

The Cumberland

Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

6900 Nubbin Ridge, Knoxville, TN 37919 ~ E-mail: firstcpc@earthlink.net ~

(865) 588-8581

Rev. Mike Wilkinson ~ Pastor

Website: www.first-cumberland.org

Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

March 12, 2014



FROM THE PASTOR

We are now in the second week of the season of **Lent**. As I wrote last week, **Lent** is a time of preparation for the celebration of **Easter**. Typically, as part of this preparation, believers give up something. I would suggest to you that instead of merely giving up something, our preparation would be greatly aided if we gave up something while simultaneously adding something else in its place. Let me make a few suggestions: 1) We could give up an hour of watching television each day and add an hour of Bible reading and prayer; 2) We could give up eating out one or two meals a week and add giving the value of those meals to the FISH Food Pantry to help the hungry in our community; 3) We could give up negativity toward someone with which our relationship is strained and add affirming that person and working on restoring that relationship; 4) We could give up social media (Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc.) three days a week and add spending more face to face time with family; 5) We could give up gossip and add sharing the Gospel with our lost family members, friends, coworkers, and classmates; and 6) We could give up our hesitancy and add inviting someone to attend church with us. These are just a few ideals; what we ultimately decide to give up and add for **Lent** is limited only for our imagination and need. I do not know what anyone other than me needs to give up or add to his or her life, but I do know that all of us need to do something, so I encourage you, even though **Lent** is already underway, begin your preparation for **Easter**.

Thanks to the generosity of a couple of donors, a new sound system will soon be installed in the Choir Room and a new mixing board will replace the old one in the Sanctuary's sound system. Like the recently installed carpet in the Choir Room, these things have been needed for quite some time, but the funding simply was not there. I do not know about you, but I find it exciting that God is motivating various people to step forward and help us meet our needs. Notice that I said that "I find it exciting" and not that I find it surprising, for I am never surprised when God meets our needs. I say that because over and over again God has proven Himself to be faithful in all that He has promised.

Grace,

Pastor Mike

Sow Generously for FISH

Thank you for your contribution of \$125.00 last week. This puts our total to \$5,330.00, which is \$330.00 over our projected goal for now. If we need to purchase additional groceries later, I will let you know. Our bagging sessions will be three Saturdays—March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th. This is done at the Pantry site at 9:30 a.m. and usually lasts about an hour. Please sign up on the **FISH** bulletin board in the front hall if you can help on these days. May God bless our church as we sow generously to help feed the hungry in our community.

—Betty Hammill

Friendship Club

The next outing of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, March 19th, at 11:00 a.m. We will meet at **Farmer's Family Restaurant**, 8459 Kingston Pike (next to Party City). Everyone who is reading this announcement is invited to join us. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Ladies of the church, it is time to gather again. I have proposed a meeting at my house Sunday afternoon, March 30th, at 5:00 p.m. We will begin with a meal, and end with a program by Mike and Joanna on "The Role of Women in the Church". Put this date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Church Office if you plan to come. This will help with meal preparation. Thank you.

—Betty Hammill

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.


Knoxville First Cumberland
Presbyterian Church, Inc.
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

SECOND



SUNDAY
in LENT


Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 90
Knoxville,
Tennessee



Happy Birthday

March

14-Susan Edwards
18-J. David Hester
19-Allen Gwilliams
19-MariKate Walker
21-Judy Gammon
21-Dianne Pipkin
22-Amy Fritchard



Activities for March 16-22, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Wed., 11:00 a.m. Friendship Club
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report March 9, 2014


Sunday School.....41
Worship.....88
Offering\$6,794.00
Building Fund.....\$1,127.50

Among Our People

Dick Booher is now at home ... Edna Fleenor has been hospitalized following fall at home; injured ribs ... Larry and Dianne Fielder to Charlottesville, VA over weekend for grandson Brooks' 4th birthday ...the Steve Summers family to Memphis over weekend with Kristi ... Greetings sent to congregation from Norma and Clarence Frye, now living in El Paso; former members here (gone over 15 years) ... Sympathy to family of Carla Hicks Parker in her death last week; she was daughter of former members Jim and Dorothy Hicks (deceased) ... Happy to see Donna Walker's girls, Jessica and MariKate visiting with family at church on Sunday ... Jewell Kerr had many of her family at church on Sunday celebrating her ## birthday ...

There will come a time when you'll say, "I don't have any faith right now. I'm full of doubt." That's when you need your friends to step in and say, "That's OK. We will have faith for you. We will trust God for you in this."

"By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2 NCV). What is the law of Christ? It's this: Love your neighbor as yourself. The Bible commands us to help each other. Every time you help somebody who's going through pain, you are fulfilling the law of Christ. Trying to handle your trouble yourself will only make you more tired and stressed out. You need to accept the help of others and let your friends carry you through it.




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; Lynn Garrison (Lois Witmer's sister); family of Carla Hicks Parker

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



Lay Ministry Corner

~ Donna Walker

Live Lent ~ Week 2

Lent is a good time to read your Bible every day. As part of Live Lent, this week - for seven days - you should read from the Bible using a version that is easy to read and understand. The suggested passages are:

Day 1 - Mark 1:9-11
Day 2 - Matthew 4:18-22
Day 3 - Luke 10:29-37
Day 4 - Luke 9:10-17
Day 5 - Luke 22:39-46
Day 6 - Mark 11:7-10
Day 7 - Mark 14: 22-24

All these passages are focused on Jesus. I pray we will find these verses edifying and renewing this week.

Congratulations to Kristi Summers.

She was inducted into the UT College of Pharmacy Rho Chi Honor Society and the Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society this past weekend in Memphis.

