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Don't Forget
potluck this Sunday!



December 7, 2017
Friendship Class



Moravian Love Feast

Sunday, December 31 at 11 am
Dress casually

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
Acts 2:42 NIV



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Simply Wait

By Courtney Krueger

I sometimes describe myself as being like a hurricane. I am full of energy and that energy tends to flow into everything that I do. But I also have a quiet center "eye." I have learned that I simply must spend time each day silently sitting in God's presence. Once a hurricane's eye dissipates, so does its energy and power. Likewise for me. On days that I use the excuse that I am too busy to spend time with God, I find that I lose energy and focus and power.

During the lead up to Christmas, we all tend to get very busy. We often make promises for things we will do, "after the holidays" or "in the new year." Instead of being a preparation for the coming of the Prince of Peace, December can be a loss of our quiet center and a corresponding loss of energy and power. My Sunday School class is using an Advent resource called "Simply Wait" this year. May I suggest that we all find ways each day in December to simply wait – to be quiet and prayerful in order to allow God to fill us with whatever we need to be a joyful, energetic hurricane of love for our community and world?

Men's Lunch Fellowship
Tuesday,
December 12
at 11:30 a.m.

FCPC Sunday School classes have been sending postcards to those members of their class who haven't attended in a while. The hope is that by reaching out we will let them know we miss them and hope they will come back again soon! We are hoping to launch a similar effort with members we haven't seen in church for a while as well. This is where we need YOUR help! Postcards will now be available at each usher station every Sunday. Please remember to take one (or more!), write a note and send it to someone you have missed seeing in church! So... look around, who have you been missing? Send them a postcard today! If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Sandra Felix.



This month's card

Our Staff

Dr. Courtney Krueger Senior Pastor
Bruce Clark Organist, Senior Activities
Janice Guider Administrative Assistant
Pam Foster TLC Director
Holly Higgins Financial Assistant
Tammi Long Administrative Assistant
Gerald Peel Director of Music
Bess Williams Director of Children & Families
Dr. Danny Williams Pianist

First Cumberland Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24
11 p.m.

A
Chattanooga
Christmas Tradition



Away in a Manger

Family Christmas Event

Join us as we explore together through a sensory experience what it truly felt like in the stable when Jesus was born. Join us for crafts, snacks and hot chocolate afterwards.

Sunday, December 17th
from 4:00-6:00 pm

Lea Lane Farm
1041 Kile Lake Rd SE
Cleveland, TN 37323



Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to bring a finger food to share and celebrate the season at the Women's Ministry Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5, at 11 am in the parlor. Please remember to bring your McClellan Foundation donations of cleaning products.




Music at First Cumberland in December

We are very excited about music in the month of December. This is typically our busiest month of the entire year. On Sunday morning December 3, we will decorate our sanctuary with the Hanging of the Greens service. This service involves our children, the chancel choir, and brass players. Sunday morning December 10 features our chancel choir with a string orchestra presenting a Service of Carols. We are looking forward to being able to present many of our well-known carols with singing and instruments, so come prepared to sing and be inspired. Sunday December 17 will feature a harpist and a violinist duo known as Harp & Fiddle. They will supplement our regular service with wonderful acoustic music. That same evening will be a concert of Christmas Carols with The King's Quire at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary. And of course, our Christmas Eve services, one in the morning and our large Carols by Candlelight at 11:00 pm. Jaime Jorge is our featured musical guest for that evening. We hope and pray that your Advent and Christmas will be truly blessed by the music in this season!




*Feast of St. Nicholas and
The Learning Center's 60th Anniversary*

Please join us on
Wednesday, Dec. 6th
at 5:45pm
for pizza and birthday cake as we celebrate
the start of the 60th year of
The Learning Center here at  First Cumberland

*During our time together let us also celebrate
The Feast of St. Nicholas
with a visit from St. Nicholas himself!*

Dinner is free but please RSVP to the church office at 423-698-2556 by Tuesday.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Dyer	12/01
Nancy Stevens	12/01
Danny Kelley	12/02
Chip Garrett	12/03
Anthony Martino	12/04
Stephanie Smith	12/04
Janet Battersby	12/05
Lou Ford	12/05
Donna Golden	12/06
Dani Atchley	12/07
Britton Rusk	12/07
Reed McCroskey	12/08
Amelia Sykes	12/08
Maida Rardin	12/09
Jan Spencer	12/09
Lila Cromwell	12/11
Sandra Robinson	12/11
Matthew Sellers	12/11
Brad Holmes	12/12
Jenni Faires	12/14
Elizabeth Schrader	12/14
Laurie Harvey	12/15
Ava Marye	12/15
Don Hays	12/16
Betty Brown	12/17
Kim Craven	12/17
Linda Boran	12/19
Janice Carpenter	12/19
Marie Young	12/19
Andy Stone	12/20
Andrew Rider	12/21
Janis Johnson	12/24
Larry Hamsley	12/25
Lauren Dupree	12/26
Gina Delgado	12/27
Helene Dondero	12/27
William C. Kirk, IV	12/28
Steve Koozer	12/28
Lea Krueger	12/29
Marcus Burrows	12/30



Our magnificent sanctuary will be decorated for the Advent/Christmas season during the worship service on Sunday, December 3 at 11 am. Music provided by our chancel choir, our children, and brass.



This Christmas season, you have two special opportunities to let your generosity shine. Watch your mail for a special letter explaining how you can be a part of both the short-term and long-term future of First Cumberland Presbyterian.

Christmas Parties

Women's Ministry
December 5 - 11 am

Friendship Class
December 8 - 6:30 pm
at the Reeves' home

Senior Adults
December 14 - 10:30 am
Dondero home

Johnson/McAllester
December 17 - 10 am
Fellowship Hall

New Hope
December 17 - 10 am
Church Parlor

Deacons
December 22 - 6:30 pm
Grant's home



Let's Go Caroling!
Sunday, December 3
immediately after the
potluck lunch
We will sing Christmas
favorites to
our shut-ins



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Please Note:

December 22 & 25 the Church office and TLC will be closed for the Christmas holiday.



December 20th
(Choir will practice at 7:15 pm)
December 27