

# The Cumberland

## Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

November 30, 2011

### WELCOME HOME!

Last Sunday Richard Zimmerman joined First Church by transfer of letter from Unity Presbyterian Church of Temple Hills, Maryland. Richard actually grew up in First Church and is "returning home" after many years. Welcome home, Richard! May God bless you as we worship and serve Him together!



### 'NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP' THIS SUNDAY, 6:00 P.M.!

Please join us for the second in our winter series of contemporary worship experiences when "Night of Praise and Worship" continues this Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Live music from our Praise Team, a solid, Biblical message, casual dress, childcare, fellowship, refreshments, and a little Christmas joy! Don't miss it!!!

### LOAVES AND FISHES!

The church is grateful to everyone who participated in the annual Loaves and Fishes offering last Sunday. If you forgot to bring yours, please do so this coming Sunday, December 4. You are welcome to place it on the communion table or stop by the church office before morning worship. 50% will go to Hot Lunch programs in Colombia and Mexico; 25% to the Cumberland Presbyterian World Hunger Fund; and 25% to local benevolence causes.



### ADVENT-CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Christ child including all the symbols, sights, sounds, and sharing of the Good News at First Church during this blessed season!!!

Sunday, December 4, 6:00 P.M.

*Second "Night of Praise and Worship" in the Chapel*

Contemporary worship and some Christmas goodies during fellowship time!

Wednesday, December 7, 12 NOON

*Seniors Christmas Luncheon*

New ministry for 55's plus; good food, fellowship and singing Christmas carols around the piano!

Sunday, December 11, 10:45 A.M.

*Election of Elders; Puppet Presentation; "Gift to the King Offering"*

Saturday, December 17, 3:00 P.M.

*Youth and Children's Christmas Party*

Sunday, December 18, 10:45 A.M.

*Churchwide Christmas Program featuring  
the Choir, Youth and Children*

Sunday, December 18, 3:00 P.M.

*Christmas Caroling and Poinsettia Delivery to the Homebound and Hospitalized*

Make someone's Christmas and sing-a-long with us (if you can't carry a tune, you can carry a poinsettia)!

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 P.M.

*Christmas-Eve Candlelight Communion*

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 A.M.\*

*Christmas Sunday Worship (no Sunday School)*

\*Please note the special time for worship!

### MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

During the Advent-Christmas season you will have several opportunities to give to special mission projects:

FRIENDS OF LAKESHORE—As we have for many years, First Church will participate in providing Christmas gifts for patients at Lakeshore. There is a collection box in the library. Please check the list above the box for special needs. Included are basic toiletries, socks, games, and batteries. Contact person: Dianne Fielder (982-6918). Deadline: this Sunday, December 4!!!

MITTEN TREE--- The Mitten Tree is also taking donations in the library. Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, Bibles, Juice Boxes, and after-school snacks are needed. All gifts will be distributed through Coalition for Appalachian Ministry. Contact person: Dianne Fielder (982-6918). Deadline: Sunday, January 1.

ANGEL TREE---The Angel Tree is located in the church office and includes the names and needs of three families. Please sign in at the desk, then take the card and purchase the requested gifts, returning them to the office no later than Sunday, December 18. Contact person: Kevin Wood (228-0710). Deadline: Sunday, December 18.

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING--- This year's "Gift to the King" offering will go to Cumberland Presbyterian new church development projects in mission locations outside the United States. Offering envelopes will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday, December 11. Please give generously!

~Pastor Kevin

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# Happy Birthday

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Activities for December4-10, 2011		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Night of Praise and Worship
Weds.,	12:00 noon	Seniors Christmas Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	7:30 p.m.	Dance Class
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report for November 27, 2011	
Sunday School.....	47
Worship.....	70
Offering .....	\$3,030.35
Capital Improvements Fund .....	\$70.00

**COOKIE MIX FOR SALE (REDUCED PRICE)**

CPWM is selling cookie mix in the library every Sunday. There are many varieties and all come in a mason jar with instructions on how to make these tasty snacks. The cost of the cookie mix \$3 with all proceeds going to the HVAC Renovation FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Campaign. Help raise funds for the Church and have a great snack at the same time. The mix makes about 3 dozen cookie.

**NEED A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?**

Here is a suggestion. Donate \$5 or increments of \$5 to the Fish Hospitality Pantries. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex for details. Talk to Betty Hammill if you have any questions.

*Family in need of a good used, dependable van! If you know of one or someone who can donate one, please contact the church office (588-8581). Thank you for your assistance!*

**WEST CIRCLE**

Will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11am in the Keene Room. We will be having a lasagna lunch after our program and business meeting. Our Circle is open to all the ladies of the church. Questions – ask Betty Hammill – 690-8739.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT (and Challenge)**

The Gleaners Sunday School Class (taught by Dr. Hester) has again purchased a sheep (through Heifer International) to send to an underprivileged family overseas. This sheep will assist the family - through its wool - to gain income for sustenance. Contact us if you also want to do the same.  
J. David

**Prayer Concerns**

**In the Hospital**

**On-going Health and Prayer Concerns**

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Golliher’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Marlena Live-say, daughter of Sara Woodcox (Pastor’s neighbor); Steve GWilliams; Tom Holbert (Bonnie Holbert’s son, cancer); Ann Jennings (friend of Greg Beeler, terminal cancer); Colonel Bob Long, USAF (retired), cancer and Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friends of Cliff Parrott); Phil Bridges, recovering from heart attack and stent; Andrew Montgomery (cousin of Alice Montgomery) who has cancer.

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

**SESSION MEETING**

The Session meeting for December will be held Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. All elders and newly elected elders are encouraged to attend!

**DECEMBER FRIENDSHIP CLUB!**

The Friendship Club will meet for their Christmas get-together Wednesday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. at the Copper Cellar Restaurant, 7316 Kingston Pike (673-3422). Come bring your friends and enjoy the season with us! Everyone at least 55 years-old has a standing invitation!!!

**Seniors**

We are starting a program for the seniors on December 7. We will meet at 12:00 for lunch to be followed with a meeting to discuss what we want to do going forward. We will end with singing Christmas carols. This is for everyone 55 and older. Mark your calendars. See you there. ~Maxine Curtis

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!**

A congregational meeting to elect three new elders for three year terms will be held at the conclusion of morning worship on Sunday, December 11. At that time the Session will place in nomination Phil Bridges, Dianne Pipkin and Steve Summers.

Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the person has already been contacted and has agreed to serve.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to vote in the election. Those who are elected will be ordained/ installed to the office of elder on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Please be in prayer for the congregation and for those who will serve!