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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 13, 2020



I want to thank **Sarah Saxton** and **Sam Ware** for the beautiful flute and organ duet last Sunday. Our music is routinely outstanding, but their rendition of "The Gift of Love" was exceptionally moving for me. God has certainly blessed/gifted First Cumberland with an abundance of musical talent. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

The painting contractor began work on the outside of our building Monday morning (October 12th). This extensive project, made possible by the generosity of the Mary Ann Haney estate, will take a little more than a week to complete, weather permitting. Another painting contractor, at the expense of Resurrection Presbyterian Church, began painting our gym and four classrooms Monday morning as well. This project should be completed by the end of the week. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

As you know from last week's email, our annual stewardship campaign, **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**, is underway. Last Sunday, six *Estimated Giving Cards for 2021*, totally \$19,440.00 annually, were received. These cards will be in every bulletin between now and Sunday, November 8th. On that day, we will dedicate our planning giving to the Lord. For those who are not currently attending our worship services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, feel free to cut the *Estimated Giving Card* off the email and mail it to the church marked: Attention Jeannine Rickards; this will ensure that I do not see you card accidentally. I want to once again thank you for the gifts you have given to the Lord to and through First Cumberland this past year; your generosity has been amazing as I expect it to be next year. **"Give Thanks to the Lord!"**

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Special Guests

It was great having **Mindy** and **Gene Landry**, daughter and son-in-law of Jewell Kerr; and **Betty Prince**, friend of Rose Wilkinson; worshipping with us again last Sunday.

Words of Appreciation

A big thank you to all that came out Tuesday evening, October 6th, to help cut back the hedges to give the painting contractor access to all the windows and soffits. Though short notice was given, thirteen volunteers showed up and went to work accomplishing everything that needed done for the painters and even more. These volunteers were **David Aikens**, **Phil Bridges**, **Tom** and **Emily DeLozier**, **Brack Emory**, **Ryan Haddox**, **Bill** and **Kim Halbert**, **Andy Holloway**, **Steve Summers**, **Tom Walker**, and **Pastor Mike** and **Joanna Wilkinson**.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

Due to COVID-19, our ladies' ministry is making adjustments to their annual bake/craft sale they normally have the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year, it will be a **Craft Sale** only. Instead of being held in our Library, the craft items will be on display on tables in the Narthex. Facemasks, dishrags, Christmas items, and other craft items will be sold; so start planning what you can do to contribute to this **Craft Sale**. One more change; instead of being held the Sunday before Thanksgiving; the sale will take place three weeks earlier than usual on Sunday, November 1st.

Church Website

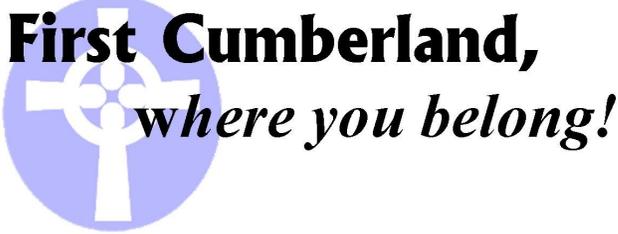
Our website (www.first-cumberland.org) now includes a secure "Donate" tab. Once you hit the word "Donate", a green button marked "Give" will appear; it is not necessary to log in or sign up to make a one-time gift; however, if you wish to use this donation method often, you may wish to sign in and create an account for future use. At this time, you can designate your donation to one of three options: 1) Contribution (general church expenses); 2) Music; or 3) Youth. There is a small transaction fee (2.9% plus \$0.30) for all online donations; the giver has the option of covering that fee when making a gift to the church.



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

October 13th - 19th
 13th - **Dianne Fielder**



Our Faithfulness for October 11th

Sunday School	0
Worship Service	52
Offering	\$3,150.00
Building Reimbursement	\$800.00
Music Fund	\$150.00

Activities for October 13th - 19th

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 All other church activities for the week
 have been canceled until further notice.

(See our website for complete calendar listings)

Among Our People

If **MariKate Abuhelweh**, daughter of Tom and Donna Walker, does not deliver the baby by this Friday, October 16th, the doctor will induce her labor. ~ **Mike Bachman** continues to recover from recent surgery on both knees; he is doing well. ~ **John Givens**, father of Crissy Collins, is still undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma (cancer in the bone marrow). ~ **Hannah Haddox** is scheduled for a C-Section on Monday, October 26th. ~ **Christina** and **Waylon Hinkle**, daughter and son-in-law of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson, have both tested positive for COVID-19. ~ **Mindy Landry**, daughter of Jewell Kerr, will be having surgery on October 23rd. ~ **Steve McCurry** continues to recover from his stroke; he is struggling ~ **Dewayne McNabb**, brother of Tammy Eblen, is doing well following last week's procedure for an aneurism. ~ Congratulations to **Scott** and **Amanda Roberts**; they officially adopted **Gabby** last Friday, October 9th. ~ Four of Amanda Roberts coworkers have tested positive for COVID-19. ~ **Brett Wilson**, grandson of Harry Sherrod, has tested positive for COVID-19.

