

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 28, 2007

THANK YOU'S...

...to all those who contributed to and delivered the Thanksgiving boxes which included homemade pies, rolls and relish.

...to everyone who gave to the Loaves and Fishes offering. For those who forgot, please bring your boxes this Sunday, December 2. The offering total will be announced in next week's Cumberlander.

...to everyone who is praying for and working in Upward Basketball this week. The total of children participating in our first year will be announced Sunday morning.

...to those who crafted and baked and bought for the CPWM Craft/Pecan/Bake Sale. The total for women's ministry so far is over \$800.00!

...to everyone who has made a contribution to the Capital Funds Drive for renovation and repair of the roof and HVAC system. The total to date is \$23,820.00!

Our goal by January 31, 2008 is \$50,000.00.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

*"Only one life, twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last!"*

How are you spending the time God has given you? That's a tricky question because we don't know how much time we have left, do we? The famous old quote above helps us focus on using our time for things that matter, spiritual things that make a mark for eternity.

The cup of cold water, the people we have pointed to Christ, the children and grandchildren we have raised in the faith, the money and time we have invested in the Kingdom. Only these things will matter ultimately!

Sunday, December 9 is "Stewardship Commitment Sunday" and you will have an opportunity to offer some of your time for Christ and His Church in the coming year. Will you be available?

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR ADVENT EVENTS!

This Advent-Christmas season we have decided to present all our special programs during the Sunday morning services. We're doing this so you can invite everyone you know who doesn't have a church family. Christmas is one of the best times of the year to welcome people to experience the joy and peace of Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, December 2, 10:45 a.m. First Sunday of Advent. "Hanging of the Greens" during the morning service. Bring visitors to learn all the symbols and experience the greatest story ever told!

Sunday, December 9, 10:45 a.m. Second Sunday in Advent. Children's Christmas program followed by a church wide covered dish luncheon in the gym. Please bring plenty of meats, salads, vegetables, and holiday desserts to share. This Sunday is also "Commitment Sunday" for our stewardship campaign and election of new elders, class of 2008.

Sunday, December 16, 10:45 a.m. Third Sunday in Advent. The choir will present their annual Christmas cantata.

Sunday, December 23, 10:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Morning Message: "Incarnation: God is with Us!"

Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion Service.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS OUTING

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to our annual Christmas gathering Wednesday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Copper Cellar, 7316 Kingston Pike.

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office. Please bring a \$3 Christmas exchange ornament.

'ELDER ON CALL' DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

December 2: Tom Witmer

December 16: Jewell Kerr

December 9: Lee Barron

December 23: Eugene McCammon

UPWARD BASKETBALL ORIENTATION, DECEMBER 5

All those who have volunteered to coach or referee in Upward Basketball this winter are encouraged to attend a one-time orientation/training event Wednesday, December 5. Coaches will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and referees from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The sessions will be led by UB Director Steve Summers. Call him for more information (922-3999).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Parents and children please note: In order to have a complete Christmas program we need all children to join us for the next two Sunday rehearsals during Sunday School and Children's Church. We can't do it without you!

—Wendy Goodrich and Jane Carroll

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR VETS

If you would like to express your love and appreciation to those who have been wounded in the cause of freedom in Iraq, you are invited to send Christmas cards to the following addresses:

Wally Holt

A Recovering American Soldier

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center

6900 Georgia Avenue, NW

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Washington, D. C. 20307-5001

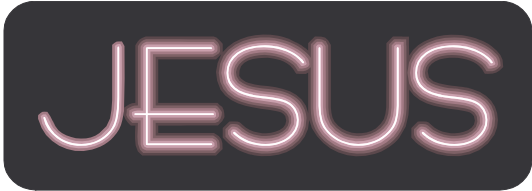
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SECRET MAGI TREE THIS CHRISTMAS

During the first three Sundays of December you and your family will have an opportunity to select the name of a needy child from the "Secret Magi Tree" in the church office and go shopping to fulfill a Christmas wish. The toys should be new and age-appropriate. What a great way to share the love of the Christ-child this season!

