

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 12, 2012

ADVENT

Advent is upon us! This Sunday will be our third Sunday, and the three Advent candles will be lit by James, Laura and Sara Grace Paschke.

Sunday's message centered on Preparation! And that's what Advent is all about. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Join us this Sunday as we move forward in this Advent season.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The music of Christmas is a part of our Christmas celebrations! And that will be true this Sunday as the choir leads us in special Christmas music. You will not want to miss this time of celebration!

MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree is awaiting your decorations! Located in the Church Library, this tree will accept mittens/gloves/scarves through Christmas. These items will be taken to the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM) for distribution early next year. Place these items on your shopping list!

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

Again this year, a Christmas Card box is in the church Narthex. If you wish to bring your Christmas cards and deposit in the box, the youth of the church will deliver them to the people on your card. Contributions for delivery will go to the Youth Fund.

ELDER ELECTION

The annual congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Elders for our church Session was held at the conclusion of last Sunday's service.

By voice vote, the congregation elected the following three new elders: Maxine Curtis, Kim Halbert, Jewell Kerr.

THE RAKING OF LEAVES

When you return to the church campus you will note that the front yard has been raked clean of leaves! Our Boy Scout Troop 20 and our Cub Scout Pack 20, along with parents and scout leaders did this for us this past Sunday afternoon.

Two of our church members are leaders in the Scouting program and they directed the clean-up: Mike Bachman and Steve McCurry. Our thanks to them – and all the people who performed this needed task.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Friendship Club will meet for the December meeting next Wednesday, Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m. at the Copper Cellar on Kingston Pike. It would be helpful, if you plan to attend, for you to sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The church has been hit hard during the last week with deaths. We express sincere sympathy to the following families:

Larry Keene died on Dec. 3. He was the son of Bill and Flora Mae Keene (deceased) and the brother of Deborah Keene Adsit (Huntsville AL).

Daisy Ware died on Dec. 4. She was the mother of Sam Ware (our organist/music director) and the wife of Rev. Carl Ware. She was also the grandmother of Laura Paschke of our congregation and the great-grandmother of Sara Grace Paschke. Funeral services were Dec. 7 at Bookwalter United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Connor died on Dec. 4 in Paducah KY. She was the sister-in-law of Dr. Hester. That funeral was conducted on Dec. 6; Dr. Hester and son Timothy travelled to Paducah to be present with the family.

Steve GWilliams died on Dec. 1; we noted his death in last week's issue.

May God's blessings abide with these families as they cope with their loss.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP IS AT 5:00 P.M.

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Happy Birthday

December

18-Tara Eblen Shelley
19-Bernie Migas
19-Kevin Pipkin
22-Tammy Eblen



Activities for December 16-22, 2012

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Session
Wed., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club
6:30 p.m. Choir

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report December 9, 2012

Sunday School.....43
Worship.....67
Offering\$3,009.60
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.



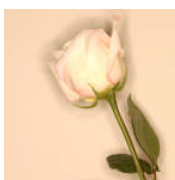
The choir will present favorite an-
them selections of Christmas on Sun-
day morning, Dec. 16, 2012. Please
worship with us as we celebrate this
special time and holy season.

YOUTH POST OFFICE

Bring your Christmas cards to
Church and let the Youth and
Children deliver them. Contribu-
tions are appreciated and will go
the Youth Fund. Thanks You!



Thanks so much for all the
prayers, cards, and visits during
the illness and passing of my
sister.
Tammy Eblen



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital



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 VIETNAM (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; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); the family of Daisy Ware, (Sam Ware's) mother.

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

Year End Giving

There are only **THREE** more Sundays in this month to catch up on you pledges or to give money or items to be able to receive credit for you income taxes. Remember, just because you are not at church, our expenses continue. If you want to support the ministries of this Church, you must provide the financial support, also. To grow in Christ you really do need to attend Sunday School and Church.



Remember this Holiday Season that God does not want our presents; He wants our presence.

Faith will take you farther that you think you can go, keep you so close to God that you will want to stay, and it will cost you everything, but your reward is a relationship with God, Himself!
~ Lori Tumbler