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NEWS FROM  
**CLARKSVILLE CUMBERLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37040  
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*Interim Senior Pastor: John Routzahn*

December 13, 2020 Report	
Sunday School	43
Worship	76
Facebook	12
YouTube	28
Offering	\$10,860.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,985.00

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 20:**

**Liturgist:**  
Bruce Kilby

**Ushers:**

**Acolyte(s):**  
Rose Brenner, Lily Kettle

**Children's Message:**  
Rev. John Routzahn

**LIVE STREAMING NOW AVAILABLE**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/clarksvillecpc>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCENnfKTdvHOfs\\_6TpfDoMqw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCENnfKTdvHOfs_6TpfDoMqw)

**The Lights of Christmas**

At Christmas, one of my most favorite things is enjoying all the beautiful lights. As far back as I can remember the lights of Christmas always brought a smile to my face. The lights on the Christmas tree; how many of you remember those "gigantic" bulbs we use to screw into the sockets? Perhaps the tree wasn't as bright as it is these days with LED or whatever lights, but it was always beautiful. And if one light went out, it was easy to fix too! Like many of you, cruising through neighborhoods and admiring (ooh...ahh) all the decorated homes is still a standing tradition. When you drive up and down Madison Street, how about the huge CEMC Christmas tree? When Cheryl and I moved into the Beachaven sub-division one of the factors in making that decision was the CEMC Christmas tree. Sounds crazy, but we still consider it "our" Christmas tree! Ha Ha!

The Lights of Christmas are special to me and perhaps they are special to you. Sometimes late in the evening before I go home, I'll just go into the narthex and turn on the Christmas tree and the enclosed stain glass that Andy Kettle built when he was in youth group. The worship committee did another fantastic job in decorating the sanctuary and the candles in the windows remind me of a little chapel in the Catocin Mountains in which I worshipped many years ago. Yes indeed, lights but especially Christmas lights hold a place of endearment in my heart and I know always will. But did you know that there are certain Christmas lights that burn all year? There certainly are, and those lights are you!

As Christians, the Bible says "you are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14). Being that light

we are to shine before all people and give light to everyone in the world. The light we give off is because the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, who lives in us and shines through us into our world. I've seen that light in you over the past 6 years, but more intensely these past 17 months. I've seen it in how you serve our community and our church; both friend and stranger. I've felt the warmth of your light as you have spent time with me and loved my family. How the warmth of your compassion is endless, for when a need or challenge arises you rise up and go beyond to meet those needs and challenges. Light is a type of kinetic energy too, which means that it is always in motion and cannot be contained. Likewise, you too are in motion and it is a heavenly directed motion. You look for ways to serve our LORD in this world, while keeping your eyes on the One who reigns from above.

So during the Advent and Christmastide season as you admire all the beautiful Christmas lights, just remember that besides our LORD Jesus, you are the brightest of all Christmas lights. Burn bright my brothers and sisters; throw light on to the path of this world and lead the world not only into 2021, but out of the darkness. Glory to God in the Highest...and may His peace and good will be unto you. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

With much Christian Love,  
Bro John and the Routzahn Family.  
Amen.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Adams family  
Ann Anderson  
Annie S. Anderson  
Howard Anderson  
Sandy Armstead  
Robert & Elizabeth Bailey  
Alan Beaverson  
Nancy Bennet  
Kelly Bills  
Carson Bogard  
John Bogard  
Christine Bragg-Cummings  
Deanie Brown  
Robert Brown  
Chad Bryant  
Byrd Family  
Debbie & Gary Carlton  
Matthew Celusta  
Jason Chavez Rivas  
Jeane Clark  
Jace Coakley  
Shannon Dowdy  
Misty Duncan  
Terry Ellis  
Margaret Farmer  
Charleston Fisher  
Karl Flanner  
Pam Ford  
Matt & Kathryn Gabell  
Mike Gibson  
Irma Gobleman  
Blaine Godfrey's family  
Betty Jo Griffin  
Jerry Hamilton  
Betty Harris  
Bill Herndon  
Arnold Hodges  
Janet Johnson  
Caitlyn Kaufman's family, friends  
Jack Kennedy  
Pat Kennedy

