

THE INFORMER OF THE  
**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**From the Pastor...The Power of Giving!**

This Congregation is simply amazing! The generous outpouring of love and support during the holidays has been an absolutely amazing thing to witness!

First of all, my family and I would like to thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift. We are proud to be a part of such a wonderful church family! Your generosity abounds!

Secondly, please check out the text box that has the additional ministry/giving opportunities that this church responded to during this Advent/Christmas Season. It is amazing to see the support given by each of you!

The willingness to give without ever knowing the impact of the giving is just like our Faith. God gave to us the perfect gift of his son with no expectations. This Advent season, you also gave willingly and without expectation.

Thank you for your generosity. You are appreciated!

Ministers' Conference  
Brentwood, TN  
January 12-14, 2016

Pastor Kristi will be out of the office  
January 11 – 15, 2016.

She can still be reached by phone or email.

**Upcoming Events**

Jan. 3 – Communion Sunday

Jan. 3 – Food Collection for the  
Community Food Bank

Jan. 6 - Choir practice; 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 – CPWM Luncheon and  
Meeting following Worship.

Jan. 11-15 - Pastor Kristi will be out of  
the office to attend the Ministers'  
Conference in Brentwood, TN at the  
Brenthaven CP Church.

Jan. 13 - Choir practice; 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 - Choir practice; 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 20 – Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 - Choir practice; 6:30 p.m.



**Our beautiful sanctuary  
during Advent**



## New Elders Elected Session Members to Rotate

Many thanks to Margaret Hook and Elizabeth Horsley who have faithfully served on the Session the past three years. Your dedication to the church has been very appreciated! You will be missed but will be eligible to serve again soon!

The two newly elected elders are Dean Patterson and Toby Thomason. They will serve three years as well.

Our current session consists of: Cyndi Davidson and Bill Bischof (Class of 2016), Mildred Miller and Kathy McIntire (Class of 2017) and Dean Patterson and Toby Thomason (Class of 2018). Kathy McIntire serves as Session Clerk. Elizabeth Horsley serves as Treasurer.

## Shepherds' List

The Session will be distributing a Shepherds' List soon. This list will have those attending the church divided among the current members of the Session. Each elder will be responsible for checking in on the people on his or her list from time to time.

In addition, if Pastor Kristi is out of town or unable to be reached, your Shepherd Elder will be available to provide spiritual guidance to you. This list will also be able to serve as a "Call List" for other functions within the church. The list will be reviewed each month to add new attendees or update contact information for others.

### Attendance and Offering

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| Nov. 29 | 34 | \$1452.00 |
| Dec. 6  | 34 | 1089.61   |
| Dec. 13 | 32 | 2394.00   |
| Dec. 20 | 44 | 1230.31   |
| Dec. 27 | 30 | 1239.00   |

Average Needed/Month  
\$7,440.00

### Our Outreach Giving

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| Loaves and Fishes | \$449.75 |
| Gift to the King  | 200.00   |

#### Adopted family:

\$320 in cash given towards purchases. Over \$200 in gift cards and numerous gifts of toys and clothes for the family.

**Toy Store:** Over 50 toys donated.

**Community Food Bank:** received 126 pounds of food from us.

### Pastor Contact Information

Email: [pastorkristi@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorkristi@yahoo.com)  
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#### Pastor's Church Office Hours:

Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m.—Noon  
\*Except 1st Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Other Afternoon/Evening Hours are available by appointment, for visitation or for meetings.

Pastor Kristi is available at all times for emergencies & crisis of families and friends of the church. Please call her cell number.

## Prayers and Praises

**Keep in prayer:** those affected by the storms on Dec. 26, the family of Jane Dill, Pete Patterson, Daniel Weaver, Doris Moore, Martin Blake, Ed & Louise Crabtree, Debra Santens, Jerrod Donahue.

**Praises:** Continuing to recover from surgery and illness: Faith Butler, Erin Justice, Jerry Story, Ruth Bowdridge, Don Lounsbury, Michael Powers.

*All women of the church are invited to the CPWM luncheon and meeting on January 10 following Worship.*

*Sandwiches, finger foods, etc. will be served as we discuss future service projects and fellowship activities.*

*A short introduction on couponing will also be presented.*

Just what does "Cumberland" mean? How is it different?

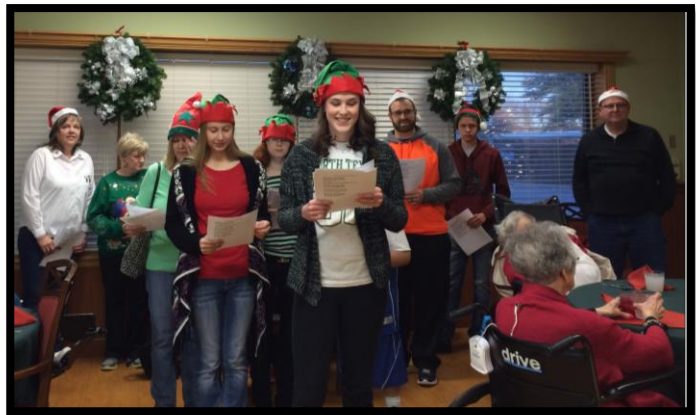
What does this church believe?

I was/wasn't baptized as a baby, does this matter?

How can I become a member?

All these questions and more can be answered in our Membership classes, beginning February 17 at 6:30 p.m. Not just for new members. Everyone is welcome!

## Youth Visit Good Samaritan Village



The youth, along with their leaders (Jay and Hannah Lindsay), met each Sunday during Advent to make cards and gifts for a neighboring care center, Good Samaritan Village. On December 17, the group met to sing carols in the dining room. They then distributed the cards and gifts to the residents. The residents seemed to really appreciate the visit. More outreach opportunities are in the planning stage for our youth.

## It is time for a new Directory!

The Session voted to begin taking pictures for a new directory. This directory will be a bit different as we are doing it "in-house" with the talents of our own. We will have a backdrop put up in the Cecil and Lucy White Library. You and/or your family can come in and have your picture taken right after church or after work on a Wednesday evening.

There is nothing to purchase and will even be emailed your pictures. It is our hope that everyone who attends and/or belongs will participate. **You do not have to be a member to be in the directory!** More information will be distributed soon!

Christmas Carols at the Church

Wrapping Party for Adopted Family

