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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

June 12, 2013

FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we will celebrate Father's Day. All of us can give thanks for our father – or his memory. We have differing memories of our father – but those memories are precious to each of us. Join us Sunday as we observe Father's Day.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will convene next week – June 17-21 – in Murfreesboro TN. Dr. Hester will be in attendance.

This is the highest of our church courts (there are four such church courts: Session, Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly). General Assembly meets annually. Each presbytery elects equal number of ministers and elders to represent us. Last year Pastors Hester and Wood served as Commissioners.

Remember in your prayer these sessions that will be held next week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Last week we had our **Vacation Bible School**. Children, youth, adults met and studied, learned, worshiped, snacked. On Sunday morning we used a portion of our morning worship time to pay tribute to VBS workers and students. The children sang for us, certificates were given to students and workers.

THANK YOU! to all who worked through the days (and the preparation time prior to the week). We received offerings each night. A total of \$244.88 was sent to our Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The monthly meeting of the **Friendship Club** will be this Wednesday, June 12, 11:00 at Litton's in Fountain City. All are invited to join us!

"CHANGE"

"Churches are notorious for being slow to change. Certainly we wish to preserve the essentials of faith, and we should be vigilant against any sort of change that would divert us from biblical truth. "Yet, the fact is, churches do change, and they change rather significantly. The real question isn't whether we are changing or not, but whether we are intentionally changing in the direction the gospel is calling us.

"The gospel calls us to a deepening relationship with God, a widening of our love and compassion for other people, a sacrificial concern for the disadvantaged, a commitment to 'make disciples' among all nations. Perhaps it's worth asking if our changes are moving us in those directions." - Dr. Georges R. Estes

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Jack Gaston returned home from the hospital on June 5 ... Congratulations to Jim & Maxine Curtis on their celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary June 8 ... It was great to see Max Haddox in church Sunday; he is three weeks old Monday; oh, and his mom and Dad, Ryan & Hannah and grandparents Brack & Sheila Emory stood watch as a parade of well-wishers came by for a look-see ... Off to Junior Camp this week is Patrick Curtis ... Patty Fitzgerald & John are gone to Vermont for vacation ... Richard Zimmerman Sr. is in Park West with major problems ...



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June 18-Mildred Stone 22-Kari Summers



Activities for June 16-22, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service Tues., 11:00 a.m. West Circle Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report June 9, 2013

Sunday School	46
Worship	76
Offering	\$2,406.12
Music Fund	
Building Fund	\$35.00

CAMP DATES/INFORMATION

Middle Camp, Sunday-Friday, June 16-21 (Grades 6-8)



High School Camp, Sunday -Friday, June 23-28 (Grades 9-12)

These camps will be held at Camp Chilhowee. Middle and High School camp fees are \$150. Registration infor-

mation is available through Pastor Hester. Signed up for the Middle Camp are Hunter Witmer, Josh Rech, and Chrissy Curtis.

GARAGE SALE

The dates for our Annual Garage Sale have been set. July 26 and 27. The sale will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please begin to collect your items that you want to donate to the church for us to sell. Left over garage/yard sale items. Moving? Not enough room? Bring your extras here. Estate sale items. No item will be turned away.

We are **NOW** taking items for the sale. Please contact the office to arrange a time to deliver your items.

We will need lots of help, sorting, arranging, pricing, working the sale. Please contact the office if you want to

help or call Maxine Curtis, and Jewell

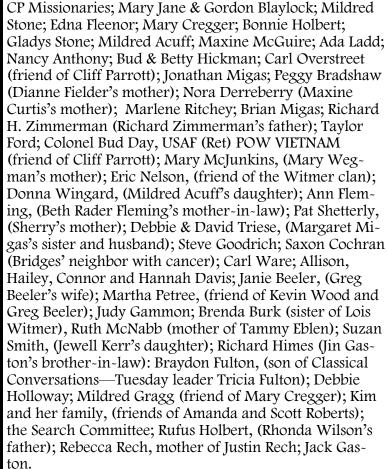
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We have invited all of our facility users to help in this major event.



Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns



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

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Our canceled May meeting was only postponed. We hope to meet sometime this summer when we find a good date. **Stay tuned.**



WORK DAY TASKS

Due to the rain we had on both previous work days, we have scheduled another one for Saturday June 15, at 9am. We will serve a hotdog lunch around 1pm. We would like to accomplish these tasks:

Pull weeds in courtyard flower beds.

Spray weeds and vines.

Clean out brush from around the baseball field fences.

Trim dead branches from trees.

Spray grass in mulch areas.

Clean out gutters.

Trim bushes.

Remove wild growing bushes.

Remove tree stumps.

Cut down maple tree and cut it up.

If you have any free time to do some or part, let us know.