

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

December 19, 2012

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We cannot say enough "thank yous" to the choir for their magnificent rendition of the "Christmas Mosaic" on Sunday morning! "The best sermon I ever heard" was one observation.

We do express special appreciation to Sam and Karen Ware for their musical leadership in this presentation. And a thanks to Amanda Roberts for her excellent narration.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

This Sunday will be Christmas Sunday. We conclude the Advent celebrations as the Bridges family (Phil, Bonnie, Lindsay, Stephanie) light our four Advent candles.

We encourage you to join us for the festive celebration of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas Eve worship service will begin on Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. We encourage you to bring your family and join us.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed, followed by the lighting of our candles as we conclude with candlelight.

This would be a good time to invite others in your family, your friends and neighbors to join you for this once-a-year celebration.

MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree is awaiting your decorations! Located in the Church Library, this tree will accept mittens/gloves/scarves through Christmas. These items will be taken to the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM) for distribution early next year. Place these items on your shopping list!

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

Again this year, a Christmas Card box is in the church Narthex. If you wish to bring your Christmas cards and deposit in the box, the youth of the church will deliver them to the people on your card.

BECOME LIKE CHRIST

"The New Testament talks about Christians 'being born again'; it talks about them 'putting on Christ'; about Christ 'being formed in us'; about our coming to 'have the mind of Christ'.

Put right out of your head the idea that these are only fancy ways of saying that Christians are to read what Christ said and try to carry it out – as a man would read what Plato or Marx said and try to carry it out. They mean something much more than that. They mean that a real Person, Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you. It is not a question of a good man who died two thousand years ago. It is a living Man, still as much a man as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods. Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into 'a new little Christ', a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity."

(C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*)

LOVE LOAF REPORT

Thank you again – for your response to our LOVE LOAF program. We have received \$ 583.49 in total money. This is divided thusly: 50% (\$291.75) to Guatemala clinic; 25% (\$145.87) to Cumberland Presbyterian Mission Ministry Team; 25% (\$145.87) to local hunger programs.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Betty Hammill was in Georgia week-before-last visiting twin brother **John ... John Harvey Smith** has begun radiation treatments ... **Tom & Donna Walker** and girls and **James O'Neal** were in Alabama last week-end visiting Donna and James' grandmother (Faye O'Neal's mother) ... **David Rech**, father of **Justin** is home from the hospital ...

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Happy Birthday

December
23-Laura Paschke
28-Deven Hill

Activities for December 23–29, 2012

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight
Tues.,		CHRISTMAS DAY

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report December 16, 2012	
Sunday School.....	44
Worship.....	84
Offering	\$3,086.59
Capital Improvements Fund	\$25.00

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FISH

Our church has been a part of the area FISH program since its inception. This year, the Fish Hospitality pantries will feed over 11,000 families per month! For \$5.00 or any multiple of \$5.00--you can send holiday wishes to feed hungry families. You may send family and friends FISH Hospitality Pantries Christmas Gift Cards and help end hunger in Knoxville. (\$5.00 will feed a family of four for three days!)

In our Narthex there are brochures that give you directions as to people you are remembering and how to get the money to FISH.

YOUTH POST OFFICE

Bring your Christmas cards to Church and let the Youth and Children deliver them. Contributions are appreciated and will go the Youth Fund. Thanks You!

POINSETTIAS

This Sunday, December 23, after Worship Service you may pickup your poinsettia(s) that you purchased for someone or for a shut-in. We will have cards in the Narthex for you to pickup for all of our shut-is and all the persons that poinsettias were purchased “In Memory of” or “In Honor of”. Thank you for your participation and help in delivering the poinsettias.

**Prayer Concerns
In the Hospital**

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Otis Clinton Shelby; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Jackie Turbbeyville (Jim Curtis’s niece); Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder’s mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis’s mother); Ann Redding (Andrea Gollither’s mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman’s father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret). POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman’s mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff’s daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming’s mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry’s mother, stroke recovery); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas’s sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Debbie Holloway, (friend of Jack and Jin Gaston); Saxon Cochran (Bridges’ neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler’s wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Lynne Garrison (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr’s daughter).

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

Year End Giving

There are only **THREE** more Sundays in this month to catch up on you pledges or to give money or items to be able to receive credit for you income taxes. Remember, just because you are not at church, our expenses continue. If you want to support the ministries of this Church, you must provide the financial support, also. To grow in Christ you really do need to attend Sunday School and Church.

Remember this Holiday Season that God does not want our presents;

He wants our presence.