Bennie Kentner's family  
Colton Key  
Kim Kisner  
Ashley Knight  
Peggy Knight's family  
Sylvia Koch  
Krista Koleas  
Anne Langford  
John and Lori Lietz  
Barbara Nicholson & family  
Russ Parchman  
Kathi Parker  
Randy Peterson  
Alyce Powers  
Barbara Rector  
Sondra Roddy  
Rosemary Sandford  
E.G. Sims  
Earleen Smith  
W.L. & Martha Smith  
Smoker Family  
Boston Taylor  
Bettye Tidwell  
Ethel Tierney  
Junior Tucker  
Katelyn Van Beber  
Teresa Vaughan  
Ben Wade  
Jamie Walker  
Kristi Wenzler  
Patsy Wilshire  
Pam Wilson  
Ginny Winters missionaries, law enforcement, first responders, school staff, our students, our youth, our military, our nation, our world.

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE SESSION

This week the Session met to review the church's Covid 19 safeguards that are currently in place, and to decide if we needed to update or add additional ones. After talking to church members, gathering information on what other churches are doing, and praying for God's guidance, we have decided to amend our Covid 19 protocols. As of Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, all persons over the age of 10 attending worship or any other church activity are asked to please wear a face covering.

While we have seen in-person attendance numbers remain consistent since reopening, we have not seen a substantial increase week to week. The implementation of the online streaming option a few months ago has been a blessing to many who are not able to attend in person, but even so, most desire to return as soon as they can. The Session feels that by requiring masks to be worn during worship and church activities, some members who have thus far been hesitant to return, will be comfortable enough to rejoin the congregation.

## ADDRESS UPDATE

Please update your records:  
Dudley and Elsie Marklin  
792 Jersey Drive  
Clarksville, TN 37043



Updated directories are available for pick up in the Narthex or church office. Always feel free to call the church office with updates.

Sunday School material is available for pick up in the church office for all ages.

## THANK YOU

Church Family,

Thank you for the memorial donations, cards and calls after the passing of my sister, Linda Netemeyer. Thank you also for the calls and concerns about my mother, Florence Drees. She is doing good and we are so thankful.



Thank you also to the family who donated a Thanksgiving meal for our family. Your thoughtfulness meant so much.

With Love,  
Dan and OK Drees

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who provided altar flowers this year. They were all so beautiful. The 2021 flower calendar is posted across from the Fellowship Hall.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU



A huge shout out to all those who helped with Operation Christmas Child this year. It was different, difficult, and challenging, but, as usual, our Church came through. We took in 16,052 shoeboxes, and sent out 4 semi's this year. We were also the only Central Drop Off in this region that received more shoeboxes than last year. I know it's not a competition, but we still feel pretty proud. Our church did 111 shoeboxes, including 60 on line, and 4 large boxes of filler items. We love our Church family.

Danny and Delta

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Clarksville Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have a congregational meeting Sunday, January 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing Elders for the Class of 2023. The nominating committee is recommending Scott Celusta, Sue Cook, Gary Lloyd, Gene Stephens and Danny Yarbrough to serve as Elders. Please mark your calendars.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

There will never be enough words to express our gratitude for the love that has been shown to us with the passing of our mother. The prayers, the phone calls, the cards have strengthened us through this time. More than anything, the love that was always shown to her while she was able to come to church touched us deeply.



Thanks so much!  
Skip and Marie Winters

## C.P. CHILDREN'S HOME

We were made aware of a need at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. If you would, please pray and consider supporting the Children's Home. The website is CPCH.org. If you would like, you may mail a donation directly to the home, the mailing address is:

Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home  
P.O. Box Drawer G  
Denton, TX 76202

Thank you to those who have already given.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Did you know we have a church library? We have Bible commentaries, devotionals and hundreds of books covering various topics. Everyone is welcome to check out books from the library by using the sign-out sheet. *We only ask that you take care of the book(s) and return when you're finished.* The library is on the 2nd floor of the office building, located next to the elevator. Thank you to Mary Hochstetler for organizing our library!



