⇒ Saturday, December 6th, from 6:00-6:30 p.m., participate in the first-ever Rocky Hill Business District's **Christmas Parade**.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 14th, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21st, at 6:00 p.m., our Choir presents the **Christmas cantata**, *Darkness into Light: A Christmas Musical Journey*, by Mary McDonald
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21st, at 7:15 p.m., church-wide **Christmas Party/Finger-food Reception**
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m., annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**
- ⇒ Sunday, January 11th, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to ordain and/or install the *Elder Class of 2017*

*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.*

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Happy Birthday

November
23-Kian Pipkin
28-Mary Cregger

Activities for November 23-29, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Session
Thurs., Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 16, 2014

Sunday School.....48
Worship.....77
Offering\$1761.00
Music Fund.....\$50.00
Building Reimbursement.....\$800.00

Among Our People

It was great having Mildred Acuff back with us last Sunday after a two-month absence . . . It was also good to have Rev. Carlton Harper and his wife, Margaret, visiting with us again last Sunday . . . Becky Rader is still at NHC Fort Sanders for therapy where she is improving significantly . . . B. F. Daniel continues to receive outpatient speech therapy . . . Dick Booher is at Brakebill Nursing Home for rehab following knee replacement . . . Curt Hammill (Betty’s son) had a light heart attack and a stint put in an artery several days ago; he is now at his home in Virginia . . .

Thursday Connection Online Auction

Thursday Connection (one of the two home school groups that meet at First Cumberland) is holding an Online Auction November 8th-22nd. To view the items donated, go to www.32auctions.com/TCAuction2014. They accept Paypal and credit/debit cards payments on the auction site.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you shop at Kroger during the holidays, you can help First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Members and friends of FCPC can register online to take part in the Kroger Community Rewards Program to benefit our church. To do so, simply register online by going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church as the organization you wish to support. Next time you shop, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you see our church’s name there. Contact Kim Halbert at 660-5821 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital
Becky Rader - NHC Fort Sanders
Dick Booher ~ Brakebill

Health and Prayer Concerns

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill’s son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Alice Montgomery; Bud and Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lois Witmer

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

A Few Random Thoughts

“Worry implies that we don’t quite trust that God is big enough, powerful enough, or loving enough to take care of what is happening in our lives.”
—Francis Chan
“Faith is having the courage to let God have control.”
—anonymous quote on Facebook
“The longer the tea bag sits in the cup, the stronger the tea. The more God’s Word saturates our minds, the clearer our grasp on what’s important to Him and the stronger our prayers.”
—Joni Eareckson Toda
“There are three choices in life: give up, give in or give it all you got.”
—anonymous