

# The Cumberland

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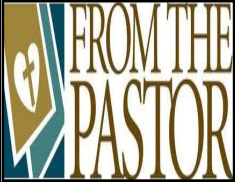
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Our Weekly Newsletter

*"Loving God, Loving People"*

April 6, 2016



Many pastors take a vacation day the Sunday after *Easter* because the worship service is such a come-down from the previous Sunday; generally speaking, the attendance numbers take a nosedive and the excitement level is greatly diminished. Well, while our attendance was significantly lower than on *Easter Sunday*, I thought the spirit of our worship remained high as we sang with enthusiasm, fellowshiped with joy, and participated fully in the worship of the risen Christ; you are to be commended for this. Last Sunday, even more so than *Easter Sunday*, reflects why I continue to be both excited and confident in the future God has planned for First Cumberland. *“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”* [Jeremiah 29:11, NIV]

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

*Pastor Mike*

### 2016 FISH Food Pantry Campaign

Much work was accomplished last week at the **FISH Food Pantry**. 249 cases of food were delivered by Second Harvest on Friday morning. We had a very competent crew to transport these cases into the pantry—which included **Tom, Donna, and Marikate Walker; Pastor Mike Wilkinson; Tom Witmer** (who also brought us a parcel of 500 paper bags from Sam’s); **Jimmy Curtis** (who will be getting bread for us each week); **Steve McCurry; Betty Hammill**; and four workers from the Church of the Savior United Church of Christ. Saturday morning we had another competent crew to fill 144 bags for the shelves in the pantry. This crew included **Tom and Donna Walker; Jessie Walker** and friend **Cameron; Rue Dougherty; Carol Long; Jimmy, Dawn, Chrissy, Justin, Chris, and Patrick Curtis; Ann Bachman; Joanna Wilkinson; Betty Hammill**; and **Mike, Lesa, and Zachary Medley**. (Eli, we missed you!) Our next bagging session is this coming Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., at the pantry site. Our **Youth**, along with others, will be working. Thank you ALL for your work in helping to feed the hungry in our community. This is truly a team effort!—**Betty Hammill**

### Youth News

All our **Youth** will help bag groceries for the **FISH Food Pantry** this coming Saturday morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Following the Bagging Session, our **High School Youth** will hike at Ijams Nature Center; bring a sack lunch.

### Chair Give-away

New tables and chairs for the Gym have been donated to the church. This means that we have several metal chairs to give away; all the folding tables have already been taken. If you would like one or more of the chairs, simply call the Church Office and schedule a pick up time. The chairs will be stored in the hallway next to the Gym until they are gone. The chairs are free to any church member/regular attender who wants them; they are also free to any Cumberland Presbyterian Church that receives this newsletter.

### Homeschool Sunday and Potluck Lunch

We will be holding our first-ever **Homeschool Sunday** this coming Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Various homeschoolers will be participating during the Worship Service, and we will have a **Potluck Lunch** following the service. With our new table and chairs, we now have the capability of seating 160 people for a meal; therefore, the goal is to have at least 160 present that day for the service and lunch. Make you plans now to attend.

### Notes

Dear Church Family,

My sincere thanks for your concern and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I appreciate the visits, calls, and cards as well. Prayers will still be appreciated during this time of getting my blood counts in normal range.

Love in Christ,

**Lois Witmer**

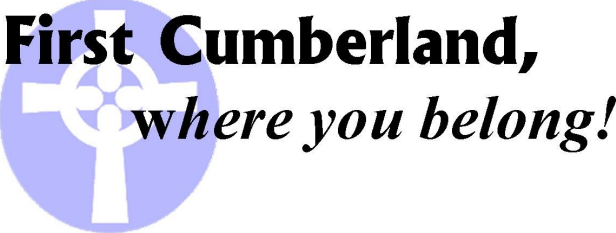
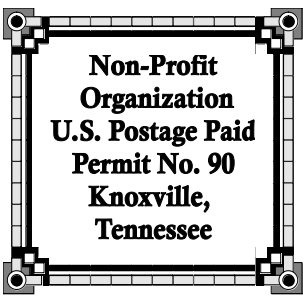
**Mildred Accuf** would like to thank everyone who helped her celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday last week; it helped make her day so very special.


To All,

. . . Mom [**Marlene Richey**] is doing reasonably well. She is physically stable and lately has been communicating more, but still somewhat detached. We have spoken enough for me to understand she is completely aware of all things going on even though she does not always respond. I continue to see that she gets her cards & letters and I know she appreciates hearing from friends back home. . . .

