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Cumberland Presbyterian Church
1410 Golf Club Lane
Clarksville, TN 37040

Return Service Requested



November 25, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	160
Worship	215
Offering	\$5,453.50
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DEC 2:

Liturgist:

Rev. Paula Louder

Ushers:

Sally Allen- Lead Usher
Bill Persinger, Watson Persinger
Frazier Allen, Bella Allen

Acolyte(s):

Laney Sawyer, Mary Claire White

Children's Message:

Punky Goudard

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 2:

1st Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 3:

10:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip- Oakland Manor
(Office closed from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice

Wednesday, December 5:

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters
11:00 a.m. W.W.A.
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal
6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 8:

7:30 a.m. Youth cook breakfast-FLC
9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa
Room in the Inn

Sunday, December 9:

2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunbeam Girls meet following worship
1:00 p.m. Project Linus



NEWS FROM
CLARKSVILLE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1410 GOLF CLUB LANE ~ CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37040

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Senior Pastor: Stephen L. Louder

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

HAPPY AND MERRY OCT, NOV, & DEC

BROTHER STEVE

Each year it becomes more difficult to determine when one holiday ends and the other begins. We are still carrying the Snickers pounds from Halloween, still digesting our Thanksgiving feast and now it is Advent. Our commercial society runs them all together. Halloween candy, Thanksgiving decorations and Christmas finery were all on the shelf by mid October. The "real" Christmas Season begins December 2nd this year and goes through January 6th. Advent marks a new year for Christianity. As adults we find holidays coming quicker each year. The Christmas season begins by asking if our shopping is done, and what is it we want this year for Christmas. We all have expectations for the New Year and wonder if our expectations will be met. Holiday festivities are times we remember traditions and many fond memories fill our minds. In fact much of the specialness is what we remember in our hearts. In my family, my parents looked forward to having all the kids home. Two bedrooms and one bathroom and 17 people can bring some stress but it was an adventure. After all the presents were distributed wrapping paper filled the air and magic words like thanks grandpa and grandma it is just what I wanted. The Shepard family was much more organized and orchestrated. We all dressed up, sang, performed, read the Christmas story and opened presents one at a time. While it

was two diverse celebrations the common ground was memories. Memories are just right, don't need batteries and will not be returned or broken.

Matthew 6:19-21 reminds us **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break through and steal, but store up treasure in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."**

It does not take a great theologian to understand Jesus teaches us to base on lives on things that are of God and eternal. The Advent Season turns our thoughts to the coming of Christ into the world and that He will come again. The gifts we seek and He bestows will not wear out or break. He offers hope, love, joy and peace. The wonderful thing is every gift is custom made. They come in all sizes and are suitable for all tastes and attitudes. So as we eat the last of Thanksgiving leftovers and begin to shift our minds to Christmas celebrations, we need to ensure we make room for the best gift ever, the Son of God. The gift is so wonderful and bountiful that we are encouraged to pass it on. The more we give, the more we receive for we can't out give or out love the Lord. In all of our giving during the season, may we be ever mindful and keep our minds full of God's gift of love to us.

Sunday Schedule:

Fellowship - 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. ~ Worship - 10:30 A.M.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Christina Akin	Walker McCutcheon
Ann Anderson	Vicki and Jim Muzzall
Brian Bell	Russ Parchman
Dee Brock	Mary Lu Persinger
Susie Burchett	Alyce Powers
Mike Carter	Garrison Roberson
Jace Coakley	Jimmy Roberts
Melanie Cobb	Mike Robinson
Amanda Cochran	Kathie Roby
Gary Coplen	Homer Salyer
Joe Creek	Nancy Shamwell's family
Donny Ray Crumb	Linda Shipes
Shannon Dowdy	Chris Sills
Christine Durham	E.G. Sims
Margaret Farmer	Earleen Smith
Charlston Fisher	W.L. Smith
Bobby Frey	Richard Strange
Randi Gibson	Larry Sundstrom
Charlotte Godwin	Marcus Thornhill
Gerald Godwin	Bettye Tidwell
Frank Goudard Jr.'s family	Bob Tidwell
Les Paul Greene	Greg Troupe
Vicki Haesler	Martha Vaughn
Tanya Hammond	Brody Wallace
Teresa Smith-Hite	Kay Watkins
Max Hochstetler	Eileen Weatherford
James Holland	Pam Wilson
Mary Hollis	Jessie Winfield
Terry Holt	Linda Wyatt
Peggy Hunter	Delta Yarbrough missionaries,
Rev. Jerry Jeffords	law enforcement officials,
Judi Jerles	first responders,
Emma Johnson	school staff,
family	our students,
Steve Jones	our youth,
Ken Kirby	our military,
Wes Klein	our nation,
Timothy Logan	our world.
Bobby Mai	
Dave Marr	
Beverly Martin	

