

# The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

March 26, 2014



## FROM THE PASTOR

This past Sunday, I asked those present to reflect on the following statement throughout the remainder of the **Season of Lent**: ***Jesus values those that the world devalues.*** I am now asking those reading this newsletter to join us in this reflection. My position is that this is a life-changing realization for many of us. It will not only change our lives as individual followers of Jesus; I believe it will change our congregational life, as well. This realization will allow us to understand that Christ offers grace to those whom we have long since written off as unredeemable. In other words, no one is beyond the reach of God's grace and salvation. The text for last Sunday's sermon was **John 4:1-42**, which records the story of the Samaritan woman at the well to whom Jesus offered the "living water" of God's redeeming grace. I conclude this article with the words I used to close the sermon: "After her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman's life was changed from one of rejection and shame to one of grace and purpose. The question is: Have our lives been changed by our encounter with Christ? If the answer is 'no', then I challenge you to examine your encounter, because no one can truly drink of the 'living water' that Christ so freely offers and nor be changed."

Grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### Sow Generously for FISH

This is the week that our **FISH** duties begin. **Second Harvest Food Bank** will deliver the food we purchased this coming Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The delivery truck will be at the **FISH Food Panty** between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. I have the names of five people who are able to unload more than 200 cases of food. If there are others who can come at this time, just let me know (690-8739). This Saturday morning, March 29<sup>th</sup>, will be our first bagging session at 9:30 a.m. at the pantry site. We have a good crew who signed up to help on the next three Saturdays—March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and may God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

### Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Ladies of the church, it is time to gather again. We will meet at **Betty Hammill's** house (505 Bardon Road, 37919—maps will be in the Narthex) this coming Sunday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. [*Note the time change from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*] Please use the back entrance as there are no steps that way. We will begin with a meal, and end with a program by **Pastor Mike** and **Joanna** on "The Role of Women in the Church". Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Church Office or contact **Betty Hammill** if you plan to come; this will help with meal preparation. Thank you.

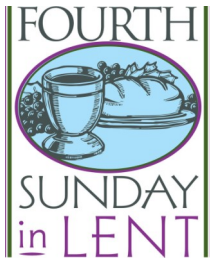
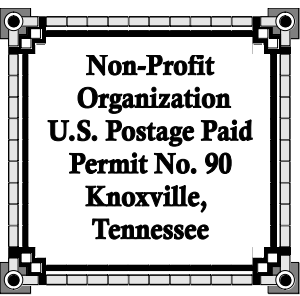
### Surprise Birthday Celebration

This coming Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, is **Mildred Acuff's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday and the ladies of the church want to give her a surprise birthday celebration. [*This announcement will not appear in the newsletter Mildred will receive.*] This celebration will occur at the close of the ladies' meeting to be held at **Betty Hammill's** house. All the ladies attending are asked to bring **Mildred** a birthday card. Then, at the close of the meeting, "Happy Birthday" will be sung and the cards presented to **Mildred**. Anyone—man, woman, teenager, or child—who is unable to attend may give a birthday card to either **Betty Hammill** or **Pastor Mike** and they will be presented to **Mildred** that evening, as well. Remember, this is a secret!

### West Circle

The **West Circle** of our ladies ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

*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.*



# Happy Birthday



## March

30-Mildred Acuff  
31-Taylor Gollhofer



## April

1-Valerie Wann  
2-James O'Neal  
3-Michael Bachman  
5-Elijah O'Neal

## Activities for March 23-29, 2014

|       |            |                   |
|-------|------------|-------------------|
| Sun., | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School     |
|       | 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service   |
|       | 4:00 p.m.  | Handbell Practice |
| Wed., | 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice    |
| Fri., | 9:00 a.m.  | FISH Pantry       |
| Sat., | 9:00 a.m.  | FISH Pantry       |

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

## Stewardship Report March 23, 2014

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday School..... | 50         |
| Worship.....       | 83         |
| Offering .....     | \$2,091.83 |

# Among Our People

**Edna Fleenor** continues in rehab therapy at Tennova (downtown) ... Congratulations to **Amy Pipkin and Jon Huether** on their wedding (in our church) on Saturday afternoon. **Amy** is **Dianne and Paul Pipkin's** oldest daughter and Dr. Hester's granddaughter ... Congratulations to **Hailey Davis** who finished second All Around at Level 8 and made the Tennessee State Level 8 Team that will compete against the other Region 8 teams in Concord, NC, the birthplace of a most famous person, Joanna Wilkinson. The Region 8 meet will held the end of April ...

## Lay Ministry Corner

~ Donna Walker

Lent is a good time to pray. This week - for seven days- we will pray each day. Suggested groups to pray for include:

- Day 1 - World & Community Leaders
- Day 2 - Your Denomination & Leaders
- Day 3 - Friends & Neighbors
- Day 4 - Your Local Church
- Day 5 - Family Members
- Day 6 - Someone You Do Not Know
- Day 7 - Personal Needs or Concerns

We can also praise, thank, repent or ask for strength from God as a good prayer starter. May your relationship with Christ be strengthened this week with renewed emphasis on praying to God each day!

## Prayer Concerns In the Hospital Health and Prayer Concerns



CP Missionaries; Mary Jane and Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Howard Eblen; Mary Cregger; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Carol Seeman; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman's mother); Donna Wingard (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Debbie and David Triese (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler's wife); Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Rebecca Rech (mother of Justin Rech); Jack Gaston; Marie Jobson (friend of the Witmer's); Grace Flory (Lois Witmer's mother); Cliff Parrott; Janet Simcox (lung cancer); Dale Craddo (Scott Robert's uncle); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott); Dick Booher; Becky Rader; Brandon Hargutt; Alice Montgomery; Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister)

*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)*

## Plans for Workday March 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

**Playground Area:** Replace rotted or damaged landscape timbers.  
Rake mulch and dig up or spray unwanted vegetation.  
Repair bench back.

**Picnic Area:** Spread mulch (try to level mulch piles)  
Remove or cut fallen branches.  
Stack firewood.  
Remove broken concrete bench legs.  
(Repair if possible)

**Walkway Area:** Spray unwanted vegetation behind kitchen.

*Please bring any tools you may have available:*

**Rakes, Shovels, Pitchforks, wheelbarrows or lawn carts, chainsaws, Axes, blowers, chemical sprayers,**

**NOTE: Long pants, long sleeves, and gloves are recommended as a precaution against possible exposure to poison ivy.**