

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 2, 2009



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2009

Sunday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal in the Gymnasium

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10:45 a.m. Election of New Elders

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program and

Church-wide Christmas Party (please bring your favorite finger foods to share with everyone!)

Sunday, December 20

10:45 a.m. Choral Cantata, "Hope Has Hands!"

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas-eve Candlelight Communion Service

IF YOU FORGOT...

...to bring your "Loaves and Fishes offering, please do so this Sunday, December 6.

...to turn in your Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2010, please place them in the offering plate or bring them by the church office in the next two weeks.

Thank you for giving to the Lord!

ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

On Sunday, December 13, at the close of morning worship, a congregational meeting will be held to elect three new elders. At that time the Session will place in nomination Jim Curtis, Allison Davis, and Dianne Fielder to serve three year terms starting in January, 2010. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the candidate has previously been asked to serve.

All members of the church are asked to pray for and participate in the election of new elders!

VITAL STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS!

\$4,835.00...

...the amount of weekly offerings needed in 2010 to meet the proposed church budget!

\$300.00...

...the amount needed weekly to pay the loan on the new roof and building improvements!

If we are successful each week in 2010, we will be able to maintain all trust and endowment funds at current levels and will not have to withdraw any funds to subsidize the proposed budget!

Please give as God has given to you!

PIONEER CLUB PLANS IN THE COMING WEEKS

We have big plans for all Pioneer Club kids with two special outings during December and January:

Saturday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. Hayride on the church grounds!

Saturday, January 9 (2010), 2:00 p.m. Ice Skating party!

More details in the weeks ahead. Make a list of your friends and invite them all! The winter-spring session of Pioneer Clubs will begin Sunday, January 24, 2010! Congratulations to all the Pioneer Club kids and leaders who completed the fall session in such grand fashion last Sunday with a super sing-a-long and award ceremony during morning worship!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club invites everyone 55 and older to join them for fun and fellowship Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. at The Chop House in Fountain City (4870 Harvest Mill Way, 687-1330). Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

BECOMING CHRISTIANS AND CHURCH MEMBERS

Several children in our church have recently explored what it means to receive Christ and become a member of the church. First, they have to recognize they are sinners in need of a Savior. Then they have to turn from their sins and ask Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord. Then they stand up publically to say they want to follow Him and be part of the family of God called the Church. Next they acknowledge their baptism as a sign of God's mercy and grace. Finally, they promise to be faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church by answering "yes" to the questions of the covenant.

May we all pray for these children and others who are thinking and praying about such life-changing and life-affirming decisions! The church family is ready to welcome you when you are ready! Come as He leads you!

~Pastor Kevin

BENEVOLENCE OPPORTUNITIES


Our church has participated in several different projects over the years that we are planning to do again this year. We want to get started earlier this year, so you may choose how you personally want to participate. If you give cash, you need to budget, and if you plan to give items, shopping early will give you the opportunity to look for bargains. **FRIENDS OF LAKESHORE** due Dec 6. **MITTEN TREE (CAM)** will be delivered in January. **FCPC ANGEL TREE** will include needs from our church community and KARM. The requests will start appearing as early as 11/29 and continue to 12/25 to meet the needs of children who do not qualify for other programs as their situation changed in December. When attending church on Sundays, check the bulletin boards and library for details. If you cannot attend church, you may participate by sending money to Dianne Fielder who will do the shopping for you for the project you choose. Remember Advent is a great time to extend your celebration of Christmas beyond just one day of observance!

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Happy Birthday



December

8-Andrew Clark
12-Allison Davis
12-Taylor Ford



Activities for December 5–12, 2009		
Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Practice
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.,	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance
Sat.,	5:00 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs—Hay Ride

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report for November 29, 2009

Sunday School.....	52
Worship.....	82
Offering.....	\$2,749.00
Capital Improvements Fund	\$85.00
Memorial/Building Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Expenses paid last week	\$1,921.90

REBECCAS CIRCLE
Mark your Calendar!!

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, for our Christmas Brunch at the Holiday Inn, Cedar Bluff. Remember to bring an ornament for our entertainment.

WEST CIRCLE

has postponed the Pot Luck until December 8th at 11 a.m. Please join us in the Keene Room for delicious food and Christian fellowship. Betty Hammill 690-8739.

Angel Tree


Here's how it works:

1. Pick an angel from the bulletin board across from the library.
2. Write your name and phone number on the sign up sheet beside the number of the angel you took.
3. Purchase the item that is written on the angel.
4. Wrap the item.
5. Place the angel on the OUTSIDE of the package.
6. Put the package in the church office no later than Friday December 18.

Call **Dianne Fielder** if you have any questions.

Children’s Play Practice Schedule

Dec 5—11:00 a.m.; Dec 6—9:30 a.m.; Dec 12—3:30 p.m.; and Dec 13— 9:30 a.m. Contact **Amanda Roberts** if you have any questions.



Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital

Ian Miller (nephew of Lisa Deal’s coworker), St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, brain cancer
Lea Acuff, Brakebill


Byran Scott, Johnston Memorial, Abington, VA (Sherri Hill’s brother)

Russell Witmer, York Hospital, PA (Tom’s dad)

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

Taylor Ford; CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Ileana Grace Hayes; Bill Hammill; Reba Smith; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Priscilla McCoy; Margaret Lindsay; Mary Cregger; Jonathan Migas; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Elena Zimmerman; Gladys Stone; Lea & Mildred Acuff; A. R. Wood; Maxine McGuire; Fred Johnson; Millie Jones; Marlene Ritchey; Marjorie Thompson; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Rex Holt; Bud & Betty Hickman; Irene Marshall; Stephen Park (health and family); Pam Wisner; Bob Moore (father of friend of Allison Davis); Caleb Michael Bundon; Gene Murr (co-worker of Nick Deal); Janie Beeler (friend of Kevin and Nancy Wood); Judy Lawson, (Lisa Deal’s aunt); Bill Keene; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); the Banvelos family (friends of the Deal’s); Hannah Davis; Tina Zandi (Fielder’s next door neighbor); J. David Hester; Jimmy Thompson (Sheila Emory’s brother); Rev. Don Alexander (cancer); Lindsay Bridges; Irene Marshall (Maxine McGuire’s friend); Ethel Bankert (Tom Witmer’s mother); Jackie (Patty Fitzgerald’s sister); Jack Gaston; John Kujawski, (nephew of Esther Congdon); Lisa and Nick Deal; Christina Foote; Claudia Pharaoh; Austin Johnson.

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



Needed...

...a small refrigerator.
...a coffee maker.

If you have one or know of anyone who has these to give away, please call the church office.

If you are in need of something or have something you would like to give away, please let the office know and we will advertise the need to have and to give away in the Cumberlander.

For over **40 years** our congregation has participated in the collection of Christmas gifts for patients at Lakeshore. Yes there are still residents there. Please check the list of needed items posted on the CPWM bulletin board: toilet-ries, games, clothing. There are limitations, so buy only the speci-fied things. Please place them in the box in the library by Sunday December 6. For more information, please contact **Dianne Fielder**.