Advent Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, November 28th
11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
"Awaiting the Already:
An Advent Journey Through the Gospels"

The Giving Tree

A Christmas tree is in the FLC for everyone to use for donations to Urban Ministries. Please bring the following suggested unused items:

To hang on the tree:

Socks, gloves, hats, scarves

To Place under the tree:

Games, toys, books, coats



All donations will be delivered
Monday, December 17th.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Breakfast with Santa! Join us Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the FLC!

There will be no Worship and Wonder on December 16th (Christmas Cantata) or December 23rd (Christmas Nativity). Children will remain in the Sanctuary with their families.

J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group trip for December will be on **Monday, December 3, 2018** to **Oakland Manor**. The church bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. This is a group favorite! The cost is \$12 which includes the meal, dessert, drink and tip. Please bring exact amount, as giving change may be difficult. The church bus fills up quickly, please call Barbara to reserve your spot (931-647-4956). **The church office will be closed 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming youth service project is planned for December. Be on the look out for announced dates.



Dec. 8th will be breakfast with Santa from 9-10 A.M. and Youth will be coming in at 7:30 A.M. to help cook our breakfast and help out with serving our attendees.

Dec. 19th Wednesday Night will be the annual Youth Christmas Party. Bring a dirty Santa gift not to exceed \$10 and your best Christmas sweater. Location will be TBA

It's that time of year as we prepare for **Grace Convo 2019** where we will worship in Gatlinburg Jan. 18-21. The cost is \$107.50 for youth members and \$215 for friends. Youth will need to turn in forms/money by Dec. 5th.



December 16 is Urban Ministries Sunday.

Items needed for December

Adult Classes:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables

All other classes bring Personal Items*

*Personal Items: Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, etc.

POINSETTIA OFFERING



For the month of December, in lieu of purchasing individual poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent, two poinsettias will be placed in the chancel area in honor and/or in memory of our loved ones. 100% of donations will be given to Loaves and Fishes, Clarksville. A special insert will be included in the December 16th bulletin. Special envelopes are located in the narthex. Deadline is Wednesday, December 12.

SESSION NOTES

- * The Session met on November 25, 2018 at 6 PM for its regular meeting with 13 Elders present. Elder Rodney Lockerman led the devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.
- * The October minutes were approved.
- * The Finance report was presented showing line item budgets were within the 83% amount for the current year. The giving is currently about 5% above the need for funding the current budget.
- * Children's Ministry Team report was presented noting Breakfast with Santa is December 8th at 9 AM.
- * Maintenance Ministry Team report was received. A recommendation was approved to accept the bid from Kirkman Roofing of Elkton, KY to replace the FLC roof which has several leaks. The funding of \$26,980.00 will come from the Capital Funds. The work will begin depending on the weather. The application will require a couple of days of dry and sun.
- * The nominating committee reported their intent to nominate the following for Elders class of 2021: Andy Kettle, Barry Jones, Cresta McGowan, Mike Henderson, and Kim Moyer. The congregation meeting will be January 13, 2019 at 10:30 AM.
- * The meeting adjourned with prayers for the people to meet in regular session on January 27, 2019 at 6 PM. There is no December meeting.

EXPECTING JESUS AND THE AUDIENCE OF LUKE

The season of Advent is upon us and we so often anticipate many things that come with this season and celebration. I wonder if in all our anticipation we are intentional about anticipating Jesus' return?

Jesus' return is a core meaning of our Advent season, and though it doesn't have its own version of a nativity display, it is the cornerstone of Christian hope. This is why I like to think about Luke's audience.

As I do my reading for the youth Advent lesson, I do an essential part of Bible study and sermon preparation, which is to think about the audience that a book of the Bible was written to. In the case of the Gospel of Luke, the audience was living in a time where they were expecting Jesus to return before their very eyes and in their lifetime. In fact Luke 21:32 was probably taken very literally to mean their generation.

