The Cumberlander

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 10, 2007

The Crossing

First Church's New Youth Group <u>for Grades 6-12</u> Invites You to

"JUMP TO IT!"

Sunday, October 21, 2007 7610 Maynardville Highway 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Optional transportation will be provided from the church at 4:15 p.m.; picking up at 7:45 p.m.

Bring \$10 for admissions and pizza

For more info on this and future youth group activities contact John and Lindsay Duncan at 300-2226

FALL FUN SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

On Sunday, October 28 the youth and children of First Church will travel to "Jump-to-It" for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and pizza from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Michelle Luttrell and her family own "Jump-to-It" and they have reserved the whole building full of inflatables, games, and food just for us. Toddlers through high schoolers are all welcome!

"Jump-to-It" is located at 7610 Maynardville Highway in Halls. Make your plans now and bring lots of friends who don't have a church!

IN OCTOBER...

- ...FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 & 13; "Unhindered" Women's Conference. For details, call Jana Spicka (363-5262).
- ...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14: "Loaves and Fishes" (formerly Love Loaves) offering for world hunger. Offering dedicated on November 25.
- ...TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16: "The Engaging Church" church growth conference (free for anyone from our church who can attend!)
 - ...WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17: monthly Session meeting.
 - ...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: Rev. Bill Ivey, preaching. Monthly covered dish dinner in the gym.
 - ...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28: "Fall Fun Sunday" for youth and children.

Call the church office for more details (588-8581).

LADIES PLEASE HELP WITH DESSERTS! FOR "UNHINDERED"—A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Calling all women of the church and anyone who makes homemade desserts to assist with cookies, brownies, snack cakes, etc. for the "Unhindered" Women's Conference at First Church this weekend. If you can help, please bring your desserts by the church Thursday or Friday evening before 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Wood (357-1946).

CPWM INSTALLATION THIS SUNDAY

Officers and leaders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry (CPWM) will be installed during the worship service this Sunday, October 14. New officers for 2007-2008 include: Nancy Wood, President, Donna Walker, President-Elect, Faye O'Neal, Secretary, and Diane Fielder, Treasurer and Representative to Church Women United.

CPWM is a ministry of First Church for all women of the church. You are always welcome to join them!

LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

"Loaves and Fishes" offering boxes will be available this Sunday as we begin a seven-week collection of bills and pocket change for the cause of world hunger. 75% of the offering will be distributed by the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions and 25% will go to the Love and Company ministry of First Church. The offering will be received and dedicated Sunday morning November 25. Please give generously!

'ELDERS ON CALL' DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

October 14: Jewell Kerr November 4: James O'Neal November 25: Lois Witmer

October 21: Hugh Morgan November 11: Steve Summers
October 28: Eugene McCammon November 18: Valerie Wann

Each week the "Elder on Call" will assist the pastor in leading worship, visitation of the sick and shut-in, and pastoral care of the church family. Please pray for them in this important ministry!

~Pastor Kevin



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Happy Birthday



October

17—Devin Sprague



Activities for October 13-20, 2007

Sat., 9:00 a.m. "Unhindered" Conference Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., 8:00 a.m. Engaging Church Seminar Wed., 10:00 a.m. Friendship Club Luncheon Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. Session

Thurs., 8:00 a.m. Thursday Connection Classes

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for October 7, 2007

Year-to-Date (as of October 7, 2007)

Offerings received to date: \$117,991.72 Expenses paid to date: \$198,747.64

Update on Building Repairs and Maintenance

We are now soliciting bids for a new roof. The construction package has been sent to 6 roofing contractors. The estimated cost for the new roof to replace the flat roof is \$220,000. Phase #2 of the HVAC project is well under way. We hope to have the proposal in hand by this week. After reviewing it a construction package will be created and submitted to mechanical contractors for bids.

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

Giving Statements

Giving statements for the first 9 months of the year are available in the Narthex. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you have any questions or need yours mailed to you please contact the church office.



Newsletter

Deadline

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 Militers

In the Military
Shane McGhee in Iraq, wife Tamara in California

In the Hospital

Elena Zimmerman, NHC Farragut Pollye Pharaoh, Ft. Sanders Regional Noreen Bogart, Park West

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; Tom Raines; Edna Fleenor; Pollye Pharaoh; Maxine McGuire; Mrs. Don Franks; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jennie Lee Middlemas; Irene Brooks; William Barron; Nellie Ramold; Millie McNeil; Charolette and Frank Disney; Nancy Bandermolen; John Ramsey; Doug Bailey; Joyce Creasman; Brenda Burk; Jonathan Migas; Bernie Migas; Jessie Black; 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; Sabrina Hilton; Eddie Connaster; Marion Biggs; Jimmy Curry; Joey Claber; The "Unhindered Conference" Francis Bogart; David Summers; Barbara Hester; Henry Andrell; Mike Blazer; the family of Betty Sparks.

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

Sunday School News

The Class taught by Rev. Bill Ivey has begun a new study October 7. The discussion will involve selected Bible stories of men of Genesis to Timothy. If you do not presently attend a Sunday School Class, please join them in room 30 at 9:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TRIP

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to travel with us to The Apple Barn Restaurant in Sevierville, Wednesday, October 17 for lunch and fellowship. We will carpool from First Church, leaving by 10:00 a.m. Reservations will be made so please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church offices or call 588-8581 by Monday, October 15.

MENTORING MINISTRY AT K.A.R.M.

Many of you will remember the mother's plea for Christian men and women to help mentor the boys and girls who live in the apartments at Knox Area Rescue Ministries. If you are interested in helping, you will need to attend a special one-time training session specifically for members of First Church. Please call Steve McCurry now and share your desire to get involved (690~1601).

