

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

November 26, 2014



I want to begin by wishing each of you a happy Thanksgiving! I pray that you enjoy your family, the food, and the football games, but mostly I pray that you express your thanks to God through a lifestyle of **thanksgiving**—(intentional typo). With this in mind, ponder these three things: 1) We cannot be thankful if we do not trust God; 2) A thankful life is a prayerful life; and 3) When we praise God it unlocks the joy in our life.

All the details are not yet worked out, but we will definitely be participating in the Rocky Hill Business District's first-ever **Christmas Parade**, so I need volunteers to help decorate our float. If you can help, first let me know ahead of time and then be at the church on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The parade is from 6:00-6:30 p.m., but we need to be at the Rocky Hill Elementary School at 5:00 p.m., so if you would like to either ride the float or walk along beside it, meet at the school.

This coming Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, is the *First Sunday of Advent*. *Advent* is the beginning of the liturgical year and is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ. The *Season of Advent* anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah (*Christmas*), and to be alert for His Second Coming. I want to invite you to join me each of the four Sundays of *Advent* as we worship Christ the Savior—Emmanuel—God with us.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Loaves and Fishes

We will dedicate our annual **Loaves and Fishes Offering** this coming Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, during the Worship Service. This year's offering will help support the Cumberland Presbyterian Children Development Program in the Philippines.

### West Circle

The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, a week later than their usual meeting date, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. They will be having a pot luck lunch as well as a program. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

### Election of Elders

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Worship Service, we will have a **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session. At that time, our Session will nominate **Ann Bachman**, **Betty Hammill**, and **Tom Witmer** to serve as the *Elder Class of 2017*. Other nominations can be made from the floor provided the person(s) being nominated meet the biblical and constitutional requirements and they are present to accept the nomination.

### Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, is **Thanksgiving Day**
- ⇒ Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent, dedicate our annual **Loaves and Fishes Offering**
- ⇒ Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. decorate our float; at 6:00-6:30 p.m. participate in the first-ever Rocky Hill Business District's **Christmas Parade**
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., the **West Circle will meet** for a pot luck lunch and program
- ⇒ Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., the **Friendship Club** gathers at Copper Cellar for a Dutch-treat lunch
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., our Choir presents the **Christmas cantata**, *Darkness into Light: A Christmas Musical Journey*, by Mary McDonald
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:15 p.m., church-wide **Christmas Party/Finger-food Reception**
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**
- ⇒ Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to ordain and/or install the *Elder Class of 2017*

*For the glory of God, Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church exists to **worship** Christ, **evangelize** the lost, **love** one another and our neighbor, and **learn** more about our God.*

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Happy Birthday

November

23-Mary Helen Daniel

December

3-Carol Seeman

4-Andrea Golliher

Activities for November 31-December 6, 2014		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat.,	10:00 a.m.	Decorate Parade Float
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Parade
(See web site for complete calendar listings)		

Stewardship Report November 23, 2014	
Sunday School.....	38
Worship.....	59
Offering .....	\$3,521.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$475.00

Among Our People

Becky Rader is still at NHC Fort Sanders for therapy where she is improving significantly . . . B. F. Daniel continues to receive outpatient speech therapy . . . Dick Booher is still at Brakebill Nursing Home for rehab following knee replacement . . .

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you shop at Kroger during the holidays, you can help First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Members and friends of FCPC can register online to take part in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** to benefit our church. To do so, simply register online by going to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church as the organization you wish to support. Next time you shop, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you see our church’s name there. Contact Kim Halbert at 660-5821 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Lay Ministry Corner

We are not called to give out of a sense of duty, but out of a heart of delight for the love and blessings we have received from our Lord!

—Donna Walker

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sincerest Christian sympathy to the family of Laura Ann Taylor Weinand who passed away this past Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Arrangements are; visitation at Rose Mann’s Heritage Chapel from noon until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday; the funeral at 1:00 p.m. in Mann’s chapel; internment to follow at Highland Memorial.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Dick Booher ~ Brakebill

Charlie Pipkin ~ Parkwest Hospital

Becky Rader ~ NHC Fort Sanders

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill’s son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Richard Hines (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder’s aunt); (Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice Montgomery; Bud and Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin’s father); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the family of Laura Taylor Weinand; the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lois Witmer

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

Fish Hospitality Fish Food Pantry Gift Cards

Are you looking for a different Christmas gift this year for your family and friends? You have the opportunity to buy \$5 gift cards that will help feed the hungry in our community. These are sponsored by the Fish Hospitality Pantries, which are walk-in pantries in the northern, eastern, and southern parts of our city. There are order blanks with two different kinds of cards in the Narthex. You can order them or you can go to the Church of the Ascension, right around the corner from our church (on Northshore Drive), and pick them up if time is a problem. Problems or questions—call Betty Hammill at 690-8739.