Though we live in a time where we know we have yet to see Jesus' return and renewal of the world, we should still be living expectantly. We should consider each day as a preparation for Jesus return and help to establish his kingdom on Earth.

The youth were posed a question on Wednesday night: "How would your life change if you really expected Jesus to return in your lifetime?" The responses were mixed. Some said they would quit worrying about things that were not important to Jesus' coming, some kids said they would be afraid of the way things would change, but no kid said that they would continue on the way they normally do with no changes.

I think if we were honest, very few of us would feel that no changes needed to be made in our lives. That's why the reflective time of Advent is so important in the Christian calendar. The story of Christ's past, present, and future brings about life altering change that doesn't leave us in a place of complacency. While it may not motivate you to grab a bullhorn and a cardboard sign proclaiming that "the end is near", you should engage the teachings of Christ to see where it moves you.

Know that I am right there with you. Christ is moving me in ways that make me uncomfortable. In that lack of comfort, I am hoping to see Him come just a little bit closer each day.

-Taylor-

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped "Deck the Halls" by decorating the Sanctuary and building areas for Christmas. You may notice some new décor this year and we want to give a special thank you to those who donated money, talent and creativity to really make our Christmas décor special. Everything is beautiful!



Servants Needed: Children's Ministry Team is looking to add two members who could faithfully serve at least a three year term to help with the development and planning of all areas of the Children's Ministry at CCPC. This need is open to anyone who feels that they have a heart to serve this area of our church and is not limited to parents of children. For more info please contact Taylor or a current CMT member.

ROOM IN THE INN

Room in the Inn has started. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and those who helped with donations for these men. There are still a couple volunteer opportunities available. Check out the sign up sheets across from the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see John Routzahn. Please continue to pray for this ministry.



Night to Noon 2018 Denominational Thank Offering Loaves & Fishes

Because of your generous giving. We collected a total of \$1,296.36 for the Denominational Thank Offering that will benefit the Child Development Program in the Philippines.

Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Dear church family,

Thanks so much to all of you who volunteered to make the Operation Christmas Child collection week a success. My ferocious and fast packers, my meticulous bookkeepers, my loaders, and marvelous cooks. Special thanks to Brother Steve who loaded practically by himself for the first 6 days. It takes a lot of fine people and hard workers and we still had lots of laughter, teasing and fun. I love my church!



Thank you!
Danny and Delta

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



You may not know, but our church is a P.I.E. Partner (Partner in Education) for Norman Smith Elementary. This is the school we deliver FUEL bags to each week. We have another opportunity to be a blessing.

Norman Smith offers a holiday shop to their students. Students use their 'bear bucks' (earned with good behavior) to purchase Christmas gifts for their parents, siblings, teachers etc from the shop. The school will then wrap the gifts they 'purchase' so they can take them home and put under their tree. We've been asked to donate any new or gently used items we may have just laying around our homes. Anything you would normally donate to Goodwill would be a treasure to these students. **You may bring your donations to the church now through Sunday, Dec. 2.**

2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 flower calendar will be available the first week of December. If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones for a specific Sunday, please sign up for your desired date if available. Please see Jessica if you have any questions.



ADDRESS CHANGE!

Please update your directories:
June Averitt
568 Summit View Circle
Clarksville, TN 37043
Her phone number remains the same.





DECEMBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	3 10:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip Oakland Manor (office closed 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice 	4 9:00 a.m. Preschool	5 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages Grace Convo deadline (Youth) 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6 9:00 a.m. Preschool	7	8 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa-FLC Room in the Inn 
9 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Sunbeam girls meet after Worship 1:00 p.m. Project Linus	10 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice	11 9:00 a.m. Preschool	12 Poinsettia Offering Deadline 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00 a.m. Preschool	14	15
16 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Urban Ministries Sunday 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata (no Worship and Wonder)	17 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice	18 9:00 a.m. Preschool	19 <i>Last W.O.W.</i> 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. W.W.A. 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages Youth Christmas Party-FH 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00 a.m. Preschool	21 <i>1st day of Winter</i> CMCSS Christmas Break (Dec. 21, 2018-Jan. 7, 2019)	22 Room in the Inn
23 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Nativity (no Worship & Wonder) Session does not meet	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 p.m. Christmas Communion Service (not come and go) <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED- CHRISTMAS</div>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters	27 No Preschool	28	29
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					