

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

July 3, 2013

### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

I am an American. That's the way most of us put it, just matter of factly.

They are plain words, those four. You could write them on your thumbnail, or you could sweep them clear across this bright summer sky.

But remember too they are more than words. They are a way of life.

So, whenever you speak them, speak them firmly; speak them proudly; speak them gratefully.

**I am an American!**

### HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

On this Sunday, July 7, we shall celebrate that great Sacrament of our Church, The Lord's Supper – commonly called Holy Communion.

All readers are encouraged to make special effort to be present for this service. For those who are shut-in, Pastor and Elder will come to you Sunday afternoon with the elements to serve you. We ask that you call the church office to schedule a time for the visit.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Search Committee continues to be very active, focused, and prayerful on finding the person God has called to be our next pastor.

We remain energized and committed to the evaluation/interview process, to open/honest discussion from our hearts, and to listen for God's will and direction.

Please join this Search Committee in their prayer for leadership as we move forward in this search process.

### SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECTS

We have a great church facility! It is regularly used by many people. But, church "houses", like our houses, need regular up-keep. Equipment and furnishings must constantly be replaced or updated (remember that we, last year, raised \$190,000 to up-date our HVAC system).

The Building and Grounds Committee and Session have identified areas that are now in need of attention. We list them here for your consideration. Perhaps there are individuals or groups that would be interested in funding one of these needs.

- Gym Kitchen counter door ----- \$1,862.00
- Refrigerator for the gym kitchen – (already committed and purchased)
- Cleaning and waxing all tile floors ----- \$2,695.00
- 7 classrooms/Chapel/Choir room carpet ----- Est. \$10,000  
(room areas vary; from \$800 to \$1500 each)

If any of these projects interest you, contact our building manager, Tom Witmer, for further information.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The monthly meeting of **The Friendship Club** will be next Wednesday, July 10, 11:00 a.m., at the Chop House, 7417 Chapman Highway. All those age 50-up are invited to be a part of this meeting. You name on a list at the office door will be helpful in making reservations.

### AMONG OUR PEOPLE

**Pastor Hester** was in Waverly, TN Friday-Saturday to preside over a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding ceremony; he married **Taylor and Ann Hall** on June 30, 1963 ... **Phil Bridges family** home from vacation at the Outer Banks ... **Jack Gaston** home from hospital and improving ... **Heath Harpers** have returned from vacation in Minneapolis ... We rejoice with **Edna Fleenor** as she celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday June 30! ... **Cooper & Brook Pritchard**, grand-sons of **Larry & Dianne Fielder**, have been here 2 weeks while parents were in France (they were in church Sunday) ... **Mary Kate Walker** home after 3 weeks in Europe with her Milligan College choir ... **John Fitzgerald** recovering from tonsillectomy last Friday ...

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# Happy Birthday

## July

7– Steve Goodrich  
10-Elijah Gwilliams  
12-Jim Curtis  
12-Jack Gaston



### Activities for July 7–13, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
Thurs., 7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance  
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

### Stewardship Report June 30, 2013

Sunday School.....	33
Worship.....	58
Offering .....	\$5,032.72
Building Fund.....	\$120.00
Music.....	\$5.00
Building Usage.....	\$1,210.00

### GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 26 and 27. The sale will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Please start bringing your donated items for the sale to the church. Please contact the office to arrange a time to deliver your items.

If you need help bringing items to church call us and we will arrange to pick up your items.

If you know of anyone who has left over items from a personal garage sale, ask them if they would like to donate those items to the church.

Any items left from estate sales or items from a deceased friend or relative would make good donations to the sale.

We are providing tax receipts for those who want or need one for their taxes.

DO NOT miss this opportunity to help the church.

Sorting, arranging and pricing will begin this Friday, July 5 and will continue every Friday until sale starts. We will need lots of help doing this. Please contact the office if you want to help; CALL—Tom Witmer (742-9377); Maxine Curtis (357-0441) or Jewell Kerr (690-8903), if you can help with these tasks.



### Prayer Concerns In the Hospital



#### On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); 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); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges’ neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); the Search Committee; Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech; Jack Gaston; Sarah Price, (friend of Alice Montgomery); Phil Bridges (job situation).

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

### WORK DAY ITEMS

There are still several items left over from our work day to do. If you are interested in doing some let Tom Witmer know and we will give you the work to do. Some very specific items are:  
Spraying weeds and grass in mulch areas.  
Spreading mulch.  
Preparing area near picnic area for horseshoe pit.  
Cleaning up picnic area.  
Thanking you in advance for your help.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**July 7 – 10:45 a.m.** – Worship with Holy Communion  
**July 8 – 6:00 p.m.** – Christian Education Committee  
**July 10 – 11:00 a.m.** – Friendship Club, Chop House  
**July 11 – 7:00 p.m.** – Stewardship & Finance Committee  
**July 14 – 6:00 p.m.** – Mission & Outreach Committee  
**July 26-27** – Church/Community Garage Sale

### WEST CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 11 o’clock in the Keene Room. Bring a sandwich – drinks and desserts will be provided. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us.