**Bill Ritchey**

*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.*






# Happy Birthday

April 6th-12

11th ~ Karen Ware  
12th ~ Eric Bachman



Stewardship Report April 3, 2016	
Sunday School.....	43
Worship Service.....	79
Offering.....	\$4,023.07
FISH Food Pantry.....	\$27.00
Youth Fund.....	\$50.00
Music Fund.....	\$50.00

Activities for April 6-12, 2016		
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday:	9:30 a.m.	FISH Bagging Session
	10:30 a.m.	High School Youth Hike
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
(See our web site for complete calendar listings)		

*Among Our People*


**Dick Booher** remains at his son’s home, in Morristown, recovering from surgery; he is undergoing additional physical therapy on his shoulder and will not return home until sometime mid-May . . . Though she is home from the hospital, **Mary Cregger** is not doing well . . . **Marlene Ritchey** remains under hospice care in Arizona . . . It was great having **Andrew** and **Misty Ryan** worshiping with us again last Sunday . . . **Kristi Summers** is in Australia on rotation from pharmacy school . . . **Joanna Wilkinson** will have surgery this coming Friday morning, April 8<sup>th</sup>; at that time they will remove and biopsy the apparently benign cyst/mass . . . It was great having **Lois Witmer** back worshiping with us last Sunday; she is battling out of the hospital and back at home . . .

**Kroger Community Rewards**

We received \$161.00 for the last quarter for our participation in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. To date, 17 people have registered and selected our church. If you have not yet done so, please register your Kroger cards and encourage your friends and family to also register their cards. Just go to the **Kroger Community Rewards** website to register and select First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Knoxville as your agency of choice. If you have any questions, let **Kim Halbert** know (865-660-5821) and she will be happy to register for you/ them—you/they just need to have their Kroger card handy so she will know the card number. Thanks so much! This is an easy way to help our church, and it as close to “free money” as we can get.

**Quote of the Week**

“God answers our prayers not because we are good, but because He is good.”—**A.W. Tozer**




## Prayer Concerns

In the Hospital

At this time, no one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital. PLT!

Health and Prayer Concerns (alphabetized)



Mildred Acuff; Preston Beeler (cousin of Greg Beeler); Pat Beeler (friend of Greg Beeler); Charlotte Byrd; Gordon Blaylock; Dick Booher; Kim Boyatt (friend of Susan Edwards); Peggy Bradshaw (mother of Dianne Fielder); Frances Broom (friend of Rose Wilkinson); Greg Brown (caretaker of Mary Cregger); Wanell Brown (friend of Rose Wilkinson); David Clark (coworker of Tom DeLozier); Carol Craven (sister of Lois Witmer); Mary Cregger; **Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries**, Mary Helen Daniel; Sarah DeLozier (daughter of Tom and Emily DeLozier); Mae Denton (friend of Tammy Eblen); Nora Derreberry (mother of Maxine Curtis); Grace Flory (mother of Lois Witmer); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer); Mark Hester; Bud and Betty Hickman (friends of Mary Ann Haney); Christina Hinkle and Baby Girl (daughter of Pastor Mike and Joanna); Bobbie Himes (sister of Jin Gaston); Becky Ingle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Kim Jones (friend of Amanda and Scott Roberts); Jewell Kerr; Sherri Kramer (friend of Joy Taylor); Steve Kusenda (brother-in-law of Margaret Migas); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Gene McCammon; Maxine McGuire; Catherine McKinney; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Brian Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Jonathan Migas (son of Margaret Migas); Georgia Moore (sister of Jewell Kerr); Mary Anne Moncier (aunt of Dianne Fielder); Dewaine Moncier, Jr. (cousin of Dianne Fielder); Alice Montgomery; Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Barbara Mullenax; Cliff Parrott; Tom Parrott (son of Cliff Parrott); **persecuted Christians around the world**; Jan Pipkin (sister-in-law of Dianne Pipkin); David Poore (coworker of Phil Bridges); Anna Faye Presley (niece of Catherine McKinney); Becky Rader; David and Rebecca Rech (parents of Justin Rech); Marlene Ritchey; Jean Stapleton (mother of Elaine Stapleton); Gladys Stone; John Snoderly (brother of Betty Hammill); **JOHN SNODERLY, JR.** (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Charlie Spalding (neighbor of Joy Taylor); Angel Tindell (granddaughter of Catherine McKinney); Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Joni Warner (friend of Jewell Kerr’s sons); Devan Wilhite (friend of Greg Beeler); Joanna Wilkinson; Lois Witmer; Tom Witmer

*Please keep the Church Office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list.*

**Church’s Website**

The church’s website, [www.first-cumberland.org](http://www.first-cumberland.org), includes audio recordings of the sermons from the previous four Worship Services.

**Friendship Club**

The next Dutch-treat lunch of the **Friendship Club** is Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at **S&S Cafeteria** located at 4808 Kingston Pike, at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.