

The Cumberland

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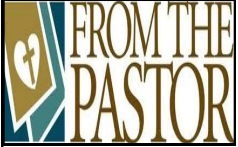
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 16, 2016



I want to thank **Emily DeLozier** for giving our **Stewardship Moment** last Sunday. She did a wonderful job of reminding us that remembering just how big and gracious God is produces trust and faith in our lives, and trust and faith increase our peace, not just our financial peace, but peace in every aspect of our lives. As you know, last Sunday marked the official close of our annual stewardship campaign. To date, 28 *Estimated Giving Cards for 2017* totaling \$132,200.00 in annual giving have been turned in and dedicated to the honor of God. Both of these numbers are less than last year, which initially both surprised and disappointed me; however, according to the one who added up the cards (Remember, I will never know who turned in a card and who did not, nor will I know the amount on any card other than the ones Joanna and I turned in), several families or individuals who normally turn in a card were absent last Sunday, so when the final numbers are in, based on their giving-history, the total of our estimated giving for 2017 is anticipated to be above the 2016 level. That tidbit of information eased my mind and brought peace to my soul. With this in mind, if you have not yet turned in an *Estimated Giving Card for 2017* please either mail it to the Church Office this week or place it in an offering plate next Sunday. If you prefer, you can enter the amount of your estimated giving on the card and turn it in anonymously. Our **Stewardship and Finance Committee** will be meeting this coming Sunday afternoon to finalize next year's budget proposal and our **Session** will meet the following Sunday evening to consider it. Again, unless each family or individual turns in an *Estimated Giving Card for 2017* we simply cannot approve a responsible budget for next year. Thinking about responsible budgets, as of the end of October, our expenses for 2016 have exceeded our income by only \$54.97. This is great news, especially when you add it the fact that we had two significant non-budgeted maintenance expenses earlier this year. Responsible budgeting based on realistic income projections is not just something I recommend for individuals and families, but for the church, as well. Responsible budgeting reduces stress and produces financial peace in our lives; this is true in our own individual life, in the life of our family, and in the life of our congregation.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Our **Ladies' Ministry** is helping the **Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC)** stock their **Holiday Store** by contributing items for this store. Recipients of **VMC** services must earn points by doing service projects in order to "buy" these items. Please keep new bought items in their original packaging; do not wrap any item. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin boards in both hallways. We will be collecting these items through the month of November. **VMC** has delivered a box to put these items in; this box is in the Narthex. We thank you, one and all, for your generous assistance in this important ministry.

Our **Ladies' Ministry's** annual **Bake/Craft Sale** will be held this coming Sunday, November 20th, in the Library. The **Sale** will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude around 12:30 p.m., following our Worship Service. Ladies are asked to help by providing baked goods and craft items for the **Sale**. Thank you for your assistance.

In conjunction with our **Mission and Outreach Committee**, our **Ladies' Ministry** will have two Christmas trees in the Narthex, which will be our "**Mitten Trees**". We will be collecting gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for children in Appalachia through the **Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM)**, located in Townsend, TN. We will be collecting the whole month of December for this ministry. We will have an "**Angel Tree**" in the Library for residents in **Serene Manor Nursing Home**. Details for this ministry will be upcoming in several weeks. Thank you for participating in these ministries which will help to make a brighter Christmas for many in our community.

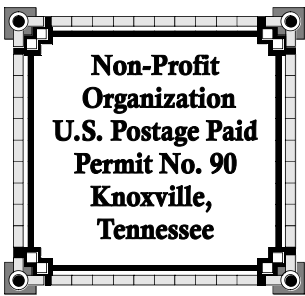
Christmas Gifts Cards for the FISH Hospitality Pantries

Christmas Gift Cards are a wonderful way to honor family and friends and also help to feed hungry families in the Knoxville-area. The **FISH Hospitality Pantries** are walk-in pantries in the northern, eastern, and southern parts of Knox County. Order blanks and the two different sample cards are in our Narthex on the table. You can order the cards and mail them yourselves, or you can send them your names and addresses and they will mail them for you. A family of four can be fed for three days with just a \$5.00 gift. **Jim Wright** is the director of these pantries and he is from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension right around the corner from us on Northshore Drive. If you have any questions call **Betty Hammill** at 690-8739.


Paid Nursery Worker Needed

We have an immediate opening for a paid **Nursery Worker**. The position is for every Sunday, from 9:15 a.m. until approximately 12:15 p.m. following our Worship Service. The pay is \$40.00 per Sunday. If you or someone you know would like to apply for this position contact **Amanda Roberts** (865-382-5344). All applicants must be at least eighteen-years-of-age and pass a background check.


*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.*



First Cumberland,
where you belong!



Happy Birthday
November 16th-22nd
20th - Jim Dyer
20th - Hunter Witmer
21st - Patrick Curtis




Faithfulness Record for November 13, 2016	
Sunday School.....	53
Worship Service.....	71
Offering.....	\$3,991.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$25.00
Amazon Smile.....	\$5.69

Activities for November 16-22, 2016	
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.	Friendship Club
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Stewardship and Finance
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)	


Among Our People
Phil Bridges had oral surgery on Tuesday, November 9th; he is doing well. ~ **Judy Gammon** is now back at her home and continues to recover from her surgery. ~ **Jack Gaston** continues to recover from his recent fall. ~ **Wayne Haddox** (father of Ryan Haddox) had surgery to repair a carotid artery on Wednesday, November 16th. ~ **Jewell Kerr** had a cardiac ablation on Tuesday, November 16th, to treat her atrial fibrillation. ~ It was great having **Lesa Medley** (daughter of Mary Helen Daniel) worshipping with us again last Sunday.

Women of Joy Conference
Joanna Wilkinson invites all the ladies of the church to attend a **Women of Joy Conference** with her. The conference will be held in Pigeon Forge the weekend of April 28th-30th, 2017. Cost for the conference is \$109.00 per person; cost for lodging is \$144.00 (two nights, double occupancy); each lady is responsible for her own meals. A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due by November 30th, with the balance (\$228.00) due by March 30, 2017. Contact **Joanna** at 3girlsmom@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net or 205-533-2001 to confirm your interest in attending and to make your deposit.

Friendship Club
The next Dutch-treat lunch outing of the **Friendship Club** will be Wednesday, November 16th, at **RJ's Courtyard** (3749 Airport Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701), at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join you on these outings.



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital
No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time. PTL!
Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)
Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); **PHIL BRIDGES**; Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**, Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Jack Gaston; Bill Gregory (friend of Greg Beeler); **WAYNE HADDOX** (father of Ryan Haddox); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); **JEWELL KERR**; Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Carl W. Montgomery (nephew of Alice Montgomery); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; **FAMILY OF DON NOFFSINGER**; 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); David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Codde Weaver (son of Elaine Stapleton); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Rose Wilkinson (mother of Pastor Mike and Susan Edwards); Lois Witmer; Theola York (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards)



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

Christian Sympathy
Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the Family of Don Noffsinger (step-father of Jeanne Hughes) who passed away last Saturday, November 12th, in Indiana. Please keep this family, especially Jeanne's sister, Laura Stuteville, in your prayers.

Church's Website
The church's website, www.first-cumberland.org, includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four [Worship Services](#).

Friendship Club, P.M. Edition
The next Dutch-treat dinner outing of the **Friendship Club, P.M. Edition** will be Thursday, December 1st, at **Red Lobster Seafood Restaurant** (8040 Kingston Pike), at 6:30 p.m. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us on these outings.