

The Cumberland

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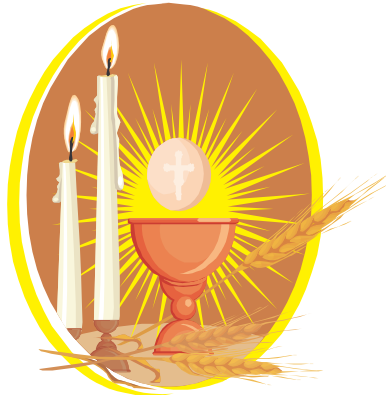
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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 22, 2010



CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

All disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to His Table

Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Come as forgiven sinners to receive the

Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation!

GREAT SERVICE LAST SUNDAY!

The infant baptism of Brooks Ray Pritchard, the lighting of the Advent wreath by William Nathaniel Deal and family, and the outstanding musical presentation, "O Holy Night," by our chancel choir blessed and inspired First Church last Sunday. The presence of many visitors also added to the joy of praising God for the gift of the Christ child.

Special thanks to everyone who helped lead us in worship!

THE THREE GIFTS

In our Christmas rush we may need to slow down long enough to take a close look at the three gifts offered on that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

GOLD—a gift fit for kings, but especially for the King of kings! The magi honored Jesus as King.

FRANKINCENSE--- in the ancient world an oil touted for its healing, soothing qualities as well as an incense often burned wafting prayers toward heaven. The magi's gift recognized Jesus not only as King but Priest.

MYRRH--- A resin produced by a small, tough, scraggly tree, used often as an embalming ointment for bodies prepared for burial. The magi gave such a strange gift to the infant Jesus, who would become not only King and Priest but Savior by dying for the sins of the whole world. Myrrh was one of the burial spices of Jesus (John 19:39).

King, Priest, and Savior. The first Christmas gifts were prophetic gifts of what Jesus would be and do.

Which gift are you most in need of this Christmas?

Do you need a King to sit on the throne of your life to give direction, meaning, and purpose?

Do you need the healing and intercessory prayer that a Great High Priest can offer?

Do you need a Savior to deliver you from the slavery, addiction and death-sentence of sin?

Jesus Christ is available to you now as all three---King, Priest, and Savior! Seek Him this Christmas!

~ Pastor Kevin

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Sunday!
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Happy Birthday

December

28-Deven Hill

29-Julianna Park

Activities for December 26-January 1, 2010

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service—Cantata

Sat., NEW YEARS DAY

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for December 19, 2010

Sunday School..... 43

Worship.....130

Offering..... \$3,210.36

Capital Improvements Fund\$50.00

Expenses paid last week\$7,404.37

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2011 will be available in the narthex beginning this Sunday, December 26. Please call the church office if you need them mailed (588-8581).

End of the Year Reminder!

You have one more giving Sunday to give money or gifts-in-kind to the church for tax year 2010. Monies given to the church after December 31 will not be credited to the 2010 tax year .

Pledge Cards

If you have not turned you pledge card in for next year, please send or bring into the office before the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

Dear fellow church members,

I want to Thank all of you for the Goodie Bag and the gorgeous big red poinsettia.

It came at the right time. I was remembering Christmas past with parents and sister. I have Jim, Inga and Andrew to fill the void.

You have made my Christmas.

Your Sister in Christ,

Maxine McGuire

GIFT TO THE KING

Our offering to help build a new Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Philippines totaled \$274.00. Together with other CP’s around the world we will help raise the \$100,000 needed to construct a sanctuary for this vital, growing congregation! Thank you for your gifts!

Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

Lynne Garrison (Lois Witmer’s sister), York, PA

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Millie Jones; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Pam Wisner; Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Judy Lawson (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deals); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jeanne Goodrich (cousin of Steve and Wendy Goodrich); Lucas Lacascio (former student of Wendy Goodrich) battling a recurrence of a brain tumor; JoAnn Ford; Al (friend of Patty Fitzgerald); Ileana Grace Hayes (Gracie); Ronnie Joiner (friend of the McCurrys, the Gollihers); the Ken Teknus family (numerous health problems); Jessie Black (Ann Bachman’s mother); Rocky Dukes (Nancy Woods co-worker’s husband); Matthew Crawford (12 year old friend of Phil Bridges’ niece Melissa Roach); Melanie Ball: Judy Moore; Jin Gaston; Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Daniel and Kay Jang, missionaries in the Philippines suffering with the dengue disease; Eric Nelson (friend of Witmers and Davis’s); Kayla Rose (Carol Seeman’s granddaughter); Mike Grebe (friend of Karen Ware); Rhonda Wilson’s father (friend of the Witmers, McCurrys, Gollihier and Carol Seeman); J.B. & Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis parents); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollihier’s mother.); Ernie Hoen (father of Zarah Yerger, a friend of Kim McCurry, Andrea Gollihier and Carol Seeman); Steven Park; Marlene Ritchey; Betty Hammill.

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

“...You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

~ ~ Luke 2: 12 (NIV)

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Sunday, January 9, 2011 we will ordain and install Ann Bachman, Sam Ware, and Tom Witmer to the office of elder for three-year terms. The congregation expresses gratitude to the elders who will rotate off the Session at the end of 2010: Steve Goodrich, Steve McCurry and Dianne Pipkin.

The first Session meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Keene Room. Please remember in prayer those who have fulfilled their term and those who will begin their service to the Lord and His Church!