

The Cumberland

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Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

October 6, 2020



A friend of mine recently posted the following article on Facebook: "Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may even kick the poor animal away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind. These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Their spirit is broken. These lambs are called "bummer lambs." Unless the shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone. So, do you know what the shepherd does? He takes that rejected little one into his home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to his chest so the bummer can hear his heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock. But that sheep never forgets how the shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the shepherd calls the flock, guess who runs to him first? That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows his voice immediately. It is not that the bummer sheep is loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It's not that it is loved more, it just believes it because it has experienced that love one on one. So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But He [Jesus] is the Good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heart beat. We may be broken, but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd."

Learning the unforced rhythms of grace,

Pastor Mike

Special Guests

It was great having **Curt Hammill**, son of Betty Hammill; **Mindy** and **Gene Landry**, daughter and son-in-law of Jewell Kerr; **Michael** and **Sarah Pass**, friends of Rose Wilkinson; and **Lisa Worley**, friend of Harry Sherrod; all worshipping with us last Sunday.

Volunteers Needed

This is short notice and you may receive this information after the fact; nonetheless, the painting contractor will be here this coming Friday, October 9th, to begin prep work before repainting the exterior of our building next week. We are in need of volunteers to help us cut back the hedges that are close to the widows to give the painters access to these areas. If you can help, the plan is to be here at six o'clock tomorrow evening—Tuesday, October 6th—but feel free to arrive earlier if you can.

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

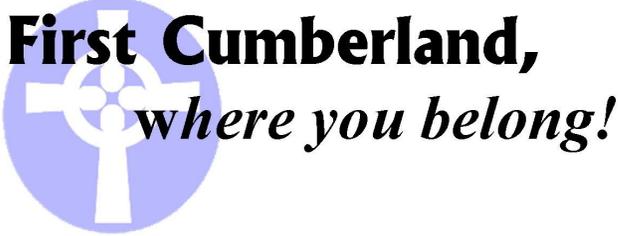
Due to COVID-19, our ladies' ministry is making adjustments to their annual bake/craft sale they normally have the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year, it will be a **Craft Sale** only. Instead of being held in our Library, the craft items will be on display on tables in the Narthex. Facemasks, dishrags, 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.



Happy Birthday

October 1st - 12th

- 1st – **Corey Booker**
- 2nd – **Hailey Davis**
- 6th – **Emily DeLozier**
- 9th – **Sarah Grace Paschke**
- 10th – **Bonnie Bridges**
- 10th – **Donna Walker**



Our Faithfulness for October 4th

Sunday School	0
Worship Service	52
Offering	\$8,875.00
Building Reimbursement	\$749.00
Music Fund	\$50.00
Sound System Improvements	\$2,600.00

Activities for October 6th - 12th

- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. “Hedge Trimming Party”
 - 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

MariKate Abuhelweh daughter of Tom and Donna Walker, is now out of quarantine; her due date is this coming Sunday, October 11th. ~ **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 October 26th. ~ **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, was scheduled to have a procedure for an aneurism on Tuesday, October 6th. ~ Church Office Manager, **Jeannine Rickards** is back in the office.

Knox County COVID-19 Update

According to the Knox County Health Department, as of Sunday, October 4th, Knox County has had 10,169 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 382 of which have required hospitalization at some point during their illness. Throughout the county, 44 patients are currently hospitalized with COVID-19 and the total number of deaths has now increased to 85. Of the 10,169 confirmed cases, 9,573 of the patients have fully recovered. There are currently 952 active cases in Knox County, down from 1,597 last week. The 952 active cases reported include 441 probable cases, leaving 511 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; Rue Dougherty; **Ely Driver** (friend of Dianne Fielder); Mason Fannin (great-nephew of Judy Gwilliams); 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); Rodney Holloman (friend of Pastor Mike); Wanda Holmes (friend of Harry Sherrod); Jane Hubbard (friend of Pastor Mike); mother of Peyton Hubbard (friend of Amanda Roberts); **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); Jeanette and Morgan Lounds (daughter and granddaughter of Harry Sherrod); Barbara and Gene McCammon; Steve McCurry; Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Vickie Miller (friend of Emily DeLozier); Shelly Minton (wife of a coworker of Amanda Roberts); 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); 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); 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 Wilson (daughter of Harry Sherrod); Tom Witmer



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