## Urban Ministries Sunday December 20



### Items Needed:

Cereal  
Powdered Milk  
Instant Potatoes  
Hamburger helper or other boxed meals  
You may drop your items off at the church office and they will be delivered.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages! Men's group will meet Saturday, January 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We hope you'll join us for breakfast, fellowship and time of devotion. Please see Scott Celusta with any questions.



### BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the Sunday bulletin is Fridays at 8:00 AM and the deadline for the newsletter is Mondays at 8:00 AM prior to each newsletter mailing.

## POINSETTIA OFFERING

For the month of December, in lieu of purchasing individual poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent, two poinsettias are placed up front in honor and in memory of our loved ones. 100% of the donations will be given to Loaves and Fishes, Clarksville. An insert will be included in the December 20th bulletin with all honored and remembered names.



## THE GIVING BOX

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

**Socks, gloves, hat, scarves, jackets, games, toys, books**

All donations will be delivered  
Monday, December 21st.



## CHURCH COMMUNICATION

Are you receiving church wide emails and our monthly newsletter? If you would like to be added, please call Jessica in the church office 931.648.0817 or email her at [office@clarksvillecpc.com](mailto:office@clarksvillecpc.com). Don't miss out on church updates and prayer requests!

## 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box for your family, please let Ray Roby know and he will get one for you.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**Sunday, December 20th**  
10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata

**December 24th– December 25th**  
Office Closed– Christmas Break

**Thursday, December 24th:**  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve  
Communion Service  
Not Come & Go

**Friday, January 1st:**  
Office Closed– New Year's Day

**There will be no Adult Bible, Youth Group or Choir Rehearsal until Wednesday, January 6th.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



What a year! As we prepare to close out 2020, I want to thank each of you for your kindness and love as we navigated many unknowns this year. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of your church family. As we go into 2021 together, I pray many blessings upon each of your families. During the busyness of the holiday, I pray each of you find rest and peace regardless of what this world is currently offering. God is still good. May each of you feel God's presence in your home and in your heart. I'm so thankful for the love you show me and my family. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours.

With Love, Sam, Jessica, Briley & Colten

## GREETINGS CLARKVILLE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



On behalf of my family and I, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to being your pastor and getting to meet each and every one of you. My first Sunday to preach will be January 3rd. In the meantime, please keep us in prayer as we are looking for a Byrd house to nest in. May God bless our new church family through this holiday season and may God bless us as we begin 2021 together!

Jimmy, Jennifer, Daniel, and Matthew

**It's the time of year when the weather is so unpredictable. Inclement Weather Policy:**  
If the roads are icy, the Sunday schedule will remain the same. Please use your discretion. On Wednesdays, if schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have W.O.W. or Choir Practice (unless otherwise notified).



# JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 9:00 a.m. Preschool	6 5:00 p.m. Youth meet– FH No W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 a.m. Preschool	8	9 8:00 a.m. Men’s Group (FLC) 
10 10:30 a.m. Congregational meeting 1:00 p.m. Project Linus	11 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 11:00 a.m. CPWM Circle	12 9:00 a.m. Preschool	13 5:00 p.m. Youth meet– FH No W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00 a.m. Preschool	15	16
17 Urban Ministries Sunday	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i> CMCSS No School Office Open	19 9:00 a.m. Preschool	20 5:00 p.m. Youth meet– FH No W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00 a.m. Preschool	22	23
24 6:00 p.m. Session meets	25 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline	26 9:00 a.m. Preschool	27 5:00 p.m. Youth meet– FH No W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00 a.m. Preschool	29	30
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