

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 3, 2014

 **FROM THE PASTOR** Home Health Care of East Tennessee (the company Joanna's sister, Tina Muncey, works for) has donated float decorations (we may need more, so bring what you have; the theme is simply Christmas); Phil Bridges has supplied us with a generator; Jimmy Curtis is making arrangements for a sound system to be on the float; and I have secured us a twelve-foot trailer from U-Haul. To borrow a phrase from the old television show, *The A Team*, "I love it when a plan comes together." I still need volunteers to help decorate our float. If you can help, first let me know ahead of time and then be at the church this Saturday morning, December 6th, at 10:00 a.m. The parade is from 6:00-6:30 p.m., but we need to be at the Rocky Hill Elementary School at 5:00 p.m., so if you would like to either ride the float or walk along beside it, meet at the school. We are one of thirty-one entries in the parade. Perhaps you have seen the parade advertised on television. It looks to be a fun event for our community and a great outreach opportunity for our congregation. We will be playing the soundtrack of our upcoming Christmas musical, *Darkness into Light*, and handing out trifold brochures about First Cumberland that contain invitations to both the musical and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. I can hardly wait to see you there, and of course, to see you again Sunday morning.

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Ladies' Ministry News

- ♦ The **West Circle** of our ladies' ministry will meet Tuesday, December 9th, a week later than their usual meeting date, at 11:00 a.m., in the Keene Room. They will be having a pot luck lunch as well as a program. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.
- ♦ A big thank you to everyone who made our ladies' ministry's annual **Bake/Craft Sale** a huge success. \$435.70 was made, a little more than last year. The proceeds will go to our Youth for their upcoming trip to Convocation.
- ♦ Two **Mitten Trees** are in the Narthex. These trees are for us to hang mittens, gloves, scarves, or hats that will be distributed this Winter by the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries**, near Townson, to families in the area who are in need. We will be collecting these items the month of December.
- ♦ An **Angel Tree** for **Serene Manor Nursing Home** is in the Library. The tree contains the requests of ten residents. Please take and buy for one angel if you would like to participate in this very worthwhile project. More details will follow.

Election of Elders

Sunday, December 14th, at the close of the Worship Service, we will have a **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session. At that time, our Session will nominate **Ann Bachman**, **Betty Hammill**, and **Tom Witmer** to serve as the *Elder Class of 2017*. Other nominations can be made from the floor provided the person(s) being nominated meet the biblical and constitutional requirements and they are present to accept the nomination.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Saturday, December 6th, at 10:00 a.m. decorate our float; at 6:00-6:30 p.m. participate in the first-ever Rocky Hill Business District's **Christmas Parade**
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 9th, at 11:00 a.m., the **West Circle will meet** for a pot luck lunch and program
- ⇒ Sunday, December 14th, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to elect the next class of elders to serve on the Session
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 17th, 11:00 a.m., the **Friendship Club** gathers at Copper Cellar for a Dutch-treat lunch
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21st, at 6:00 p.m., our Choir presents the **Christmas cantata**, *Darkness into Light: A Christmas Musical Journey*, by Mary McDonald
- ⇒ Sunday, December 21st, at 7:15 p.m., church-wide **Christmas Party/Finger-food Reception**
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m., annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**
- ⇒ Sunday, January 11th, at the close of the Worship Service, **Congregational Meeting** to ordain and/or install the *Elder Class of 2017*

*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.*

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Happy Birthday

December

12-Allison Witmer Davis
13-Susan Shelton

Activities for December 7–13, 2014

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Wed., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report November 30, 2014

Sunday School.....38
Worship.....70
Offering\$1,776.00
Memorial Fund.....\$75.00
Music Fund.....\$50.00
Youth Fund.....\$50.00

Among Our People

It was great having the following people worship with us last Sunday: B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel and their daughter and grandson; several members of Lois Witmer’s family from Pennsylvania; and Joe Wingard . . . (Mildred Acuff’s son-in-law from Georgia) . . . Charlie Pipkin (Paul’s father) has returned home from the hospital . . . Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother) will have a sleep study on Wednesday, December 3rd . . . Becky Rader is still at NHC Fort Sanders for therapy where she is improving significantly; she was even able to go to a family member’s house to celebrate Thanksgiving . . . B. F. Daniel will receive outpatient speech therapy until the end of the year . . . Dick Booher is still at Brakebill Nursing Home for rehab following knee replacement . . .

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you shop at Kroger during the holidays, you can help First Cumberland Presbyterian Church! Members and friends of FCPC can register online to take part in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** to benefit our church. To do so, simply register online by going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church as the organization you wish to support. Next time you shop, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure you see our church’s name there. Contact Kim Halbert at 660-5821 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Friendship Club

Members of the **Friendship Club** will gather at the Copper Cellar, on Kingston Pike, for a Dutch-treat lunch on Wednesday, December 17th, 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Church Office.

Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

Dick Booher ~ Brakebill
Becky Rader ~ NHC Fort Sanders

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)

the persecuted Christians around the world; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Jack and Roy Acuff (brothers of a friend of Pastor Mike); Mildred Acuff; Janie Beeler (Greg Beeler’s wife); Preston Beeler (Greg Beeler’s cousin); Charlotte Bird; Gordon Blaylock; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Mary Cregger; B.F. and Mary Helen Daniel; Allison, Hailey, Connor, and Hannah Davis; Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Jim and Cookie Dyer; Edna Fleenor; Grace Flory (Lois Witmer’s mother); Jack and Jin Gaston; Curt Hammill (Betty Hammill’s son); Ruth Heifner (friend of Pastor Mike); Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston’s brother-in-law); Christina and Baby Hinkle (Pastor Mike and Joanna’s daughter is expecting a baby boy on January 18, 2015); Debbie Holloway; Becky Ingle (coworker of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Ada Ladd; Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Maxine McGuire; Mary McJunkins (Mary Wegman’s mother); Ruth McNabb (Tammy Eblen’s mother); Bob Metts; Brian Migas; Jonathan Migas; Mary Anne Moncier (Dianne Fielder’s aunt); (Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (Dianne Fielder’s cousin); Alice Montgomery; Bud and Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (Cliff Parrott’s son); Charlie Pipkin (Paul Pipkin’s father); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; Rebecca Rech (Justin’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Bryan Rogers (Bonnie Bridges’ son); Carol Seeman; Gladys Stone; Jack Walker; Carl Ware (Sam Ware’s father); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); the Whaley family (friends of Kathy Byers); Rose Wilkinson (Pastor Mike’s mother); Tom Williams (friend of Cliff Parrott)

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

Fish Hospitality Fish Food Pantry Gift Cards

Are you looking for a different Christmas gift this year for your family and friends? You have the opportunity to buy \$5.00 gift cards that will help feed the hungry in our community. These are sponsored by the Fish Hospitality Pantries, which are walk-in pantries in the northern, eastern, and southern parts of our city. There are order blanks with two different kinds of cards in the Narthex. You can order them or you can go to the Church of the Ascension, right around the corner from our church (on Northshore Drive), and pick them up if time is a problem. Problems or questions—call Betty Hammill at 690-8739.

Lay Ministry Corner

“The heart of every problem is a problem in the heart.” ~ Warren Wiersbe
—submitted by **Donna Walker**