If you have the name of someone who should be on the tree please call us (588-8581).

~Pastor Kevin



Happy Birthday



December

3- Chris Goodrich
4- JoAnn Ford
8- Andrew Clark



Activities for December 1-8, 2007

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	CPWM Tea
Tues.,	10:30 a.m.	West Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Meeting / Session & B&G
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 25, 2007

Sunday School.....	59
Worship.....	91
Offering.....	\$4,093.00
Capital Improvements Fund	\$3,150.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$1,323.00
Expenses paid last week	\$2,222.69

Year-to-Date (as of November 25, 2007)

Offerings received to date:.....	\$141,199.92
Expenses paid to date:.....	\$240,578.02
Building / Cap. Improve. Fund.....	\$23,829.00

Keep an eye on the thermometer in the Narthex. Keep up with the our progress of the Building / Capital Improvement Fund Raising Campaign.

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

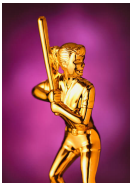
The Building & Grounds Committee will meet with the Session on Tuesday, December 4 in a joint meeting to hear a presentation from Al Bedinger on the HVAC design. After the presentation there will be a question and answer period. Anyone else interested in coming, please let the office know so we will have adequate room. All are welcome.

With the onset of the rain this week, the roof sprung another leak in what was Bill Ivey's old Sunday School classroom. So far the sump pump is working miracles over the Keene Room as no more water has entered the room.

If you have any questions or comments about these projects or other facility needs, please contact any member of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Tom Witmer, James O'Neal, Billy Davis, Barbara McCammon, Dick Congdon or Charlie Franks).

Congratulations!!!!

Congratulations to Lindsay Bridges for signing national letter of intent with Tusculum College to play softball next year. She was recruited as a pitcher and at third base. In addition to softball , she is a standout on the Red Devil volleyball team. Lindsay is a senior at Halls High School. Way to go Lindsay!!!!



Prayer Concerns

In the Military

Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California
Bill Hickman in Iraq, Lee Barron's cousin

In the Hospital

Wally Holt, Walter Reed Military Hospital, Iraq War Veteran

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Ted Ford; Taylor Ford; JoAnn Ford; 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; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Bill & Flora Mae Keene; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nancy Bandermolen; Doug Bailey; Mike Roberts; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Levi Bailey; Lillian Stephens; Neal Denton; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Reba Hauser; Franklin Graham Crusade coming to Knoxville in April, 2008; Lucy and Glen Hesler; Curtis McNabb (Tammy Eblen's father); Lois Witmer; Francis Bogart; Noreen Bogart; David Summers; Barbara Leith; Elena Zimmerman; Allan Smith; Adrienne Murphy; Emma Ruth Cates; Thomas King; Terry Davidson; Peggy O'Neal; Edna Ivey (upcoming surgery); Helen Lane; Gladys Stone; Sam Bivens; Wayne Huskey; Ann McGraw; Matt Lambert; Lea Acuff.

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

CPWM News

Pecans

We have a few 1 pound packages of pecan halves remaining. They will be available in the Library for \$8.00 per bag .Thanks again for your support of the CPWM Bake and Craft Sale.

Christmas Tea

On Sunday, December 2 CPWM will hold their annual Christmas Tea in the Keene Room at 2 P.M. All women of the church are invited. Please bring some of your favorite cookies to be enjoyed by all. For additional information please call, Nancy Wood at 357-9698.

West Circle

will meet on Tuesday December 4th at 10:45 a.m. in the Keene Room. We will have a pot luck luncheon to celebrate the season. We hope all the ladies can attend.

Thank You

To Pastor Kevin & Nancy, Tom & Lois Witmer, Jewell Kerr, Betty Hammill and all Members of 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church,

Please express our Love for all your prayers, your helping, and just being here with us.

We cherish all our members so much in what they say & do for us, and in last but not least just being there for us.

Yours in Christ,
Claudia Lynne Pharaoh
Maxine McGuire