Knox County COVID-19 Update

According to the Knox County Health Department, as of Sunday, October 11th, Knox County has had 10,885 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 394 of which have required hospitalization at some point during their illness. Throughout the county, 61 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and the total number of deaths has now increased to 86. Of the 10,885 confirmed cases, 10,256 of the patients have fully recovered. There are currently 1,039 active cases in Knox County, up from 952 last week. The 1,039 active cases reported include 496 probable cases, leaving 543 confirmed active cases. As always, this information is given to help you best determine whether it is best for you to venture out to church or elsewhere or to stay at home.

Worship Service Videos

Typically, by Wednesday evening of each week, a video of our previous Sunday's Worship Service will be posted on our website (www.first-cumberland.org), on Facebook, and on YouTube.



Prayer List

In the Hospital

No one connected to First Cumberland is known to be in the hospital at this time.

Prayer Concerns List

MariKate Abuhelweh and unborn baby girl (daughter and granddaughter of Tom and Donna Walker); Mildred Acuff; Mike Bachman; Johnna Beckmann (friend of Harry Sherrod); Pam Bogle (friend of Amanda Roberts); Becky Bonds (friend of Dianne Fielder); Dick Booher; Eleanor Bradshaw (sister-in-law of Dianne Fielder); Richard Bridges and Family (cousin of Phil Bridges); Shelley Bridges and her sister Brenda (friends of Elaine Winter); Cooper Browning (cousin of Hannah Haddox and Amanda Roberts); Corey Burnette (friend of Amanda Roberts); Ann Caudill (friend of Harry Sherrod); Fred and Joan Cline; Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries; Maxine Curtis; **Family of Dave Day** (friend of Harry Sherrod); Rue Dougherty; Ely Driver (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); **Charles** and **Julia Ferillo** (friends of Harry Sherrod); Grace Flory (mother-in-law of Tom Witmer); Judy Gammon; Ed Gaston (son of Jin Gaston); Jin Gaston; John Givens (father of Crissy Collins); Hannah Haddox and unborn baby girl; Kristi Hawn and unborn baby girl; Helen Hayes (cousin of Jin Gaston); **Christina** and **Waylon Hinkle** (daughter and son-in-law of Pastor Mike and Joanna Wilkinson); Rodney Holloman (friend of Pastor Mike); Wanda Holmes (friend of Harry Sherrod); **Nancy Holstead** (friend of Harry Sherrod); Joe and Van Kemp (relatives of Dianne Fielder); Jewell Kerr; Mindy Landry (daughter of Jewell Kerr); Ashleigh Lane (co-worker Susan Edwards); Bob Lawson (friend of Pastor Mike); Holly Lochbaum (friend of Emily DeLozier); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth and Dewayne McNabb (mother and brother of Tammy Eblen); Vickie Miller (friend of Emily DeLozier); Alice Montgomery; Mary Montgomery (cousin of Alice Montgomery); Amy Beth Davidson Morgan; Jackie Morris (cousin of Shelia Emory); Pam and Bob Ogden (friends of Fred and Joan Cline); **Diane** and **Lucille Ogle** (friends of Harry Sherrod); persecuted Christians around the world; Plan of Union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; Jim Place (friend of Jewel Stallions); Homer and Betty Prince (friends of Rose Wilkinson); Mike Prince (friend of Rose Wilkinson) Christopher Reed (great-nephew of Jin Gaston); Bryce Rhodenbaugh (grandson of a friend of Diane Fielder); Lori Roark (sister of Kim McCurry); Michael Schwartz (friend of Susan Edwards); Carol Seeman; Terrie Smith (friend of Debbie Neal); **Harry Sherrod**; Donna Snoderly (sister-in-law of Betty Hammill); John Snoderly, Jr. (nephew of Betty Hammill); Sydney Snoderly (great-niece of Betty Hammill); Donna Stallions (sister-in-law of Jewel Stallions); Millard and Janet Summers (parents of Steve Summers); Margie Thompson (sister-in-law of Shelia Emory); those affected by coronavirus; the racial strife in our nation and the need for justice; Unspoken Requests; Carl Ware (father of Sam Ware); Lee Wells (mother of a coworker of Susan Edwards); Andrea and **Brett Wilson** (daughter and grandson of Harry Sherrod); Tom Witmer



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