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A Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

July 4, 2007

HONORING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, July 8, 10:45 a.m. we will recognize new members of First Church who joined since January, 2005. Our list includes Jane Carroll, Dick and Esther Congdon, Lisa Deal, Judy and Steve Gwilliams, Melissa Luttrell, Steve and Kim McCurry, Emily and Julia Pierce, Becky Rader, Daniel Sauls, Jack and Jeanine Walker, Dave Wann, Valerie Wann, and Nancy Wood. We will also include anyone who may choose to join during the morning service.

These new members will be special guests of honor at our monthly potluck luncheon in the gym following worship. They will go through the line first and sit at a special head table.

Please join us in expressing gratitude to God for those who have joined His Family the last two years. You are encouraged to plan to stay for lunch and bring plenty of meat, salad, vegetable, and dessert dishes to share!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THE MISSION TRIP!

Because we had such a great first response we are pleased to announce our intentions to hold a VBS for 15-20 homeless children at the KARM Center in downtown Knoxville!

The dates are July 30-August 1, 9:00-11:00 a.m. each day.

Our friend Miriam Seylar and I will be directing the VBS with volunteers from the church. We still have room for more helpers. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, July 15, 12:15 p.m. in the conference room next to my office.

In addition we will be collecting good used/new toys, books, clothes, shoes, and adult-sized backpacks for the children. Please help us collect children's shoes (sizes 1-13), clothes (any size for ages 5-12), toys, books, and backpacks. "Jazzercise" will be joining us in this project. Boxes for donations are located in the gym kitchen and in the narthex. Every contribution is wanted and needed!

God showed us very clearly He wants us to do this. So get on board and do what you can. It's all about loving God and loving people!

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING EVENT!

"Christians in Action," a 37-member interdenominational musical fellowship group, will be our special guests for a concert this Sunday evening, July 8, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The youth choir will present "Voice of Truth." A free-will offering will be received. Make your plans now to bring your family and friends and welcome them for their only performance in East Tennessee!

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Chris Goodrich, son of Steve and Wendy Goodrich, and a member of First Church, will marry Julie Grodrian Saturday, July 21 in Dayton, Ohio.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministries of First Church (CPWM) invites you to join them in putting together a surprise Money Tree for Chris and Julie by this coming Sunday, July 8. The Money Tree will be presented to them during the potluck luncheon in the gym. Bring your contribution to the church office. Thank you!

SUMMER MISSION POSSIBILITIES

Would you take time to pray about the following mission possibility this summer?...

...A work trip to Mexico to help build new homes for the poor along with members of sister CP churches in the Knoxville area. Dates are July 20-28. Cost: \$400.00 per person. Deadline to sign up: July 13. Leader: Rev. Alfonso Marquez, pastor of Mercy Hispanic CP Mission, Lenoir City, TN.

Is God calling you to step out in faith and do something a little different to glorify Him?

GOLF OUTING JULY 29

The crazy golfers are back this summer with a golf outing planned for Ruggles Ferry golf course Sunday, July 29, 2:00 p.m. Get out those clubs and join us. More details later, but you can sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office right away!

BIBLE OLYMPICS AND 'KIC' DATES FOR THE REST OF SUMMER

With so many scheduling conflicts this summer, "Bible Olympics" (grades 1-4) and "Kids in Christ" (grades 5-8) will meet on the following dates:

BIBLE OLYMPICS (Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.): July 3, 10, 17, and 24. Bible Olympic competition (memorization of the 23rd Psalm, Lord's Prayer, and Ten Commandments) will be held Sunday, July 29, 10:45 a.m. during morning worship.

"KIDS IN CHRIST" (Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.): July 11, 18, and 25. "KIC" kids are welcome to join us in working at the VBS for homeless kids July 30-August 1. Everyone working at the VBS will have to sign a waiver with parents signing for anyone under 17.

