

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 21, 2012

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Your church wishes for you and your family a *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!* Of course, we give thanks – to God and to others – throughout the year. But we set aside a day a year and specifically observe Thanksgiving.

Robert Rodenmayer reminds us that there are three kinds of giving:

Grudge giving says, I have to;

Duty giving says, I ought to;

Thanksgiving says, I want to.

The first comes from constraint;

The second from a sense of obligation;

The third from a full heart.

Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since the gift without the giver is bare;

Something more happens in duty giving, but there is no song in it.

Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.



### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

This week you have received a letter from the pastor and a commitment card. We ask you to pray about your commitment card; fill it out with your intended giving for 2013, and return it for the worship service on this Sunday, November 25.

I encourage each person, of all ages and capabilities, to prayerfully decide how, when and where you will serve God and the goals of our church. Tithing supports the financial structure and/or a multitude of worthy programs in our church. Also, carefully consider what you can commit to on the time and talent form. This information greatly assists Session members in organizing programs, events and tasks on their to-do lists. You can always decline a request to help or serve, and new opportunities arise that you can consider during the year. (Taken from *The Church Reminder*, Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church).

### THANK YOU!

Our thanks to the three who gave us a "Stewardship Moment" each of the past three Sundays: Maxine Curtis, Dianne Fielder, and Lee Barron. Each was well presented, and helpful to us as we prepare to make a commitment Sunday.

### LOVE LOAF

Thank you for presenting your LOVE LOAF boxes on Sunday! Because counting continues, we will have a financial report for you later.

If you forgot your Love Loaf this past Sunday, bring it this Sunday!

### WE NEED/WANT YOU!

Our church – like most other churches – functions through committees. These meet on occasion, consider their work, and make recommendations to the Session. Session takes those recommendations and builds programs for our church.

You are invited to participate in this vital work by being a part of one of our committees. The committees under which we serve are: Christian Education, Building and Grounds, Stewardship and Finance, Missions and Outreach, Worship, and Human Resources.

Do you feel that you could serve the Lord by being a member of one of these areas of our work? If you would like to explore this, talk with Pastor Hester.

### AMONG OUR PEOPLE

**Bill, Kim & Robyn Halbert** spent Thanksgiving week at Pawley's Island ... **Steve & Kim McCurry** were in Mexico last week ... **Gene & Barbara McCammon** were in Arkansas last week for a quartet convention ... **Betty Hammill** is in Virginia visiting Curt, Brenda and boys this week ... **David Rech**, father of **Justin Rech** recovering in hospital from stroke ...

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# Thanksgiving

## Happy Birthday



**November**  
28-Mary Cregger



### Activities for November 25-December 2, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir  
NEXT Sun., 2:00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report November 18, 2012

Sunday School.....	41
Worship.....	64
Offering .....	\$3,678.25
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.

### THANK YOU

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministries appreciate all who brought and purchased baked goods November 18. A special thank you to Betty Hammill who organized the fundraiser and supplied the knitted dishcloths and scarves. All the proceeds will go to the building and maintenance fund of the church.



### NEEDED

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



### Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Sherry Abercrombie, sister  
of Tammy Eblen

David Rech, father of Justin Rech



### 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 VIET-NAM (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; Tom Witmer, Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen).

*Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email [irstcpc@earthlink.net](mailto:irstcpc@earthlink.net)*



Women  
of Our Church

Join Us For...

### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Women and children, you are invited to join us for a Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2 p.m.! Our special guest is Heather Grubb from The Learning Channel's America's Next Best Baker. She will be sharing her testimony with us and decorating cupcakes with the kids. Please call Donna Walker at 566-7381 **before November 22nd** to RSVP, so Heather will know many cupcakes to bake! Feel free to invite friends.