NEXT YOUTH CONCERT JULY 13

Our ears are almost well so we are going to have another Band Concert for the youth of the church and the community Friday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. in our gym. Bring friends and if you're over 30, don't forget your ear plugs! May God use these monthly concerts to reach many youth for Jesus Christ!

~Pastor Kevin

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July

9~Margaret Lindsay
12~Jack Gaston
13~Clay McDaniel
14~Carol Long



Activities for July 8-14, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Librarian on duty)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Tues.,	7:00 p.m.	Concert-Christians in Action
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Olympics
Wed.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
	10:00 a.m	"KIC"
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Fri.,	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Rock Concert

Stewardship Report for July 1, 2007

Sunday School.....	35
Worship.....	82
Offering.....	\$3,859.25

Year-to-Date (as of July 1 2007)

Offerings received to date:	\$77,921.52
Expenses paid to date:	\$117,623.16

Sunday School Class Update

The Sunday Class being taught by Rev. Bill Ivey will begin a new study July 15th. The title of the study is "Strong Was Her Faith, Women of the New Testament". Everyone not presently attending Sunday School is invited!

KEEP SENDING CARDS FOR BRENDA!

Brenda Burk, Lois Witmer's sister, remains in stable but critical condition and is in for an extended hospital stay. If you would like to offer her your prayers and encouragement, please send cards to Hanover Hospital CCU, Brenda Burk, 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331. God has worked some miracles so far. Let's keep on praying!

July 4th Rearranging

West Circle—normal meeting on July 3rd is postponed to July 10th at which date we will meet in the Keene Room at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Building & Grounds Committee—normal meeting on July 3rd is postponed to July 10th .

All Newsletter articles, events, or announcements should be sent by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to Tom Witmer at firstcpc@earthlink.net or thomaswitmer @Comcast.net or call the church office at 588-8581.

If you would like to receive The Cumberlander via email in PDF format let Tom know.

Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford (broken foot); Marlene Ritchey; Pastors Euripides Morera, Rodrigo Torress and Gilberto Arteaga, and their congregations in Buenaventura, Columbia; Brack Emory; Mary Jane Blaylock; Denominational Center Task Force; Donna Wann (mother of David Wann); Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy (Kim Halbert's mother); Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks (Nancy Wood's mother); JoAnn Ford; Howard Eblen; William Barron (Lee's Father); Nellie Ramold, Edna Fugate, Millie McNeil, Heidi Holton, Fred and Emily Ford, Larry Parker, Rose Gauthler, Carol King, Georgianna Harned, and Michael Blazer (friends of Dorothy Porter); Doug Bailey (friend of the Witmers); Joyce Creasman and Laura Grodian (friends of Wendy Goodrich); Lois Witmer's sister, Brenda Burk and their family; Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman's mother); Barbara Hester; Levi Bailey, Children's Hospital, nephew of Melissa Luttrell.

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes, additions or deletions to our Prayer Concerns list.

Thank You!

Dear Pastor & Members of 1st Cumberland,

I want to Thank you for all the wonderful visits and taking me to see my sister Pollye. We enjoyed the flowers and are enjoying my pair of monkeys. Thanks for being so wonderful to Pollye and I. And your Prayers too.

Many Thanks,
Maxine McGuire

Upcoming Events

Christian Choral Concert Sunday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. Christians in Action is an interdenominational musical fellowship group made up of young people living in Humphreys County, representing several area churches. Founded in 1969, the group has provided both a gathering place for youth during the summer months and an evangelistic thrust using the medium of music. We will be providing them a place to stay over night on Sunday. They will stay at the church. If you would like you may bring snacks for the group for the evening after the concert. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Our second Christian Music Concert is scheduled for Friday, July 13. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. If you want to help staff the concert please let anyone on the Outreach Committee, Steve Summers or the office know. We will need help in the kitchen, door, security and general help. These concerts would appeal to anyone in middle school thru college. Spread the word. This is an opportunity to present Christ to youth and young adults in a media they like and understand.